



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

June 13, 2022

4:15PM – 7:15PM

Google Meets



Present:

Governors (voting)

Nic Savage

Taylor Amy

Leah Hart

Tristalyn GiVogue

Andrea Barlaan

Rafael Hernandez Alarcon

Sundus Baig

Akash Parmar

Nancy Tran

SAMRU Support (non-voting):

Ashley Schreiner (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 President)

Spirit River Striped Wolf (part)

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
Introduction		Governance Coach Cochrane explained the SAMRU Bylaws Speaker requirements and brought forward a suggested temporary solution. Governance Coach Cochrane facilitated the Speaker appointment decision.
Speaker Appointment	Motion: To appoint Ashley Hjorth as Speaker for the June 13th Board meeting. Amy/Tran Carried	
Land Recognition	<i>Speaker Hjorth recited the land recognition.</i>	
Oaths	Governor Hernandez Alarcon, Governor Baig, and Governor Parmar recited the following Oaths of Office:	

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	<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>	
Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the amended agenda. Hernandez Alarcon/Parmar Carried	<i>Spirit River Striped Wolf joined the meeting.</i>
President End of Term Feedback	<p>Spirit River Striped Wolf gave an overview of the submission to the Accountability Committee, including his experience being an indigenous student leader. He also outlined some recommendations and suggestions SAMRU could adopt, particularly providing anti-racism training to the Board, SAMRU REC, and other groups, which would highlight the indigenous experience.</p> <p><i>Spirit River Striped Wolf left the meeting.</i></p>	
Approval of Consent Agenda	Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Hart/Amy Carried	

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Board Professional Development	<p>Governance Coach Cochrane provided a session on voting as a Board member.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boards make decisions, by voting on motions - If a Board member believes debate and questions have been sufficient they can move to <i>“Call the previous question”</i> - If a Board member believes information received is insufficient to make a good decision, they can move to <i>“Postpone to a certain time”</i> - It is a Board member’s duty to vote 	
REC Employees Selection Process	<p>Motion: That the Board recommends to the SAMRU membership bylaw changes that would remove the REC election process currently used for selecting REC members and replace it with a structured competitive hiring process.</p> <p>Amy/Barlaan Carried</p> <p>Motion: That the Board directs the Executive Director to proceed with drafting proposed bylaw changes for the Board’s consideration that would remove the REC election process currently used for selecting REC members and replace it with a structured competitive hiring process.</p>	<p>ED Walters provided an overview of the discussion that occurred at the last Board meeting on May 16th, and provided additional information as requested at the last meeting, including information on the recruitment process with an external recruiter. ED Walters also provided estimated application rates and a cost-comparison between SAMRU elections and a hiring process.</p>

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	<p>Amy/Parmar Carried</p> <p>Motion: That the Board directs the Executive Director to develop and recommend for the Board's approval a structure competitive hiring process for REC positions to replace the election process that is currently used to select REC members.</p> <p>Amy/Tran Carried</p>	
<p>2022-23 SAMRU Budget</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the 2022-2023 SAMRU budget.</p> <p>Hernandez Alarcon/Amy Carried</p>	<p>ED Walters provided an overview of the budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges, changes, and focus: return to campus assumptions, SAMRU budget response, risk and mitigation, and budget focus. - SAMRU membership fee: risk and conservative budget approach, considerations and decision, and fee calculation. - Human resources expense: policy-based limits and process, inflationary issues and potential risks, risk and mitigation, restructure benefits and opportunities. - West Gate Social: value proposition and objectives, original business plan and interruption, risk and mitigation, and looking forward. - Board Building: importance of a strong Student Governing Board, risk and mitigation resources to support objectives. - Capital projects and acquisitions: process and approvals, specific projects: IT infrastructure and lifecycle, Wyckham House furniture and fixtures, Wyckham House signage and wall décor, and LOA costs and negotiations.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consolidated budget: layout and structure, source of funds, use of funds. - Budget details: general operations, Wyckham House tenants & rentals, SAMRU member services, member representation & lobbying, SAMRU governance, and segregated funds.
2022-23 Board Schedule	Motion: To approve the 2022-23 Board Schedule. Amy/Parmar Carried	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drafted based off of last year's schedule – almost identical except the January Board meeting is later in the month to allow more time after the winter break - Have taken stat holidays and MRU Board of Governor meetings in to consideration - One addition is a once-a-semester board building event in West Gate Social – we've included funds in the budget for food and drinks.
Board Highlights Work Group	Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the Board Highlights Work Group: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governor Tran 2. Governor Amy 3. Governor Barlaan 4. Governor Hart Amy/Hernandez Alarcon Carried	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone else is welcome to put their names forward for the work group - The first meeting will be for mid-August
Speaker Appointment	<i>The Chair role was passed on to Governor Amy for this agenda item.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Speaker Hiring Work Group is continuing with recruitment until a successful applicant is found.

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	<p>Motion: To suspend Bylaw 8.1 and Bylaw 8.7.1 until August 31, 2022 or until a successful Speaker candidate has been hired by the Board. Barlaan/Hernandez Alarcon Carried</p> <p>Motion: To appoint Ashley Hjorth as Speaker until August 31, 2022 or until a successful Speaker candidate has been hired by the Board. Tran/Parmar Carried</p> <p><i>The Chair role was passed back to Speaker Hjorth.</i></p>	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meetings: August 22 (Work Group/Committees) and August 29 (Board) - Mass Email Focus Group reminder: June 15th at 5:00 (online) 	
Adjournment		