

Student Affairs Committee
January 21, 2025 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Phil Warsaba	Vice-President, Students, CHAIR
Fiona Chetty	Student Representative, VICE-CHAIR
Chris Rogerson	Associate Vice-President, Student Experience and Success
Michelle LoGullo	President, Mount Royal Staff Association (<i>via Google Meet</i>)
Meagan Bowler	Deans' Council Representative
Kari Roberts	Academic Staff Member (Arts)
Holly Johnson	Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)
Meg Stewart	Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology) (<i>via Google Meet</i>)
Sara Sharun	Academic Staff Member (University Library) (<i>via Google Meet</i>)
Christina Lovestone	Continuing Education Representative
Tori McMillan	Iniskim Centre Representative
Nicky Renault	Student Affairs Representative (<i>via Google Meet</i>)
Qanita Samore	Student Representative
Saron Solomon	Student Representative

Resources

Geri Lynn Gouglas	Registrarial Designate
Miranda Diakiw	Designate for Executive Director, Development (<i>via Google Meet</i>)
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Sally Haney	Academic Staff Member (Business, Communication Studies & Aviation)
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The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:08PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the January 21, 2025 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from November 26, 2024

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the November 26, 2024 Student Affairs Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

- 2.2.1. Existing Awards Requiring SAC Approval – Colleen Griffin Memorial Award in Internationalization
Revisited as part of Item 3.3.

3. Student Awards Created from November 27, 2024 – January 21, 2025**3.1. Summary Listing of New Awards**

Received for information.

3.2. New Awards Requiring SAC Approval

Discussion of the Enrolment Management Prize:

- Clarification that the use of broad language in the eligibility criteria ensures all activities that qualify are included (*“participating in department initiatives”*)

Discussion of the Indigenous Business Bursary:

- Does reference to the Business program mean the “BBA” or any Business program?
 - Clarification from the donor required on this question
- Preference given to past participants is to help support students throughout their program and to ensure all available funds are used
- It was agreed to defer approval of this award to the next meeting to receive clarification from the donor on what the criteria is intended to include

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the new awards:

- Brookline Public Relations Bright Futures Bursary
- Enrolment Management Prize
- Mary Anderson Memorial Bursary
- O'Neill Indigenous Aviator Award
- TECTERRA Spatial Data Science Certificate Award
- The Stephen McLaren Memorial Aviation Bursary

Motion carried**3.3. Existing Awards Requiring SAC Approval**

Discussion of the MRU Indigenous Business Bursary:

- Similar to the Indigenous Business Bursary discussed above, it was agreed to defer approval of this award to the next meeting to get clarification from the donor on the criteria

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the existing award: Colleen Griffin Memorial Award in Internationalization.

Discussion:

- A change was made to the proposed wording for this award after the SAC meeting package was distributed. It was agreed to table the approval of this award to the next meeting to allow SAC time to review the updated criteria.

Motion tabled

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve revisions to the existing award: The David O'Brien Bridge to Canadian Nursing Award.

Motion carried

- 3.4. Existing Awards Provisionally Approved by the Office of the Registrar

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve revisions to the existing award provisionally approved by the Office of the Registrar: A.G. Taylor Scholarship In Aviation, as amended.

Amendment:

- For clarity and consistency with other awards, it was agreed that the word "program" be removed: "...or the Bachelor of Aviation Management ~~program~~".

Motion carried**Moved and seconded:**

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve revisions to the existing award provisionally approved by the Office of the Registrar: Gordon and Kathy Laing Memorial Scholarship.

Motion carried**4. Student Appeals**

- 4.1. MRU Tuition Bursary Appeal (AIRF)

The MRU Tuition Bursary appeal (AIRF) was considered.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the student appeal of the Tuition Bursary (AIRF).

Motion defeated

- 4.2. MRU Tuition Bursary Appeal (NURS)

The MRU Tuition Bursary appeal (NURS) was considered.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the student appeal of the Tuition Bursary (NURS).

Motion defeated**5. Update on Awards Selection Committees**

All Awards Selection Committees have been populated.

The Student Awards Selection Committee Charter from November 2009 was provided for reference. It was agreed that SAC review the Charter with suggested updates from the Registrar's Office at the next meeting. Suggested revisions included:

- Remove list of specific awards
- Expand membership criteria beyond SAC members, with consideration that SAC members have first right of refusal to sit on selection committees

- Have at least one member of SAC on a selection committee (open to any member of SAC)

6. For Information

- 6.1. Language used in Terms of Reference when including Majors, Minors and Concentrations
A follow-up from the November 26, 2024 SAC meeting regarding consistency in wording when a major, minor or concentration is referenced in the terms of reference for MRU awards was reviewed.

Discussion took place on using gender preferences, e.g. “woman or female”, and if that should be reviewed. Consideration for use of this language will be included as part of the next comprehensive review of terminology used in awards, which will occur in the next academic year.

- 6.2. Copy of the previous Committee Chair’s Report to GFC
Provided for information.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment 4:17PM