

MINUTES

February 28, 2022

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Present: Phil Warsaba, Chair, Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President, Students
Chris Rogerson, Executive Director, Student Affairs
Denise Chenger, Academic Staff Member - Business and Communication Studies
Steve Kootenay-Jobin, Iniskim Centre Representative
Brian Nichols, Academic Staff Member - Arts
Melanie Rathburn, Academic Staff Member - Science and Technology
Sara Sharun, Academic Staff Member - University Library
Cynthia Gallop, Academic Staff Member - Teaching and Learning
Bob Lambert, Student Affairs
Joseph Nguyen, Student Representative
Rebecca Bowman, Designate for Executive Director, Development (Resource)
Angela Spinner, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Yasmin Ahmed, Vice-Chair, Student Representative
Meagan Bowler, Deans' Council Representative
Marty Clark, Academic Staff Member - Health, Community and Education
Michelle LoGullo, President, MRSA, Ex Officio
Spirit River Striped Wolf, Student Representative
Geri Lynn Gouglas, Registrar (Registrarial Designate)

1.0 Land Acknowledgement

2.0 Approval of the Agenda for February 28, 2022

Moved by Sara/Denise

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the February 28, 2022 agenda as distributed.

Carried.

3.0 Approval of the Student Affairs Committee Minutes for January 24, 2022 [attachment]

Moved by Melanie/Bob

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the January 24, 2022 minutes as distributed.

Carried.

4.0 Business Arising from the Student Affairs Committee Minutes of January 24, 2022

4.1 Student Awards Appeal

Additional information was provided for the committee's review and discussion.

Moved by Melanie/Brian
THAT the appeal be granted.

Carried.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Summary Listing of New Awards Created from January 25, 2022 – February 25, 2022 [attachment]

The summary listing of new awards was provided for information.

5.2 New Awards from January 25, 2022 – February 25 Requiring SAC Approval 2022 [attachment]

Moved by Steve/Melanie
THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the nitoyi knowledge sharing award.

Discussion:

The award contained selection criteria that prompted several recommendations from committee members, including:

- adding a word count for the essay;
- incorporating other forms of response (e.g., a statement, multimedia, visualization, or performance);

The chair clarified that the award is intended to be disbursed in Fall 2023, so recommended changes could be incorporated prior to the opening of the application period.

The motion for approval was deferred to the next meeting pending additional information from the originator.

5.3 New and Existing Awards from January 25, 2022 – February 25, 2022 Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar [attachment]

Moved by Sara/Denise
THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the Mount Royal University Physics Department Award.

Discussion:

It is uncertain whether the award criteria specifies both academic excellence AND a demonstrated exceptional ability in physics. If distinct from one another, each item should be listed separately.

This motion was deferred to the next meeting pending additional information from the originator.

Moved by Melanie/Denise
THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the Lella (Dole) Lockhart Memorial Award in Nursing.

Discussion:
The Development resource explained that the donor is seeking a recipient who originated from rural Alberta (south of Red Deer).

Carried.

Moved by Melanie/Denise
THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the Todd Nickle Memorial Bursary.

Discussion:
It was noted that Todd Nickle will be memorialized in the Memorial Garden at the fall ceremony in August.

Carried.

5.4 Broadening of the Equity-Deserving Categories in Scholarships and Awards

The Office of the Registrar received an email regarding the self-identification question on the general scholarship application, which was shared with committee members for consideration and discussion.

The chair outlined various equity-deserving categories that could potentially be added to the scholarships and awards application. A motion to amend the application would need to be approved by the end of the current academic year to give sufficient time to adjust the form for Fall 2023 applicants.

A recap of previous committee discussions regarding McMaster's awards terminology was provided and the Statistics Canada categories for diversity and inclusion data were also reviewed.

The chair recommended that the Executive Director, Student Affairs, the Registrar and himself review emerging practices at other institutions with the goal of bringing a discussion document to the committee for consideration at the next meeting.

6.0 Meeting Adjournment

Motion by Cynthia/Sara

THAT the Student Affairs Committee be adjourned at 4:43PM.