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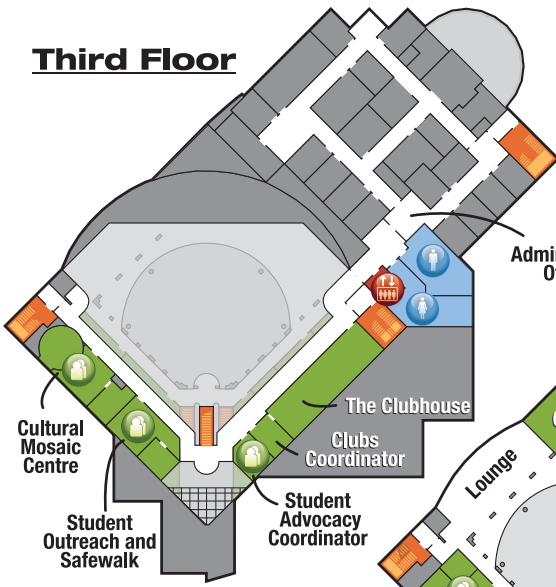
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students' association
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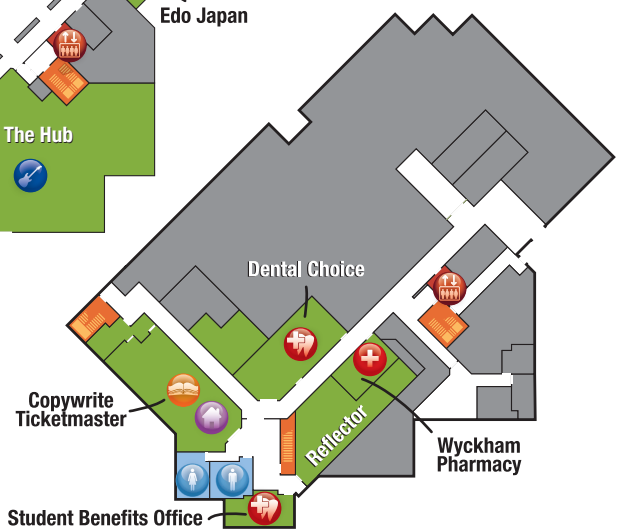
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Monday – Friday / Closed on statutory holidays
Please check website for closures

Semester Hours Spring / Summer 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday – Friday / Closed on statutory holidays
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Cultural Mosaic Centre	(403) 440-5185	cmc@samru.ca
Events Website	www.samru.ca	events@samru.ca
The Hub	(403) 440-6403	thehub@samru.ca
Native Student Centre	(403) 440-7795	nsc@samru.ca
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Peer Support Centre.....	(403) 440-6269	psc@samru.ca
Pride Centre	(403) 440-5604	pride@samru.ca
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Student Outreach & Safewalk (SOS)	(403) 440-7073	safewalk@samru.ca
Sustainability Centre	(403) 440-8779	sc@samru.ca
Student Advocacy Coordinator	(403) 440-7792	advocacy@samru.ca

Paid for and governed by students

Welcome to the Students' Association of Mount Royal University and the Wyckham House Student Centre!

If you're a new student, you may not know that the Students' Association of Mount Royal University is paid for and governed by you—the students of MRU!

So—whether you're a first year or a returning student—welcome from your SAMRU, and enjoy your student centre!

Here's a little background on how we came to be where we are today:

A Students' Council has existed at Mount Royal since it opened. Percy Morecombe was the Students' Council President from 1911 to 1913. Mount Royal students have been actively engaged on campus ever since then.

Back in the early 1960s, students would meet in the kitchen or office of a former Mount Royal business instructor named Dr. Robert Wyckham, where they would discuss their plans and air their complaints or concerns. Working together, they came up with a new plan for the student government and the idea of financing a building.

In 1965, SAMRU acquired an old house for \$21,000, close to the original Mount Royal campus downtown, and aptly named it “Wyckham House” after the instructor who inspired the venture. In 1972, SAMRU moved to the new Lincoln Park campus, where it owned and operated various spaces throughout the University. In 1987, these services and spaces were consolidated into a new building—the current Wyckham House Student Centre.

Wyckham House underwent some major renovations in 1999, adding a Native Student Centre, more meeting rooms and expanding the campus pub, then called the Liberty Lounge.

In order to make room for new and enhanced services, and to meet the needs of a growing student population on campus, SAMRU expanded Wyckham House in 2008, adding almost 45% more space for new and enhanced student services. These positive changes have allowed SAMRU to remain the Canadian benchmark for high-quality, diversified student services, and to make Wyckham House the vibrant hub of the MRU campus.

