



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

February 9, 2026

4:30PM – 7:30PM

Council Chambers

Present:

Governors (voting):

Ilf Dharshi
Hope Garvie
Malaika Kibonge
Jessica Cuillerier
Reggie San Jose
Gordy Ha
Jack McRae
TJ Tuling
Halen Deng

SAMRU Support (non-voting):

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

Guests:

Student

Regrets:

Alexander Khan
Jeff Park
Abiola Famakinwa

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>Motion: To approve the agenda. Dharshi/Tuling Carried</p>	
Approval of Consent Agenda	<p>Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Ha/Kibonge Carried</p>	
Governance PD Session	<p><i>Governance Coach Cochrane provided a presentation on the role of the Executive Director and their relationship to the Board. The Board had a discussion on roles and responsibilities.</i></p>	
SAMRU Advisory Committee Update		<p>ED Walters provided an update to the board on the SAMRU Advisory Committee, including the following highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advisory Committee structure overview, including 6 public members with past connections to SAMRU

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of the committee is included in the bylaws - The committee meets at least 3 times a year; they met recently and received information on SAMRU finances and operational projects. - They are currently focusing on public member recruitment strategies; keeping a list of governor and REC connections, holding a relationship building event (such as the SAMRU awards), member profiles on the SAMRU website, additional committee volunteer work (SAMRU awards, elections appeal committee). <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion to provide swag as an appreciation. It was noted that we also provide an appreciation gift during the winter holiday, and provide a small honorarium (ED Walters will be bringing a proposal for an increase to this amount in the future) - We will be seeking two new governor members for the committee after elections.
Executive Director Succession Plan	Motion: To approve the Executive Director Succession Plan. McRae/Dharshi Carried	ED Walters presented the draft ED succession plan. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outlines authorities, processes, and puts expectations into place for the ED in order to facilitate smooth turnover of the ED role. - Effective once approved

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		- Discussion around risk of not having a plan or an interim ED in place
<p><i>There was a 30 minute break to 6:00PM</i></p> <p><i>The guest left the meeting</i></p>		
<p>REC Review Work Group</p>	<p>Motion: To go in camera. Ha/McRae Carried</p> <p><i>REC President Abu Hayyaneh left for the in camera session.</i></p> <p>Motion: To go out of in camera. Ha/Cuillerier Carried</p> <p>Motion: To accept the fully satisfactory performance review for the 2025-26 REC VP Academic. Cuillerier/Kibonge Carried</p>	

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	<p>Motion: To accept the fully satisfactory performance review for the 2025-26 REC VP External. Garvie/Dharshi Carried</p> <p>Motion: To accept the fully satisfactory performance review for the 2025-26 REC VP Student Affairs. Ha/McRae Carried</p> <p>Motion: To accept the fully satisfactory performance review for the 2025-26 REC President. Ha/Tuling Carried</p>	
<p>REC Interview Work Groups</p>	<p>Motion: To go in camera. Cuillerier/Dharshi Carried</p>	

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	<p>Motion: To go out of in camera. Garvie/Dharshi Carried</p> <p>Motion: To accept the 2026 REC President candidates. Garvie/Dharshi Carried</p> <p>Motion: To accept the 2026 REC VP Student Affairs candidates. Cuillerier/McRae Carried</p> <p>Motion: To accept the 2026 REC VP Academic candidates. Garvie/McRae Carried</p> <p>Motion: To accept the 2026 VP External candidates. Tuling/San Jose Carried</p>	

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	<p>Motion: To accept the 2026 REC alternate candidates. McRae/Kibonge Carried</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meetings: March 9, 2026 (Work Group/Committees) and March 16, 2026 (Board) - Governor Farewell: March 23, 2026, 4:00-6:00, West Gate Social - SAMRU Annual General Meeting: March 18, 2026, 7:30PM - Save-the-date: SAMRU Awards, April 11, 2026 	
<p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 6:42PM</i></p>		