



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

August 29, 2022

4:15PM – 7:15PM

Google Meets

Present:

Governors (voting)

Nic Savage

Taylor Amy

Leah Hart

Tristalyn GiVogue

Rafael Hernandez Alarcon

Sundus Baig

Akash Parmar

Nancy Tran

Andrea Barlaan - part

SAMRU Support (non-voting):

Ashley Hjorth (Speaker)

Emma Maguire (Incoming Speaker)

Joseph Nguyen (Representation Executive Council President)

Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)

Brian Walters (Executive Director)

Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

Guests

Pamela Malec (Representation Executive Council VP Student Affairs) - part

Tera Cardinal (Representation Executive Council VP External) - part

Yasmin Ahmed (Representation Executive Council VP Academic) - part

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| Land Recognition | <p><i>'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.'</i></p> | |
| Camera Requirement | <p><i>Speaker Hjorth reminded all Governors to have their cameras on during meetings to ensure active participation during the meeting.</i></p> | |
| Approval of Agenda | <p>Motion: To approve the agenda. Amy/Hernandez Alarcon Carried</p> | |
| Approval of Consent Agenda | <p>Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Hart/Hernandez Alarcon Carried</p> | |
| Board Professional Development | <p><i>Governance Coach Cochrane presented the Board with a professional development session around board motions.</i></p> <p>Presentation overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The definitions of a motion - The process of making a motion; requires a mover and a seconder; allows questions, discussion, and debate; includes a vote; and the results are announced and recorded in meeting minutes. | |

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| | <p><i>Governor Barlaan joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>Presentation continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Process of speaking to motions - Abstentions as outlined in the SAMRU Bylaws - Amendments to motions - Dividing a Motion - Amending an amendment to a motion <p><i>Governor Hart left the meeting.</i></p> | |
| REC Goals | | <p><i>VP Cardinal, VP Ahmed, and VP Malec joined the meeting</i></p> <p>President Nguyen presented their goal to strengthen communication between MRU and students.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specific key performance indicators, like measurables and quantities. <p><i>Governor Hart re-joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>VP Ahmed presented their goal on refining the student feedback process at MRU.</p> <p>VP Cardinal presented their goal on increasing student voter awareness and engagement on campus.</p> |

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| | <p>Motion: To approve the 2022-23 REC goals. Hernandez Alarcon/Amy Carried</p> | <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20,000 students; breakdown of beginning, middle, and end goal. It was clarified that 20,000 would be the ultimate goal but we wouldn't be stopping there if we reach that goal. It was also clarified that the 20,000 goal is between the five CAUS schools. - Tabling outcomes – broad goal for students becoming “regular voters” <p>VP Malec presented their goal to engage with students to support the development of VPSA advocacy positions, including MRU acknowledgement of co-curricular activities.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification of the REC concourse: on 2nd floor by the Wellness offices near recreation. - Discussion re: transcript stamps. - Clarification around the 1-2 year outcomes of the project; further clarification around potential future goal of co-curricular record. - Discussion re: living room details and resources required, as well as confidentiality concerns. |

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| | <p>Motion: To add “REC Goal Reporting” to the September Accountability Committee agenda. Amy/Hart Carried</p> | <p><i>VP Cardinal, VP Ahmed, and VP Malec left the meeting</i></p> |
| <p>ED Walters Presentation</p> | <p><i>ED Walters provided the Board with a presentation on SAMRU organizational structure, roles, responsibilities.</i></p> <p>Presentation overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAMRU history (legislation & legitimacy history, building history, organizational focus history) - How SAMRU works: organizational structure - SAMRU’s Student Governing Board (authority, composition, employees) - SGB role & SAMRU’s policy framework - Overview of Representation Executive Council; REC roles and SAMRU’s policy framework - Overview of the Executive Director’s role - The Speaker and Governance Coach - Board work groups and committees (Accountability and Agenda & Governance, and work group sub-committees) | |

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| Speaker Appointment | Motion: To appoint Emma Maguire as Speaker effective August 31, 2022 to August 31, 2024. Amy/Parmar Carried | Governor Amy spoke on the hiring committee process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three Governors sat on the hiring work group. - Several interviews were conducted. - The work group has recommended Emma Maguire to serve as the Speaker for the next two years. |
| Committee Appointments | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To remove Governor Tran from the Agenda & Governance Committee. Barlaan/Amy Carried 2. To appoint the following Governors to the Agenda & Governance Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Barlaan b. Parmar Amy/Hernandez Alarcon Carried 3. To appoint the following Governors to the | |

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| | Accountability Committee: a. Governor Tran b. Governor Parmar c. Governor Baig d. Hernandez Alarcon Barlaan/Amy Carried | |
| Board Highlights Work Group | Motion: To appoint Governor Hernandez Alarcon and Governor Baig to the Board Highlights Work Group. Hart/Hernandez Alarcon Carried | Current members: Governor Tran, Governor Barlaan |
| Governor Hiring Work Group | Motion: To appoint Governor Baig and Governor Barlaan to the Board Hiring Work Group. Amy/Parmar Carried | Governors Amy and Tran are currently on the work group. |
| REC Hiring Process | | ED Walters provided the following update, noting that further discussion would be brought to the September Board meeting: |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of decisions made by the Board back in June to bring the membership changes from a REC election process to a competitive hiring process. Another motion was made to task the ED with bringing forward recommendations on the hiring process. - Since that meeting, the REC members surfaced concerns over the hiring process; ED Walters has met with the group to gather more information and discuss alternative options. - One option is a hybrid-model that would meet most benefits of the original hiring process, as well as addresses the concerns brought forward by REC. ED Walters will be bringing details around this to the September Board meeting for feedback from the Board. |
| Governor Resignation | Motion: To accept Governor Hart's resignation as of August 31, 2022. Amy/Tran Carried | |
| Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pride Parade - September 4 - Board GROUP PHOTO: September 12, 5:00, West Gate Social (before Board building event) - Board Building: September 12, 5:15, West Gate Social (reserved section - free drinks & food); first 30 minutes REC/Board meet & greet, rest of time for Governors - feel free to bring Board games or whatever you'd like. - Next meetings: September 19 (Work Group/Committees) and September 26 (Board) | |

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| Announcements | <i>The meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM</i> | |