



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

February 8, 2021

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Google Hangouts

Present:

Governors (voting):

Arooba Siddiqui

Dustin Hertel

Christian Kindrachuk

Michaela Butt

Gracia Di N'zau Mbudi (chair)

Erin Hepburn

Sophie Piche



Avery McLellan
Matt Mickelson
Maggie Thaxter
Lucas Hardardt (part)

Representation Executive Council:

Spirit River Striped Wolf (voting)

SAMRU Support (non-voting):

Ashley Schreiner (Speaker)
Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)
Brian Walters (Executive Director)
Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

Guests:

Rowan Ley (CAUS Chair)

Regrets:

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
Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the agenda. Hepburn/Thaxter Carried	
Approval of Consent Agenda	Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Hepburn/Hertel Carried	
CAUS Presentation		<p><i>Rowan Ley and Rachel Timmermans joined the meeting</i></p> <p>Overview of the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAUS represents 140,000 undergraduate students at 6 schools: U of A, U of C, MRU, MacEwen, U of L, Athabasca University - CAUS advocates for student priorities to the provincial government, including student financial aid, funding of universities, student representation, mental health support, and sexual violence response - CAUS uses a mix of strategies to achieve their goals: lobbying, research and policy development, student organizing, and public and media relations - Recent wins: Bill 19, delay of performance based funding during Covid-19, renewed mental health funding. - Overview of CAUS partners, team, and governance. - Overview of finances and membership fees - 2020 projects: indigenous university research analyst, two campaigns re: PSE, and Alberta 2030 review. - Overview of benefits of membership with CAUS: access to pooled knowledge and networks, invitation to smaller conversations, support of all members for SAMRU advocacy issues, and strong media access.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This year's priorities: funding students and supporting affordability, recession response, supporting safe and healthy campuses, institutional autonomy and the student experience. - CAUS is doing a lot of work to support online learning <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More information on the indigenous research project. President Striped Wolf is working on this project and can bring the results back to the Board for information. - Mental health and full-load equivalent funding rationale. <p><i>Rowan Ley and Rachel Timmermans left the meeting.</i></p>
Board Professional Development		<p><i>Governor Hardardt joined the meeting</i></p> <p>The presentation was postponed to later on the agenda.</p>
Governor Elections Timeline	<p>Motion: To approve the 2021 Governor elections timeline.</p> <p>Hepburn/Di N'zau</p> <p>Carried</p>	<p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elections policy states that an election memo consultation is prepared for the CRO, then the CRO feedback is incorporated, and the final memo is brought back to the Board for approval. - Meetings will be occurring virtually, as well as no in-person campaigning. - SAMRU will be producing candidate information on our website to promote the elections. - Candidates will be introduced at the AGM and voting will remain open until noon the following day (for a full 24 hour period).
AGM Agenda	<p>Motion: To approve the 2021 Annual General Meeting agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline is included in the bylaws - Must be available to the membership for review 30 days prior to the meeting

	<p>Hepburn/Butt Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 2020 AGM was canceled, so we will be asking the membership to accept two years of financial statements, as well as a note regarding the 2020 board approval of the auditors as a result of the cancellation of the 2020 AGM. - The presentation of the financial statements will be very condensed so that we can keep the meeting as brief as possible in order to retain quorum. - ED Walters gave an overview of the agenda and key strategies for the virtual meeting. - Overview of the incentives for club members and general members
<p>Board Professional Development</p>	<p>Governance Coach Cochrane gave a presentation on conflict of interest</p> <p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definitions overview - SAMRU bylaws references related to the board and individual governors - SAMRU code of ethics references related to conflicts of interest and conflicts of loyalty - Alberta's Conflict of Interest Act as an example - It is a governor's duty to put the best interests of the organization ahead of their own. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actual conflict of interest vs perceived conflict of interest 	
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meetings: March 8 (Work Group/Committees) and March 15 (Board) • SAMRU Awards save-the-date: April 2 at 5:00PM (Governors will be asked to participate in event) 	