Over the summer of 2011, the Students' Association did further renovations to Wyckham House, which most notably included the expansion of the campus pub. By adding a full kitchen as well as restrooms, the pub was expanded to a full restaurant. After a successful “Name the Pub” contest, the new restaurant was aptly named “The Hub”.

As you can see, the Wyckham House Student Centre is designed to meet your needs as a student, housing a variety of services outlined in this booklet, so stop by and check things out.

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2014-15 Executive Committee



(From left to right): President, Erik Queenan; Vice-President Student Academic Affairs, Tristan Smyth; Vice-President Student Life, Zoe Slusar; Vice-President External Affairs, Seija Roggeveen.

The Executive Committee of the Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU) is here to represent you, our members—the students of MRU. SAMRU exists to help you get through school while making your student experience one of the best of your life.

The Executive Committee deals with issues like tuition and loan policies, student advocacy and lobbying, and external relations.

Find what you need in Wyckham House

Wyckham House is your house. It is paid for and governed by students. If you need cheap textbooks, cheap printing, a free breakfast, a food bank, an emergency student loan, a safe walk home, concerts to attend, help with an appeal or grievance, opportunities to volunteer or other opportunities, come check out the Students' Association in your student centre and see what we can do for you.

So how does SAMRU work?

One of our most important jobs is to represent you on campus and in the community. How do we do that? Students' Council has 14 part-time governors and four full-time executives who govern SAMRU and represent you in meetings with internal and external stakeholders, including the University Board of Governors, municipal, provincial and federal governments. The Executive Committee sits on over 65 university committees per year to ensure the direction of Mount Royal remains student-focused.

SAMRU offers over 90 programs and services, numerous events, dozens of student clubs, and many other initiatives to enhance your post-secondary experience in a meaningful and memorable way. Come talk to us for more information or visit our website at www.samru.ca.

Erik Queenan

President

Phone: (403) 440-6993 Email: president@samru.ca

The President is the primary spokesperson for SAMRU and the Executive Committee. This executive is responsible to Students' Council for the conduct and the affairs of the Students' Association. The President is responsible for ensuring all students are represented and served as effectively as possible. The President is also the official interpreter of the SAMRU bylaws, and the student representative on MRU's Board of Governors.

Tristan Smyth

Vice-President Student Academic Affairs

Phone: (403) 440-6402 Email: vpacademic@samru.ca

The Vice-President Student Academic Affairs ensures that students' academic concerns are addressed and represented. Responsibilities include advocating on behalf of the Students' Association on academic issues, overseeing the appointment of General Faculty Council's student representatives, and chairing the Academic Student Caucus. The Vice-President Student Academic Affairs strives to protect the academic interests of students, while ensuring that the academic integrity of the institution is maintained.

Seija Roggeveen

Vice-President External Affairs

Phone: (403) 440-6404 Email: vpexternal@samru.ca

The Vice-President External Affairs' primary responsibility is working with outside student bodies, media, government and the community at large. This executive is also responsible for coordinating all media relations for SAMRU and leading SAMRU's communication with any civic, provincial or national organizations, including the Alberta Ministry of Learning. The Vice-President External Affairs implements any lobbying initiatives of SAMRU.

Zoe Slusar

Vice-President Student Life

Phone: (403) 440-6407 Email: vpstudentaffairs@samru.ca

The Vice-President Student Life is responsible for advocating on students' behalf on non-academic issues at MRU including scholarships and financial aid, sustainability issues and student engagement. This executive also acts as the Executive Committee liaison responsible for gathering student feedback and evaluative information on non-academic issues as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.



(From left to right): Vice-President Student Academic Affairs, Tristan Smyth; President, Erik Queenan; Vice-President Student Life, Zoe Slusar; Vice-President External Affairs, Seija Roggeveen.

Mission, vision, values & beliefs

SAMRU Mission:

We represent and serve students to help them succeed.

SAMRU Vision:

Where every student can discover themselves, build meaningful relationships and make a difference in the world.

SAMRU Belief Statement:

We believe:

- **LEARNING** goes beyond the classroom, contributing to the realization of aspirations.
- **COMMUNITY** is built on individual relationships and shared resources.
- Our **AUTONOMY** makes it possible to respond to the needs of our members.
- Our **INTEGRITY** requires accountability, openness, responsible stewardship, and ethical governance.
- **DIVERSITY** makes our community stronger and more vibrant.
- **FUN** is essential to creativity, engagement, and social development.



