



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

May 16, 2022

4:15PM – 7:15PM

Google Meets

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.'

Present:

Governors (voting)

Taylor Amy (Speaker)

Nancy Tran

Leah Hart

Andrea Barlaan

Christian Kindrachuk

Arooba Siqqidui

Nic Savage

Sophie Piche

Tristalyn GiVogue

Avery McLellan

Michelle Gladue (part)

SAMRU Support (non-voting):

Joseph Nguyen (Representation Executive Council President)

Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)

Brian Walters (Executive Director)

Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

Regrets

Erin Hepburn

Michaela Butt

Ashley Hjorth

Topic	Recommended Motion(s)	Discussion
Speaker Appointment	<p>Motion: To appoint Governor Amy as Speaker for the May 16, 2022 Board meeting.</p> <p>Kindrachuk/Hart Carried</p>	
Land Recognition	<p><i>Governor Amy recited the Land Recognition.</i></p>	
Approval of Agenda	<p>Motion: To approve the agenda.</p> <p>Hart/Tran Carried</p>	
Approval of Consent Agenda	<p>Motion: To approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Kindrachuk/Hart Carried</p>	
Board Professional Development	<p>Governance Coach Cochrane gave a presentation to the Board on voting.</p> <p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board decisions: occur at regular board meetings and/or special board meetings; not outside of these, SAMRU bylaws note that a quorum of 55% is required for meetings to proceed, motions must be moved and seconded, the vote is the decision of the Board, the decision is recorded in the minutes. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board motions and reports: must contain background information that is sufficient to understand an issue and to vote, include clear wording, has been moved (the mover needs to speak affirmatively about the motion) and seconded (seconders do not need to agree with the content of the motion but should believe there is value in considering the motion), provide an opportunity for questions and debate and amendments, must include a vote (decision), and be recorded in the minutes. - Board decisions/individual actions: boards voting as a group make the decisions, individual members' voices do not make the decision - Board Member's tools for voting: 1. Call the previous question (use when Board discussion are getting circular, repetitive). The motion requires a mover, seconder, then a vote. Also known as "call the question". 2. Postpone to a certain time (usually the next regular meeting). Use when you believe a member or Board does not have sufficient information to make a good decision or more pressing business needs to be attended to. This requires a mover, seconder, and a vote. It is often followed by a motion requesting specific, additional information. - Board members have a duty to vote. Abstentions are noted in the SAMRU bylaw when there is a conflict of interest. The Speaker will request a reason for abstention. 	
<p>Governor Recruitment Work Group</p>	<p>Motion: To appoint the following as Governors effective June 13, 2022 to June 30, 2024:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Akash Parmar 2. Noel Ormita 3. Sundus Baig 4. Rafael Hernandez Alarcon <p>Hart/Siddiqui Carried</p>	<p>Governor Amy reported the following on behalf of the work group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 candidates interviewed, 4 are being brought forward for consideration.
<p>Speaker Hiring Work Group</p>	<p>Motion: To appoint Governor Hart to the Speaker Hiring Work Group.</p> <p>Tran/Kindrachuk Carried</p>	<p>Governor Amy reported the following on behalf of the work group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three applications received; two interviews completed - The group is not bringing forward a candidate for the Board to consider so will continue with the recruitment process.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking for an additional Governor to sit on the hiring committee. Would like a current Governor instead and not one of the incoming.
Speaker Job Manual	<p>Motion: To approve the Speaker Job Manual.</p> <p>Hart/McLellan Carried</p>	<p>ED Walters provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last reviewed in August 2019 - Most of the changes are housekeeping, but hours have been revised to reflect data collected the last few years, virtual meeting stuff has been added, and responsibilities have been updated.
REC 2022-23 Elections CRO Report & Ratification of Results		<p><i>Governor Gladue joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>ED Walters provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elections are operated by an independent Chief Returning Officer - This is a confirmation that the elections were undertaken on the direction of the Board. - No issues were reported by the CRO during this election, although there was only one contested position for this election. - The CRO reported that the election ran smoothly. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question re: abstention – means that they opened the ballot but did not vote for that particular position. - Governor Amy shared some information that he received from students in a forum regarding the REC elections and REC

