

Student Affairs Committee
March 12, 2026 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Phil Warsaba	Vice-President, Students, CHAIR
Meekena Erkin	Student Representative, VICE-CHAIR
Chris Rogerson	Associate Vice-President, Student Experience and Success
Michelle LoGullo	President, Mount Royal Staff Association (<i>virtual</i>)
Kari Roberts	Academic Staff Member (Arts)
Alysia Wright	Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education) (<i>virtual</i>)
Jian Huang	Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)
Sara Sharun	Academic Staff Member (University Library) (<i>virtual</i>)
Tori McMillan	Iniskim Centre Representative
Nicky Renault	Student Affairs Representative
Noor Bata	Student Representative
<u>Resources</u>	
Nathan Wong	Registrarial Designate
Miranda Diakiw	Designate for Executive Director, Development (<i>virtual</i>)
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Meagan Bowler	Deans' Council Representative
Irina Dovbischuk	Academic Staff Member (Business, Communication Studies & Aviation)
Christina Lovestone	Continuing Education Representative
Anita Surujbally	Student Representative

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

1. Approval of Agenda***Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Agenda for the March 12, 2026 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Discussion:

- Committee members agreed to receive an update on the Student Accommodations Policy consultations under New Business.

Motion carried**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- 2.1. Minutes from February 5, 2026

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the February 5, 2026 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

- 2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Student Awards Created from January 30 – March 6, 2026

- 3.1. Summary Listing of New Awards
Received for information.

- 3.2. New Awards Requiring SAC Approval

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the new award created from January 30 – March 6, 2026: Company of Adventurers Branching-out Award, as amended.

Discussion:

- Editorial amendment for consistency when using “full-time” or “part-time” wording, and formatting to emphasize the word “completed”.
- Clarification was provided on the order of how the preference statements appear, which may be a donor preference.

Motion carried

- 3.3. Existing Awards Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar

Discussion:

- With respect to the awards that reference “LaunchPad”, it was explained how the criteria change opens the awards up to more students compared to the previous wording that limited the award to students in degree programs only. LaunchPad includes participants from other programs, and these awards would also include students in the Indigenous LaunchPad program.
- Charles and Beverly Newmarch Scholarship
 - Clarified that the change from GEOL 3300 to GEOL 4300 was intentional and will be noted in the “Issues” column.
- MRU Tuition Bursary
 - Editorial amendments for consistency when using “full-time” or “part-time” wording and a spelling error.
- Mike Clark Memorial Scholarship
 - All proposed changes to be noted in the “Issues” column.
- Cathy and Bruce Williams
 - Editorial amendment for a spelling error in the name.
- City of Calgary Recreation and Social Programs Bursary

- Because the proposed change replaces “financial need” with “academic achievement”, it was agreed to change the name from a Bursary to an Award.
- The donor will be notified that the name has been updated per MRU’s definitions.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve revisions to the existing awards provisionally approved by the Office of the Registrar created from January 30 – March 6, 2026, as amended:

- Cathy and Bruce Williams Fund for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Charles and Beverly Newmarch Scholarship
- City of Calgary Recreation and Social Programs Bursary
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship Award
- LaunchPad Award
- Mike Clark Memorial Scholarship
- MRU Tuition Bursary

Discussion:

- Amendments were agreed to per the discussions above.

Motion carried

4. Student Award Appeal

The Award appeal was considered.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the Award Appeal.

Motion carried

5. Racialized Group Question on Awards Application

The Chair explained the request to add the Central Asian group to the list of options under the racialized group question within the student awards application, and noted the list will be reviewed continually.

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council - Student Affairs Committee approve the addition of Central Asian (Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Tajik, Turkmen, Uzbek) to the list of options under the racialized group question within the Student Awards application, as amended.

Discussion:

- The distinction between terms referring to residents (e.g. Kazakhstani) and ethnic identities (e.g. Kazakh) in Central Asia was clarified and corrected.

Motion carried

6. Committee Chair Report

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

7. For Information:

- 7.1. SAC Meeting Schedule 2026-27
Received for information.

8. New Business

Chris Rogerson, AVP, Student Experience and Success, updated the committee on the development of the Student Accommodation Policy and Procedures and highlighted key elements. He advised that the documents are currently out for public consultation, with upcoming information sessions scheduled. Following consultation, they will go to GFC for information before being submitted to the Board of Governors for approval. SAC members were encouraged to provide feedback during the consultation period.

9. Adjournment 3:56PM