

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 11, 2022

4:15PM – 7:15PM

Google Meets

Present:

Governors (voting)

Christian Kindrachuk

Michaela Butt

Nic Savage

Taylor Amy

Sophie Piche

Arooba Siqqidui

Leah Hart

Tristalyn GiVogue

Andrea Barlaan

Avery McLellan

Nancy Tran (part)

SAMRU Support (non-voting):

Ashley Schreiner (Speaker)

Spirit River Striped Wolf (Representation Executive Council President)

Joseph Nguyen (Representation Executive Council, VP Student Affairs, incoming President)

Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)

Brian Walters (Executive Director)

Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

Guests:

Sonia Van Cauwenberghe, Scotia Investments

Ming Yang, SAMRU Finance Manager

Regrets

Michelle Gladue

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	Motion(s)	Discussion Notes
Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the agenda. Hart/Savage Carried	
Approval of Consent Agenda	Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Kindrachuk/Butt Carried	
Scotia Investments Presentation	<p>Sonia Van Cauwenberghe from Scotia Investments gave a presentation to the Board on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The current investments economy - SAMRU’s current investments and performance over the last year, as well as the 10 year average. - The effects of covid on the economy and how it related to investments - Overview of investment policy review and confirmation that Scotia is working within the policy statements. <p><i>Governor Tran joined the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Sonia and Ming left the meeting.</i></p>	
Board Professional Development	<p>Governance Coach Cochrane gave a presentation to the Board around Governor roles on the Board – why are there here and what is their contribution.</p> <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions to ask as a Governor - Board purposes 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expectations of Board members 	
<p>SAMRU Program & Service Review</p>	<p>Executive Director Walters presented the Board with the SAMRU program and service review, noting that this information is in preparation for the Board receiving the budget draft at the June meeting. It was noted that it is a requirement in the Bylaws for the Board to receive an annual program and services review.</p> <p>Presentation points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pandemic assumptions overview - General fees assumptions overview - Operational restructuring assumptions overview - Program & Service review overview, noting continuing projects, new pilot projects, and projects under review. - Overview of upcoming capital expenses, some examples including council chambers technology, Wyckham House furniture, and general IT equipment. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will the new pilot projects impact the organization cost-wise? ED Walters clarified that the department managers identify outcomes (community building, social opportunities for students, raise awareness of Wyckham House, etc), and then develop programming to meet the outcomes – then resourcing is planned for. - SAMRU is committed to a break-even budget – we work within the restraints of revenue vs expenses. - We wouldn't discontinue a successful program in place of a pilot project. If a project is under review, it means we look at the value of the project and how many students it is impacting and prioritize from there. - Discussion re: awareness of SAMRU programs and services. There was information provided around the student satisfaction and awareness survey. <p>Action: Add "SAMRU Awareness" to May Talk Soup</p>	
<p>Signing Authorities</p>	<p>Motion: To remove Spirit River Striped Wolf and Rachel Timmermans as signing authorities as of May 1, 2022. Barlaan/Hart Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requirement of the bank. - Signing authorities are outlined in our Bylaws: Two REC members and the ED or designate. - Needs signatures of 2 Governors

	<p>Motion: To add Pamela Malec and Tera Leigh Cardinal as signing authorities effective May 1, 2022. Barlaan/Kindrachuk Carried</p> <p>Motion: For Joseph Nguyen and Yasmin Ahmed to remain a signing authority. Barlaan/Tran Carried</p> <p><i>Action: Two Governors to come into SAMRU reception to sign this week.</i></p>	
<p>Speaker Recruitment Work Group</p>	<p>Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the Speaker Recruitment Work Group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governor Kindrachuk 2. Governor Siddiqui 3. Governor Tran <p>Barlaan/Amy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The job posting is already up and will remain open until a successful candidate is hired. - Time commitment will be dependent on applications received and how many interviews are selected, but anticipate one hour per interview. - Work Group will meet in April/early May. - Staff support is available.
<p>ED Performance Review Work Group</p>	<p>Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the ED Performance Review Work Group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governor Barlaan 2. Governor Amy 3. Governor Hart <p>Tran/Amy Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requirement for the Board to complete annually before the fiscal year end - ED Walters fills in performance review document and submits to work group to review - The work group reviews and follows up with ED Walters for any additional information - Once satisfied, the Work Group reports to the Accountability Committee. - Time commitment will be around two hours, work will be completed near the end of May

<p>Policy Review</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the Health and Safety Policy. Amy/Kindrachuk Carried</p> <p>Motion: To approve the Sustainability Policy. Barlaan/Amy Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ED Walters presented the health and safety policy. - ED Walters presented the sustainability policy. - It was noted that this policy had a lot of procedural elements, which have been removed. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question re: clubs policy/procedures
<p>MRU Learning Management System Discussion</p>	<p>Motion: To go in camera. Hart/Barlaan Carried</p> <p>Motion: To go out of camera. Barlaan/Amy Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President Striped Wolf gave information to the Board around MRU's new learning management system - Information around the steering committee provided
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meetings: May 9 (Work Group/Committees) and May 16 (Board) ● REC Elections Process Discussion postponed until REC Elections CRO report is received. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Governor Hepburn leave of absence May/June 2022• President Striped Wolf's last Board meeting	
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