



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

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Student Governing Board

March 16, 2026

4:30PM – 7:30PM

Council Chambers

Present:

Governors (voting):

Hope Garvie
Jessica Cuillerier
Gordy Ha
Jack McRae
TJ Tuling
Halen Deng
Jeff Park
Abiola Famakinwa
Ilf Dharshi

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:

Ben Dutton (student, part)

Regrets:

Malaika Kibonge
Reggie San Jose

Alexander Khan

The meeting was called to order at 4:32PM

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. McRae/Dharshi Carried</p>	
Approval of Consent Agenda	<p>Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Dharshi/Park Carried</p>	

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Items Removed From Consent Agenda (if applicable)		
Governance PD Session	<i>Governance Coach Cochrane led an exercise around board participation</i>	
<i>The meeting resumed at 6:15PM after a brief break</i>		
PD Session Continued		
Annual General Meeting	Pre-registration link **you MUST pre-register ahead of time to attend**	
Executive Director Review Work Group	<p>Motion: To appoint the following governors to the ED Review Work Group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governor Park 2. Governor McRae 3. Governor Deng <p>Cuillerier/Dharshi Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ED Walters provided some information on the review process - Meeting date: May 12, 2026 (Tuesday), time will be dependent on work group members' schedules.

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Speaker Review Work Group	Motion: To appoint the following governors to the Speaker Review Work Group: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governor Tuling 2. Governor McRae 3. Governor Park <p>Dharshi/Famakinwa Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Only governors who are staying past March</i> - Gov Manager will send survey to board, REC, board support staff to gather feedback on the Speaker role; the results will be summarized and forwarded to the work group for review. - The work group will also have an opportunity to meet with the Speaker to obtain additional information. - In addition to providing feedback to the current Speaker, one of the other outcomes is to use the data to help us plan for the incoming Speaker. - Meeting date: May 5 or 7 time and date will be dependent on work group members' schedules.
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meetings: April 13, 2026 (Work Group/Committees) and April 20, 2026 (Board) - SAMRU Annual General Meeting: March 18, 2026, 7:30PM, - Governor Farewell: March 23, 2026, 5:00-6:30, West Gate Social - Save-the-date: SAMRU Awards, April 11, 2026 - Board Meet & Greet, April 27, 4:00-5:00PM 	
<i>The meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM</i>		