Student services

Academic and non-academic concerns, appeals & grievances

All students attending Mount Royal have rights and responsibilities. Students who have questions regarding their programs, courses, exams, marks or instructors can talk to SAMRU's Student Advocacy Coordinator for an explanation of MRU's policies and procedures, or for assistance with academic appeals, grievances, or concerns arising from the Student Code of Conduct.

All information is kept strictly confidential. Information on appeals and grievances can also be found in the MRU calendar. The Student Advocacy Coordinator's office is on the 3rd floor of Wyckham House, in Room Z302. Phone: (403) 440-7792 Email: advocacy@samru.ca

Awards, bursaries, funds, loans and scholarships

Bursaries:

SAMRU provides five awards which you can apply for through MRU Student Awards and Financial Aid: a Student Parent Bursary, a Students' Association First-Year Bursary, a Students' Association Bursary, and two Robert Wyckham Scholarships (one each for a credit and a non-credit student).

Experiential Learning Fund:

SAMRU offers the Experiential Learning Fund (ELF) to help individual students fund personal and professional development opportunities outside their academic experience at MRU. This fund was created to help eligible students take advantage of unique learning and growth opportunities, and offers up to \$1,000 to fund participation in conference or trade shows, student exchange programs, work or teach abroad programs, among others. For more information, visit our website at www.samru.ca.

E-Awards scholarships:

Each year SAMRU hosts the E-Awards scholarship ceremony recognizing students who demonstrate outstanding contributions to student life on campus. The E-Awards include:

- Inspiring Culture Award
- Deanna Cardinal Memorial Award
- Beyond Disabilities Award
- Gender and Sexual Diversity Award
- Campus Sport and Wellness Award
- Citizenship Award
- Green Earth Award
- Committed Learner Award
- Experiential Studies Award
- Part Time Studies Award
- Excellence in Community Service Club Award
- Excellence in Membership Services Club Award
- Reflector Award
- Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards
- Outstanding Student of the Year Award
- Teaching Excellence Award
- Champion Award

Student recipients of an E-Award are provided with a trophy and scholarship. Faculty and staff are recognized with Teaching Excellence and Champion certificates.

Eligibility requirements and scholarship amounts vary by award category. Students are encouraged to apply, and to nominate outstanding peers, staff and/or faculty they feel deserve recognition. Scholarship information packages include nomination and application forms, and are available at Reception in Room Z222. Check our website at www.samru.ca for online forms.

Student services

Contests

Check out our website at www.samru.ca for regular contests and prizes. Students are encouraged to enter photo, essay and video contests, with the contest winners receiving valuable awards. You can also follow us on Facebook or Twitter for contest information, or visit www.samru.ca/contest-section/current.



Cheapest
photocopying
on campus
and used books

Consign your books and get

75%

of the selling price.
You set the price!

Student-focused value

- 5¢ copiers
- Acetate
- B&W copies & printing
- Binding & laminating
- Colour copies & printing
- Ecostore, Tech Squad
- Faxing & scanning
- Free Internet and computer access
- Plotter printing
- Used books - consign in person or online

Basement of Wyckham House
Student Centre

Fall & winter semester hours

Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday : 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Phone: (403) 440-6699

Fax: (403) 440-6668

copywrite@samru.ca

Hours subject to change without notice

ticketmaster
CANADA

Visit us in Copywrite & Used Books to:

- Purchase & pick up tickets
- Get event information
- Buy gift cards

Student services

Harassment and discrimination

The Alberta Human Rights Act makes harassment and discrimination illegal. The Student Advocacy Coordinator can assist students who believe their human rights have been violated by providing support and guidance to navigate the appropriate University channels. SAMRU is committed to upholding the rights of all Mount Royal students and to creating a respectful environment. Check with the Student Advocacy Coordinator if you have any questions by calling (403) 440-7792 or going to Room Z302 to book an appointment.



Health and dental coverage

Students with nine credits or more are automatically enrolled in the health and dental plans established by SAMRU and administered through the Student Benefits Plan Office. Benefits include prescription drug coverage, supplemental health (chiropractor, physiotherapy, massage therapy, etc.) and dental coverage. For complete details, including reimbursement levels and maximums, please visit the Student Benefits Plan Office or <http://mystudentplan.ca/mtroyal>

Students can add spouses and children to their plans before the add-on deadline. Students who are already covered under an extended health or dental plan may choose to opt-out of one or both plans before the opt-out deadline and receive a fee refund. **Your provincial health care plan does not count as an extended health plan.** The Student Benefits Plan Office is located in the lower level of the Wyckham House Student Centre in Room Z001.

