



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 26, 2024
4:00PM – 7:00PM
Google Meets



Present:

Governors (voting):

Orion Tigley
Rafael Hernandez Alarcon
Jayden Baldonado
Angel Castillo
Reggie San Jose
Tristalyn GiVogue
Prairie Morgan
Abiola Famakinwa
Nancy Tran (part)
Alexander Khan (part)
Rodney Omoku (part)

SAMRU Support (non-voting):

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

Guests:

Genri Licican (Representation Executive Council VP External) - part

Regrets:

Gordy Ha
Kyle Joseph

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>	
Approval of Agenda	<p>Motion: To approve the agenda. Hernandez Alarcon/San Jose Carried</p>	
Approval of Consent Agenda	<p>Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Hernandez Alarcon/Famakinwa Carried</p>	
Board Professional Development	<p>Governance Coach presented on board roles and the differences around speaking as a board, as an individual governor, and as an individual student. She discussed the post-secondary learning act, SAMRU's bylaws, and SAMRU code of ethics and how they relate to being a board member.</p> <p><i>Governor Tran joined the meeting (4:04PM)</i></p> <p><i>Governor Khan joined the meeting (4:05PM)</i></p> <p>There was a discussion around expectations for responding to inaccurate information on online forums. Governors are encouraged to respond with correct information if they'd like, or refer the posts to SAMRU to address.</p>	

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	There was a discussion on ensuring any statements made by the board are inclusive to the entire student population.	
SAMRU Structure, Roles & Responsibilities	<p>ED Walters provided a presentation around SAMRU's structure, roles, and responsibilities. It specifically outlines roles of the Board, ED and operations, and Representation Executive Council.</p> <p>ED Walters provided information on SAMRU's past structure, as well as similar structures at other post-secondary student organizations.</p> <p><i>REC VP External Licican left the meeting (5:12PM)</i></p> <p>There was a suggestion to provide additional information to our membership on SAMRU's structure.</p>	
SGB Representation & Advocacy Priorities	<p>Motion: To approve the 2024-25 SGB Representation and Advocacy Priorities.</p> <p>Tran/Hernandez Alarcon Carried</p>	<p>REC President Abu Hayyaneh provided an overview at last week's Accountability Committee and then a reminder at this meeting on the suggested changes to the representation and advocacy priorities to be carried out by the 2024-25 Representation Executive Council.</p> <p>There was support expressed for better communications around the honours programs.</p>
Governance Coach Compensation (in-camera)	<p><i>Governance Coach Cochrane left the meeting (5:19PM)</i></p> <p>Motion: To go in camera.</p>	

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	<p>Tigley/San Jose Carried</p> <p><i>Governor Omoku joined the meeting (5:20PM)</i></p> <p>Motion: To go out of camera. Tran/Hernandez Alarcon Carried</p> <p>Motion: To approve the recommended changes to the Governor Coach contract and compensation effective July 1, 2024. Tran/Hernandez Alarcon Carried Favour: 10 Opposed: 1 (Baldonado)</p>	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meetings: September 16, 2024 (Work Group/Committees) ONLINE and September 23, 2024 (Board) IN PERSON - Board Calendar - Board Building - Insights Discovery - IN PERSON - September 9, 2024 - Board Team Building - IN PERSON - September 30, 2024 - GMB will send RSVP out this week 	
<p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM</i></p>		