

Student Affairs Committee
October 24, 2023 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Phil Warsaba	Vice-President, Students, CHAIR
Tala Abu Hayyaneh	Student Representative, VICE-CHAIR
Chris Rogerson	Associate Vice-President, Student Experience and Success
Meagan Bowler	Deans' Council Representative
Kari Roberts	Academic Staff Member (Arts)
Sally Haney	Academic Staff Member (Business and Communication Studies) <i>(via Google Meet)</i>
Holly Johnson	Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education) <i>(via Google Meet)</i>
Meg Stewart	Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology) <i>(via Google Meet)</i>
Glen Ryland	Academic Staff Member (Teaching & Learning)
Sara Sharun	Academic Staff Member (University Library) <i>(via Google Meet)</i>
Tori McMillan	Iniskim Centre Representative <i>(via Google Meet)</i>
Nicky Renault	Student Affairs Representative
Fiona Chetty	Student Representative

Resources

Morgan Loberg	Registrarial Designate
Miranda Diakiw	Designate for Executive Director, Development
Kathy Homer	Assistant University Secretary, Board, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Michelle LoGullo	President, Mount Royal Staff Association
Tanya Gapara	Student Representative

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the October 24, 2023 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from September 19, 2023

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the September 19, 2023 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

In response to a question about SAC membership, clarification will be provided at the next meeting about the Teaching and Learning academic staff member position.

- 2.2.1. Existing Awards Requiring SAC Approval from May 8 – September 19, 2023: Motion Deferred – *THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the revision to the existing Steelcase Scholarship for Design Excellence.*

This item is included on the agenda and will be addressed in Agenda Item 5.

3. Summary Listing of New Awards Created from September 20 – October 24, 2023

Received for information.

4. New Awards Requiring SAC Approval from September 20 – October 24, 2023

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the Annette London Award for Athletic Leadership.

Discussion:

- Discussion of the term “Active Member” occurred and a decision was made to leave the wording as is because it is consistent with other academic awards of this nature.

Motion carried

5. Existing Awards Requiring SAC Approval from September 20 – October 24, 2023

Moved and seconded:

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

- BellMedia Excellence in Broadcasting Scholarship (Broadcast Journalism)
- BellMedia Excellence in Broadcasting Scholarship (Communications)
- Betty K. Cooper Scholarship
- Bryan Strilchuk Memorial Scholarship for Broadcasting
- Eric P Newell Scholarship
- Gail Montgomery Memorial Scholarship for Excellence & Creativity in Television Commercial Writing
- Jesara Nichol Broadcasting Scholarship
- Lions Club of Alberta TV Scholarship
- Steelcase Scholarship for Design Excellence
- Strathcona Resources Scholarship
- Toby Trowbridge Memorial Scholarship

Discussion:

- Revisions to the Steelcase Scholarship for Design Excellence were noted, as the approval of this award was deferred from the previous meeting.

Motion carried

6. Existing Awards Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar from September 20 – October 24, 2023

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the revisions to the following existing awards, provisionally approved by the Office of the Registrar:

- Chris Reimer Legacy Award
- Emerging Leaders of the America's Program (ELAP) Scholarship
- Nutrien Indigenous Student Success Bursaries
- Writing with Light Photojournalism Award

Discussion:

- Questions pertaining to the process for self-declarations of Indigenous status and of membership with other equity-deserving groups were answered.

Motion carried

7. Student Award Appeals (*motions*)

7.1. Aviation Scholarship Appeal

The appeal process was reviewed and the Aviation scholarship appeal was considered. Following discussion, the Committee proceeded to a motion.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the student appeal for the Aviation Scholarship.

Discussion:

- The Committee acknowledged the complexity of this appeal and the challenges posed by the Aviation program's curriculum, however, the circumstances presented were not deemed to be beyond the student's control.

Motion defeated

7.2. Ryan Correy Legacy Scholarship

The appeal was reviewed. Following discussion, the Committee proceeded to a motion to consider the appeal.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the student appeal for the Ryan Correy Legacy Scholarship.

Discussion:

- The Committee considered the appeal and determined that the extenuating circumstances presented were not beyond the student's control.

Motion defeated

8. Volunteers for Student Award Selection Committees

Nominations were sought for the following Student Award Selection Committees:

- Laurence Decore Awards for Student Leadership

- Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship
- Centennial Gold Medal
- President's Scholarship

Following the discussion, the Chair indicated he would:

- Inquire whether faculty members outside of the Committee could fill the volunteer roles, as it was suggested by members that it is a good opportunity for faculty service, and;
- Make a request that the President's Scholarship meeting package materials be issued in advance to lessen the burden on committee members during the selection process.

9. Draft Annual Statistical Report of Student Misconduct

As per the Code of Student Community Standards Policy s10.1, the draft Annual Statistical Report of Student Misconduct was presented for information.

Discussion:

- The new policy came into effect as of August 1, 2023 with new processes and procedures, including the requirement for this report.
- The number of misconduct incidents was considered and a request made for comparators. It was explained that there is data from past years but that the previous process included panels, which is a different method of adjudication. In addition, the informal resolution process in the past was not always formally tracked, which makes year-over-year comparisons difficult.
- Some of the language used in the "detailed violations" chart will be reviewed ("improper" citations specifically) and hyperlinks to the policy will be included.
- Requests were made to include data on violations by course level and on the courses in which the violations occurred.
- SAC was informed that "Academic Misconduct Resources" can be located on the myMRUFaculty page.
- Discussion centered around AI and it was reported that the Provost and Vice-President, Students are co-sponsoring a working group to develop resources and approaches pertaining to AI.

10. Draft SAC 2023-24 Annual Plan

The draft SAC 2023-24 Annual Plan was reviewed.

11. Committee Chair Report

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

12. New Business

There was no new business.

13. Adjournment 5:01 p.m.