Please stop by the Student Benefits Plan Office (Z001, Wyckham House) to activate your benefit account if you have not yet done so.

Health & Dental Opt-Out and Add-On Deadline:

For all full-time students enrolled in 9 or more credits, the fall semester Opt Out, Opt In and Family Add On deadline is October 3, 2014 by 4:00PM. For more details, please call (403) 440-6267 or visit us at <http://mystudentplan.ca/mtroyal>.

Dental Choice

Dental Choice is MRU's dental clinic, offering services to the MRU community and beyond. Dental Choice is Alberta's largest group of caring and trusted dental professionals, committed to your dental health. Our general, cosmetic, reconstructive, and sedation dentists are available to take care of all your dental needs. The Dental Choice clinic is open to MRU students, faculty, staff, their families and friends — everyone is welcome. We are located in Room Z006 in the basement of the Wyckham House Student Centre.

Lost and Found

SAMRU operates a Lost and Found through our main reception desk. This service is open to all members of the campus community. Stop by our reception area in Z222 or call us at (403) 440-6077 to inquire about lost items. Found items can be dropped off at SAMRU's reception desk or in the 24-hour drop box next to MRU Security.

Student services

Cultural Mosaic Centre (CMC) Z307

(403) 440-5185, cmc@samru.ca



The Cultural Mosaic Centre is a cultural idea space where global culture meets personal experience. Through shared experiences, the CMC explores similarities and differences across cultures in order to learn what it means to be human in a global context. The CMC's programs include multicultural events, group activities, and global tea parties. **The CMC provides student support and volunteer opportunities.**

Native Student Centre (NSC) Z203

(403) 440-7795, nsc@samru.ca



The Native Student Centre is a welcoming and engaging space for all students to explore aspects of Aboriginal culture. The NSC encourages students to engage with contemporary Aboriginal culture in Canada to promote understanding and enrich students' learning experiences. The NSC's programs include sweat lodges, Aboriginal crafts, community events, and an elder speaker series. **The NSC provides student support and volunteer opportunities.**

Peer Support Centre (PSC) Z210

(403) 440-6269, psc@samru.ca



The Peer Support Centre is a transformative community based upon shared dignity, caring and trust. The PSC provides peer-led, barrier-free services, connecting all parts of the campus community to support students as they achieve their goals. The PSC's services include free breakfast, emergency student loans, food bank hampers, peer counselling, and resource referrals. All services are confidential. **The PSC provides student support and volunteer opportunities.**

Student services

Student Outreach and Safewalk (SOS) Z301

(403) 440-7073, safewalk@samru.ca



Student Outreach and Safewalk is SAMRU's mobile peer-to-peer campus presence, providing engaging outreach services. SOS fosters a culture of connection and safety through vibrant communication between SAMRU and the campus community. SOS' services include a SAMRU information booth, personal safety training, and safewalks on campus in partnership with MRU Security. **SOS provides student support and volunteer opportunities.**

Pride Centre (PRIDE) Z204

(403) 440-5604, pride@samru.ca



The Pride Centre provides a queer-positive, safe and celebratory environment on campus for students of all gender and sexual identities, and also works to end gender-based and relationship violence. PRIDE recognizes our common ground, embraces our differences, and works to educate the larger community in the spirit of mutual respect. PRIDE services include a resource library, sexual health resources, referral services and peer counselling, and the Stepping Up peer violence prevention program. **PRIDE provides student support and volunteer opportunities.**

Centre for Student Initiative (CSI) Z211

(403) 440-8779, sc@samru.ca



The Centre for Student Initiative is a creative, resourceful community of peers, organizing events and initiatives which explore students' connections to local and global communities. We empower students to find their passion and potential in an atmosphere of mutual mentorship, in order to encourage personal development and citizenship. Need support with a class project? Come see us. You can also volunteer for cutting-edge programs like the Green Team, the community garden, or the CREATE A Better Now conference committee.



Copywrite & Used Books (Copywrite) Z007

(403) 440-6699, copywrite@samru.ca

Copywrite & Used Books is a marketplace of print and retail services. Copywrite supports student learning and creativity by providing flexible and engaging communications services, in order to build a culture of inquiring minds. Copywrite's services include used book consignment, printing and copying services, an Eco Store, an off-campus housing list, a Tech Squad outlet, and a Ticketmaster outlet.

