



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 25, 2024

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Google Meets

Present:

Governors (voting):

Gordy Ha
 Rafael Hernandez Alarcon
 Angel Castillo
 Abiola Famakinwa
 Tristalyn GiVogue
 Kyle Joseph
 Jayden Baldonado (part)
 Alexander Khan (part)
 Reggie San Jose (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)

Regrets:

Rodney Omoku

Topic	Motion(s)	Discussion Summary
Land Recognition	<i>Speaker Nelles led the Board with a land recognition</i>	

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Approval of Agenda	Motion: To approve the agenda. Hernandez Alarcon/Ha Carried	
Approval of Consent Agenda	Motion: To approve the consent agenda. Ha/Hernandez Alarcon Carried <i>Governor Baldonado joined the meeting at 4:03PM</i>	
Board Professional Development	Governance Coach Governance led a discussion on teams, individual value, and working with teams. <i>Governor San Jose joined the meeting at 4:09PM</i> <i>Governor Khan joined the meeting at 4:16PM</i>	
2025-26 SAMRU Fees	Motion: To set the SAMRU General & Operating fee for 2025/26 at \$99.18 per semester for full-time students and \$47.42 per semester for part-time students. Joseph/Ha Carried	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two options were suggested: keep the fee at the same level, or decrease the fee. The options were discussed at length at the committee meeting last week.

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	<p> Motion: To maintain the SAMRU Capital Campaign fee for 2025/26 at \$40.00 per semester for full-time students and \$24.00 per semester for part-time students; To maintain the SAMRU Scholarship fee for 2025/26 at \$3.00 per semester for both full-time and part-time students; and 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. </p> <p>San Jose/Baldonado Carried</p> <p> Motion: To set the SAMRU Health and Dental fee for 2025/26 at \$385 per semester for full-time students. </p> <p>Joseph/Hernandez Alarcon Carried</p> <p> Action: ED Walters will bring a briefing and recommendation on standardizing the health and dental fee approval (January 2025) </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premium is set by the insurance provider. - If the premium is higher than the fee, we will take the additional money from the H&D reserve fund; if the premium is lower than the fees collected, then the overages are deposited into the H&D reserve fund. We also make interest earnings from this reserve and that is used to offset premiums when needed. - There was additional information and a recommendation provided by ED Walters. - There was a discussion around setting a standard for determining this fee in the future, for example, increasing the fee to the current year premium plus CPI.

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Governor Terms	<p>Motion: To allow any current Governors whose terms are ending before the 2025 AGM Election to continue to serve until the end of the 2025 AGM Election.</p> <p>Joseph/Hernandez Alarcon Carried</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committees discussed bylaw amendments to align with current governor terms; these will be brought to the March 2025 AGM for consideration. - There was a discussion on the post-secondary learning act provisions. - There was a discussion around students who are elected for a two-year term but graduate after one year. It was noted that a change can be made in the bylaws to be brought forward in January for review.
REC Performance Evaluation Work Group	<p>Motion: To appoint the following governors to the REC Performance Evaluation Work Group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governor Joseph 2. Governor Khan 3. Governor San Jose <p>Khan/Hernandez Alarcon Carried</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Required to be completed by the Board annually. - Timing is about halfway through the term in order to provide feedback to REC members. - Must be completed prior to the end of the REC applications at the end of January for individuals seeking re-election. - REC members will complete a self-evaluation, which the work group will review. The work group will also review past REC meeting minutes and REC accountability reports. - The work group will consist of 3 governors, a staff support, and the Speaker if needed. They also have the opportunity to interview REC members and the Executive Director if required. - The work group brings a recommendation to the board to vote on. <p><i>The Board took a 15 minute break.</i></p>

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Kiosk Development Proposal	<p>Motion: To go in camera. Hernandez Alarcon/Joseph Carried</p> <p>Motion: To go out of in camera. Hernandez Alarcon/Joseph Carried</p> <p>Motion: To approve the use of up to \$150,000 from SAMRU's internally restricted Capital Campaign Fund earnings to finance the renovation and development of a new SAMRU owned and operated food court kiosk. Baldonado/Khan Carried</p>	
Proposal re: Student Support	<p>Motion: To task the Executive Director with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Investigating the prevalence of Islamophobia and Antisemitism on the MRU campus; ● Researching the underlying issues contributing to these views and sentiments; ● Developing strategies to help address the issues; and ● Identifying opportunities to further support students who are most impacted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously discussed at the committees meeting last week; ED Walters was tasked with bringing back additional information and a recommendation. - Board members expressed support for the recommended course of action. - There was a question around timeline of completing this work. It was noted that existing resources will need to be utilized, so we hope to

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	Baldonado/Joseph Carried	have preliminary information back to the Board in the spring time. There will need to be a lot of research and outreach done to do this.
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meetings: January 13, 2024 (Work Group/Committees) ONLINE and January 20, 2024 (Board) IN-PERSON - Board Calendar - December 2, 2024, Team Building, IN-PERSON + group photo! 	
The meeting was adjourned at 6:18PM		