

Student Affairs Committee
February 28, 2023 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Phil Warsaba, Vice-President, Students, CHAIR

Yasmin Ahmed, Student Representative, VICE-CHAIR (*via Google meet*)

Brian Nichols, Academic Staff Member (Arts)

Shelley Rathie, Academic Staff Member (Business and Communication Studies) (*via Google meet*)

Marty Clark, Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)

Melanie Rathburn, Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology) (*via Google meet*)

Cynthia Gallop, Academic Staff Member (Teaching & Learning)

Tori McMillan, Iniskim Centre Representative

Bob Lambert, Student Affairs Representative

Tala Abu Hayyaneh, Student Representative (*via Google meet*)

Resources

Geri Lynn Gouglas, Registrarial Designate

Miranda Diakiw, Designate for Executive Director, Development

Sheena Jensen, Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Meagan Bowler, Deans' Council Representative

Michelle LoGullo, President, Mount Royal Staff Association

Cari Merkley, Academic Staff Member (University Library)

Luis Rios, Student Representative

Chris Rogerson, Executive Director, Student Affairs

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the February 28, 2023 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from January 23, 2023 (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the January 23, 2023 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

2.2.1. Entrance Awards for Academic Excellence (*for discussion*)

Current challenges related to the MRU Entrance Awards for Academic Excellence were brought forward at the November 2022 SAC meeting. Data was collected and compiled in response to questions requiring further analysis.

The original discussion paper, requested data and proposed options for revision were provided in the meeting package and reviewed to collect input from SAC to refine the criteria for future consideration. Comments and questions were responded to for clarification about the new data. Discussion contemplated the implications of the following proposed options (as detailed in the meeting package) and potential alternatives, with the goal to ensure fairness across the programs:

- Conditional cutoff stays at 90%
- Adjust to degree and diploma students only (no Open Studies or UEO)
- Conditional admission offer cutoff after 75% of offers have been delivered
- The award budget is divided among the top entering students in each Faculty
- Increase amount from \$1000 per recipient to \$2750 per recipient

Support was shared for the proposed options above, with more consideration to be given to UEO and Open Studies eligibility.

3. **Summary Listing of New Awards Created from January 24, 2023 – February 28, 2023** (*for information*)

Received for information.

4. **Existing Awards Requiring SAC Approval from January 24, 2023 – February 28, 2023** (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the revisions to the existing Bill and Jean Robson Memorial Scholarship.

Motion carried

5. **New Awards Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar from January 24, 2023 – February 28, 2023** (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the Nursing and Midwifery General Scholarship.

Motion carried

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve The Lily Frick Memorial Scholarship in Nursing and Midwifery.

Motion carried

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve The Nicholas Arsenault Memorial Award for Emerging Artists (General).

Motion carried

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve The Nicholas Arsenault Memorial Award for Emerging Artists (Academy).

Motion carried

6. Existing Awards Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar from January 24, 2023 – February 28, 2023 (motion)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the revisions to the existing Judy Wish Hamilton Memorial Scholarship in Public Relations.

Motion carried

7. Committee Chair Report

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

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment 4:07PM