



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

Aug 31, 2026 4:30 PM

📅 SAMRU Board Meeting

Council Chambers



Attendance:

Governors (voting):

Chris Brown
Halen Deng
Fabiha Hassan
Kenzy Jali
Patricia Maglalang
Sara Muskaj
Jack McRae
Hope Garvie
TJ Tuling
Jasmyn Krywolt
Sheena Sahota
Bilal Asif

SAMRU Support (non-voting):

Erika Ortiz, Board Speaker
Brian Walters, Executive Director
Noel Ormita, REC President
Pat Cochrane, Governance Coach
Megan Borg, Governance Manager, scribe

Regrets:

Ali Mir
Jeff Park

The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM

Topic	Motion(s)	Discussion Summary
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>	
Introductions		
New Governor Oaths of Office	Governor Bilal Asif recited the following Oaths of Office: <i>I (person's name) do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear:</i> <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> <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> Action: Add Governor Mir oaths to the next board meeting agenda.	
Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the agenda. Hassan/Muskaj Carried	

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Approval of Consent Agenda	Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Kyrwolt/McRae Carried	
Governance PD Session	Governance Coach Cochrane led a presentation and exercise around board culture.	
Student Governing Board Representation and Advocacy Priorities	Motion: To approve the 2026-27 SGB Representation and Advocacy Priorities. McRae/Muskaj Carried Motion: To arrange a presentation at a future Board meeting with the Office of Community & Belonging. Jali/Sahota Carried Action: GM Borg will arrange the presentation.	REC President Ormita provided the priorities in advance at the committee meeting last week, and has brought them back to the Board meeting for approval.
Break		

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Committee Membership Appointments	Motion: To appoint Governor Asif to the Accountability Committee and the Agenda & Governance Committee. Hassan/Brown Carried Action: Add Governor Mir committee appointment to the next board meeting agenda.	
SAMRU Advisory Committee Report		- The Advisory Committee met on June 22, 2026 - Governor Deng was in attendance as one of the SAMRU Student Governing Board representatives. - They announced the resignation of public member, Eily Aurora. - They welcomed two new public members of the Advisory Committee, Camille Tabacla, who was a former REC member, and Travis McIntosh, who was a former REC member and who previously served on the Advisory Committee. They also welcomed a potential member of the Advisory Committee, Marie Barnes, a previous REC member, to attend the meeting. - The committee received information on SAMRU's budget, and discussed the SAMRU Awards event and award criteria, and discussed future Advisory Committee recruitment. - The Advisory Committee provides an important role to the Board, providing input from professional perspectives around high-risk areas in SAMRU. The terms of the public members are one year with automatic renewal annually.

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SAMRU Advisory Committee Appointment	Motion: To appoint Marie Barnes as a public member to the SAMRU Advisory Committee. Garvie/Hassan Carried	- The Advisory Committee has recommended Marie Barnes for appointment to the Advisory Committee. Marie brings past experience with SAMRU as a REC member, a MRC graduate, as well as good professional experience. - When the Advisory Committee recruits public members, it looks for individuals who have past experience with SAMRU, as well as relevant experience professionally. - The Advisory Committee has two positions for board member representatives, both currently filled.
Announcements	- Next meetings: September 21, 2026 (Work Group/Committees) ONLINE and September 28, 2026 (Board) IN PERSON - Board Professional Development; Insights Discovery: September 14, 2026, Council Chambers - Blends opening delay update provided - G-wing projected opening date discussed	
The meeting was adjourned at 5:44PM		