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What's Happening On Campus?



Welcome from your Students' Association! | May / June 2011

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SAMRU is open for business this spring!

Spring is finally here, and with it comes spring classes, summer work, and hopefully a bit of summer travel too! Your SAMRU doesn't take a break though – we're still here for you over the spring and summer semesters!

Your elected representatives, the Executive Committee of SAMRU are working hard on projects to benefit Mount Royal students, the administrative staff are working on ongoing projects and planning fantastic things for next fall, and the full-time service centres are up and running as well offering support for students who rely on their programs.

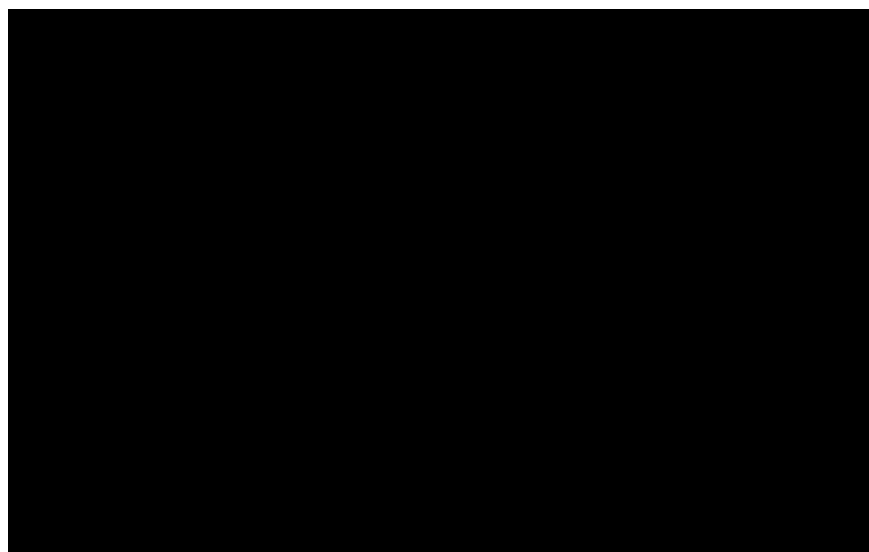


Even though it's springtime, we're still here for you! Keep reading to find out what is happening in Wyckham House this spring, what services we can offer, even if you're not taking spring semester classes, and what events and projects you might want to be involved in!

Students need to vote!

The Federal election takes place on May 2nd, and it's important that you vote if you are eligible! There are a number of issues affecting students and recent graduates in this election, and remember that even if you're only in your first year of a four-year program, the government we elect today will have a serious affect on the world you graduate into.

- 1) Get informed! Hopefully by the time you're reading this email, you've had the chance to learn about the parties, the leaders, and the representatives running in your riding. If not, what are you waiting for?
- 2) Get out and vote! If you don't know where to vote, check out the Elections Canada website <http://www.elections.ca/home.aspx> enter your postal code, and find out where your station is.
- 3) Encourage others! Once you have voted, encourage your friends and family to do the same – a government that is truly representative of the Canadian people can only be elected in if all eligible Canadians vote!



[Students need to vote! >>](#)

Incoming and outgoing Executive Committee: Welcome and Farewell!

Position	Incoming	Outgoing
SAMRU President		

May is certainly just as busy around the SAMRU as other months – one of the exciting changes we're going to see is the introduction of the newly elected Executive Committee for the 2011-2012 academic year who join us on May 17, 2011. This year we'll see an all-female group

	 Meghan Melnyk	 Robert Jones	of student leaders. We'll also say a fond farewell to our outgoing Executive Committee who have served the organization well and represented student interests during the past year both locally here in MRU and Calgary but also provincially and even nationally. Please take some time to thank your outgoing Executive Committee members! 2010-2011 SAMRU President: Robert Jones 2010-2011 SAMRU VP Student Life: Eily Sweeney 2010-2011 SAMRU VP Academic: Anna Piltingsrud
VP External	 Michelle Dennis	 Meghan Melnyk	One familiar face will be staying with us as well though! Transitioning from 2010-2011 SAMRU VP External into the role of 2011-2012 SAMRU President is Meghan Melnyk, who will be joined by the remaining 2011-2012 Executive Committee:
VP Academic	 Jennifer Langille	 Anna Piltingsrud	2011-2012 SAMRU VP Student Life: Kaylene McTavish 2011-2012 SAMRU VP Academic: Jennifer Langille 2011-2012 SAMRU VP External: Michelle Dennis <i>Please welcome them, as they work hard to make your time at MRU even better! >></i>
VP Student Life	 Kaylene McTavish	 Eily Sweeney	

Make your books work for you!

