
Student Affairs Committee
October 30, 2025 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Phil Warsaba	Vice-President, Students, CHAIR
Meekena Erkin	Student Representative, VICE-CHAIR (<i>virtual</i>)
Chris Rogerson	Associate Vice-President, Student Experience and Success
Meagan Bowler	Deans' Council Representative
Kari Roberts	Academic Staff Member (Arts)
Irina Dovbischuk	Academic Staff Member (Business, Communication Studies & Aviation)
Alysia Wright	Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)
Jian Huang	Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)
Sara Sharun	Academic Staff Member (University Library) (<i>virtual</i>)
Christina Lovestone	Continuing Education Representative
Tori McMillan	Iniskim Centre Representative
Nicky Renault	Student Affairs Representative
Ayden Ali	Student Representative
Anita Surujbally	Student Representative

Resources

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

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Michelle LoGullo	President, Mount Royal Staff Association
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The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:01PM.

1. Approval of Agenda***Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Agenda for the October 30, 2025 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes****2.1. Minutes from September 25, 2025*****Moved and seconded:***

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

Motion carried**2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes****2.2.1. New Awards Requiring SAC Approval**

The following awards deferred from previous SAC meetings were included for approval in Item 4.2. *New Awards Requiring SAC Approval*.

- *Junior Co-op Student of the Year*
- *Senior Co-op Student of the Year*
- *Canadian Muslims for Peace and Justice Award*

2.2.2. Additional Information:

Mrs. Amy Phillip, RN, & Col. A.G. Phillip (Prem Mayadas), B.Sc.Ag. of Punjab, India Memorial Scholar (approved May 6, 2025)

It was confirmed an editorial amendment was made to align the language with other similar awards.

3. Student Awards Appeals

3.1. Scholarship Appeal

The Scholarship appeal was considered.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the Scholarship Appeal.

Motion carried

3.2. Bursary Appeal

The Bursary appeal was considered.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the Bursary Appeal.

Motion defeated

3.3. Award Appeal

The Award appeal was considered.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the Award Appeal.

Motion carried

4. Student Awards Created from September 17 – October 23, 2025

4.1. Summary Listing of New Awards

Received for information.

4.2. New Awards Requiring SAC Approval

The Arlene Morton Nursing Award and Colleen Corkery Memorial Nursing Award were pulled for discussion:

- The wording “Resides in Alberta” in the award criteria may have the potential for misinterpretation or appeals

- It was discussed and agreed that aligning the language with other similar awards (Resident of Alberta) provides more clarity and maintains the donor's intent of the award
- The revised wording is not expected to impact the applicant pool, so the language can be updated now and brought back to SAC for information

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the Arlene Morton Nursing Award and Colleen Corkery Memorial Nursing Award with the noted revision (Preference will be given to an Alberta resident) and with the provision that these awards are returned to SAC for information with the adjusted wording.

Discussion:

- A general comment was made that the criteria may not fully reflect broader inclusivity the Committee has been encouraging for student awards.

Motion carried

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the new awards created from September 17 – October 23, 2025:

- AimCo Business Entrance Scholarship
- Calgary Centre Canadian Hadassah - WIZO Scholarship
- Canadian Muslims for Peace and Justice Award
- Junior Co-op Student of the Year
- Rod & Jean McKay Experiential Learning Award
- Senior Co-op Student of the Year
- Way of Normal Black Sheep Award

Motion carried

4.3. Existing Awards Requiring SAC Approval

It was clarified that it was donor preference for only the Aviation Diploma to be included in the *Brandon Pike Memorial Bursary*.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve revisions to the existing awards from September 17 – October 23, 2025:

- Alumni Legacy In-Course Scholarship
- Bradon Pike Memorial Bursary
- Outstanding Future Alumni Award

Motion carried

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

An editorial correction will be made to the *Bradon Pike Memorial Aviation Management Bursary* to ensure it references the full name of the Bachelor of Aviation Management program.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the new awards provisionally approved by the Office of the Registrar from September 17 – October 23, 2025:

- AimCo Finance and Accounting Scholarship
- Bell Family Fund Award
- Bradon Pike Memorial Aviation Management Bursary (*as amended*)
- Clara Helen Moore Cormier Memorial Bursary in Nursing
- Gloria Visser-Niven Memorial Entrance Bursary in Journalism and Digital Media
- Mortimer-Rae's Legacy Fund Scholarship

Motion carried

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

Clarification was provided about the various types of criteria used in the terms of reference for awards, including donor or department preference. It was understood that reverting back to older terms, as was done for this list of awards, may be reconsidered during future approval cycles.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve revisions to the existing awards provisionally approved by the Office of the Registrar from September 17 – October 23, 2025:

- Karen Miller-Tait Memorial Award
- Sharon Kienas Memorial Award
- Svea Craig Mason Scholarship

Motion carried

5. Changes to Entrance Awards Procedures

This was a follow-up item from the discussion at the previous SAC meeting to proceed with making a change to the Entrance Awards Procedures. Based on discussion, the revisions will specify the full name of the University Entrance Option program.

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council - Student Affairs Committee approve revisions to the existing procedures document to reflect a focus on students entering post-secondary for the first time for entrance awards, and with the specification of the full name of the University Entrance Option program.

Motion carried

6. Participation on Student Awards Selection Committees

An overview of the selection committee volunteer positions available was given. Members were encouraged to join and assist with filling these positions.

7. Committee Chair Report

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

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment 4:06PM