



### **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**

January 20, 2025

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Council Chambers, Wyckham House



**Present:**

**Governors (voting):**

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

**Regrets:**

Alexander Khan

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM

Topic	Motion(s)	Discussion Summary
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><b>Motion: To approve the agenda.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/Baldonado Carried</p>	
Approval of Consent Agenda	<p><b>Motion: To approve the consent agenda.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/Baldonado Carried</p>	
Board Professional Development		<p>Governance Coach Cochrane provided a governance learning session to the board and there was a discussion around what the board is doing well and areas that they can improve.</p> <p><i>Governor Ha and Governor Castillo joined the meeting</i></p>
Speaker Appointment	<p><b>Motion: To appoint Governor Joseph as Speaker for the February and March 2025 committee meetings.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As per the bylaws Speaker will be appointed from the board members to cover any temporary speaker absences.</li> </ul>

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	Hernandez Alarcon/Baldonado Carried	
<b>REC Hiring  Committee  Appointments</b>	<b>Motion: To appoint the following Governors to the REC</b> <b>Interview Work Groups:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>President Work Group</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hernandez Alarcon</li> <li>b. San Jose</li> <li>c. Ha</li> <li>d. Khan</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>VP Academic Work Group</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Joseph</li> <li>b. Castillo</li> <li>c. Khan</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <b>VP External Work Group</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Khan</li> <li>b. Ha</li> <li>c. GiVogue</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. <b>VP Student Affairs</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Famakinwa</li> <li>b. Baldonado</li> <li>c. San Jose</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. <b>Alternate Work Groups (as needed)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. San Jose</li> <li>b. Ha</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <i>Ha/Famakinwa</i> Carried	

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<b>Break</b>		
<p><b>Motion: To amend the agenda to add Governor Personnel Work Group.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/Joseph Carried</p> <p><i>Potential conflict of interest with one current member, looking to appoint another member instead.</i></p> <p><b>Motion: To remove Governor Ha from the Governor Personnel Work Group.</b> Hernandez Alarcon/Joseph Carried</p> <p><b>Motion: To add Governor Castillo to the Governor Personnel Work Group.</b> Joseph/Hernandez Alarcon Carried</p>		
<b>SAMRU Bylaws</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The bylaws recommendations were discussed at last week's committee meeting, including changes to general election, investments, governor terms, governor qualifications, clarifications around expectations for officers and directors, and speaker term clarification.</li> <li>- The Board provided direction about the bylaw around governor qualifications, recommending that board members be able to withdraw from a class during the</li> </ul>

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		<p>fall and winter semesters and maintain their position on the board, as long as they are still enrolled in a credit program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion re: potential continuous enrollment/withdrawal. Suggestion to follow MRU's policy. There was another suggestion to set parameters.</li> <li>- Additional recommendation to make active member/member in good standing language consistent throughout the document.</li> <li>- There was a concern brought up by a Governor regarding the governor conduct parameters. There was a discussion around discipline/removal of board members. The majority of the board supported the clarification in the bylaw recommendations and suggested a minor wording change.</li> <li>- The Board will approve the final recommendations at the February Board meeting as part of the AGM agenda approval. There was a discussion on the process to approve the recommended changes, and then the membership review of the recommended changes.</li> </ul> <p><i>Governor Omoku joined the meeting at 5:26PM</i></p> <p><i>Governor Famakinwa left the meeting at 6:06PM</i></p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic Planning Resources (ED Walters)</li> <li>- Speaker review (Gov Manager Borg)</li> <li>- Next meetings: February 3, 2025 (Work Group/Committees) <b>ONLINE</b> and February 10, 2025 (Board) <b>ONLINE</b> - Board Calendar</li> <li>- Special Board Meeting: March 3, 2025 <b>ONLINE</b></li> <li>- Wycked House Beach Party - January 30 - Governors will have VIP access - RSVP to MB to be put on the list</li> <li>- Annual General Meeting (AGM), March 26 at 7:30PM - Governors are required to attend unless excused by Speaker</li> </ul>	

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	- SAMRU Awards - April 5, 2025 evening (Save-the-date, more info will come later)	
<i>The meeting was adjourned at 6:26PM</i>		