

**Students' Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 26, 2011**  
**Students' Council Chambers**

**Present:**

Meghan Melnyk (Chair)	Michelle Dennis	Kaylene McTavish
Jeni Langille	Shiv MacFarlane	Holly Mazur
Gary Verma (part)	Danish Haider	Victoria Hutton
Amanda Martin	Yolanda Genu (part)	Missy Chareka
Daniella Bustos	Alex Hardie	Serena Navarro
Lexie Courtney	Rhett McLeod	Marcy Fogal (Ex-officio)
Megan Borg (Scribe)		

**1.0 Welcome & Introductions**

**2.0 Oaths & Paperwork**

Students' Council recited the following oaths:

*I (person's name) do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear:*

- *That I will administer the office to which I have been (elected or appointed) to the best of my ability and judgment, in conformity with the Objects and Bylaws of the Students' Association of Mount Royal University.*
- *That I will adhere to and enforce the Students' Association's Code of Conduct.*
- *That I will, in all my acts, be governed by the principles of honesty, justice and fair play, and in every manner possible endeavor to promote and safeguard the best interest of the Students' Association of Mount Royal University, the high purposes of our Board, and the welfare of our membership.*

**3.0 Roberts' Rules Introduction Session**

**4.0 Approval of Agenda**

**Motion: To approve the agenda with the following addition:**

- **8.4 Councilor Resignation**  
Victoria Hutton/Rhett McLeod

Carried

**5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

**5.1 Students' Council Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2011**

**5.2 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Motion: To remove the April 11, 2011 Students' Council meeting minutes and the Executive Committee meeting minutes from the consent agenda.**

Shiv MacFarlane/Holly Mazur

Carried

## 6.0 Items Removed from Consent Agenda

### 6.1 Students' Council Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2011

### 6.2 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Motion: To postpone the approval of the April 11, 2011 Students' Council meeting minutes and the Executive Committee meeting minutes until the next board meeting.**

Victoria Hutton/Jeni Langille

Carried  
Abstentions:  
Michelle Dennis

## 7.0 Presentations

### 7.1 History of SAMRU - Video

*(Yolanda Genu joined the meeting)*

### 7.2 Representation & Executive Roles

The executives gave an overview of their roles and what they have been working on throughout their terms so far:

The Executive Committee's role is to promote the organizations purpose internally and externally, sit on internal and external committees, Board of Governors representation, attend conferences (Alberta Student Executive Committee, Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, Leader's Hall, Alberta Student Summit, Student Finance, Gallivan Health & Dental), and maintain relationships with the University administration and faculties.

The Vice-president Student Life's main roles are advocacy, community building on campus with non-academic areas and media interviews related to student life. So far during her term, Kaylene has been a representative for the Assessment Seminars and the U-fest Steering Committee, as well as involved with the New Student Orientation after party, Parent Orientation and Open Studies Orientation. She also organized the SAMRU Community Series, RA lunches, staff appreciation and has been working on ASEC conference planning.

The Vice-president Academic's main area is awareness of academic issues. Some of her work includes Assessment Seminars, Copyright, library hours, grading rubric, standardized referencing, academic misconduct and academic scheduling. She sits on 33 committees (including a committee on student study spaces), is an executive member of General Faculty Council and often has regular meetings with MRU administration.

The Vice-president External's main area is awareness of issues that impact students, press releases and provincial and municipal government. She noted some current issues impacting students, which include secondary suites, post-graduate employment, education costs, quality of education, student financial aid, tuition, participation rates, access for aboriginal, first nations, metis and internation students, transit and education transferability. Some of the provincial and municipal organizations that she is closely involved with are Calgary Student Caucus, Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and Alberta Student Executive Committee. Some current projects that Michelle is working on include media tracking, issues briefings, media access policy

development and the ASEC elections campaign. Michelle has been involved with 30 media stories so far in her term.

The President's main role is to support the vice-presidents in their roles, to be the primary spokesperson of SAMRU, participate in external lobbying groups (CSC, ASEC, CASA) and communicate with MRU personnel and departments. Meghan is also the representative on the MRU Board of Governors.

Holly asked if there will be another meet and greet this year with Calgary Student Caucus. Meghan replied that there will be two events this year and she also noted that board members will have an opportunity to meet ASEC members at the upcoming conference in November.

*(Gary Verma left the meeting)*

## **8.0 New Business**

### **8.1 Introduction to Outstanding Councilor Award**

Board members were given a brief introduction of the award and some of the eligibility requirements.

Serena asked about the selection committee. Meghan replied that there will be an opportunity for board members to sit on the selection committee in the winter semester and explained that members are the committee is still eligible to apply for the award since they are not involved with the selection of this specific award.

### **8.2 Media Procedure**

Michelle explained that as VP External, she is the official liaison for media requests. All media inquiries should be brought directly to her and if any board members are approached by the media, she should be referred directly to Michelle.

### **8.3 Information Package**

#### **8.3.1 Announcements of Point People**

#### **8.3.2 Council Meeting Schedule**

#### **8.3.3 Retreat Memo**

#### **8.3.4 Insights Discovery**

#### **8.3.5 Email Instructions**

### **8.4 Councilor Resignation**

Meghan announced that Arielle Muriel, who was election last winter as the Science and Technology Representative, has resigned from her position on Council.

## **9.0 Announcements**

### **9.1 Assessment Seminar Conference**

The Assessment Seminar conference will be held next Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in Ross Glen Hall. There will be sessions in the morning and afternoon which all students are invited to attend.

**9.2 SAMRU Open House**

The annual SAMRU open house will be held 10:00-3:00 on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Board members are asked to volunteer to discuss their roles to students.

**10.0 In-camera Session**

**11.0 Meeting Feedback Form**

**12.0 Adjournment**

**Motion: To adjourn the meeting.**

Kaylene McTavish/Jeni Langille

Carried