

**Minutes of the 11th  
Students' Association of Red Deer College  
2015-2016 Winter Council Meeting  
March 17, 2016**

**Present:**

Maryanne McGrath; President  
Brady Podloski; VP Student Life  
Liz Sweiger; Executive Director  
Jessica Walker; Secretary  
William Baliko; Student, Voting  
Mitchell Visser; Student, Ex-Officio  
Cyril House; Student, Voting  
Toby Nwabuogor; Student, Voting  
Katherine Rauch; Student, Voting

Ben Fleury; VP College Affairs  
Anne Marie Watson; Chairperson  
Robin Chiles; Board of Governors  
Shantelle Bron; Student, Voting  
Sylvie Masson; Student, Ex-Officio  
Ani Dingamtar; Student, Voting  
Nonso Onwuekwe; Student, Voting

**Absent with Notice:**

Luke Neilson; VP Operations  
Daria Zamlila; Student Voting

Leila Noonan; Student, Voting

**Guests:**

Elaine Vandale, Executive Director, Board &  
Corporate Relations

Robin Chiles, Board of Governors

**Other Attendance Notes:**

Cyril arrived at 5:39pm.  
Robin & Elaine arrived at 6:30pm, left at  
8:40pm.

Mitchell arrived at 6:04pm.  
Sylvie arrived at 6:33pm.

**11.0 Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:34pm, chaired by Anne Marie Watson

**11.1 Approval of Agenda**

**15-16-116-W**

Katherine Rauch, David Hehli  
Motion: Approve the agenda as presented.  
CARRIED.

**11.2 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**15-16-117-W**

Shantelle Bron, Darren Tootoosis  
Motion: Approve the Winter SAC Minutes #10 as written.  
CARRIED.

**15-16-118-W**

Katherine Rauch, David Hehli  
Motion: Approve the 2015 – 2016 Executive Minutes #39 as written.  
CARRIED.

**11.3 Executive Reports (attached)**

**15-16-119-W**

William Baliko, Toby Nwabuogor

Motion: Accept the Executive Reports as presented.

CARRIED.

**11.4 Council Reports**

BOG Report – Robin Chiles

\*Robin did not have a report.

Academic Council – Ben Fleury

\*Ben presented an oral report (written report will be attached to minutes)

**15-16-120-W**

Katherine Rauch, Cyril House

Motion: Accept the Council reports as presented.

CARRIED.

**11.5 Executive Limitations (E. Vandale & R. Chiles)**

(See attached notes)

**11.6 Committee Reports**

**15-16-121-W**

William Baliko, Toby Nwabuogor

Motion: Accept the following committee reports as presented: CAT Fund, Events, Issues, BARC, Mental Health, and Polytechnic University Task Force.

CARRIED.

**11.7 New Business**

**11.8 Discussion**

**11.9 Information Items**

**15-16-122-W**

Brady Podloski, Cyril House

Motion: Accept the following as information:

*11.9.1 – February Financial Statements*

*11.9.2 – 2016 Summer Budget Proposal*

*11.9.3 – Academic Council Constitution Ratification*

CARRIED.

**11.10 Adjournment**

**15-16-123-W**

Katherine Rauch, Toby Nwabuogor

Motion: Adjourn at 9.06pm.

CARRIED.

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Maryanne McGrath, President

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Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive Director

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Anne Marie Watson, Chairperson

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Jessica Walker, Secretary

*On March 17, 2016, Elaine Vandale, Executive Director Board & Corporate Relations and Robin Chiles, Board of Governors Student Representative join the Students' Association Council to collect feedback on RDC Board of Governor's Executive Limitations (EL-A4) the Participation and Treatment of Learners. Elaine stated that the final draft report would be submitted to the Board. Elaine provided a brief overview of the Board's governance model and shared examples of the type of feedback they required. Elaine stated that most of the concerns were considered operational and that she felt Joel met all of the requirements.*

*1 - Fail to ensure that all learners are treated fairly*

- Council noted how there was not an International Liaison to assist the International students.*
- Council shared that there was not a policy for cash handling of a class.*
- Council recommended to better utilize Blackboard and The Loop by placing RDC Policies in an accessible location and to keep the links on Blackboard and The Loop up to date.*

*2 - Fail to guard against hazards or conditions that might threaten the health, safety or well-being of those who use College facilities or property*

- Council expressed concern that the monthly SMS program testing had not been happening and that many students are not aware of the service.*
- Council noted several safety concerns in the parking lots. Council feels security camera and better lighting are a necessity.*
- Council encouraged RDC to create a sexual harassment/sexual assault policy. Additionally, Council would like to see RDC host more campaigns/education on sexual harassment/sexual assault.*
- Council expressed numerous areas of the College that they were not notified of the Emergency lockdown, including but limited to the dance studio, Arts Centre, washrooms and Courtyard. Council also shared how there was not any alarm for the hearing impaired.*
- Council shared concerns regarding the lack on foot patrolling Security does outdoors.*
- Council noted that many College Faculty/Staff are aware of the College's safety procedures.*
- Council shared concerns at main campus regarding icy sidewalks.*
- Council expressed concerns about the poor light near residence and drug use on campus.*
- Students are not aware and/or accessing the Safe Walk program.*
- Council feels like students need to be given an update on the gender-neutral washrooms, it was shared that the new washrooms would not cause any safety concerns.*

*3 - Operate without clear written expectation for learner conduct and handling of complaints*

- No comments.*

*4 - Use methods of collecting, reviewing, or storing student information that fail to protect against improper access to information requested, or fail to provide procedural safeguards for the transmission of information*

- Council shared that Student Funding & Awards does not have a records log, so often times you will have to tell multiple people the same information.*

- *Information logs are not transferred between the departments.*

*1 - Fail to consult with students, as appropriate, concerning future direction of the College and matters that affect learners*

*2 - Fail to provide the opportunity for effective representation on relevant College committees*

- *Council expressed concerns about courses being cut while students were enrolled in the course and not consulting students during the process.*
- *Council shared that the rational for cutting some courses (i.e Printmaking) was unclear.*
- *Council would lobby for an additional student member (SARDC President) to sit on the Board of Governors as a student advisor.*
- *Recommendation to encourage the general student body to sit on the College committees by writing letters of recommendations, certification of appreciation or adding it to their transcripts.*