

**Minutes of the 15th
Students' Association of Red Deer College
2019-2020 Council Meeting
March 3, 2020**

Present:

Brittany Lausen; President
Katrina Bettac; Councillor, Voting
Kevin Maxwell; Councillor, Voting
Eden Szoke; Councillor, Voting
Daniel Whyte; Councillor, Voting
Elizabeth Sweiger; Executive Director
Janelle Grue; Secretary

David P. Anderson; VP Operations
Logan Garbanewski; Councillor, Voting
Anthony McLean; Councillor, Voting
Brittney Trimming; Councillor, Voting
Kindra Woodford; Councillor, Voting
Anne Marie Watson; Chairperson

Guests:

Jonathan Bilodeau; Executive Director, ASEC Emmanuel Barker; Director, ASEC
Jim Brinkhurst; VP College Services Shelley Ralston; VP Corporate
Karen Walkley; Manager of Budget & Revenue Services

Other Attendance Notes:

J. Brinkhurst, S. Ralston, and K. Walkley left the meeting at 6:52 pm.
J. Bilodeau, E. Barker, and E. Sweiger left the meeting at 8:35 pm.

15.0 Call to Order

A. Watson called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

15.1 Approval of Agenda

19-20-142-C

B. Trimming, A. McLean

Motion: Approve the agenda with the following amendments:

15.4.2 – Elect Academic Council Student Member

15.6.1 – Information: January 2020 Financial Statements

CARRIED

15.2 Guests: J. Brinkhurst, S. Ralston, and K. Walkley

Jim Brinkhurst; VP College Services, Shelley Ralston; VP Corporate, and Karen Walkley; Manager of Budget & Revenue Services, visited Council to discuss their proposed tuition increases at RDC, known as Tuition Right-Sizing. In the past year, they began looking at tuition costs at MRU, NAIT, SAIT, Grande Prairie Regional College, and Bow Valley College. RDC tuition is considerably below market compared to these campus colleagues. After comparing the varying tuitions, they propose tuition increases to 39 of the 45 programs, from the lowest increase of 20% to the highest increase of 60%. As these increases vastly exceed the government-regulated amount, the institution asked Council for a letter of support for the Tuition Right-Sizing proposal that they would like to submit to government. This exceptional increase would be implemented for Fall 2020 tuition. Council had the opportunity to ask questions, and will discuss as a group whether or not they should compose a letter of support.

Break at 6:52 pm; Return at 7:05 pm.

19-20-143-C

B. Trimming, K. Bettac

Motion: Go in camera at 7:06 pm.

CARRIED

19-20-144-C

D. Whyte, L. Garbanewski

Motion: Come out of camera at 8:35 pm

CARRIED

19-20-145-C

B. Trimming, D. Anderson

Motion: Compose a letter of support for the Tuition Right-Sizing proposal.

UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED

15.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

15.3.1 **19-20-146-C**

K. Bettac, D. Whyte

Motion: Approve the 2019-2020 Executive Council notes #36

CARRIED

15.4 New Business

15.4.1 Internal Operations Policy – Loft Room Bookings

Council looked over the proposed Internal Operations Policy – Loft Room Bookings and were given the opportunity to ask questions and/or proposed changes.

19-20-147-C

K. Bettac, K. Maxwell

Motion: Adopt the proposed Internal Operations Policy – Loft Room Bookings

CARRIED

15.4.2 Academic Council Student Member Appointment

19-20-148-C

B. Trimming, D. Whyte

Motion: Elect Brandon Scyner to Academic Council as a student member.

CARRIED

15.5 Discussion

15.5.1 Councillor Resignation

K. McCurdy has resigned from her position as Councillor.

Break at 8:41 pm; Return at 8:53 pm.

15.5.2 Council Conduct

B. Lausen addressed the Council misconduct that took place during the last Council meeting. She let everyone know that the individuals involved have been talked to about it. Additionally, she discussed Council conduct moving forward. She reminded Council that they are a collective group, working together to support the students of RDC. She reminded them that they must adhere to the Association Representatives Code of Conduct policy. Finally, she reinforced the importance of Council respect and meeting conduct.

15.6 Information

19-20-150-C

A. McLean, L. Garbanewski

Motion: Accept the following as information:

15.6.1 – January 2020 Financial Statements

CARRIED

15.7 Adjournment

19-20-151-C


K. Bettac, K. Woodford

Motion: Adjourn at 8:57 pm.

CARRIED

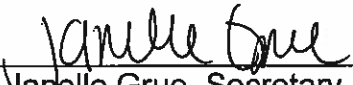


Brittany Lausen, President



Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive Director

Anne Marie Watson, Chairperson



Janelle Grue, Secretary

**Notes of the 37th
2019-2020 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
February 26, 2020**

Present:

Brittany Lausen, President
Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive Director

David P. Anderson, VP Operations
Janelle Grue, Secretary

B. Lausen called the meeting to order at 1:21 pm.

Loft Room Bookings – Internal Operations Policy

An Internal Operations Policy was developed for room bookings in the Loft. Executive Council reviewed the policy and will bring it to Council for consideration.

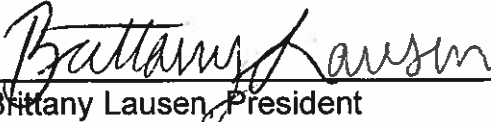
Renovation Updates

E. Sweiger updated Executive Council about the proposed mental health space. The College has approved the renovation, and meetings for the space will move forward. E. Sweiger will be receiving quotes from Looker Office Equipment for furniture in the SA office. Also, she is waiting for an engineer to come look at the logistics of replacing the HVAC units. T. Slusarenko; Far Side Bar & Grill Bar Manager and SA Building Manager, has been gathering quotes for replacing the floors in the Far Side Bar & Grill. Electrical quotes will also be obtained for the space.

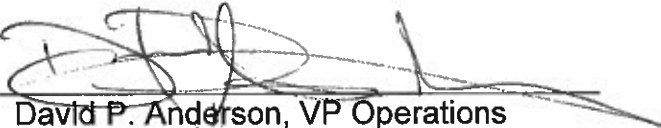
Knock Out Interest Campaign

B. Lausen is interested in hosting a Knock Out Interest campaign on campus. The campaign educates individuals who hold student loans about eliminating loan interests. It is an online platform where people can fill out a form to write a letter to the federal government that explains their story and why they are eligible of interest forgiveness. This campaign sells promotional materials: stress balls for \$1 each and buttons for \$0.20 each. The SA will purchase 200 stress balls and 200 buttons, for a total of \$240 that will come out of the lobby budget. Further, the campaign provides poster designs for free that will need to be printed in house. B. Lausen is hoping to hold the event near the end of March.


Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.



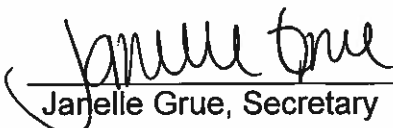
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