Student services

The Hub Z107

(403) 440-6403, thehub@samru.ca

"Where the campus connects"



The Hub is SAMRU's student-owned campus hotspot, complete with a great selection of delicious food and beverages. Make sure to check out our great new menu, our daily and weekly food specials, and special events! There is always something exciting going on, so grab a friend or professor and come check out The Hub!

Visit our website at www.inthehub.ca for weekly event updates and information.

Concerts and shows

SAMRU provides quality, fun and award-winning entertainment for students and the wider Calgary community. Check out Wyckham House for **free or incredibly low-priced live music**. Visit our online events calendar at www.samru.ca/events for up-to-date concert and event information and your chance to see some great live shows!

Food kiosks

SAMRU leases space to various tenants to provide students with a variety of food choices and convenience items. The Wyckham House Food Court is the home of 12 food kiosks which serve a delicious array of food. If you have a hankering for Japanese, Middle Eastern, Italian, Vietnamese, Thai or Mexican—the Wyckham House Food Court is the place to go. You can also get Dairy Queen burgers and ice cream treats, fresh salads, juices and wraps, and made-to-order Subway subs. If you've got a snack or beverage craving, make sure to also check out The Collegiate Shop convenience store and the Good Earth Cafe and Bakery.



Volunteer opportunities

Why volunteer?

SAMRU is a student-run organization that values participation in decision-making and community-building. Through volunteerism on our boards and committees, as well as in our service centres, the Students' Association offers first-hand experience in citizenship and provides students with opportunities to discover themselves and develop valuable leadership skills.

Volunteering is a challenging and rewarding experience which helps develop the diverse skill set needed in today's job market. It's also a great opportunity to meet new people and have some fun. Volunteer application forms are available at SAMRU Reception (Room Z222), online at www.samru.ca, or from the respective coordinators for each service.

Volunteer opportunities: clubs

Find your kind — get connected to the campus community

Join a club and meet cool people who have the same interests as you! Students with similar academic, social or representational interests can become part of a club, or even start their own. Clubs hold regular meetings throughout the year and may accomplish many things, including hosting social events, activities, fundraisers and graduation celebrations, and participating in other initiatives. Check out our list of current clubs at www.samru.ca.

A clubs development fund provides financial support to clubs wishing to organize various forms of events. Applications and eligibility criteria are available from the Clubs Coordinator.

New clubs are formed every year to represent the changing interests of students. Run for a position on the executive of a student club, or be an active member and participate in events and fundraisers. For information on how to create a new student club, contact the Clubs Coordinator at (403) 440-5186 or check www.samru.ca.

Volunteer opportunities: governance

Join our team — develop leadership skills while helping your fellow students

Vice President Academic Advisory Committee

The Vice President Academic Advisory Committee (VPAAC) is a body of students who discuss the academic matters at MRU. This group is part of General Faculties Council (GFC), the MRU institutional council that makes decisions related to academic planning and policies at the university. Students can participate in these discussions by volunteering as a Faculty Council Representative, GFC Student Councilor or VPAAC Student Volunteer. An honorarium is available to students who sit on General Faculties Council. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Vice-President Academic at (403) 440-6402, vpacademic@samru.ca.

Members of VPAAC gain valuable skills and experience including practical meeting skills, experience working with University professionals, and experience representing student concerns on one of the most important decision-making bodies in the University.

Volunteer opportunities

E-Awards Selection Committee

Each year, SAMRU gives out over \$35,000 in scholarships, bursaries and awards. A selection committee meets in March to review all applications for E-Awards. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Vice-President Academic before the end of February. Participants are invited to the E-Awards ceremony. Students are encouraged to apply!

Elections Appeals Board

Students can volunteer for positions on this board, which is only convened in the event that an appeal is launched regarding the Executive or Students' Council elections. An honorarium is provided.

Students' Council

Students' Council is the governing board of SAMRU. Council is the policy-making body of, and has the legislative authority for, the Students' Association.

Governors are MRU students and part-time volunteers of the Students' Association, who must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Council meets once a month during the school year and bi-monthly during the spring and summer semesters and is responsible for directing the overall goals of the Students' Association. Governors usually volunteer about ten hours a month, and receive an honorarium for their committee work on students' behalf. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact the SAMRU President at (403) 440-6993 or president@samru.ca, drop by Reception in Room Z222, or check our website at www.samru.ca.



