
Student Affairs Committee
May 6, 2025 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
Meagan Bowler	Deans' Council Representative
Kari Roberts	Academic Staff Member (Arts)
Sally Haney	Academic Staff Member (Business, Communication Studies & Aviation)
Sara Sharun	Academic Staff Member (University Library)
Christina Lovestone	Continuing Education Representative
Tori McMillan	Iniskim Centre Representative
Nicky Renault	Student Affairs Representative
Saron Solomon	Student Representative (<i>virtual</i>)

Resources

Geri Lynn Gouglas	Registrarial Designate
Miranda Diakiw	Designate for Executive Director, Development (<i>virtual</i>)
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

Guests

Anita Surujbally	SAMRU VP, Student Affairs
------------------	---------------------------

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Holly Johnson	Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)
Qanita Samore	Student Representative
Meg Stewart	Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the May 6, 2025 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from March 25, 2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Revised Student Affairs Selection Committee Charter***Moved and seconded:*****THAT** the revised Student Affairs Selection Committee Charter be approved.***Motion carried*****4. Update to Awards Procedure Document due to Chancellor's Scholarship**

Discussion focused on determining a change to the annual maximum awarded to a student in scholarships, bursaries and awards clauses, as reflected in the awards procedure document. The options considered were to adjust the limits to increase the overall amount or to remove the clause entirely.

Moved and seconded:**THAT** Student Affairs Committee approve removing the annual maximum per student clause entirely from the Awards Procedure document to allow for increased flexibility.***Motion carried*****5. Removal of Open Studies as an eligible program for entrance awards that have an academic requirement in the terms of reference**

A summary of the proposed revision was provided. A question was raised about the exclusion of certificates and it was explained that, historically, certificates have only been included when specified. It was noted that the changes would apply only to the awards listed in Agenda Item 6.6, that there is minimal impact (low number of students impacted), and that excluded students would still be eligible for other awards.

Moved and seconded:**THAT** Student Affairs Committee approve the removal of Open Studies from entrance awards that have an academic requirement in the terms of reference. Note: Entrance awards specific to Athletics are not to be included in this change. If approved, SAC will review language pertaining to certificates and diplomas in the next academic year.***Motion carried*****6. Student Awards Created from March 26 – May 6, 2025****6.1. Summary Listing of New Awards**

Received for information.

6.2. New Awards Requiring SAC Approval

Awards discussed:

- Junior Co-op Student of the Year and Senior Co-op Student of the Year (*deferred*)
 - Questions were considered about the intent of this award, the different application process and timing for applying because it is an operational award, wording used in the award, and eligibility criteria.
 - It was agreed to defer the approval of these two awards for further consideration of the questions raised and if other revisions need to be made.
- Chancellor's Scholarship

- Consideration was given to retaining Diploma programs in the eligibility criteria and whether Continuing Education diploma programs should be included in the eligibility.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the new awards created from March 26 – May 6, 2025:

- Award for Literacy Advocacy
- Chancellor's Scholarship
- Cree Elder Grandmother Doreen Spence (OC, LL.D) Scholarship for Love by helping All My Relations
- Dr. Patricia Kostouros Retirement Bursary

Discussion:

- Editorial amendments were noted

Motion carried

6.3. Existing Awards Requiring SAC Approval

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve revisions to the existing award created from March 26 – May 6, 2025: President's Scholarship.

Discussion:

- Editorial amendments were noted
- It was suggested to consider the inclusion of Continuing Education diploma programs

Motion carried

6.4. New Awards Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the new awards created from March 26 – May 6, 2025 provisionally approved by the Office of the Registrar:

- The Irene Robbins Memorial Bursary
- The Irene Robbins Memorial Entrance Bursary
- The Mortimer-Rae's Legacy Fund Scholarship

Motion carried

6.5. Existing Awards Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar

Awards discussed:

- RBC Scholarship for the Faculty of Arts
 - Clarification on the definition of 4th year (completion of 90 credits)
- Interior Design Program Advisory Committee Scholarship (Business)
 - Amendment to remove the word “program” for consistency with other awards
- The Humphreys Memorial Scholarship in Archaeology

- Amendment to include “major”
- Canadian Progress Club Calgary Eves Scholarship
 - Amendments to fix typos
- Mrs. Amy Phillip, RN, & Col. A.G. Phillip (Prem Mayadas), B.Sc.Ag. of Punjab, India Memorial Scholar
 - In response to a question, it will be clarified with the donor if the wording “student demonstrates” can be amended to align with wording in other similar awards (“demonstrated”)
- BMO Indigenous Entrance Scholarship (*deferred*)
 - Reference to “Academic achievement” specified in this award and the change made to remove “70%” requires further consideration to ensure proper alignment with the definition used for Entrance awards. As a result, approval of this award will be deferred.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve revisions to the existing awards created from March 26 – May 6, 2025 provisionally approved by the Office of the Registrar:

- Alberta Aviation Council Scholarship
- Alexander Minas Tahmazian and Sara (nee Haddad, Durzi) Tahmazian Memorial Scholarship
- Amina and Fidahussein Janmohamed Memorial Bursary
- ATCO Scholarship
- Canadian Progress Club Calgary Eves Scholarship
- Edd McRory Memorial Bursary
- Eva Reid Memorial Scholarship
- Evelyn A Herauf Memorial Scholarship
- Frances Camyre Memorial Bursary
- Interior Design Program Advisory Committee Scholarship (Art History)
- Interior Design Program Advisory Committee Scholarship (Business)
- Jack Kenyon Memorial Scholarship
- Jeffery James Stouffer Memorial Scholarship
- Kevin Gillis Memorial Scholarship
- Mac Bell Memorial Scholarship
- Mount Royal Bright Future Scholarships
- Mount Royal University Custodial Services Scholarship (Scott Young [Western] Ltd.)
- Mrs. Amy Phillip, RN, & Col. A.G. Phillip (Prem Mayadas), B.Sc.Ag. of Punjab, India Memorial Scholar
- Owen Bursary for Part-Time Students
- R. B. Horrey Memorial Scholarship
- Ray Sloan Memorial Scholarship
- RBC Scholarship for the Faculty of Arts
- Sandra Botting Memorial Bursary in Midwifery
- Sylvia Soole Nursing Award
- The Alberta Association of Architects Scholarship

- The Humphreys Memorial Scholarship in Archaeology
- William F. Gold Memorial Scholarship

Motion carried

6.6. Existing Awards (Open Studies)

As per the approval of the motion in Agenda Item 5, the Existing Awards (Open Studies) were presented for approval to incorporate the new change. It was requested that the Mount Royal Staff Association Entrance Scholarship be pulled from the list of awards so that the MRSA first has an opportunity to reconsider this as an award.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve revisions to the existing awards (Open Studies) created from March 26 – May 6, 2025:

- AFF (Access to the Future) Entrance Scholarship
- Board of Governors' Entrance Scholarship
- Calgary Italian Sportsman Dinner Association Entrance Scholarship
- City of Calgary Bursary
- David G. Tallman Memorial Scholarship
- Manmeet Bhullar Inspire Award
- Robery Wyckham Credit Scholarship
- Stampede City Kinsmen Scholarship

Discussion:

- It was confirmed that the MRSA Entrance Scholarship is removed from the list of awards for approval.

Motion carried

7. Potential Changes to Centennial Gold Medal Terms of Reference

Discussion took place on proposed revisions to the terms of reference for the Centennial Gold Medal Award. The proposed revisions aim to better reflect student performance, and to recognize hard work and continuous improvement. Members expressed support for moving forward with the revisions. Information was also shared regarding the various methods currently used to promote the award.

8. SAC 2024-25 Annual Report

The SAC 2024-25 Annual Report was reviewed. An additional Matters for Future Consideration item was agreed to: SAC to provide feedback on the Academic Accommodation for Students Experiencing Disability policy.

9. Committee Chair Report

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

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Adjournment 4:24PM