

MINUTES

October 26, 2021

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Present: Phil Warsaba, Chair, Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President, Students
Yasmin Ahmed, Vice-Chair, Student Representative
Chris Rogerson, Executive Director, Student Affairs
Brian Nichols, Academic Staff Member - Arts
Cynthia Gallop, Academic Staff Member - Teaching and Learning
Marty Clark, Academic Staff Member - Health, Community and Education
Meagan Bowler, Deans' Council Representative
Patricia Pardo, Student Affairs Representative
Joseph Nguyen, Student Representative
Spirit River Striped Wolf, Student Representative
Geri Lynn Gouglas, Registrar (Registrarial Designate)
Rebecca Bowman, Designate for Executive Director, Development (Resource)
Angela Spinner, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Michelle LoGullo, President, MRSA, Ex Officio
Steve Kootenay-Jobin, Iniskim Centre Representative
Melanie Rathburn, Academic Staff Member - Science and Technology
Denise Chengler, Academic Staff Member - Business and Communication Studies
Sara Sharun, Academic Staff Member - University Library

1.0 Approval of the Agenda for October 26, 2021

Moved by Yasmin/Marty

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the October 26, 2021 agenda as distributed.

Carried.

2.0 Approval of the Student Affairs Committee Minutes for September 20, 2021

Moved by Marty/Meagan

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the September 20, 2021 minutes with a minor amendment to terminology in section 4.1.

Carried.

3.0 Business Arising from the Student Affairs Committee Minutes of September 20, 2021

The Amy Willier Memorial Bursary and the McDougall United Church Calgary Indigenous Bursary discussed at the last meeting have been clarified and are included in the award approvals section of the October 26, 2021 agenda.

In addition, the fall meeting schedule has been adjusted in accordance with the September 20, 2021 discussion. The winter term remains unchanged and will be revisited when teaching and class schedules for that term are finalized.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Summary Listing of New Awards Created from September 20 - October 26, 2021

This document was presented for information.

4.2 New and Modified Awards Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar from September 20 - October 26, 2021

Moved by Sara/Spirit

That the McDougall United Church Calgary Indigenous Bursary be approved.

Discussion:

Development confirmed with the donor that the change in eligibility from a “First Nations student” to an “Indigenous Student” was intentional and was designed to broaden the eligibility pool to all self-declared Indigenous student categories.

Carried.

4.3 New and Modified Awards Requiring SAC Approval from September 20-October 26, 2021 [attachment]

Moved by Chris/Meagan

THAT the Amy Willier Memorial Bursary and the Jake Yeh & Cindy Ziobrowski Accounting Bursary be approved.

Discussion:

Once again, Development confirmed that the use of “Indigenous student” rather than “First Nations student” was intentional and was designed to broaden the eligibility pool to all self-declared Indigenous student categories.

Carried.

Discussion of the remaining new and modified awards requiring SAC approval:

The Chair asked if the criteria for the MRFA Bursary for Racialized Students and the MRFA Indigenous Award was mutually exclusive. The Development resource noted that the donor did not intend to limit the Bursary for Racialized Students to non-Indigenous students. The Registrar confirmed that the Bursary for Racialized Students would be open to any applicant meeting this criterion, whereas the Indigenous Award would be restricted to self-declared Indigenous applicants.

The committee subsequently discussed the intention of these awards and questioned whether an individual who self-identifies as white in a racialized categorization would be considered an eligible recipient. To ensure that the intention of the award is properly upheld, it was recommended that the term “racialized groups” be amended to “equity-deserving racialized groups”.

The committee also noted an eligibility discrepancy between the Indigenous award, which requires a demonstrated commitment to campus life and the award for racialized students, which requires community or campus involvement. It was noted that racialized and Indigenous students often lack the resources to engage in both sets of activities, even

though both are valuable and related to the intention of the awards. It was recommended that both the Indigenous award and the scholarship for racialized students be amended to include criteria related to “community or campus involvement”. It was also recommended that the equity, diversity & inclusion award broaden eligibility to include “demonstrated positive contributions to community or campus groups with mandates related to equity, diversity and inclusion”.

Moved by Yasmin/Brian

THAT the four Mount Royal Faculty Association awards created between September 20 and October 26 be approved with the following amendments: 1) replace all instances of “racialized groups’ with “equity-deserving racialized groups”, and; 2) revise extracurricular activities in the awards to reflect community or campus involvement.

Carried.

5.0 Information

- 5.1 Update to Appeal of a Scholarship, Bursary or Award Decision
The document was revised in accordance with recommendations provided at the last committee meeting and shared with the committee for information.
- 5.2 Update to Awards Procedure
The document was revised in accordance with recommendations provided at the last committee meeting and shared with the committee for information.

6.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.