Volunteer opportunities

Volunteer opportunities: support

Use your interests and skills to change students' lives — and have fun doing it!

Casual Volunteers

Are you looking for a casual, flexible or short-term opportunity to get involved? As a casual volunteer you can help out at a SAMRU event or provide short-term support of one of our great programs, with staff and volunteer mentors to support you.

Service Volunteers

Want to go all in, and have the volunteer experience of your life? Get fully immersed in one of our life-changing centres! Transformative professional development opportunities and life-long friends await you.

Cultural Mosaic Centre (CMC)

The Cultural Mosaic Centre presents unique opportunities for students to share their experiences and explore global culture in a supportive environment. The CMC shares information, creates networking opportunities, and provides a venue for students to discuss similarities and differences across cultures. If you want to learn what it means to be human in a global context, volunteering with the CMC might be a great fit. For more information, or to apply to be a volunteer, contact the Cultural Mosaic Centre Coordinator at (403) 440-5185, cmc@samru.ca.

Native Student Centre (NSC)

The Native Student Centre is a welcoming space for all students to explore aspects of Aboriginal culture. Through social opportunities and participatory learning experiences, NSC volunteers have the opportunity to engage with contemporary Aboriginal culture in Canada, participate in enriching discussions, and meet new friends. If you want to learn more about Aboriginal culture, consider volunteering with the NSC! To learn more, contact the Native Student Centre Coordinator at (403) 440-7795, nsc@samru.ca.

Volunteer opportunities

Peer Support Centre (PSC)

The Peer Support Centre is a transformative community based on shared dignity, caring and trust. Peer Support Centre volunteers provide barrier-free services to help other students achieve their goals. All volunteers undergo an extensive training process, including professional development sessions, to ensure appropriate support for those who use the PSC. If you're interested in supporting your fellow students and connecting the campus community, volunteer with the PSC. For more information, contact the Peer Support Centre Coordinator at (403) 440-6269, psc@samru.ca.

Student Outreach and Safewalk (SOS)

Student Outreach and Safewalk creates a fun, interactive link between SAMRU and students. SOS volunteers connect SAMRU to the campus community by staffing the SAMRU information booth, providing engaging outreach services, and performing safewalks in partnership with MRU Security. This volunteer opportunity is a vibrant and dynamic way of reaching out to others on campus. Contact the SOS Program Coordinator at (403) 440-7073, safewalk@samru.ca for more information.

Pride Centre (PRIDE)

The Pride Centre provides a queer-positive, safe and celebratory environment on campus for students of all gender and sexual identities, and works to end gender-based and relationship violence with initiatives like the Stepping Up peer violence prevention program. Volunteer with the Pride Centre on the second floor of Wyckham House, and help your SAMRU create a space that recognizes our common ground, embraces our differences, and works to educate the larger community in the spirit of mutual respect. For more information, contact the Pride Centre Coordinator at (403) 440-5604, pride@samru.ca.

Centre for Student Initiative (CSI)

The Centre for Student Initiative is a creative, resourceful community of peers, organizing events and initiatives which explore students' connections to local and global communities. If you're interested in finding your passion and empowering others to do the same, the Centre for Student Initiative is a great place for you to volunteer! Contact the CSI Coordinator at (403) 440-8779, csi@samru.ca to join the team.

Employment opportunities

SAMRU provides employment opportunities to Mount Royal students. Part-time work is often available at the Canadian Student Health Network, The Hub, Copywrite & Used Books, and at some food kiosks. Casual work is also available for concerts, events and as election ballot-counters and poll clerks. SAMRU sometimes has opportunities for work-terms and practicum fulfillment for full-time students designed to complement academic work, help students develop job skills, and assist students in realizing their long-term career goals. Employment applications may be submitted by email or to Reception in Room Z222.

Employment postings can be found on our website at www.samru.ca.

Get informed

Website

Located at www.samru.ca, SAMRU's website has information on events, awards, bursaries and student loans, student clubs, housing, employment, volunteer opportunities, grade appeals, free support services, and more. Comments and feedback can be provided to SAMRU executives and staff through the contact information on the website.

Other communications

In addition to our website and publications, watch for the following: a monthly email, announcements, posters, banners, bulletin boards, flyers, food court tray liners, washroom advertising, displays, town hall meetings, Student Outreach and Safewalk (SOS) and the many other forms of communication SAMRU uses to keep you informed about what your Students' Association is doing for you.

Connect with us now

SAMRU uses social media to keep in touch with students, share information about upcoming events, and get feedback.