	<p> Motion: To ratify the members' selection of the following people to be hired as the Representation Executive Council members for the 2022-2023 year: </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joseph Nguyen, REC President - Tera Cardinal, REC VP External - Pamela Malec, REC VP Student Affairs - Yasmin Ahmed, REC VP Academic <p>Siddiqui/Gladue Carried</p> <p> Motion: To accept the 2022-23 REC Elections report of the Chief Returning Officer. </p>	<p>positions in general. ED Walters shared information on the REC elections communications and marketing plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a discussion regarding where emails are going in student's inboxes. There was a suggestion to send an email to students reminding them to check their promotions and junk folders. - Discussion re: link click rates. ED Walters provided information about the mass email format and trying to keep information brief and eye-catching. - There was a suggestion to include interested Governors to provide thoughts and ideas on REC elections marketing and awareness.
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	Tran/Barlaan Carried	
CRO Appointment	<p>Motion: To appoint Shauna Hunter as SAMRU Chief Returning Officer until August 31, 2023.</p> <p>Kindrachuk/Tran Carried</p>	ED Walters noted that this is done annually. The recommendation is re-appointment for our current CRO, who has been our CRO for many years; she has extensive experience with SAMRU elections and SAMRU election policies. Shauna is very objective and professional throughout the elections process.
REC Selection Process	<p>Motion: To add to the June Board meeting agenda.</p> <p>Tran/Barlaan Carried</p>	<p>ED Walters presented information to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of process of electing REC members – delivered after the Board received the CRO report. - ED Walters has included objective information around the election process and potential hiring process for REC members, highlighting several issues, voter turnout <p>Discussion items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was suggested that we would have a higher turnout of candidates if REC positions were found through a hiring process. ED Walters responded that when SAMRU posts coordinator positions, we receive an average of 30-40 applications. Last time we needed to hire a REC position, we received over 10 applications – it was also noted that during that hiring process, the successful applicant would have been required to drop all but one class. - There was an idea to have a hybrid – hire some, elect some. Or an idea where you go through an interview process before being considered as a candidate.

- There was a discussion around the current virtual environment and student apathy.
- It was discussed that the election process seems to attract students in specific programs, such as Policy Studies, and a hiring process could expand variety of applicants from other programs across campus.
- There was a discussion around barriers on submitting an election application.
- There was a note of the Board being the face of the organization as opposed to REC; that shift has been happening over the last year.

Governor Gladue left the meeting.

Continued discussion:

- Process: The Board would pass a motion to revise the bylaws, which would be brought to the membership for consideration at the next AGM. Last time major bylaw changes were made, a lot of thought and documentation was provided along with the recommendations.
- There was a note made about this being a big undertaking for the Board – hiring committees are a lot of work.
- There was a suggestion to extend REC terms to two years – this could allow for staggering of hiring. Some points were made about potential issues
- Consider what benefits the Board is receiving through having REC members elected during an election – take those benefits and compare them to the benefits of a hiring process.

		<p><i>Governor Hart left the meeting.</i></p> <p>Action: Add to the June Board meeting agenda.</p> <p>ED Walters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hiring process models - REC elections costs in comparison to another model, such as external recruiter - Expected applicant rates based on past REC hiring committees and comparable position hiring processes (SAMRU coordinators)
<p>In-camera Discussion</p>	<p>Motion: To go in camera. Barlaan/Piche Carried</p> <p>Motion: To go out of camera. Hart/Barlaan Carried</p>	<p><i>Governor Hart re-joined the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Governor McLellan left the meeting.</i></p>
<p>Board Highlights Video Review & Discussion</p>	<p>Motion: That the Board approves extending the Board Highlights Video project for an additional year. Tran/Barlaan Carried</p>	<p>ED Walters provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of the decision of the Board, as well as the Board decision to pilot the project for one year and revisit.

	<p>Action: Add to work group agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background on the original purpose of the videos, including promoting the Board and being accountable to the membership during their online meeting times. - Data on viewership - Potential negative impacts of the videos <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the current reach, it appears we are putting a lot of resources towards something that is not getting a lot of reach. - Was there a goal of how many reaches the videos get? It was noted that as a brand new project there was no benchmark. This would establish the baseline. - There is value in the board having a face and participating in the videos. - There could be advertisement opportunities for the board within the videos. - Suggestion to keep statistics on likes, reactions, and comments – we cross promote the videos and could track through the individual stats. - Discussion re: rotating schedule or having a small committee that we could provide additional media training/support. <p><i>Governor Siddiqui left the meeting.</i></p>
<p>Investment Policy</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the Investment Policy. Hart/Kindrachuk Carried</p>	<p>ED Walters presented the Investment Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minor changes to asset class mix - Additional power to investment manager for flexibility

Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meetings: June 6 (Work Group/Committees) and June 13 (Board)• Last meeting for Governors Piche, Kindrachuk, Butt, Hepburn, McLellan, Siddiqui	