



### **SAMRU's Mission**

We represent and serve students to help them succeed.

### **SAMRU's Vision**

A vibrant and inclusive campus community where every student feels connected, supported, and empowered.

### **SAMRU's Values**

Support, Inclusion, Integrity, Creativity, Community

# **MINUTES**

## **Student Governing Board**

**May 12, 2025**

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Council Chambers



**Present:**

**Governors (voting):**

Reggie San Jose (Speaker)

Gordy Ha

Hope Garvie

Jack McRae

Taia Degenstein

Ada Sampot

TJ Tuling

Halen Deng

Jeff Park (part)

Jessica Cuillerier (part)

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

Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)

Brian Walters (Executive Director)

Meekena Erkin (Representation Executive Council VP Academic)

Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

**Guests:**

Sonia Van Cauwenberghe, Scotia Investment Manager (part)

**Regrets:**

Abiola Famakinwa

Alexander Khan

Malaika Kibonge

Rodney Omoku

Maddox Nelles

Tala Abu Hayyaneh

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 PM

| Topic                      | Motion(s)   | Discussion Notes |
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| Speaker Appointment        | <b>Motion: To appoint Governor San Jose as Speaker for the May 12, 2025 Board meeting.</b><br>McRae/Ha<br>Carried   |                  |
| 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 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> |                  |
| Approval of Agenda         | <b>Motion: To approve the agenda.</b><br>Ha/Garvie<br>Carried   |                  |
| Approval of Consent Agenda | <b>Motion: To approve the consent agenda.</b><br>Cuillerier/Sampot<br>Carried   |                  |

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| Oaths of Office<br>Governor Deng   | <p>Governor Halen Deng recited the following SAMRU Oaths of Office:</p> <p><i>I Halen Deng 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> |  |
| Committee<br>Appointments          | <p><b>Motion: To appoint Governor Deng to the Agenda and Governance Committee and Accountability Committee.</b></p> <p>Park/McRae<br/>Carried</p>  |  |
| Scotia Investments<br>Presentation |  | <p>Sonia Van Cauwenberghe presented information on SAMRU's investments with Scotia Asset Management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion re: tariffs and effects on SAMRU's investments</li> <li>- Question re: investments in large companies or smaller</li> <li>- Question re: ability to access funds or move funds</li> </ul> |

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|   |  | <i>Governor Park left the meeting at 4:45PM, Governor Cuillerier left the meeting at 5:30PM</i><br><br><i>Sonia Van Cauwenberghe left the meeting at 5:30PM</i>   |
| Governance PD Session                   | Governance Coach Cochrane provided the Board with a session on board meeting skills. |   |
| A recess was called from 5:30 to 6:00PM |  |   |
| SAMRU Program & Service Review          |  | ED Walters provided an overview of the SAMRU program and service review, noting areas that will continue, expand, cancel, or that are new or under review.<br><br>There was some discussion around the new kiosk and the service model. |
| SAMRU 2025-26 Capital Plan              |  | ED Walters provided information on the 2025-26 capital plan, including information on expected areas of repair, replacement and maintenance, Wyckham House improvements, and program and service improvements.                          |
| Segregated Funds Policy                 | Postponed to the June meeting  |   |
| Advisory Committee Appointment          | Postponed to the June meeting  |   |

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| Governor Recruitment Work Group Appointments | <p><b>Motion: To strike a Governor Recruitment Work Group and appoint the following Governors to the work group:</b></p> <p><b>1. Governor McRae</b></p> <p><b>2. Governor Degenstein</b></p> <p><b>3. Governor Ha</b></p> <p>Ha/Degenstein</p> <p>Carried</p>   | <p>Attached detailed plan for information only; this is an operational document but includes the important dates that governors will need to know when deciding to volunteer for the work group.</p> <p>May 28 - review applications and review interview questions (MB will organize them all in a google drive)</p> <p>May 29 - meeting (evening) to decide who to interview</p> <p>June 5 &amp; 6 - conduct interviews, decide who to recommend to board for appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hoping for 3 interviews, total commitment will be approximately 5 hours.</li><li>- Once work group members are selected, MB will add dates as holds in your google calendars.</li></ul> |
| 2025-26 Representation & Advocacy Priorities | <i>Postponed to the June meeting</i>   |   |
| Announcements                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Next meetings: June 2, 2025 (Work Group/Committees) <b>ONLINE</b> and June 9, 2025 (Board) <b>IN PERSON</b> - <a href="#">Board Calendar</a></li><li>- Board Team Building - May 26 (4:00, Council Chambers)</li><li>- Board Evaluation Session - June 23, 2025, 4:00-7:00 PM - please fill out <a href="#">survey</a> by May 19, 2025</li></ul> |   |
| <b>Motion: To adjourn the meeting.</b>       |  |   |

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| Ha/Garvie<br>Carried                       |           |                  |
| <i>The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM</i> |           |                  |