



## **Indigenous Student Representation Procedure**

### **Rationale**

Within SAMU's vision of a culture of empowerment and the duty to be the student voice having an Indigenous student be given the opportunity to be able to speak on the concerns and barriers Indigenous people face within the post-secondary system alongside those in our student advocacy circles provides a meaningful way for an indigenous student to get involved with SAMU.

### **Definitions**

**CASA** is the abbreviation used for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, which is a federal advocacy group that SAMU is affiliated with.

**NIAC** is the acronym used for the National Indigenous Advocacy Committee, which is a committee of CASA.

### **Regulations**

#### **Expectations**

1. There is one Indigenous Student Representative

#### **General Eligibility**

2. The Indigenous Student Representative must be a SAMU Member or SAMU Affiliate who identifies as Indigenous.
  - 2.1. The Indigenous Student Representative cannot be a member of the SAMU Executive Committee.
3. Applicants for the Indigenous Student Representative position must be in good academic standing with the University.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

4. The Indigenous Student Representative is appointed to NIAC and is required to attend all meetings of NIAC.
5. The Indigenous Student Representative attends two CASA Conferences: Foundations and Advocacy Week and may attend up to two additional CASA Conferences specifically held by NIAC.



- 5.1. The Indigenous Student Representative will meet with the Advocacy Coordinator, the Vice President External, and the President to prepare for all conferences attended.
6. The Indigenous Student Representative will submit a report to the Executive Committee and Students' Council after any conference attended.
  - 6.1. These reports include significant issues affecting SAMU, or its members.
7. The Indigenous Student Representative may provide feedback to the Executive Committee on provincial advocacy priorities relating to Indigenous affairs.

### **Appointment and Removal**

8. The Indigenous Student Representative is appointed by the Executive Committee prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>.
9. The Indigenous Student Representative is appointed for a term of May to April.
10. Candidates must submit a completed application form to the Governance Office
  - 10.1. Executive Committee will review all submitted applications at a meeting prior to the appointment deadline.
11. SAMU may consult with kihew waciston during the recruiting process
12. In the event that no individuals put their name forward prior to the appointment deadline, SAMU will continue recruiting until a suitable candidate is found
  - 12.1. The latest an Indigenous Student Representative will be appointed is by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 12.2. If an Indigenous Student Representative has not been appointed by September 15<sup>th</sup> the position will remain vacant until the next term begins
13. If the Indigenous Student Representative is found not to be upholding these expectations or otherwise acting against the interests of SAMU, the Executive Committee may remove the Indigenous Student Representative from their role.

### **Recognition**

14. The Indigenous Student Representative is provided an honorarium of \$60 per meeting attended of NIAC, and \$30 per conference preparation meeting attended.



- 14.1.** Meeting attendance is remunerated to a maximum of \$420 per academic term.
- 15.** All conference travel expenses such as flights, accommodations, and food per diems to CASA conferences are covered by SAMU.
- 16.** An allowance of \$400 will be provided to the Indigenous Student Representative at the beginning of their appointed term for the cost of apparel for upcoming conferences.
- 17.** The Indigenous Student Representative will be provided an honorarium at the end of their appointed term.



## Fact Sheet

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### Related Documents and Forms: