



### **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**

November 27, 2023

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Google Meets

### **Present:**

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

Nancy Tran

Tyler Nail

Rafael Hernandez Alarcon

Prairie Morgan

Tristalyn GiVogue

Olivia Blackman-Christensen  
 Kyle Joseph  
 Angel Castillo  
 Joel MacWilliams (part)

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

Maddox Nelles (Speaker)  
 Joseph Nguyen (Representation Executive Council President)  
 Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)  
 Brian Walters (Executive Director)  
 Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

**Regrets:**

Sundus Baig  
 Orion Tigley

Topic	Motion(s)	Discussion Notes
Land Recognition	<p><i>'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.'</i></p>	

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Approval of Agenda	<b>Motion: To approve the agenda.</b> Nail/Hernandez Alarcon Carried	
Approval of Consent Agenda	<b>Motion: To approve the consent agenda.</b> Tran/Nail Carried	
Board Professional Development	<i>Governance Coach Cochrane provided the Board with a session on conflict of interest and how it relates to being a board member.</i>  <i>Governor MacWilliams joined the meeting</i>	
Strategic Plan Orientation	<i>Tabled to January 2024</i>	
Agenda & Governance Committee Appointment	<b>Motion: To appoint Governor Tran to the Agenda &amp; Governance Committee.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/MacWilliams Carried	
Updated 2024 REC Elections Memo	<b>Motion: To approve the revised 2024 REC elections memo.</b> Nail/Tran Carried	ED Walters noted some minor changes as suggested by the CRO, Shauna Hunter.
Advisory Committee Appointment	<b>Motion: To appoint Alex Hardie as a public member of the Advisory Committee.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/Blackman-Christensen Carried	The Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Board on suitable qualified candidates for public

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		members. For the last year or so, they have been recruiting.
<b>REC Selection Candidates Criteria</b>	<b>Motion: To approve the revised REC selection candidates criteria to include the additional feedback from the REC President.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/Tran Carried	<p>The briefing was outlined, including the process so far. Current REC, the Representation Manager, and the Management Advisory Group were consulted in order to gather information on REC candidates criteria. The information from all of those groups has been included in the briefing and recommendations.</p> <p>This information will be used by our HR consultant when they are reviewing applications and interviewing candidates. The criteria will also be used by SAMRU communications and marketing when advertising for the positions, as well as the Board interview committees when interviewing candidates.</p>
<b>SAMRU Fees</b>	<b>Motion: To divide the resolution into four separate motions for each fee.</b> Tran/Nail Carried  <b>Motion: The General &amp; Operating fee is set at \$94.46 per semester for full-time students and \$45.16 per semester for part-time students.</b> Joseph/Tran Defeated Favour: (1) Opposed: (7)	<p>There was an in-depth discussion that occurred last week at the committees meeting.</p> <p>There was a note about the reserve funds and that they would either be utilized to make up the difference in fees, stay the same, or be increased if there are any fee overages. The current state of the reserve funds was provided.</p>

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	<p><i>Governor Tran left the meeting at 5:59PM</i></p> <p><b>Motion: The General &amp; Operating fee is set at \$99.18 per semester for full-time students and \$47.42 per semester for part-time students.</b> Joseph/Nail Carried Favour: (7) Opposed: (1)</p> <p><b>Motion: The Capital Campaign fee is maintained at \$40.00 per semester for full-time students and \$24.00 per semester for part-time students.</b> Joseph/Nail Carried Favour (8)</p> <p><b>Motion: The Scholarship fee is maintained at \$3.00 per semester for both full-time and part-time students.</b> Nail/Joseph Carried Favour (8)</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enrollment estimates are very difficult</li> <li>- Impact of discussions on the reserve funds</li> <li>- If there are additional funds in the supplementary funds, the Board can have a decision at a future meeting on how those additional funds could be used.</li> <li>- Discussion on allocating funds towards much needed services, such as our free breakfast program</li> <li>- Discussion re: marketing and communications of our services and fee changes.</li> <li>- If the fees remain at the same level, the Board can maintain that they decreased fees by 10% for two years.</li> <li>- There was a discussion around the importance around having a reserve fund.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Motion: The Health and Dental fee is set at \$176.35 per semester for full-time students.</b>  Joseph/MacWilliams  Carried  Favour: (8)</p> <p><b>Motion: That in accordance with the decision of the Reflector Publication Society of Calgary board, the Reflector fees remain at \$7.25 for full-time students and to \$3.63 for part-time students.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The H&amp;D fee is to pay the premium for health and dental fee. If we collect more money than what the premium costs, the money is put into a reserve fund and then used when the fee does not cover the premium.</li> <li>- Fees have not gone up since 2017/18; we have since made enhancements to the plan, and we have seen an increase in usage of the plan, and premium costs. The premium is currently higher than the fee. We have also drawn down on the reserve in order to cover the premium overages.</li> <li>- We do not have enough information on usage for this year as we are only two months in.</li> <li>- Discussion re: increasing the fee and maintaining services at current levels.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Reflector fee is determined by The Reflector and SAMRU collects the fee from MRU on their behalf. The Reflector is a separate and independent organization from SAMRU.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Nail/Morgan Carried</p> <p><i>REC President Nguyen left the meeting at 7:00PM</i></p>	
<p><b>Wyckham Aesthetics Capital Acquisition</b></p>	<p><b>Motion: To approve up to \$14,000 as a capital expenditure for the Wyckham House Aesthetics Improvements project.</b></p> <p>Joseph/Morgan Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capital approvals are normally presented as a capital plan as a part of the budget approval.</li> <li>- This work happened over the summer and was not included in the last budget approval.</li> <li>- Mock-ups are included in the briefing.</li> <li>- These are all aesthetic improvements for our communications and marketing areas in Wyckham House.</li> <li>- Discussion re: scheduling of improvements. It was noted that the installation will occur during the last week of December when students are not on campus.</li> <li>- Discussion re: gender indications on washrooms. It was explained that we are converting our second floor washrooms into gender inclusive. The other washrooms will have gender binary assigned washroom signage. It was noted that the delay in the second floor washrooms has to do with partitions for the urinals, and that the</li> </ul>

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		signage will be easy to update once the renovations are completed.
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next meetings: January 15, 2023 (Work Group/Committees) and January 22, 2023 (Board)</li> <li>- Board building (in person) - December 4, 2023 - pottery painting and taco bar! Council Chambers @ 4:00PM</li> <li>- SAMRU Casino November 29 &amp; 30, 2023</li> </ul>	
<i>The meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM</i>		