



SAMRU's Mission

We represent and serve students to help them succeed.

SAMRU's Vision

Where every student can discover themselves, build meaningful relationships and make a difference in the world.

MINUTES

Student Governing Board

September 21, 2020

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Google Hangouts

Present:

Governors (voting):

Matt Mickelson

Erin Hepburn

Christian Kindrachuk

Arooba Siddiqui

Gracia Di N'zau Mbudi

Michaela Butt

Dustin Hertel

Avery McLellan

Sophie Piche



Lucas Hardardt
Maggie Thaxter

Representation Executive Council:
Spirit River Striped Wolf (voting)

SAMRU Support (non-voting)
Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)
Brian Walters (Executive Director)
Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)
Ashley Schreiner (Speaker)

Regrets:
Ian Lees

Land Recognition

'Before we begin, we recognize that we are fortunate to be situated on Treaty 7 lands, including the Niitsitapi (nit-SIT-ah-pee, or Blackfoot) Nations of the Siksika (SICK-sick-ah), Kainai (GUY-nuy) and Piikani (pih-GAH-nee); the Tsuu T'ina (TSOO-tunuh) Nation; the Nakoda (nuh-KO-dah) Nations of the Bearspaw, Chiniki (CHIN-ee-kee) and Wesley; and the Metis Nations. Through this land acknowledgement we honour the agreements between the ancestral peoples of this land and the first Euro-Canadian settlers; agreements that have been historically dishonoured. We are all treaty people.'

Topic	Motions	Discussion
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Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the agenda. Siddiqui/Di N'zau Carried	
Approval of Consent Agenda	Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Mickelson/Hertel Carried	<i>Governor Thaxter joined the meeting</i>
Board Professional Development	Governance Coach Cochrane gave a presentation on Boards and governance. Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Board is a group of people elected or appointed to oversee the work of an organization - The Board's role is oversight - Boards are groups of people - A typical Board is at the top of the hierarchy, with the ED below (individual administrator), and then staff below the ED. SAMRU is unique in that they have a Representation Executive Council; elected by the membership, but are employees of the organization who report directly to the Board through the Accountability Committee. - Definitions of governance - Overview of regulatory framework; Societies Act, Post-secondary Learning Act, Federal/provincial/municipal laws and by-laws, SAMRU by-laws, Roberts' Rules of Order. - Overview of fiduciary duties: confidentiality, avoids conflict with the best interests of the organization, outwardly support the decisions of the SGB, an obligation not to benefit from the role. - Overview of duty of care: exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonable prudent person would exercise in similar circumstances. - Ask good questions: what benefit? For whom? At what cost? (John Carver) - Supports available for Governors: Speaker (Chief Governance Officer), Executive Director, Governance Manager, Governance Coach. 	

	- SAMRU mission and vision.	
SGB Highlights Video	<p>Motion: To task ED Walters with the SGB highlights video project.</p> <p>Hertel/Thaxter</p>	<p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow-up item discussed at several meetings, originally began around the suggestion to explore board meeting live streaming. - Last week the committee discussed the option of having the SGB prepare highlight videos based on the results of their work at SGB meetings; these meetings would be available on the SAMRU website, on social media, and archived for future reference for things like board recruitment, etc. - The idea of the videos would have a predictable structure, with a standard preamble with information about the board, governors would discuss the highlights of the good work of the board (a prepared script), and a wrap up directing people to more information. <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would there be an additional meeting afterwards? It was suggested that the governance manager would prepare a script, have a signup sheet for governor volunteers, and then a scheduled time would be made for recording the video. The communications department would edit the video afterwards. <p>Action: Governance Manager Borg will circulate a governor signup sheet for the videos.</p>
REC Goals	<p>Motion: To approve the 2020-21 Representation Executive Council REC Goals.</p> <p>Piche/Kindrachuk Carried</p>	<p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President Striped Wolf gave an overview of the process as outlined in the bylaws and REC policies. He noted that REC has a number of advocacy priorities this term and have been working to develop additional goals that they would like to accomplish over their term. <p>Goals:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the Indigenous Student Advisory Committee (President Striped Wolf) - Building connections with student membership (VP Tabacla) - Dating, domestic, and sexual violence prevention, advocacy, and education (VP Tabacla) - Increasing transparency in GNED course registration (VP Bullough) <p>Discussion items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will the incoming VPE approach goal development? It was suggested that the REC would propose some goals continued from the last VPE, but it would be up to the VPE to determine whether they would like to bring those suggestions to the Board for approval.
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meetings: October 19 (committees), and October 26 (board) - There is a student protest planned for September 26th; REC is looking to discuss the REC/SAMRU involvement at their meetings this week. 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned	