

**Student Affairs Committee**  
**November 22, 2022 at 3pm – 5pm**  
**University Boardroom A341**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Phil Warsaba, Vice-President, Students, CHAIR  
Yasmin Ahmed, Student Representative, VICE-CHAIR  
Chris Rogerson, Executive Director, Student Affairs  
Michelle LoGullo, President, Mount Royal Staff Association  
Meagan Bowler, Deans' Council Representative  
Brian Nichols, Academic Staff Member (Arts)  
Shelley Rathie, Academic Staff Member (Business and Communication Studies)  
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)  
Cari Merkley, Academic Staff Member (University Library)  
Steve Kootenay-Jobin, Iniskim Centre Representative (*via Google Meet*)  
Bob Lambert, Student Affairs Representative  
Tala Abu Hayyaneh, Student Representative  
Luis Rios, Student Representative

Resources

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

Guests

Sarah Rude, on behalf of the Registrarial Designate

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

**1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)**

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the November 22, 2022 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved as presented.

***Motion carried***

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

2.1. Minutes from October 24, 2022 (*motion*)

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Minutes of the October 24, 2022 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved as presented.

***Motion carried***

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

An update was given on the change from the Bissett School of Business Awards to the Bachelor of Business Administration and the awards impacted by this change.

2.2.1. Award approvals deferred from Sept. 19/22 SAC meeting:

- *Bow Institute for Advancement of Supervisors Scholarship* – Included in item 6 for approval
- *Class of '86 Nursing Scholarship* – No updates; working to bring information back to the next meeting

3. **Sexualized Violence Response Policy Update on Procedures and Timelines** (*for information*)

P. Warsaba and C. Rogerson gave updates and responded to questions on the procedures and timelines for the Sexualized Violence Response Policy to be approved by the Board of Governors, including:

- what the policy will focus on;
- timing of meetings for Board approval;
- guidelines and timeline expectations from the Ministry of Advanced Education;
- an overview of the work conducted to date and upcoming consultations, and;
- an explanation of the policy language that will be used (gender-based violence).

4. **Summary Listing of New Awards Created from October 25 – November 21, 2022** (*for info*)

Received for information.

5. **New and Existing Awards Requiring SAC Approval from Oct. 25 – Nov. 21, 2022** (*motion*)

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Student Affairs Committee approve the Cherry Holand Memorial Bursary in Public Relations.

***Motion carried***

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Student Affairs Committee approve The Doug Dirks Journalism Award.

***Motion carried***

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Student Affairs Committee approve the Destined Changemaker Award.

***Motion carried***

6. **Existing Awards Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar from October 25 – November 21, 2022** (*motion*)

In response to a question, clarification was provided about the definition for academic excellence and academic achievement. The evaluation for Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards are defined in the Student Financial Support Policy.

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Student Affairs Committee approve revisions to the following existing awards:

- Bow Institute for Advancement of Supervisors Scholarship
- WBA Law LLP Scholarship
- Gibson Energy Scholarship
- Gibson Energy Scholarship for Indigenous Students
- Advanced Specialty Health Studies Scholarship
- Gail Helmer Memorial Scholarship
- The David O'Brien Bridge to Canadian Nursing Bursary
- You are Not Alone Award

***Motion carried*****7. Award Appeals (*motions*)**

## 7.1. Mount Royal Bright Future Scholarship

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Student Affairs Committee approve the student appeal of the Mount Royal Bright Future Scholarship.

***Motion carried***

## 7.2. Gunner Kenneth Beaumont Bell Military Memorial Bursary

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Student Affairs Committee approve the student appeal of the Gunner Kenneth Beaumont Bell Military Memorial Bursary.

## Discussion:

- Discussions considered how these selections are communicated and if there are alternatives to ensure a student receives the notification, the specific preference criteria, the deferral process to the next semester, and demand for the program
- It was agreed, because this is a bursary and the student has financial need for this expensive program and intends to enroll at MRU, that the deferral request should be approved

***Motion carried*****8. Participation on Student Awards Selection Committees (*for discussion*)**

A request for volunteers from SAC to fill positions on selection committees was responded to with members from SAC putting their names forward. The Chair indicated there would be follow-up by email to fill the remaining outstanding positions.

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

Proposed options were presented for discussion to address current challenges with the Entrance Awards for Academic Excellence, as explained in the summary provided in the meeting package, along with

background information on trends with entrance awards across Canada. Preliminary discussions considered the following areas:

- Clarification of the selection process
- Potential positive and negative impacts of the option for increasing the admission average in the eligibility criteria, such as retention rates, competitiveness, and alignment with the strategic enrolment goals for MRU
- Consideration of the other options presented (budget, split by Faculty) and if there are other options or, possibly, a blend of some of the options presented
- A request was supported that more data was necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the various options presented and what other options there may be, including an overview of similar types of awards and bursaries available to students, a breakdown of award recipients by program, and retention and graduation data related to the current Entrance award

**ACTION:** Further data analysis will be provided at the next meeting to continue discussion of the potential changes to the award criteria.

**10. Committee Chair Report**

No report.

**11. New Business**

There was no new business.

**12. Adjournment 4:34PM**