



### **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**

February 10, 2025

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Google Meets

**Present:**

**Governors (voting):**

Rafael Hernandez Alarcon  
Reggie San Jose  
Gordy Ha  
Abiola Famakinwa  
Alexander Khan  
Kyle Joseph  
Tristalyn GiVogue  
Angel Castillo

**SAMRU Support (non-voting):**

Maddox Nelles (Speaker)  
Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)  
Brian Walters (Executive Director)  
Tala Abu Hayyaneh (Representation Executive Council President)  
Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

**Regrets:**

Rodney Omoku

Topic	Motion(s)	Discussion Notes
Land Recognition	<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 Goodstoney; and the Metis Nations. Through this land</i>	

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	<i>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>	
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion: To approve the agenda. Hernandez Alarcon/San Jose Carried	
<b>Approval of Consent Agenda</b>	Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Hernandez Alarcon/San Jose Carried  <i>Governor Joseph joined the meeting at 4:04PM</i>	
<b>Board Professional Development</b>	Governance Coach Cochrane led a discussion around a student association case study.  <i>REC President Abu Hayyaneh joined the meeting at 4:06PM</i>  <i>Governor GiVogue joined the meeting at 4:15PM</i>  <i>Governor Castillo joined the meeting at 4:17PM</i>	

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<b>AGM Agenda</b>	<p>Motion: To approve the March 26, 2025 Annual General Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>Hernandez Alarcon/Ha</p> <p>Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ED Walters presented the draft AGM agenda for March 26, 2025</li> <li>- The agenda meets the requirements in the bylaws</li> <li>- The agenda includes the previously reviewed bylaw recommendations for membership consideration; we provide a condensed version of the changes to make it easier for our membership to see exactly where the bylaw changes are and the explanation around them.</li> <li>- There was information provided around our auditors and best practices around having auditors for a period of time. We are getting high value and high quality with PwC, for a lower cost.</li> </ul>
<b>REC Interview Work Groups</b>	<i>Governor Famakinwa temporarily left the meeting (4:52PM – 5:18PM)</i>	There was discussion about the potential change, as well as several questions. There was no opposition to the change so staff will move forward with conducting and recording the interviews.
<b>Break</b>		<i>There was a break from 5:18 to 5:30PM</i>
	<p><b>Motion: To accept Governor Baldonado's resignation effective immediately.</b></p> <p>Ha/Joseph</p> <p>Carried</p>	
<b>Governor Personnel Work Group</b>	<p><b>Motion: To go in camera.</b></p> <p>Hernandez Alarcon/San Jose</p> <p>Carried</p>	

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	<p><b>Motion: To go out of camera.</b> Joseph/Hernandez Alarcon Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: To sanction Jayden Baldonado for violating SAMRU code of ethics 4.10 and the SAMRU bylaws 7.8.2 ( c ), ( e ), and ( g ).</b> Joseph/Hernandez Alarcon Carried Opposed: 1</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Speaker Nelles will notify Jayden Baldonado of the decision.</p>	
Casino Signatory	<p><b>Motion: To remove Governor Baldonado as a signatory on the SAMRU casino account.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/Joseph Carried</p> <p><b>Action:</b> To add to April board meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Could wait until after elections as well, as we will need additional governors after the elections as well.</li> </ul>

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VPSA Interview Workm Group	<p><b>Motion: To add Governor Joseph to the VP Student Affairs interview work group.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/San Jose Carried</p>			
REC Performance Review Work Group	<p><i>REC President Abu Hayyaneh left the meeting at 6:06PM</i></p> <p><b>Motion: To go in camera.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/Joseph Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: To go out of in camera.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/Ha Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: To accept the fully satisfactory performance reviews for the 2024-25 REC VP Academic, REC VP External, REC VP Student Affairs, and REC President.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/San Jose Carried</p>			
Announcements				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special Board Meeting: March 3, 2025 <b>ONLINE</b> - REC candidate approval</li> <li>- Next meetings: March 10, 2025 (Work Group/Committees) <b>ONLINE</b> and March 17, 2025 (Board) <b>ONLINE</b> - <a href="#">Board Calendar</a></li> <li>- Governor Farewell - March 24, 2025 - IN PERSON @ WGS</li> <li>- Annual General Meeting (AGM), March 26 at 7:30PM - Governors are required to attend unless excused by Speaker</li> <li>- SAMRU Awards - April 5, 2025 evening (Save-the-date, more info will come later)</li> <li>- Board Meet &amp; Greet - April 28, 2025, 4:00-6:00</li> </ul>	
Adjournment		