Now that your exams are over, are you wondering what to do with those used textbooks you can't imagine reading again? Bring them down to Copywrite Used Books in the basement of Wyckham House and consign them in just a few simple steps!

- 1) Bring your books down to Copywrite and set the price
- 2) Copywrite sells your books and you get back 75% of the listed price.
- 3) Collect your money!

What is different from other ways of getting rid of unwanted textbooks? Since you set the price - more money for you! You can even consign your books online!



[Check out Copywrite for more information on used book consignment >>](#)

Need some support?

If you find yourself in need of support even after your classes are over, the Peer



Support Centre is here to help you throughout the spring and summer semesters.

If you need an Emergency Student Loans, access to food resources like the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, references to social agencies, or just a friendly and supportive friend, the Peer Support Centre is open on the second floor of Wyckham House.

Please call 403-440-8601 or email the Peer Support Centre at psc@samru.ca to find

out how we can help!

Some of the programs that continue throughout the entire year include:

- Emergency Student Loans
- Calgary Interfaith and Student Emergency Food Banks
- Bus Tickets
- Referrals
- Peer Support

[We're here for you >>](#)

A greener campus and a greener world year-round

Another great service centre in Wyckham House that is open throughout the spring and summer is the Sustainability Centre. If you have ideas to help make your SAMRU or MRU a better place to be, with a smaller eco-footprint, then the less busy spring and summer semesters are great for all of the planning and organizing you'll want to do to help spread the word across campus in the fall and winter semesters.



The Sustainability Centre also has a number of programs and services that will continue throughout the entire year including:

- Good Food Box
- Free Textbooks
- Information about the MRU Community Garden project
- Resource Library
- FreeCycle and Cell Phone Recycling

To inquire about hours of centre availability or just to ask questions, call the Sustainability Centre at 403-440-8779 or [visit us online >>](#)

Worried about health & dental care over the summer? We have you covered!



If you have coverage with the SAMRU's Student Health & Dental plan, then you are covered over the spring and summer semesters too! Your coverage lasts until August 31, 2011, and for those of you returning to school in the fall – your coverage will be renewed for the upcoming academic year then. For those students who aren't returning to MRU, remember to take care of some of your health & dental needs before your coverage runs out. Maybe check out the Bright Dental Health Clinic in the basement of Wyckham House, or fill your prescriptions in the new Wyckham Pharmacy!

If you have questions about your coverage, check out the Student Benefits Plan Office in the basement of Wyckham House [or online. >>](#)

Rewarding excellence: The E-Awards!

Congratulations 2011 E-Award Winners

Inspiring Culture Award

Barbara Comes

MRU has some amazing students, staff, and faculty working to make MRU and the world a better place! On March 31, 2011 we celebrated all of these amazing people and gave out awards to some deserving

Deanna Cardinal Memorial Award	Melissa Thomas
Beyond Disabilities Award	Paula Larsson
Gender and Sexual Diversity Award	Lucas Hill
Athletics Award	Lauren Schmidek
Citizenship Award	Kristine Joy Sia
Citizenship Award	Catharine Smart
Green Earth Award	Michelle Slade
Committed Learner Award	Tiffany Beks
Committed Learner Award	Angela Bladon
Experiential Studies Award	Krizia Carlos
Experiential Studies Award	Troy Keller
Part Time Studies Award	Anna Stuewe
Excellence in Community Service Award	Students in Free Enterprise
Excellence in Membership Services Award	Psychology Student Society
Reflector Award	Kaylene McTavish
Laurence Decore Scholarship	Maeghan Smulders
Laurence Decore Scholarship	Cheri Konsmo
Laurence Decore Scholarship	Collin Semenoff
Laurence Decore Scholarship	Fadwa Khourieh
Laurence Decore Scholarship	Tommy Lieu
Laurence Decore Scholarship	Michelle Dennis
Outstanding Student of the Year Award	Amy Woermke
Gold Award	Serena Navarro
Silver Award	Julia Koziell

individuals and groups. This year's ceremony was hosted by news personality Andrew Schwarz, and the following individuals were honoured:

For more information about the winners, and what makes them so extraordinary, check out their [bios on our website](#).



Silver Award	Maeghan Smulders
Bronze Award	Christine Levy
Bronze Award	Nicole Brady
Outstanding Councillor of the Year	Jennifer Langille
Teaching Excellence Award	Tara Renkas
Teaching Excellence Award	Gerry Taft
Teaching Excellence Award	Cynthia Gallop
Teaching Excellence Award	Nathan Ackroyd
Teaching Excellence Award	Douglas Murdoch
Champion Award	Ian Sherrington
Champion Award	Vance Gough
Champion Award	Linda Fountain
Champion Award	Evelyn Field
Champion Award	Dave Marshall
Honorary Students' Association Member Award	Richard Roberts
Honorary Students' Association Member Award	Cathy Williams
Honorary Students' Association Member Award	John Giesbrecht
Honorary Students' Association Member Award	Dave Marshall
Read more about the award winners!	



