



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 12, 2024

4:30PM – 7:30PM

Google Meets



Present:

Governors (voting):

Akash Parmar
Olivia Blackman-Christensen
Rafael Hernandez-Alarcon
Tyler Nail
Prairie Morgan
Angel Castillo
Nancy Tran
Kyle Joseph
Orion Tigley
Joel MacWilliams

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:

Tristalyn GiVogue
Sundus Baig

| Topic | Motion(s) | Discussion Notes |
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| 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> | |
| Approval of Agenda | <p>Motion: To approve the agenda. Hernandez-Alarcon/Nail Carried</p> | |
| Approval of Consent Agenda | <p>Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Nail/Blackman-Christensen Carried</p> | |
| Board Professional Development | <p><i>Governance Coach Cochrane provided information to the board on policy and procedures.</i></p> | |
| SAMRU Bylaws | <p>Motion: To bring the recommended bylaw revisions to the membership for consideration at the March 27, 2024 Annual General Meeting. Hernandez Alarcon/Tran Carried</p> | <p>ED Walters gave an overview of the recommended bylaws changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timing of SGB approval of membership fees - REC elections added to AGM agenda requirements - Proxy voting at Board/REC elections - Removing REC as signatories under 17.2.3 and 17.2.4 |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Credit cards will be allowed again as a lot of the risk that used to exist is no longer a large concern with changes in banking since we last had them. |
| Whistleblower Policy | Motion: To table to the next Board meeting on March 18, 2024. Tran/Joseph Carried | <p>ED Walters presented the policy draft and explained that there was an opportunity this year to do a full-scale review of the policy. The old policy focuses a lot on discipline; the revisions re-focus on fairness to procedure, confidentiality, and process.</p> <p>ED Walters gave an overview of the revised policy.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a discussion around interpretation of the policy; it was clarified that some areas should be interpreted by the Board and some by the ED. - There was a question around how the policies are communicated to staff; it was noted that all policies are available to staff on a shared drive. - There was a question around how this policy is available to students. It was noted that this should be on the SAMRU website. <p>Action: To add to the next Board meeting agenda.</p> |

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| Advisory Committee Public Member | Motion: To appoint Megan Nega as a public member of the Advisory Committee. Joseph/Nail Carried | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Advisory Committee has been focusing on recruiting new public members and has recommended that the SGB appoint Megan Nega, who was a former board member. - SAMRU's advisory committee public members should have a passion for SAMRU and prior experience with SAMRU. Knowledge of SAMRU is extremely valuable for our public members. |
| SAMRU Segregated Fund Follow-up | | <p>Segregated funds were discussed in great length at the committee meetings, particularly around food and financial insecurities.</p> <p>ED Walters brought forward additional information on our current food and financial securities programs for the Board to consider and noted that this is not an urgent item to approve, and the Board can take more time to review if they would like to make a decision at a future meeting. He also explained that there is a lot of flexibility to fund areas as needed with a general allocation to food and financial insecurities.</p> <p>Action: Add to next work group meeting agenda.</p> |
| Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meetings: March 4 @ 4:30PM (Special Board Meeting), March 11, 2024 (Work Group/Committees) and March 18, 2024 (Board) - Annual General Meeting - March 27, 2024 at 7:30PM - SAMRU Awards - April 6, 2024 | |
| <i>The meeting was adjourned at 6:28PM</i> | | |