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# **MINUTES**

## **Student Governing Board**

September 27, 2021

4:15PM – 7:15PM

Council Chambers

### **Present:**

#### **Governors (voting):**

Sophie Piche

Christian Kindrachuk

Michaela Butt

Nic Savage

Andrea Barlaan

Taylor Amy (Speaker)



Arooba Siddiqui  
Erin Hepburn  
Avery McLellan  
Michelle Gladue (part)

**Representation Executive Council:**

Spirit River Striped Wolf (non-voting)

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

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

**Guests:**

Elder Casey Eaglespeaker  
Shereen Samuels  
Joseph Nguyen  
Rachel Timmermans

**Regrets:**

Ashley Hjorth  
Nancy Tran

**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.'*

Motion: To appoint Governor Amy as Speaker for the September 27, 2021 Board meeting.  
Hepburn/Kindrachuk  
Carried

Topic	Motions	Discussion
Approval of Agenda	<b>Motion: To approve the agenda.</b> McLellan/Kindrachuk Carried	
Approval of Consent Agenda	<b>Motion: To approve the consent agenda.</b> Hepburn/Piche Carried	<i>Governor Gladue joined the meeting</i>
Items Removed From Consent Agenda (if applicable)		
Indigenous Welcome & Teaching		The Board welcomed Elder Casey Eaglespeaker to lead the Board in a welcome, teaching of reconciliation and a Blackfoot prayer.

		<p><i>Elder Casey Eaglespeaker and Shereen Samuels left the meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>Board Professional Development</b></p>		<p>Governance Coach Cochrane gave a presentation on the organizational structure (members first, board, operations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The ED is hired by the Board to carry out the operations of the organization. The ED decides on the organizational structure but the Board needs to know the structure (finance, facilities maintenance, programming, HR, IT.</li> <li>- The Board is accountable to their membership</li> <li>- The Board also has additional branches, including the Representation Executive Council (REC), and the Speaker - both are accountable to the Board.</li> <li>- The Board is a group of individuals elected or appointed to oversee the work of an organization.</li> <li>- Core Board questions: What benefit? For whom? At what cost? (John Carver)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strategic Plan Orientation</b></p>		<p>ED Walters gave an overview of the SAMRU strategic plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Background on the plan: how it was developed and the process.</li> <li>- SAMRU Mission: We represent and serve students to help them succeed</li> <li>- SAMRU Vision: Where every student can discover themselves, build meaningful relationships and make a difference in the world.</li> <li>- Values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We are dedicated to our members</li> <li>- We are intentionally accepting</li> <li>- We are accountable</li> <li>- We cultivate a learning culture</li> <li>- We are courageous</li> <li>- We value strong, cohesive community</li> <li>- We value fun</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Goals and objectives overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Impact</li> <li>- Leadership</li> <li>- Autonomy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>- Strong relationships</p> <p>Discussion around autonomy of SAMRU from MRU, the license of occupation agreement with MRU and ownership of Wyckham House, and past decisions of the SGB and the segregated funds policies in relation to the sustainability of the organization.</p>
<b>SAMRU Annual General Meeting Date</b>	<b>Motion: To hold the SAMRU Annual General Meeting on February 9, 2022.</b> Hepburn/Kindrahuk Carried	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of the AGM and the Board's obligation to hold a general meeting as per the bylaws.</li> <li>- Date is based around the elections memos and the Governor elections voting at the AGM.</li> <li>- Discussion re: online and in person meeting. One idea is to have the panel in person, which is broadcast online.</li> </ul>
<b>Advisory Committee Members</b>	<b>Motion: To appoint the following two Governors to the SAMRU Advisory Committee:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Governor McLellan</b></li> <li>2. <b>Governor Amy</b></li> </ol> Kindrachuk/Butt Carried	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of the Advisory Committee as outlined in the bylaws.</li> <li>- Two board representatives on the group for information sharing.</li> <li>- Overview of public members of the committee.</li> <li>- Governors McLellan, Gladue, and Amy put their names forward for the Governor positions.</li> </ul>
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>- Next meetings: October 18 (Work Group/Committees) and October 25 (Board)</p>	