Don't miss another great concert, cool movie screening, give-away or contest! Join us on Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and YouTube!



Connect with 140 characters or less by following
<http://twitter.com/samruBuzz>

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a dark grey rectangular background.

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Come be friends with SAMRU <https://www.facebook.com/SAMRUBuzz> or like our profile page and we'll send you information on special events while keeping you up-to-date on news that could affect you.



Want to check out SAMRU's YouTube page?
<http://www.youtube.com/user/TheSamru>

Governance and representation

Student organizations play a vital role in institutions of higher learning, providing students with representation, support, advocacy and empowerment. They exist to ensure students have a voice, have assistance to get them through school, and have a well-rounded educational experience.

In Alberta, students' associations are mandated to exist under the Post-Secondary Learning Act. The business and affairs of a student organization of a public post-secondary institution must be managed by a council, the members of which are to be elected by and from the members of the student organization. This means that all credit students play a role in SAMRU by participating in elections—either by running for Students' Council, or by voting in the election.

Vice President Academic Advisory Committee

Vice President Academic Advisory Committee (VPAAC) is a group of students who discuss academic matters at MRU. This group is a part of General Faculties Council (GFC), the University board responsible for making academics-related decisions. GFC, which is made up of students, faculty and staff, determines MRU's academic policies and plans, including which programs the University will offer.

Students can participate in VPAAC as Faculty Council Representatives, GFC Student Councilors, or VPAAC Student Volunteers. GFC and VPAAC both meet once a month, for two hours each. Student representatives are selected in the spring for the following year and an honorarium is available. Contact the Vice-President Academic at (403) 440-6402, vpacademic@samru.ca for more information.

Annual general meeting

SAMRU holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year to review the organization's accomplishments and direction, to examine SAMRU's audited financial statements and to appoint the auditors. Any MRU credit student can participate and vote at the AGM. Notice of the time, place and the general nature of business is posted in accordance with SAMRU's bylaws.

At general meetings, the membership is also asked to review and vote on any proposed bylaw changes. These meetings are used as a vehicle to share organizational goals and objectives with the membership, and to solicit their input on such initiatives. All credit students are considered active members of SAMRU, and are strongly encouraged to attend the AGM.



Governance and representation

Bylaws

SAMRU's bylaws provide a basic set of rules by which the organization abides. The bylaws outline membership criteria, how often certain meetings are held, how meetings are called, who the directors of the organization are, and what they do, and the collection of membership fees, among other things. Copies of SAMRU's bylaws are available at the Reception desk in Room Z222 in the Wyckham House Student Centre, and online at www.samru.ca.

Mount Royal University Board of Governors

Appointed by the Alberta government, the Mount Royal University Board of Governors is responsible for determining the University's policies, finances and operations, and for setting the rate of tuition fees. The Board has one student member, the SAMRU President.

Membership

All credit students attending Mount Royal University in the current academic semester are members of the Students' Association, subject to any exceptions noted in the SAMRU bylaws. Currently, SAMRU has around 12,000 fee-paying members. Honorary members are people who have been granted membership by special resolution of Students' Council. Rights of membership are outlined in the SAMRU bylaws, available at Reception in Z222 or online at www.samru.ca.

Elections

Each winter semester the Executive Committee and Governors are elected from and by SAMRU's membership. There are four executive positions: President, Vice-President Academic, Vice-President External, and Vice-President Student Life. There are also 14 elected or appointed governor positions. Any full-time Mount Royal credit student in good academic standing is eligible to run for an executive position. Any full-time or part-time student in good academic standing is eligible to run for a governor position. People holding these offices are considered "governance volunteers" and receive an honorarium for their committee and representation work on students' behalf.

Elections are governed by an independent Chief Returning Officer (CRO). Nominations are usually available two to three months in advance of the polls through SAMRU Reception. Additionally, a "Notice of Elections" is posted outlining all deadlines and voting periods. Students must show a valid student ID card in order to cast a ballot. Students interested in running are encouraged to meet with the Executive Director or the current executives and governors to obtain information about the roles and responsibilities of the position they are interested in running for.



Governance and representation

Executive Committee

The four elected members of the SAMRU Executive Committee are all members of Students' Council. The executives carry out the executive and representation functions of the Students' Association and the Wyckham House Student Centre and work in a full-time capacity throughout the year. Executives spend their days dealing with tuition and loan policies, student advocacy and lobbying, external relations and student-related activities. Working directly with the Executive Committee are SAMRU's professional staff, who help perform the day-to-day operations and administration of the organization.

