



### **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**

**January 19, 2025**

4:30PM – 7:30PM

Council Chambers

**Present:**

**Governors (voting):**

Ilf Dharshi  
Abiola Famakinwa  
Hope Garvie  
Malaika Kibonge  
Jessica Cuillerier  
Reggie San Jose  
Gordy Ha  
Jeff Park  
Jack McRae  
TJ Tuling  
Jeff Park  
Halen Deng (part)

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

Charlie Nelles (Board Speaker)  
Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)  
Tala Abu Hayyaneh (REC President)  
Jackie Fisher (Associate Executive Director)  
Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

**Regrets:**

Alexander Khan  
Brian Walters

*The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM*

Topic	Motion(s)	Discussion Notes
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 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></p>	
Approval of Agenda	<p><b>Motion: To approve the agenda.</b> McRae/Ha Carried</p>	
Approval of Consent Agenda	<p><b>Motion: To approve the consent agenda.</b> Famakinwa/Kibonge Carried</p>	
Winter 2026 Meeting Start Times		<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Today's meeting start time moved to 4:30 to accommodate practicums and class times, and to ensure quorum.</li> <li>- Governor Park noted a conflict with some of the times, Speaker Nelles will coordinate with them directly to make note of conflicts.</li> <li>- For the semester, the meeting start times will be moved to 4:30PM.</li> </ul> <p><i>Governor Deng joined the meeting at 4:33.</i></p>

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<b>Governance PD Session</b>	<i>Governance Coach Cochrane led a discussion around individual expectations and board meeting expectations.</i>	
<b>Governor Resignations</b>	<b>Motion: To accept the resignations of Governor Sampot and Governor Degenstein effective immediately.</b> Ha/Garvie Carried	
<b>SAMRU Bylaws</b>	<b>Motion: To recommend the substantive revised SAMRU bylaws for consideration of the membership at the March 18, 2026 SAMRU Annual General Meeting.</b> Ha/Famakinwa Carried	Associate Executive Director Fisher spoke on the recommended changes submitted in advance by ED Walters, noting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-substantive changes are housekeeping changes and are not brought to the membership at the AGM for approval.</li> <li>- The substantive changes will be brought to the membership at the AGM for consideration. All of the substantive changes have been made as a result of board decisions.</li> </ul> <p><i>Governor Deng left the meeting from 4:55 to 5:30PM</i></p> Overview of recommended changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Definition of Speaker</li> <li>- Special resolutions of the board versus special resolutions of the membership.</li> <li>- Abstentions clarification at the AGM</li> <li>- Board meeting chair clarification</li> <li>- Speaker role clarification to align with the policies</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- REC accountability reporting clarification.</li> <li>- REC performance appraisals aligning with the policies</li> <li>- Advisory Committee membership</li> <li>- Bondable requirement for REC and ED; no longer commonly used in the insurance industry.</li> <li>- Proof of academic standing for REC</li> <li>- REC public positions clarification</li> <li>- REC resignation requirement clarification</li> <li>- Executive Director staff organizational standards clarification.</li> <li>- SAMRU minutes requirements</li> <li>- Audited financial statements requirements</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If the recommendations are approved at the AGM, they will be in effect immediately.</li> </ul>
<b>Break (5:30PM)</b>	<i>The Board took a 30 minute break and resumed at 5:56PM</i>	
<b>AGM Agenda</b>	<p><b>Motion: To approve the March 18, 2026 Annual General Meeting agenda.</b> Park/McRae Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fiscal year ends of June 30, 2026</li> </ul>

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<b>REC Review Work Group</b>	<p><i>Meeting Date: January 27, 2026, 4:00-7:00PM</i></p> <p><b>Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the REC Review Work Group:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Governor Ha</b></li> <li>2. <b>Governor San Jose</b></li> <li>3. <b>Governor Deng</b></li> </ol> <p>Dharshi/McRae Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review documents have been completed and submitted</li> <li>- One hour meeting time, plus an additional 1-2 hours prep the week ahead.</li> </ul>
<b>REC Interview Work Groups</b>	<p><i>Meeting Date: February 5 at 4:00PM</i></p> <p><b>Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the REC President Interview Work Group:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Governor Kibonge</b></li> <li>2. <b>Governor Deng</b></li> <li>3. <b>Governor Garvie</b></li> </ol> <p>Park/Dharshi Carried</p> <p><i>Meeting Date: February 5 at 6:00PM</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thank you to everyone for giving me your availability early, it made it a lot easier to schedule the work group meetings.</li> <li>- Every governor is scheduled for one work group based on your availability.</li> <li>- Record breaking number of applications received (85)</li> <li>- Pre-screening is complete; Interviews have been scheduled starting next week until the 29th; we are looking at between 5 and 6 interviews per position.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the REC VP Academic Interview Work Group:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Governor Famakinwa</li> <li>2. Governor Cuillerier</li> <li>3. Governor Ha</li> </ol> <p>Famakinwa/Tuling Carried</p> <p><i>Meeting Date: February 6 at 4:00PM</i></p> <p><b>Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the REC VP External Interview Work Group:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Governor Khan</li> <li>2. Governor San Jose</li> <li>3. Governor Tuling</li> </ol> <p>Park/McRae Carried</p> <p><i>Meeting Date: February 6 at 5:00PM</i></p> <p><b>Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the REC VP Student Affairs Interview Work Group:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Governor Dharshi</li> <li>2. Governor Park</li> </ol>	

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	<p><b>3. Governor McRae</b> Tuling/Cuillerier Carried</p>	
<p><b>TABLED: Executive Director Succession Plan</b></p>	<p><i>Tabled to the February Accountability Committee</i></p>	
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next meetings: February 2, 2026 (Work Group/Committees) <b>ONLINE</b> and February 9, 2026 (Board) <b>IN PERSON</b></li> <li>- Advisory Committee meeting: January 26, 2026: Governor representatives Governor San Jose &amp; Governor Ha (<i>new governor members will be appointed after AGM</i>)</li> <li>- Governor Farewell: March 23, 2026, 4:00-6:00, West Gate Social</li> <li>- SAMRU Annual General Meeting: March 18, 2026, 7:30PM, <b>all governors are expected to attend</b></li> <li>- Save-the-date: SAMRU Awards, April 11, 2026 <b>all governors are expected to attend and present</b></li> </ul>	
<p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 6:07PM</i></p>		