



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

April 26, 2021

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Google Hangouts

Present:

Governors (voting):

Arooba Siddiqui (Chair)

Christian Kindrachuk

Michaela Butt

Gracia Di N'zau Mbudi

Sophie Piche

Avery McLellan

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)

Guests:

Camille Rhose Tabaccla

Carly Bullough

Yasmin Ahmed

Rachel Timmermans

Joseph Nguyen

John Hadley

Brendan Correia

Shereen Samuels

Jackie Fisher

Sonia Van Cauwenbergh

Ming Yang

Regrets:

Ashley Schreiner

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	Motions	Discussion
Meeting Chair	<p>Motion: To appoint Governor Siddiqui to serve as meeting chair for the April 26, 2021 Student Governing Board meeting.</p> <p>McLellan/Kindrachuck Carried</p>	
Introductions (Board, REC, MAG) & Team Building Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductions of REC (incoming and outgoing), MAG, and Governors 	
Governor Oaths	<p>Governor Nancy Tran recited the following SAMRU oaths of office:</p> <p><i>I (person's name) do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear:</i></p>	

	<p><i>That I will fulfill my duties and obligations of my position to the best of my ability and judgment, in conformity with the Objects and Bylaws of the Students' Association of Mount Royal University.</i></p> <p><i>That I will adhere to and enforce the Students' Association's Code of Ethics. That I will, in all my acts, be governed by the principles of honesty, justice and fair play, and in every manner possible endeavor to promote and safeguard the best interest of the Students' Association of Mount Royal University, the high purposes of our Board, and the welfare of our membership.</i></p> <p><i>(VP Timmermans, VP Bullough, VP Tabaccla, VP Ahmed, Director Hadley, Director Samuels, Director Correia, and Associate Executive Director Fisher left the meeting)</i></p>	
<p>Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the agenda. McLellan/Piche Carried</p>	
<p>Approval of Consent Agenda</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Thaxter/Butt Carried</p>	
<p>Scotia Investments Presentation</p>	<p>Sonia Van Cauwenbergh joined the meeting to give an overview on SAMRU's investments, including balance in investments, and a list of some of our top investment holdings, and the last year's gains.</p>	

	<p>Sonia included an investment policy review, there were no significant areas to note on, and there are no recommendations on policy revisions for this year.</p> <p>Sonia left the meeting.</p>	
<p>Board Professional Development</p>	<p>Governance Coach Cochrane gave a presentation on governance terminology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleave - Board - Policy - Motion <p>Governance Coach Cochrane encouraged Governors to ask questions throughout the meeting and while serving in the role.</p>	
<p>2021 REC Elections CRO Report</p>	<p>Motion: To accept the 2021 REC Elections CRO Report.</p> <p>Di N'zau/Kindrachuk Carried</p>	<p>ED Walters gave the following overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brought to the committee meetings for an initial review - The Chief Returning Officer runs the elections on behalf of the Student Governing Board within the parameters of the Elections Policies and the Elections Memo. - The CRO prepares a report after the election is completed - This was an unusual year as it was completely online; nomination packages were available online only, requirement for nominations signatures was removed, marketing process was revised to focus on employment and job aspects of the positions, record number of nominations received, all-candidates meeting was held online, no posters were allowed in Wyckham House and on designated areas on campus, no physical classroom visits, no elections supplement printed, individual web pages were produced by SAMRU for candidates, debate was canceled and replaced with structured interview videos and a AMA event on Discord, campaigning was done all online. No complaints received about candidate behavior during this election; no appeals were filed. Very smooth election. - Results were available immediately.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11.6% voter turnout, which was in line with a usual election.
2021 Governor Elections CRO Report	Motion: To accept the 2021 Governor Elections CRO Report. Piche/Thaxter Carried	ED Walters gave the following overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brought to the committee meetings for an initial review - The Chief Returning Officer runs the elections on behalf of the Student Governing Board within the parameters of the Elections Policies and the Elections Memo. - The CRO prepares a report after the election is completed - The SAMRU communications and marketing department put in a huge effort to advertise the positions; it was believed that because of the REC/Governor elections overlap was confusing, and that students felt spammed because of the volume of information around elections. - The Governor elections only received one nomination and it was recommended that the Board approve a revised memo to consider changing the elections from a general election to holding the election occur at the Annual General Meeting. The candidate was introduced at the AGM and had an opportunity to address the attendants and ask questions. The vote was then held. - Additional questions were moved to a Q&A session after the meeting. - Moving forward, management will put together some recommendations for the Board to consider; most likely following a similar format to the AGM election. <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was the application process a factor to not receiving many? ED Walters noted that the nominations process is extensive for a volunteer position. He also explained that using personal networks and targeting individuals through referrals seems to be a better
Committee Appointments	Motion: To appoint Governor McLellan and Governor Tran to the Agenda & Governance Committee.	

	Thaxter/Tran Carried	
SGB Highlights Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This was an initiative we tried back in the fall but decided to revamp. We now have a new videographer and a new format for the videos. - Looking to begin recording the week of the May Board meeting - You'll come in to Wyckham House and it will be an interview-style. - I'll make sure you are given reimbursement for lunch – either submit a receipt to me or I'll get a skip credit to you - Sign up sheet for the next few months, we'll work around your schedule. 	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governor Thaxter's last meeting - Next meetings: May 10 (Work Group/Committees) and May 17 (Board) 	