

**Student Affairs Committee**

**October 24, 2022 at 3pm – 5pm**

**University Boardroom A341**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Phil Warsaba, Vice-President, Students, CHAIR  
Yasmin Ahmed, Student Representative, VICE-CHAIR  
Michelle LoGullo, President, Mount Royal Staff Association  
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)  
Cynthia Gallop, Academic Staff Member (Teaching & Learning)  
Cari Merkle, Academic Staff Member (University Library)  
Bob Lambert, Student Affairs Representative  
Tala Abu Hayyaneh, Student Representative  
Luis Rios, Student Representative

Resources

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

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chris Rogerson, Executive Director, Student Affairs  
Meagan Bowler, Deans' Council Representative  
Brian Nichols, Academic Staff Member (Arts)  
Steve Kootenay-Jobin, Iniskim Centre Representative

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05pm and opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement.

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

***Moved and seconded:***

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

***Motion carried***

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

2.1. Minutes from September 19, 2022 (*motion*)

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Minutes of the September 19, 2022 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved as presented.

***Motion carried***

## 2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

### 2.2.1. Clarification of the term “newcomer” (re: Akbar Gulamhusein Nasser & Fatma Akbar Nasser Memorial Award in Science and Technology)

It was explained that, in the application for this award (approved at the September 19 SAC meeting), there is a question to confirm that a student has not lived in Canada for more than 3 years, which aligns with the provincial definition of ‘newcomer’.

### 2.2.2. New award approvals deferred from previous meeting:

- *Robson Eifert Legacy Scholarship* – Included in Item 4 for approval
- *You are Not Alone Award* – Included in Item 4 for approval
  - A definition of “First Generation University Student” with a scan of definitions across other universities was provided for discussion, with a recommended MRU definition. Discussion focused on whether to use the terminology “primary caregiver” or “guardian”, and it was decided that because there was no preference for one or the other, the term “guardian” would be used. It was also agreed, based on previous discussions, that parents/guardians (plural) stay in the recommended definition. Consideration was given to potentially complex situations. If issues arise, this definition can be revisited.
  - Consensus definition: “*To qualify for a relevant First Generation Student bursary, scholarship or award, an Awards applicant must self-identify as a student whose parents or guardians did not complete a post-secondary credential at an institution within or outside of Canada at any time.*”
- *In Memory of Else & Otto Hepp Award* – Included in Item 4 for approval
- *Excellence in Leadership Award* – Not moving forward at this time
- *Bow Institute for Advancement of Supervisors Scholarship and Class of '86 Nursing Scholarship* – Still waiting for updates

**ACTION:** The latter two awards will come forward at the November SAC meeting

## 3. Summary Listing of New Awards Created from September 20, 2022 to October 24, 2022

Received for information.

## 4. New and Existing Awards Requiring SAC Approval from September 20, 2022 to October 24, 2022 (motion)

For the awards deferred from September 19, 2022, follow-up notes for clarification were provided in the meeting package.

Discussion of new awards for approval:

- *Gibson Energy Scholarship and Gibson Energy Scholarship for Indigenous Students* – in response to questions, it was explained that when companies sponsor these types of awards, broad eligibility criteria is common, as it is part of a company’s recruitment strategy where the awards are in their area of business. The preference for students who identify as female is intended to help increase representation in the workplace.

- *MRU Foundation Student Philanthropy Prize* – in response to a question, context for using a random draw was provided; this award is used to incentivize students to participate in philanthropy and this is the internal mechanism used to provide the funds to students

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Student Affairs Committee approve the following new awards:

- Gibson Energy Scholarship
- Gibson Energy Scholarship for Indigenous Students
- In Memory of Else & Otto Hepp Award
- MRU Foundation Student Philanthropy Prize
- You are Not Alone Award
- Kimberley Johnston Research Award
- Robson Eifert Legacy Scholarship

***Motion carried***

Discussion of existing awards for approval:

- It was clarified that the removal of wording pertaining to GPA requirements is to standardize wording through the use of defined terms and metrics (i.e., “academic excellence” already means highest GPA, with a minimum GPA of 3.7)

***Moved and seconded:***

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

- Information Design Advisory Committee Scholarship
- Servus Credit Union Scholarship
- Lella (Dole) Lockhart and Rita (Powell) Haggarty Memorial Award in Nursing
- Society for Technical Communication Scholarship

***Motion carried***

**5. New and Existing Awards Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar from September 20, 2022 to October 24, 2022 (*motion*)**

Discussion of new awards provisionally approved by the Office of the Registrar:

- Clarification of the enrolment of international students in the Bridge to Canadian Nursing program was given

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Student Affairs Committee approve the following new awards:

- Gail Helmer Memorial Scholarship
- The David O'Brien Bridge to Canadian Nursing Bursary

***Motion carried***

Discussion of existing awards provisionally approved by the Office of the Registrar:

- *Bissett Accounting Student Society (BASS) Scholarship* – clarification of “active” member was provided, noting the historical context for why previous executives are not eligible is not

known; the changes to this award that were presented were intended to decrease the complexity of criteria for awards with smaller dollar values

