



### **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**

March 15, 2021

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Google Hangouts

### **Present:**

#### **Governors (voting):**

Arooba Siddiqui

Christian Kindrachuk

Michaela Butt

Gracia Di N'zau Mbudi

Sophie Piche

Avery McLellan

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)

**Regrets:**

Maggie Thaxter

Dustin Hertel

Erin Hepburn

**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	Recommended Motion	Discussion
Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the agenda.	

	Siddiqui/Kindrachuk Carried	
<b>Approval of Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Motion: To approve the consent agenda.</b> McLellan/Siddiqui Carried	
<b>Board Professional Development</b>	<p>Governance Coach Cochrane gave a presentation on latin.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agenda: "to-do" list</li> <li>- Quorum: "of whom"</li> <li>- Student: "One who studies a particular subject"</li> <li>- Governor: "Steersman or pilot"</li> <li>- In-camera "In private, without members of the public"</li> <li>- Ex-officio: "By holding office or position, a right or privilege is acquired"</li> <li>- Honorarium: "A small amount of money paid for a service given at no charge"</li> <li>- Salary: "wages"</li> <li>- Majority: "greater"</li> </ul>	
<b>REC Elections</b>	<b>Motion: To ratify the members' selection of the following people to be hired as the Representation Executive Council members for the 2021-2022 year:</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spirit River Striped Wolf, REC President</li> <li>- Rachel Timmermans, REC VP External</li> <li>- Joseph Nguyen, REC VP Student Affairs</li> <li>- Yasmin Ahmed, REC VP Academic</li> </ul> <p>Butt/McLellan Carried</p>	
<p><b>Signing Authorities</b></p>	<p><b>Motion: To remove Luc Carels, Camille Rhose Tabacla and Carly Bullough as signing authorities as of May 1, 2021.</b> Butt/Piche Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: To add Rachel Timmermans, Joseph Nguyen, and Yasmin Ahmed as signing authorities effective May 1, 2021.</b> Hardardt/Siddiqui Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: For Spirit River Striped Wolf to remain a signing authority.</b> Hardardt/Kindrachuk Carried</p>	<p><i>Governor Hardardt joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>ED Walters explained that our investment managers and banking managers require these motions for their processes.</p>

<b>Board Resignation</b>	<b>Motion: To accept Governor Mickelson's resignation dated February 22, 2021.</b> McLellan/Piche Carried	
<b>Board Building - Governor Recruitment</b>	<b>Motion: To accept the revised 2021 Governor Elections Memo.</b> Kindrachuk/Butt Carried  <b>Motion: To approve the revised AGM agenda.</b> Di N'zau/Kindrachuk Carried	ED Walters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revised elections memo to switch voting from online voting to voting at the AGM, due to only receiving one nomination. The candidates were going to be introduced at the AGM, but now we will have the one candidate present at the AGM and then have the AGM participants vote. Campaigning would be slightly adjusted to end at the AGM, and the results would be announced at the meeting.</li> <li>- Overview of the governor nominations marketing plan and our extensive promotion. Challenges discussed with having two elections running back-to-back. Considerations will be brought forward when planning for the next year's Governor elections, including moving forward with AGM elections.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- With changes to the election process, we have a slight adjustment to the AGM agenda.</li> <li>- ED Walters recommended that the three reports be condensed in to one report to save on time. The messaging would come directly from the annual report. It was recommended that the Board Spokesperson deliver the report. Governor Hertel is currently working with the Communication and Marketing Director, Brendan Correia, to prepare for the AGM; this is available to President Striped Wolf as well.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the Governor Hiring Committee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Governor McLellan</b></li> <li><b>2. Governor Di N'zau</b></li> <li><b>3. Governor Kindrachuk</b></li> </ol> <p>Piche/Butt Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There was a question around whether students will be given a briefing on the meeting structure at the beginning of the meeting, as well as whether students will have the opportunity to ask questions during the meeting. It was confirmed that these things will occur.</li> <li>- Governance Coach Cochrane noted that our bylaws require reports from three areas, ED Walters confirmed that it will be addressed at the meeting.</li>   <li>- Conversation follow-up from the Agenda &amp; Governance Committee</li> <li>- Interviews to fill remaining vacancies on the Board after the Governor elections on March 31<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>- One of the best ways to recruit for these positions is from direct contact with the current board members and within our internal volunteer base.</li> <li>- Governance Manager Borg will produce a one-sheet for governors to circulate to individuals who they think would be good candidates for the board.</li> <li>- This work would occur in April</li> </ul>
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meetings: April 19 (Work Group/Committees) and April 26 (Board)</li> <li>• AGM: March 31 at 6:00PM, governors must attend</li> <li>• SAMRU Awards: April 9 at 5:00PM (Governors will be given instructions via email)</li> <li>• The Loudest Silence, anti-racism commemoration open mic event, March 18 at 3:30PM</li> <li>• Alberta Student Congress, March 27<sup>th</sup> 10AM-4PM</li> <li>• Governor Hardardt's last board meeting</li> </ul>	