**Position Title:** Students’ Councillor

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of a Students’ Councillor is to be one of the nineteen voices that are a part of SAMU’s highest decision-making body. Councillors are responsible for ensuring that the voices of their constituents are heard, and their concerns are being addressed.

A Students’ Councillor is to advise and provide insight on concerns, issues and motions as presented of relevance to students to ensure organizational accountability

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

* Attend Monthly Students’ Council meetings (third Wednesday of every Month)
* Attend any Special Meetings of Students’ Council
* Review all material included in agenda packages prior to Students’ Council meetings
* Read, understand, and be familiar with SAMU’s Governing Documents (Bylaws, Policies, Procedures)
* Participate in the Annual Town Hall (Winter term)
* Participate in the mandatory training sessions (October & April)
* Consult and represent the student body
* Participation in any committee work as appointed by Students’ Council

**CORE COMPETENCIES**

Accountability – Being accountable for one's own actions and those of colleagues and the organization.

Adaptability – The ability to remain fully functional by adapting to changing circumstances (environment, procedures, people).

Student Orientation – The ability and willingness to find out what the student wants and needs and to act accordingly, taking the organization’s costs and benefits into account.

Cooperation – The ability to work effectively with others in order to achieve a shared goal - even when the object at stake is of no direct personal interest.

Forming Judgment – The ability to balance facts and potential approaches taking the appropriate criteria into account.

Effective Communication – The ability to communicate in clear language and to adjust one’s use of language to the audience’s level; the ability to show one absorbs and understands important (non-) verbal information and to ask further questions when necessary.

Integrity – Adherence to the standards, values and rules of conduct associated with one’s position and the culture in which one operates. Abiding by the Code of Conduct.

**POSITION COMPETENCIES**

Vision - The ability to step back from one’s daily routine, explore ideas for the future, regard the facts from a distance and see them in a broader context or in the longer term.

Networking - The ability to develop and maintain relations with various stakeholders, primarily students, and use them to further support the organization.

Impactful Questioning – The ability to read reports, formulate and frame questions in relation to the levers (committees, policy, advocacy) at Council’s disposal to have a bigger impact on the organization and how it supports students.

**EXPERIENCE and INTERESTS**

* Effective Governance
* Strategic Oversight
* Interacting with Students
* Professional Development

**Position Specific Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

* Excellent communication skills (written, verbal, and interpersonal)
* Ability to exercise sound judgment and decision making
* Experience and enthusiasm working with a diverse range of Council members, stakeholders and students