

#### **SAMRU's Mission**

We represent and serve students to help them succeed.

#### **SAMRU's Vision**

Where every student can discover themselves, build meaningful relationships and make a difference in the world.

# **AGENDA**

# **Student Governing Board**

January 18, 2021 4:00PM – 7:00PM Google Hangouts

#### Present:

## Governors (voting):

Arooba Siddiqui

**Dustin Hertel** 

Christian Kindrachuk

Michaela Butt

Gracia Di N'zau Mbudi (chair)

Erin Hepburn

Sophie Piche

Ian Lees

Avery McLellan

Matt Mickelson



Maggie Thaxter (part) Lucas Hardardt (part)

### **Representation Executive Council:**

Spirit River Striped Wolf (voting)

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

Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)
Brian Walters (Executive Director)
Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

## Regrets:

Ashley Schreiner (Speaker)

# **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 Wesley; 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.'

Topic	Motions	Discussion
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Meeting Chair	Motion: To appoint Governor Di N'zau as the January 18th SGB acting Speaker. Lees/Hertel Carried	
Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the agenda. Lees/Hepburn Carried	
	Amended Motion: To move Governor Lees resignation to end of the agenda.  Hertel/Mickelson Carried	
Approval of Consent Agenda	Motion: To approve the consent agenda.  Hepburn/Kindrachuk Carried	
Board Professional Development		Governance Coach Cochrane gave a special presentation on a Board that experienced difficulties with a senior staff member and how the Board addressed them.
		Discussion on what boards need to do:



		<ul> <li>Have financial regulations for administrative practices</li> <li>Need to know the day-to-day practices of their administration in regard to expenses and purchases</li> <li>Need to understand the financial circumstances of the organization they oversee</li> <li>Need regular, appropriate financial reporting</li> </ul> Governor Thaxter and Governor Hardardt joined the meeting.
AGM Date	Motion: To hold a virtual SAMRU annual general meeting on March 31, 2021.  Mickelson/Kindrachuk Carried	<ul> <li>AGM was canceled last year due to covid.</li> <li>This year there will be bylaw recommendations, reports, financial statements presentation, and appointment of auditors. In addition, there will be a presentation of the candidates for the Governor elections.</li> <li>Date was selected purposely to avoid REC elections overlap</li> <li>Virtual event this year, will be held in the evening</li> <li>The communications department will be focusing heavily on marketing to ensure we have enough participants</li> <li>There will be several prizes this year to incentivize participants</li> </ul>
Bylaws	Motion: To accept the January 2021 bylaw changes and to bring them to the membership at the March 31, 2021 Annual General Meeting for consideration. Thaxter/Mickelson Carried	<ul> <li>2020 bylaws were approved by the Board to be brought to the 2020 AGM for membership approval, but the AGM was canceled due to covid – carried over to this AGM and requires no action.</li> <li>There are some additional 2021 recommendations to considered at this meeting to be brought to the March 31<sup>st</sup> AGM.</li> <li>The SAMRU membership will be considering both the 2020 and 2021 bylaw recommendations.</li> <li>There are summaries of all the suggested bylaw changes</li> <li>It is recommended that Governors familiarize themselves with all of the bylaw recommendations in order to support them at the AGM.</li> <li>ED Walters is preparing an additional document with background information for Governors to help them understand the changes.</li> </ul>



	Motion: To go in camera. Hardardt/Mickelson Carried  Motion: To go out of camera. Thaxter/Hepburn Carried	The 2021 changes are not significant, and are mostly related to REC vacancies and allowing more flexibility in the process, as well as some changes to Speaker accountability and the Board's role in strategic planning.
REC Performance Evaluation	Motion: To appoint the following Governors to review the REC performance evaluations for the February Accountability Committee:  1. Governor Hertel  2. Governor Kindrachuk  3. Governor Mickelson  Piche/Hardardt  Carried	<ul> <li>Requirement for any REC members planning on submitting an application for REC elections to receive a positive performance evaluation.</li> <li>One or more REC members need to receive this.</li> <li>Structure for evaluating performance was developed last year, very straight forward.</li> <li>A sub-committee of the Accountability Committee should review the evaluations submitted by the REC members and report back to the Accountability Committee.</li> </ul>



Governor Lees Resignation	Motion: To accept the resignation of Governor Lees dated January 18, 2021.  Mickelson/Hepburn Carried	- Governor Lees was a very valuable presence on the Board and will be greatly missed on the Board.
Announcements		uary 1 (Work Group/Committees) and February 8 (Board) In up for photos on Friday (Doodle sign up in your email)