



### **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**

**April 20, 2026**

4:30PM – 7:30PM

Council Chambers

**Attendance:**

**Governors (voting):**

Jeff Park  
Halen Deng  
TJ Tuling  
Jack McRae  
Fabiha Hassan  
Jasmyn Krywolt  
Kenzy Jali  
Patricia Maglalang  
Sara Muskaj  
Sheena Sahota  
Hope Garvie  
Malaika Kibonge  
Chris Brown (part)

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

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

**Guests:**

REC VP Academic Erkin (part)  
REC VP External Mejia Salazar (part)  
REC VP Student Affairs Surujbally (part)

**Regrets:**

Governor Cuillerier

*The meeting was called to order at 4:33PM*

Topic	Motion(s)	Discussion Summary
<b>Land Recognition</b>	<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>	
<b>In Person Meeting Expectations</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Silence devices and only use for reviewing agendas; no side conversations digitally or in person</li> <li>- In person voting by raising hands or placards</li> <li>- Raise hands to be put on the speaker's list and the speaker will call you in the order that you raised your hand.</li> </ul>
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<b>Motion: To approve the agenda.</b> McRae/Garvie Carried	
<b>Approval of Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Motion: To approve the consent agenda.</b> Kibonge/Park Carried	

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<b>Oaths of Office</b>	<p>Governors Krywolt, Muskaj, Sahota, Hassan, Jali, and Maglalang recited the following oaths of office:</p> <p>Oaths of Office:</p> <p><i>I (person's name) 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>	
<b>Team Building Activity</b>	<p>Governance Coach Cochrane led a team building activity with the Board.</p>	
<b>SGB Representation and Advocacy Priorities Update</b>	<p><i>REC VPs Surujbally, and Mejia Salazar joined the meeting at 5:06PM, REC VP Erkin joined the meeting at 5:07PM</i></p> <p>The REC team presented on the 2025-26 SGB representation and advocacy priorities.</p> <p><i>Governor Brown joined the meeting at 5:10PM</i></p> <p>The process for bringing additional advocacy priorities forward was discussed; REC will be bringing the 2026-27 priorities recommendations forward in August for Board approval. If Board members hear concerns from students, they can email REC directly at <a href="mailto:representation@samru.ca">representation@samru.ca</a></p>	

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	<i>REC VP's Erkin, Surujbally, and Mejia Salazar left the meeting at 5:42PM</i>	
<b>Break</b>	<i>The board paused for a break at 5:45 and resumed at 6:30PM</i>	
<b>Governor Brown Oaths of Office</b>	<p>Governor Brown recited the following oaths of office:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>I (person's name) do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear:</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><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 style="padding-left: 40px;"><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>	
<b>Social Media Orientation</b>	ED Walters provided the board with an orientation session on the SAMRU social media policy.	
<b>Committee Appointments</b>	<p><b>Motion: To add the following Governors to the Accountability Committee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Governor Krywolt</b></li> <li><b>2. Governor Muskaj</b></li> <li><b>3. Governor Sahota</b></li> <li><b>4. Governor Brown</b></li> <li><b>5. Governor Hassan</b></li> </ol>	

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	<p>6. <b>Governor Jali</b> 7. <b>Governor Maglalang</b></p> <p>Hassan/Deng Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: To add the following Governors to the Agenda &amp; Governance Committee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Governor Krywolt</b></li> <li>2. <b>Governor Muskaj</b></li> <li>3. <b>Governor Sahota</b></li> <li>4. <b>Governor Brown</b></li> <li>5. <b>Governor Hassan</b></li> <li>6. <b>Governor McRae</b></li> </ol> <p>Garvie/Brown Carried</p>	
<p>2026-27 Representation Executive Council</p>	<p><b>Motion: To accept the 2026 Representation Executive Council (REC) election results: Noel Ormita, REC President; Liv Lopez, REC VP Student Affairs; Mariana Mejia Salazar, REC VP External; and Julia Madden, REC VP Academic.</b></p> <p>Sahota/McRae Carried</p>	<p>It is the Board's responsibility to ratify the results of the REC elections.</p>

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Signing Authorities	<p><b>Motion: To appoint Governor Deng and Governor McRae as signing authorities on the SAMRU casino accounts.</b> Park/Hassan Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: To remove Governor San Jose and Governor Khan as signing authorities on the SAMRU casino accounts.</b> Krywolt/Kibonge Carried</p>	<p>SAMRU participates in a charitable casino every 18 months; the proceeds go towards many SAMRU programs that directly benefit students. AGLC requires SAMRU to have board members as signing authorities on the bank accounts.</p> <p>The board reviews all transactions from the account to ensure policy compliance.</p>
MRU Board of Governors Appointments	<p><b>Motion: To appoint Noel Ormita and Liv Lopez as the student representatives on the MRU Board of Governors effective May 1, 2026 until April 30, 2027 or if they cease employment with SAMRU prior to April 30, 2027.</b> Sahota/Muskaj Carried</p>	<p>SAMRU has two student representatives on the MRU Board of Governors; the appointees are based on the REC position that they are in (which was a Board decision), and are one-year terms. They are appointed to their position by the provincial government.</p>
Board Meeting Start Times	<p><b>Motion: To resume the Board meeting times from 4:00-7:00PM.</b> McRae/Park Amended</p> <p><b>Motion: To amend the Board meeting times to 4:30-7:30.</b> Brown/Hassan Carried</p>	

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	<p><b>Motion: To amend the motion from “resume” to “maintain”.</b> McRae/Garvie Carried</p> <p><b>Amended Motion: To maintain the Board meeting times from 4:30-7:30PM.</b> McRae/Park Carried Opposed: McRae</p>	
Governor Resignation	<p><b>Motion: To accept Governor Kibonge’s resignation effective April 30, 2026.</b> Jali/Sahota Carried</p>	The Board thanked Governor Kibonge for her contribution over the last year.
Speaker Position	<p><b>Motion: That the employment classification for the Speaker of the Board position be designated as part-time hourly, and compensation for the position be set at the hourly equivalent of SAMRU’s Coordinator-level staff positions, effective for any individual hired into the position on or after May 1, 2026.</b></p>	The Accountability Committee received the information ahead of time and are being asked to make a decision on the designation as a part-time position and on the compensation for the position.

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	Hassan/Brown Carried	
<b>Potential Conflict of Interest</b>	<p><i>ED Walters left the meeting at 7:43PM</i></p> <p><b>Motion: To go in camera.</b>            Deng/Hassan            Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: To go out of in camera.</b>            Park/Krywolt            Carried</p>	<p>ED Walters provided an overview of a potential conflict of interest with his own immediate family member applying for a position within SAMRU. He noted some current instances of immediate family member employee situations. He provided an explanation of reporting structures within the organization.</p> <p>ED Walters asked for direction from the Board and provided them with a couple of options, as well as the ability for the Board to determine another direction.</p>

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	<p><b>Motion: To approve the recusal and delegation framework.</b> Hassan/Park Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: To direct the Speaker to inform ED Walters of the Board's decision.</b> Krywolt/Hassan Carried</p> <p><i>ED Walters returned to the meeting at 8:01PM</i></p>	
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next meetings: May 4, 2026 (Work Group/Committees) <b>ONLINE</b> and May 11, 2026 (Board) <b>IN PERSON</b> - <a href="#">Board Calendar</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Board Meet &amp; Greet</a>, April 27, 4:00-5:00PM <b>**Governors are expected to attend**</b></li> <li>- Board Team Building - May 25, 2026 - 5:00-7:00PM - OFF-SITE (Details TBA)</li> <li>- Governor Kibonge's last meeting 😞</li> </ul>	
<p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM</i></p>		