Lobbying

SAMRU is involved with many lobbying efforts on behalf of MRU students, including lobbying various levels of government through CASA (Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations), CAUS (Council of Alberta and University Students), and CSC (Calgary Student Caucus). SAMRU's partnership with these groups assists students by helping to maintain quality and affordable post-secondary education.

Students' Council

Students' Council is the governing board of the Students' Association and is responsible for the organization's overall direction. Governors are elected by the student body. Become a governor and you can develop leadership and strategic skills, get professional training, meet new people and gain valuable experience. Governors are part-time volunteers and are paid a small honorarium for their committee work. Any available positions will be filled through an appointment process in the fall. Contact SAMRU's President at (403) 440-6993, president@samru.ca to find out more. The Students' Council meeting schedule can be found on our website.



2013-14 Students' Council

Our accountability process

Advisory Committee

The primary purpose of this committee is to advise Students' Council on issues that may affect the organization's strategic direction or purpose and the fulfilment of its fiduciary responsibilities. Generally, this standing committee investigates issues within its purview and recommends action to Students' Council for approval. The committee may also act as a limited agent of Students' Council, whereby it will be authorized to take actions defined within project charters approved by Students' Council from time to time. The authority for this committee comes from Students' Council through the Students' Association's bylaws.

Elections Appeal Board

The Elections Appeal Board is responsible for hearing any appeals on matters concerning elections. Along with students, some public members of the Students' Association's Advisory Committee sit on the Elections Appeal Board.

Financial audit

Every year SAMRU's financial records are thoroughly reviewed and assessed by an independent auditor. Audited financial statements are presented to the membership each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and sent to the University's Board of Governors for information. Copies of the audited financial statements are also available to any interested students at SAMRU's Reception desk after their approval by Students' Council and presentation at the AGM each year.

Post-secondary Learning Act

Under the provision of the Post-secondary Learning Act, SAMRU is recognized as the official voice of MRU students. In its bylaws, SAMRU fulfills the obligations required by the legislature. In particular, SAMRU's bylaws provide for the terms of admission of members and their rights and obligations, the mode and time of calling general and special meetings, the appointment and removal of directors and officers and their duties, powers and remuneration, the exercise of borrowing powers, the audit of accounts, the manner of making, altering and rescinding bylaws, and the time and place at which the books and records of SAMRU may be inspected by members.

Student Centre Liaison Committee (SCLC)

The Student Centre Liaison Committee consists of appointed members of the University administration and representatives from the Students' Association. The SCLC meets at least six times per year and serves as a direct conduit between the Board of Governors and Students' Council on various operational and contractual issues.



Our membership fees

The Students' Association levies a fee from all active members. Membership fees are collected from both full and part-time students on a per-semester basis through a fee collection agreement with Mount Royal University. Fee amounts and details are also listed in the University calendar.

Students' Association fees go towards operating the student centre and the businesses and student services SAMRU offers to enhance students' lives in a meaningful way. We serve students to help them succeed.

Students' Association fees for 2014–15

General & operating fee (\$44.30 PT/ \$92.65 FT)—Monies from this fee subsidize in part the operating and capital costs of the Students' Association. Revenue from SAMRU's businesses and programming also contribute to the cost of running the Students' Association. Fees are set and managed by Students' Council.

Health & dental fee (\$127.50 FT)—This fee is collected on behalf of the Canadian Student Health Network each semester from full-time students. Students covered by an existing, comparable health plan may choose to opt-out of this fee. These funds are used to provide students with a 12-month comprehensive health and dental insurance plan that supplements provincial health care.

Capital campaign fee (\$20.50 PT/ \$38.42 FT)—Monies collected through this fee are accounted for separately and used exclusively for making payments on Wyckham House's mortgage, for major building enhancements and any future buildings or expansion of the existing student centre.

Scholarship fund fee (\$3.00)—Monies from this fee are placed into a separate scholarship and bursary fund for Mount Royal students. Approximately 50% of the fees collected for this fund each year are awarded to Mount Royal students through scholarships and bursaries. The remaining 50% of the fees collected are invested into a scholarship and bursary reserve that will be used to fund future scholarships and bursaries.

For more information on SAMRU's fees, visit our website at www.samru.ca.





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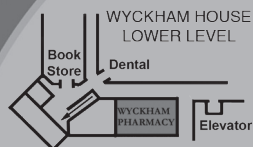
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