samru students' association of mount royal university

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

Sep 28, 2026 4:30 PM

SAMRU Board Meeting

Council Chambers

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

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

Guests:
Marva Ferguson (Office of Community & Belonging)
Moussa Magassa (Office of Community & Belonging)

Regrets:
Ali Mir

The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM

Land Recognition	*'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.'*	
Approval of Agenda	**Motion: To approve the agenda.** McRae/Hassan Carried	
Approval of Consent Agenda	**Motion: To approve the consent agenda.** Hassan/Sahota Carried	
Governor Resignation	**Motion: To accept Governor Jeff Park's resignation effective September 1, 2026.** Krywolt/Jali Carried	*Governor Muskaj joined the meeting at 4:35PM*

Presentation - Scarborough Charter	*Guests arrived at the meeting at 4:36PM* Marva Ferguson and Moussa Magassa from the Mount Royal University Office of Community & Belonging provided a presentation to the Board on the Scarborough Charter On Anti-black racism and Black Inclusion in Canadian Higher Education. *Guests left the meeting at 5:20PM*	
Governance PD Session	*Governance Coach Cochrane provided a presentation on board meeting skills.*	
Break		
Finance Training	*ED Walters provided finance training to the Board in advance of receiving the audited financial statements in October.* *ED Walters provided information on the financial statements correction.*	
Governor Position	**Motion: To go in camera.** Krywolt/Garvie Carried **Motion: To go out in camera.** Sahota/Muskaj Carried **Motion: That the Board removes the governor in question from the Student Governing Board, effective immediately, consistent with SAMRU's Bylaws and policies related to Governor Personnel.** Sahota/Krywolt	

	Carried **Motion: That the Speaker contact the governor in question to inform them of the Board's decision, and provide them with the governor personnel policy for information.** Krywolt/Muskaj Carried	
Governor Recruitment Work Group	**Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the Governor Recruitment Work Group:** 1. **Governor Garvie** 2. **Governor Hassan** 3. **Governor Krywolt** 4. **Governor Sahota (backup)** Muskaj/Asif Carried	- Overview of A&G discussion last week - Timeline of recruitment provided for information - Time commitment for work group members
Business Strategy Options	**Motion: For SAMRU to pursue a SAMRU-operated value retail concept.** Deng/Brown Carried	- Information was provided at the work group around the current tenant's request and SAMRU's options around this - The Board was asked for a decision on how to proceed - There was a discussion about current revenue from the tenant, as well as potential revenue with the space being another business - There was an idea and discussion around donation intake options - There was information provided around pricing for the student demographic - There was a discussion around the SAMRU reserve fund and SAMRU supplementary balance fund, and usage of the surpluses from those funds.

Speaker Review Work Group	**Motion: That the Board directs the Executive Director to prepare, for the Board's consideration, draft revisions to the Board Speaker Position Description incorporating the Board Speaker responsiveness expectations recommended by the Accountability Committee.** Sahota/Muskaj Carried	- The Accountability Committee previously received three recommendations from the Speaker Review Work Group; they have reviewed these recommendations concerning the SAMRU Whistleblower Policy and Board agenda submission processes, and are satisfied with the current processes and protocols around these.
Announcements	- Next meetings: **October 19, 2026** (Work Group/Committees) and **October 26, 2026** (Board) - Team Building! **October 5, 2026, 6:15PM**	
The meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM		