

#### **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.

# **MINUTES**

### **Student Governing Board**

February 14, 2022 4:15PM – 7:15PM Google Meets

#### **Present:**

## **Governors (voting)**

Christian Kindrachuk Erin Hepburn Michaela Butt Nic Savage Taylor Amy Sophie Piche Nancy Tran Arooba Siqqidui



Andrea Barlaan Avery McLellan Michelle Gladue

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

Ashley Schreiner (Speaker)
Spirit River Striped Wolf (Representation Executive Council President)
Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)
Brian Walters (Executive Director)
Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

#### **Guests:**

Rachel Timmermans Matthew Yanish Parvin Sedighi



'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	Motion(s)	Discussion
Approval of	Motion: To approve the agenda.	
Agenda	Amy/Hepburn	
	Carried	
Approval of	Motion: To approve the consent	
Consent Agenda	agenda.	
	Kindrachuk/Amy	
	Carried	
CAUS Presentation	The Board welcomed CAUS Vice-Chair and VP External of the Student Union of MacEwen University, Matthew Yanish, and CAUS Vice-Chair and SAMRU VP external, Rachel Timmermans, and MacEwen staff support, Parvin Sedighi.  CAUS overview:  • 6 membership schools across Alberta	



	What does CAUS do: budget submissions, advocacy meetings, advocacy documents, public engagement		
	campaigns, research papers, collaboration with similarly-mandated organizations such as the Council of Post-secondary Presidents of Alberta, collaboration between/with other student organizations.		
	<ul> <li>2021/22 Priorities: ending gender and domestic violence, expanding affordable childcare and expanding PSE Access, supporting campus mental health, funding indigenous centre and funding reconciliations, improving affordability and improving SFA</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Current wins: \$10/day childcare, progress on sexual violence prevention portfolio, collaboration re: providing additional supports to indigenous centres, penguins for PSE, renewed mental health funding for PSE, delaying/altering performance-based funding, protecting institutional autonomy.</li> </ul>		
	The CAUS guests left the meeting.		
<b>Board Professional</b>	Governance Coach Cochrane provided the Board with a presentation on latin as related to governance.		
Development			
License of	Motion: To go in camera.		
Occupation	Amy/Barlaan		
	Carried		
	Motion: To go out of camera.		
	Amy/Hepburn		
	Carried		
	Motion: That the board is aware of		
	and supports the drafting of changes		
	to the License of Occupation		



	Agreement as per information from the Executive Director.  Amy/Kindrachuk Carried Opposed: 1	
Policy Review	Motion: To approve the Policy Development Policy. Piche/Amy Carried	<ul> <li>Discussion:         <ul> <li>ED Walters noted that changes to the policy development policy and research integrity and ethics policy as per suggestions from the last meeting have been included in the new drafts.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Discussion re: process of REC reviewing as they own the procedures and the ED reviewing those procedures as per standard organizational review to ensure policy compliance. The Board would approve any changes to the policy.</li> </ul>
	Motion: To approve the Research Integrity and Ethics Policy. Hepburn/Kindrachuk Carried	



	Motion: To approve the License of Occupation Compliance Policy. Gladue/Kindrachuk Carried	<ul> <li>Based on the level of risk involved in the content of the LOA, and because it is an agreement between the SAMRU Board and the MRU Board of Governor, a policy provides clear direction to the ED on how the LOA should be carried out.</li> <li>ED Walters provided some information on the process to make changes to the LOA.</li> <li>The current LOA negotiations are closely following the policies as the risk to the organization is high.</li> </ul> Governor McLellan left the meeting
	Motion: To approve the Investment Policy. Barlaan/Amy Carried	<ul> <li>This policy gives direction to both the ED and to our investments managers.</li> <li>If the Board would like more details on our investments and how they are made, the investments managers are able to meet with the Board.</li> <li>Once the policy is approved, it is signed by our signing authorities and submitted to our investment managers in order to provide parameters on how our investments are made.</li> </ul>
Announcements	<ul> <li>Next meetings: March 7 (Work Group/Committees) and March 14 (Board) - planning for in-person meetings</li> <li>New Governors will be attending March meetings</li> </ul>	