



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

August 23, 2021

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Google Hangouts

Present:

Governors (voting):

Sophie Piche

Christian Kindrachuk

Michaela Butt

Gracia Di N'zau Mbudi

Nic Savage



Andrea Barlaan

Taylor Amy

Nancy Tran

Arooba Siddiqui (part)

Michelle Gladue

Representation Executive Council:

Spirit River Striped Wolf (non-voting)

SAMRU Support (non-voting):

Ashley Hjorth (Speaker)

Pat Cochrane (Governance Coach)

Brian Walters (Executive Director)

Megan Borg (Governance Manager, scribe)

Guests:

Dr. Chris Rogerson (MRU Executive Director of Student Affairs) - part

Regrets:

Erin Hepburn

Avery McLellan

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	Notes
Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the agenda. Piche/Amy Carried	
Approval of Consent Agenda	Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Di N'zau/Kindrachuk Carried	
SAMRU Presentation	<p><i>Governor Gladue joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>ED Walters welcomed guest Dr. Chris Rogerson to the Board meeting, who gave an overview of his position at MRU</p> <p>ED Walters gave a presentation on SAMRU's organizational structure, roles, and responsibilities.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAMRU represents all credit students at MRU, led by the 14 Governors of the Student Governing Board. Governors are elected by the membership or appointed. - Overview of REC's role as student representatives 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of SAMRU's operational officer (Executive Director, Brian Walters) and their role. - Overview of additional support to the Student Governing Board: Speaker and Governance Coach <p>President Striped Wolf commented that he and VP Nguyen will be working directly with Dr. Rogerson on representation areas. Dr. Rogerson encouraged students to reach out to him any time.</p> <p><i>Dr. Rogerson left the meeting.</i></p>
Pronunciation Training (5:00)	<p>Scheduling issue with our instructor for this item, will add to the next Board meeting agenda.</p>
Board Professional Development	<p>Governance Coach Cochrane gave a presentation on policy and how it relates to SAMRU's Board.</p> <p><i>Governor Siddiqui joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Types of boards: operating boards (administrative, management, etc), and governing boards. - Policy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents to provide direction to the organization, based on values and principles 2. Your values written down 3. Belongs, on behalf of your members/stakeholders, to the Board 4. Broad and visionary 5. Cannot effectively exist in isolation from the other work of the organization - Policy and the ED: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ED's role in the policy process is important – involvement is necessary 2. ED as advisor to the Board 3. Assistance with drafting, with monitoring and review of policy 4. Interpretation 5. Implemented through procedures - Procedures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documents that describe how to enact the policies of the organization 2. The "how-to's"

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Belong to the ED 4. Specific and detailed 5. Cannot effectively exist in isolation from the work of the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy & procedure tips: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use as many words as necessary – no more, no less 2. Use words and terms consistently. Provide definitions if necessary 3. Write for real people 4. Clarity 5. If a new issue arises, do not just automatically add a policy or procedure – examine whether it is currently covered or could be addressed with the addition of words to a current policy. 	
2021-22 SGB Dates	Motion: To approve the 2021-22 SAMRU Board schedule with meetings beginning at 4:15. Tran/Amy Carried	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Almost identical to last year’s schedule - Have to schedule Board meetings around stat holidays and MRU’s Board of Governors, as President Striped Wolf sits on that. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conversation regarding start times of meetings. - Committee meeting days adjustment discussion. It was noted that A&G is scheduled last as there are agenda items that come out of the work groups and accountability that need to be put on the board agenda.
CRO Appointment	Motion: To appoint Shauna Hunter as SAMRU’s Chief Returning Officer to August 31, 2022. Gladue/Tran Carried	ED Walters gave an overview of the role of the CRO and the Board’s duty to appoint this position as per the bylaws. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Briefing included that outlines qualifications and process to appoint the position - Overview of Shauna Hunter’s experience with SAMRU and working with municipal, provincial, and federal elections. - Overview of candidate feedback that the board receives.

<p>REC Goals</p>	<p>Motion: To approve the 2021-22 REC goals. Gladue/Di N'zau Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation to the Accountability Committee last week. - Overview of the goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o VP Nguyen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce Barriers Between Students and Career Services ▪ Advocate for Flexible Student Access to the Bella Concert Hall Music Rooms o VP Timmermans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthen CAUS Infrastructure o VP Ahmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increasing Post-Secondary Accessibility & Affordability for Mount Royal Students o President Striped Wolf: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indigenous Financial Insecurity Exploration <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern around implementation of VP Nguyen's goal around music rooms and covid restrictions, it may be difficult to achieve. President Striped Wolf clarified that even if the project doesn't see complete fruition this year, the research will be valuable to complete the goal in the future. - Feedback on listing textbook requirements and online code options for VP Ahmed's goal.
<p>Governor Highlights Video Schedule</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action item from the June Board meeting. - Put the schedule together randomly, will fill in meeting dates as our board schedule was just approved, but for filming we will schedule for the Wednesday or Thursday following the meeting and will book around Governor availability for day and time.

		<p>- If your month doesn't work, please find another Governor to trade with and let me know.</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meetings: September 20 (Work Group/Committees) and September 27 (Board) - both meetings in person ● Reminder re: Governor bios & photos to SAMRU Communications ● Save-the-date: SAMRU Charitable Casino, November 25 & 26, 2021; Governors will be volunteering, more info in September. ● Governor Di N'zau's last meeting :(● REC has approved their position statements! Unveiling will be at the REC BBQ in September. ● REC advisory committees are still seeking volunteers, forward to peers. ● Games Night after the board meeting 	