

## **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**

March 13, 2023 4:00PM – 7:00PM Google Meets



#### **Present:**

## **Governors (voting)**

Nancy Tran (Speaker)

Taylor Amy

Rafael Hernandez Alarcon

Prairie Morgan

Nic Savage

Andrea Barlaan

Tristalyn GiVogue

**Orion Tigley** 

Angel Castillo

Kyle Joseph

Akash Parmar (part)

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

Joseph Nguyen (Representation Executive Council President) Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)

Brian Walters (Executive Director)

Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

#### **Guests:**

Yasmin Ahmed (REC VP Academic) - part Sebastien Bergeron (SAMRU Student Representation Coordinator) - part Brendan Correia (SAMRU Director of Communications and Marketing) - part

# Regrets:

Emma Maguire Sundus Baig



Topic	Motion(s)	Discussion
Land Recognition		
Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the agenda. Amy/Hernandez Alarcon Carried	
Approval of Consent Agenda	Motion: To approve the consent agenda with the remaining items.  Amy/Savage	
	Carried	
	Item 3 was removed for further discussion.	
Items Removed From Consent Agenda (if	Governor Joseph joined the meeting.	
applicable)	Motion: To approve the SGB Special Meeting	
	Minutes - February 27, 2023.  Hernandez Alarcon/Tigley	
	Motion: To go in camera.	
	Amy/Joseph	
	Carried	



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	President Nguyen, VP Ahmed, and Sebastien	
	Bergeron left the meeting.	
	Motion: To go out of in camera.	
	Amy/Joseph	
	Carried	
	President Nguyen and VP Ahmed left the meeting.	
	Motion: To approve the SGB Special Meeting Minutes - February 27, 2023"	
	Amy/Tigley	
	Carried	
REC Compensation	Motion: To increase the salary of the current REC President and REC VP Academic by 25% effective	<ul> <li>This had been discussed at the Accountability Committee last week and was referred to the Board for consideration.</li> </ul>
	from March 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023 in	referred to the board for consideration.
	response to extraordinary circumstances and	
	temporary changes in compensable factors.	
	Amy/Joseph Carried	
	Carried	
	Motion: To approve up to a maximum of 70	
	accumulated flex hours to be paid out to each of	



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	the current REC President and the REC VP Academic as at April 30, 2023 in response to extraordinary circumstances and temporary changes to their expected number of work hours.  Amy/Barlaan Carried	
REC Meeting Procedures	Motion: To approve the REC Meeting Procedures.  Amy/Tigley Carried  Yasmin Ahmed left the meeting	- Recommendation re: a revision to quorum requirements.
VP External Hiring Committee	Motion: To approve a VP External hiring process.  Amy/Hernandez Alarcon  Carried	<ul> <li>Discussed options at committees: by-election, leave a vacancy, or begin a hiring process. The recommendation being presented is a hiring process, which would be done by a work group committee.</li> <li>The job posting has been prepared and there is a marketing plan ready to be rolled out.</li> <li>There was a discussion around many of the job duties of the VPE being encompassed by the work that the VPE does, and unless the VPE takes on a leadership role within those organizations – is this position required to be filled? ED Walters attached the VPE job description and explained the role of the position – input at CAUS and CASA (even outside of a leadership role) is important in order to speak to MRU students at the 3 government levels. We are members of these organizations so we would still have the REC President as a single delegate. If we are looking to make decisions about the division of the</li> </ul>



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	Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the VPE Hiring Committee:  1. Governor Amy  2. Governor Joseph  3. Governor Tran  Amy/Tigley Carried  Brendan Correia joined the meeting.	four REC members, it should be done as a larger project with research and further investigation.  There was a reference to the SAMRU Bylaws and the requirements of representation.  A hiring process would be the best way to fill the position as we saw such poor outcome of the current REC elections nominations.
Student Life Cycle Presentation	Brendan Correia spoke to the Board on the SAMRU stu	dent life cycle.
	Brendan Correia left the meeting.	



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Board Professional Development	Governance Coach Cochrane discussed motions and th	ne voting process.
ED Performance Review Work Group	Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the ED Review Work Group:  1. Governor Tran 2. Governor Amy 3. Governor Tigley 4. Governor Hernandez Alarcon Hernandez Alarcon/Amy Carried	<ul> <li>Annual work group to evaluate the performance of the ED</li> <li>ED Walters will fill in a comprehensive self-evaluation, which the work group will review and report their findings to the Accountability Committee.</li> <li>Time commitment is about 2 hours.</li> </ul>
Committee Appointments	Motion: To appoint Governor Tigley, Governor Joseph and Governor Castillo to the Accountability Committee.  Amy/Tigley Carried  Motion: To appoint Governor Joseph to the Agenda & Governance Committee.  Amy/Barlaan Carried	- For the new Governors: must sit on one but can sit on both if would like.
Governor Elections CRO Report	Governor Parmar joined the meeting	- The report was discussed at the last Agenda & Governance Committee.



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	Motion: To accept the 2023 Governor Elections report of the Chief Returning Officer.  Amy/Hernandez Alarcon Carried  Motion: To task the ED with drafting the recommendations from the CRO report into the election policies and/or the Governor election memo.  Amy/Hernandez Alarcon Carried	<ul> <li>The Board hires an arms-length contract employee to conduct the elections as outlined in the Elections Policies.</li> <li>Once the election is concluded, the Chief Returning Officer submits a report to the Board.</li> <li>There was a note that two recommendations were included in the report – resolving tie votes and candidate expenditure limits. These can be tasked for policy and procedure recommendations to management to bring back to the Board.</li> <li>There was agreeance that there should be a process for tie votes and it should be between only the ones with the tie and not all of the remaining candidates.</li> </ul>
Announcements	<ul> <li>Next meetings: April 17, 2023 (Work Group/C</li> <li>SAMRU Board Building - May 1, 2023 (Gov May</li> <li>SAMRU Awards, April 1 @ 7:00PM</li> </ul>	



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	REC Wine & Cheese - save-the date: April 27,	2023, 3:00-5:00 (invite coming)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58PM