[Want to see your name here next year, check out the E-Awards >>](#)

Graduates - stay in touch!



Now that you have graduated, you know that you'll still want to come back for some of the awesome shows that happen here on campus and more! So, stay in touch with the SAMRU! Either join our Facebook Fan page or send a quick email and ask to be put on our alumni mailing list!

[Stay in touch via Facebook >>](#)
[Join our Alumni mailing list >>](#)
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Did you opt-out? Don't forget to pick up your cheque!

The Students' Association, through Gallivan & Associates Student Networks, provides you with a comprehensive set of extended health and dental insurance benefits. If you opted-out for the winter 2011 semester, don't forget to pick up your cheque in the basement of Wyckham House before you head off for the summer!



[Check out the Student Health & Dental office >>](#)

What's new with the Liberty Lounge?

You probably already know that the Liberty Lounge is due for a fantastic renovation – well work has already begun transforming the Liberty Lounge you know and love into a brand-new campus hotspot. The new campus pub right here in Wyckham House will be your source right here at MRU for new music, great friends, refreshing beverages and even food! Of course, with all the new changes, this does mean that the pub is closed over the spring and summer semesters – all so we can be ready to re-open in the fall!

[Keep on top of all the news by joining the pub's Facebook group >>](#)

Did you enter the Name the Pub contest? Congratulations to our winner – Ryan J. who was randomly drawn from all of the entrants to win our prize – an iPad! A lot of students have asked, "What will the new pub be called?" however the new name for the Wyckham House pub has not yet been chosen. Check back for the announcement!

Clubs keep going over spring and summer semesters



If you are a club member (or want to be!) then you don't have to stop over the spring and summer either! If you are planning graduation ceremonies, parties or events, or just want to access some of the SAMRU resources to help your club fulfill its mission – the Clubhouse and the Clubs Coordinator are here to help! Just remember to get your approval forms in, and talk to Joanna about what you have planned; great things can happen even if you're not in class.

Club ratification and re-ratification forms will be accepted in September, so keep that in

mind while you enjoy your break!

[Head to the Clubhouse >>](#)

Join the conversation



Want to be in-the-know? Want to be the first one to hear about upcoming concerts, give-aways, prizes, and freebies? Want to know about all the cool stuff your SAMRU is doing to make your life better while here at MRU?

Join us on Facebook to get event invites, concert updates, and other information that matters.

"Like" the SAMRU on Facebook for even more information, or if you only want info in 140 characters or less, follow us on Twitter! Do you want to get a bit more visual? The SAMRU also has a YouTube channel!



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[Like the SAMRU? >>](#)



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SAMRU Event Highlights




May 2
Federal Election
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May 24-27
[Executive content-briefing and planning meeting](#)

May 28
[Grad Pow Wow](#)

May 9 Good Food Box orders due today Sustainability Centre	Location TBA
May 13 Executive Farewell	June 3 Spring 2011 Convocation
May 18 Good Food Box pick up Sustainability Centre	June 20-22 SAMRU Staff content-briefing and planning meeting
May 20 New Executive welcome	June 22 - 23 Final examination period for 6.5-week courses

For the latest updates on what's happening with your Students' Association, check out our [event calendar](#)!

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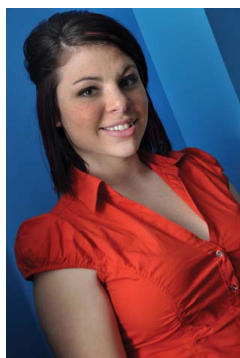


*Outgoing SAMRU President
Robert Jones*

[Robert Jones](#), 2010-2011 President of the Students' Association, served as a member of the presidential search committee on behalf of the student body.

[Student benefit fees](#) to increase by 18% next year after SAMRU Special General Meeting.

[Special General Meeting](#) of SAMRU passes motion to re-name student councillors "governors" and removing titles for faculty representation and diversity.



*Incoming SAMRU VP
Student Life Kaylene
McTavish*

[Kaylene McTavish](#), 2011-2012 VP Student Life for the Students' Association of Mount Royal University had the chance to speak with the new MRU president.

Over 40 people volunteered for the [Oceans for the Future campaign](#) in Wyckham House in March.

Check out the Reflector's photos from [Pi Day](#) in Wyckham House!

Will a full-service Timmies take you away from [Wyckham's Good Earth Café](#)?

The [Liberty Lounge](#) will be renovated soon. Check out this article in the Reflector.

For even more news about your SAMRU, students at MRU, expert staff and faculty at MRU or other news about MRU, please [visit our news page!](#)

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