- *Bissett School of Business Alumni Scholarship*
  - It was proposed to change the eligibility criteria to a “major in the BBA” instead of a “program within the Bissett School of Business” as the original wording was likely developed before the Bachelor of Business Administration was created; it also clarifies that minors are not eligible
  - Editorial changes for consistency will be made to historical awards to replace “Bissett School of Business” with “Bachelor of Business Administration”, as the BBA had not yet been established when these existing awards were created and the intent of the eligibility is for those students who would be Bissett alumni when they graduate; the *David and Leslie Bissett Bursary* will be looked into further before making the change to confirm the intent is the same
  - These changes discussed will be made but, if any issues arise, that award will be brought back

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Student Affairs Committee approve the following, with the change of wording from Bissett School of Business to Bachelor of Business Administration where applicable:

- CN Supply Chain Indigenous Scholarship
- Dynamic Capital Scholarship
- Alberta Electrical Association Bursary
- AltaGas Excellence in Communication - Public Relations Scholarship
- BDO Canada Scholarship
- Big Rock Brewery Communications Scholarship
- Bison Transport Scholarship
- Bissett Accounting Student Society (BASS) Scholarship
- Bissett School of Business Alumni Scholarship
- Canadian Petroleum Tax Society Scholarship
- Canadian Western Bank Bursary
- Canadian Western Bank Scholarship
- Canon Canada Scholarship
- Corus Radio Billy Powers Memorial Scholarship
- CPHR Alberta Scholarship in Business
- Girish Agrawal Award of Business Excellence in Information Design
- Golden West Broadcasting Scholarship
- I Got Branded Scholarship
- Information Design Award for Excellence
- Peter Watts, Global News Bursary
- Portfolio Strategies Corporation Bursary
- School of Communication Studies Alumni Scholarship
- Slemko Supply Chain Management Scholarship
- Amber Webb-Bowerman Memorial Scholarship
- Art & Deborah Korpach Scholarship

- Bantrel Supply Chain Management Scholarship
- Bissett School of Business Scholarship
- Brian Ludwig Memorial Bursary in Business Administration
- Brian Wanner Memorial Scholarship
- Calgary Motor Dealers Association Gold Medal Scholarship
- Calgary Real Estate Board/W. Frank Johns Memorial Scholarship
- Costco Wholesale Canada Bursary
- CPA Education Foundation Accounting Scholarship
- David and Leslie Bissett Bursary
- David Wood - CPRS Scholarship
- Debbie Mazar Memorial Scholarship
- Gail Montgomery Memorial Scholarship for Excellence & Creativity in Television Commercial Writing
- Global Financial Scholarship
- Hugh Louis Memorial Bursary
- Human Resources Partnership Council Legacy Scholarship
- Hunter Wight Centennial Scholarship in Public Relations
- James Muretich Memorial Bursary
- Journalism Endowment Scholarship
- Judy Wish Hamilton Memorial Scholarship in Communications
- Judy Wish Hamilton Memorial Scholarship in Public Relations
- KPMG Scholarship
- Larry and Sharon Bilben Bursary
- Legacy Scholarship in Public Relations
- Lehigh Hanson - Stan Sundquist Memorial Scholarship
- MacNeill/Enbridge Entrance Scholarship in Nonprofit Studies for High School
- Merv Anderson Memorial Bursary
- Mithoo and Nabat Gillani Bursary
- Mithoo and Nabat Gillani Scholarship
- Mount Royal University Public Relations Alumni Scholarship
- Nickle Family Foundation Scholarship
- Paul Ciaschini Memorial Bursary
- Pengrowth Energy Corporation Scholarship in Business Administration
- Phylis Lee Memorial Scholarship
- Ralph Klein Memorial Scholarship
- Real Canadian Superstore Scholarship in Supply Chain Management
- Richard S. Anco Memorial Scholarship
- Russell Purdy F.C.A. 90th Anniversary Scholarship in Bachelor of Business Administration - Acct.
- School of Communication Studies Scholarship
- Scott Armstrong Memorial Scholarship
- Sippy Chhina Bursary in Business
- Ted Soskin Scholarship in Communications

***Motion carried, as amended***

**6. Student Awards Appeals**

- 6.1. President's Scholarship Appeal (*motion*)  
Comments were shared in support of the motion.

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Student Affairs Committee approve the President's Scholarship appeal.

***Motion carried***

- 6.2. Mount Royal Bright Future Scholarship Appeal (*motion*)  
Discussion focused on the limited rationale submitted to support this appeal, and there was consensus there was enough clarity about the guidelines and award criteria for this award.

***Moved and seconded:***

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

Discussion:

- It was agreed there was not enough information provided to support the request
- It was confirmed that the student will be contacted to support them with options for moving forward

***Motion defeated***

**7. Draft SAC 2022-23 Annual Plan**

The draft SAC 2022-23 Annual Plan for GFC was reviewed. It will be clarified in the plan that SAC will review and assess the implementation of the Code of Student Academic Integrity and Code of Student Community Standards policies and procedures this year. As SAC will review the draft policy at an upcoming meeting, an update on the timeframe (including legislative timelines) for the Sexualized Violence Response policy was provided.

**8. Committee Chair Report**

No report.

**9. New Business**

Information will be shared in advance to appoint representatives to serve on Student Awards Selection Committees at the next meeting.

**10. Adjournment 4:37PM**