

Student Affairs Committee
April 17, 2023 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Phil Warsaba, Vice-President, Students, CHAIR
Yasmin Ahmed, Student Representative, VICE-CHAIR
Meagan Bowler, Deans' Council Representative
Chris Rogerson, Executive Director, Student Affairs
Brian Nichols, Academic Staff Member (Arts) *(via Google Meet)*
Marty Clark, Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)
Cynthia Gallop, Academic Staff Member (Teaching & Learning) *(via Google Meet)*
Cari Merkley, Academic Staff Member (University Library)
Tori McMillan, Iniskim Centre Representative
Bob Lambert, Student Affairs Representative

Resources

Morgan Loberg, Registrarial Designate
Miranda Diakiw, Designate for Executive Director, Development
Sheena Jensen, Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Tala Abu Hayyaneh, Student Representative
Michelle LoGullo, President, Mount Royal Staff Association
Melanie Rathburn, Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)
Shelley Rathie, Academic Staff Member (Business and Communication Studies)
Luis Rios, Student Representative

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

1. Approval of Agenda *(motion)*

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the April 17, 2023 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from February 28, 2023 *(motion)*

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

- 2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes
Business arising is included on the agenda.

3. Draft Recommendation for Entrance Awards for Academic Excellence

3.1. Additional Data: UEO vs Non-UEO Performance

The draft recommendation for Entrance Awards for Academic Excellence in the discussion paper was reviewed, and additional data on UEO versus non-UEO student performance was provided for reference, as requested at the previous SAC meeting.

Discussion focused on the recommended terms of reference provided in the meeting package. A final recommendation will be brought forward to SAC at the next meeting, to be effective for Fall 2024.

Feedback was shared and questions were responded to on the following areas that will be taken into consideration for the final recommendation:

- Add clarification about eligibility to the terms of reference
- Comparison of retention rates of UEO and OPST students as rationale for excluding OPST
- Potential impacts of excluding OPST
- Rationale for choosing 24 awards from each Faculty instead of by program (simplicity) and when the award is allocated (Fall)
 - Consider looking at proportional allocation for Degree programs instead, and in future to split the award across terms

4. Summary Listing of New Awards Created from March 1 – April 17, 2023

Received for information.

5. New Awards Requiring SAC Approval from March 1 – April 17, 2023

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the Indigenous Student Bursary and the MRU Bursary for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

Discussion:

- Clarifications and minor editorial amendments were noted for the Indigenous Student Bursary
- The bursaries are for a student's first year in the Bachelor of Business Administration program

Motion carried

6. Existing Awards Requiring SAC Approval from March 1 – April 17, 2023 (motion)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the revisions to the existing Calgary Police Half Marathon IPSE Award, Gerry and Elaine Wood IPSE Bursary, and MRU Tuition Bursary.

Discussion:

- IPSE refers to the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education program

- An overview of the MRU Tuition Bursary was given, where it would be allocated during the Winter semester as an additional retention tool for students who have financial need

Motion carried

7. New Awards Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar from March 1 to April 17, 2023

The new “Powering Possibilities Award in Continuing Education” that was reviewed by the Office of the Registrar was presented to SAC for feedback. Input was shared about the requirement for an applicant to submit an “essay or paragraph”, and clarification about the eligibility criteria was recommended. The donor will be contacted to seek additional information on the minimum requirements and eligibility, which will be shared with SAC.

8. Committee Chair Report

A copy of the most recent SAC Committee Chair’s Report to GFC was provided for information.

9. For Information:

The SAC meeting schedules for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and the preliminary SAC membership for 2023-2024 was shared.

10. New Business

The Chair noted that an update on student community standards is planned for the May 10, 2023 SAC meeting and an annual statistical report of all misconduct addressed in the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer terms will be submitted to SAC in the early Fall. The May 10, 2023 SAC will also feature an update on the Gender-Based Violence Policy.

11. Adjournment 4:02PM