

Minutes of the 3^d
Students' Association of Red Deer Polytechnic
2021-2022 Council Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2021

Present:

Savannah Snow, President
Felicity Arndt, Councillor
Wyatt Bosse, Councillor
Shairah Conde, Councillor
Jasmeen Kaur, Councillor
Yssabelle Timbol, Councillor
Kindra Woodford, Councillor
Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive Director
Guest: Jason Brunner, left 6:08pm

Shannon Humphrey, VP Academic
Laura Beaveridge, Councillor
Marian Canas, Councillor
Brenan Fuiten, Councillor
Jeevandeep Kaur, Councillor
Kiara Welch, Councillor
Anne Marie Watson, Chairperson
Brittany Lausen, Secretary

3.0 Call to Order

A. Watson called the meeting to order at 5:29pm.

3.1 Approval of Agenda

21-22-33-C

B. Fuiten, K. Woodford

Motion: Approve Agenda as written.

Carried.

3.2 Guest: Jason Brunner, CPA – Pivotal LLP

E. Sweiger leaves Council Chambers at 5:30pm

J. Brunner presented audited financials to Council.

E. Sweiger returns 6:17pm

3.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

3.3.1 Approval of 2021-2022 Council Meeting Minutes #2

21-22-34-C

K. Woodford, B. Fuiten

Motion: Approve 2021-2022 Council Meeting Minutes #2 as written.

Carried.

3.3.2 Approval of Executive Council Meeting Minutes #13-16

In Meeting Minutes #14 B. Fuiten asked if having space at the G. W. Harris Games Center was a strategic direction. S. Snow shared that it was an original negotiation when the G. W. Harris was being built in recognition of the Students' half a million-dollar donation. The

institution has already signed an agreement with Armark. B. Fuiten inquiries about the plan the execs had set out in response to the Academic Advisors being abolished. S. Snow shared that the Executive wrote a strong letter to the Vice President Academic & Research. The Executive will be meeting the Vice President Academic & Research. K. Welch asks rationale behind institution abolishing Academic Advisor position. S. Snow shared the institutions plans of centralizing advising and the hiring of recruiters. This was not something the Students' Association was consulted on or agrees with. The Service & Technology Fee is supposed to cover Academic Advising. The same Service & Technology Fee that saw a 275% increase to for the 2021/2022 Academic year.

21-22-35-C

K. Woodford, W. Bosse

Motion: Approve 2021-2022 Executive Council Meeting Minutes #13-16 as written.

Carried.

3.4 Discussion

3.5 New Business

3.5.1 Council Resignations

21-22-36-C

S. Snow, B. Fuiten

Motion: Accept Russel Couture, Annika Sudlow, and Brittney Trimming resignations from the 2021-2022 Council.

Carried.

3.5.2 Elect New Councillors

21-22-37-C

S. Snow, S. Humphrey

Motion: Elect Shairah Conde, Jeevandeep Kaur, Jasmeen Kaur, and Kiara Welch to the 2021-2022 Council

Carried.

3.5.3 Council Confidentiality Agreements

21-22-38-C

S. Snow, S. Conde

Motion: To acknowledge councillors F. Arndy, L. Beaveridge, W. Bosse, M. Canas, S. Conde, Ja. Kaur, Je. Kaur, Y. Timbol, and K. Welch have signed their Confidentiality Agreement.

Carried.

3.5.4 Approve 2020-2021 Audited Financials

21-22-39-C

K. Woodford, F. Arndt

Motion: Accept 2020-2021 Audited financials as presented.

Carried.

E. Sweiger will submit to the Ministry.

3.5.5 Bank Transfers

21-22-40-C

K. Woodford, Ja.Kaur

Motion: Transfer \$65,000 from the Interac Account to the Chequing Account.

Carried.

21-22-41-C

F. Ardnt, S. Snow

Motion: Transfer \$25,000 from the Savings account to the Payroll Account

Carried.

3.5.5 Council Committee Presentation / Selection

S. Snow and S. Humphrey present to Council on Bylaw Amendment and Review Committee and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion / Mental Health Committees. Council was given opportunity to select which committee they would like to sit on. Council committees are open to all members of the organization.

3.5 Old Business

3.6 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports

3.6.1 Executive Council and Committee Reports

President – Savannah Snow

The preferred Vendor program that S. Snow has been working on will be moving ahead in December. S. Snow shared with Council that she had been elected to the ASEC board. S. Snow will sit on the Executive Director Review Committee as well as be the Board of Governors support group liaison. RBC has opened a new location on campus open Monday-Friday 9:30am-4pm. S. Snow is working with the RDP library to open a print-on-site model, which would be the first in the province. S. Snow and S. Humphrey are participating with a student homelessness project and will likely approach the Mental Health-DEDI committee for support. The Federal Election Forum unfortunately had to end early due to non-mask compliance. The Association is looking at options for the Municipal Election Forum scheduled for October 4th. The Students' Association will be starting a blog that the Execs and various staff members will do entries for.

21-22-42-C

B. Fuiten, K. Woodford

Motion: To go in-Camera at 7:27pm

Carried.

21-22-43-C

F. Arndt, B. Fuiten

Motion: To go out of Camera at 7:35pm

Carried.

VP Academic – Shannon Humphrey

First Academic Council meeting of the year has been council due to lack of agenda items. There are currently 4 open student spots on Academic Council. If interested, please reach out to S. Humphrey. S. Humphrey has been working with Marilee Murgatroyd, Manager of Judicial and Academic Affairs, on more inclusive language in RDP policy. S. Humphrey gave an update on where they are at with their goal of advocating for Universal Design in testing, something they are working on with the Center for Teaching and Learning. S. Humphrey is also working with the institution on opening the terms of reference for their Academic Governance committees to include more student members. F. Arndt asked how RDP is implementing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. S. Humphrey shares the institution is looking at how to make academic policy more inclusive. Also wanting to increase visibility on campus for the LGBTQ+ community through pride cross walks and permanent flag poles. K. Welch asked if there had been any consideration about an inclusive mural around campus. S. Humphrey shared that yes that is plans to promote student art pieces around campus, but they are unsure what that looks like at the moment.

21-22-44-C

M. Canas, S. Conde

Motion: Accept Executive Council and Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

3.6.2 Operations Report – Liz Sweiger

E. Sweiger shares that the Farside Grill and Lift are open but are for takeout only. Marie Evangelista, Operations Director, and E. Sweiger are working to update the Association's COVID protocols. E. Sweiger sits on the Polytechnic's COVID committee and shares that students are truly at the forefront. Further communication to students will be going out to students on Monday September 27th. The add/drop date has been extended to Tuesday October 19th to give students more time to decide what works best for them. Traditionally Health & Dental is not refunded past the opt-out date due to the nature of the plan. However due to the unprecedented circumstances the Association is looking to provide options for students with extenuating circumstances. S. Snow will reach out to COVID Committee chair to see what is being done to accommodate students who will not have their Vaccine for the Winter term, exploring what online options there will be.

21-22-45-C

K. Woodford, B. Fuiten

Motion: Accept Executive Directors Operations report as presented.

Carried.

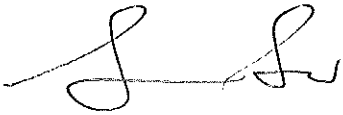
3.7 Adjournment

21-22-46-C

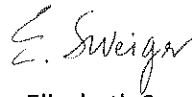
S. Snow, K. Woodford

Motion: Adjourn at 8:26pm

Carried.



Savannah Snow
President



Elizabeth Sweiger
Executive Director



Anne Marie Watson
Chairperson



Brittany Lausen
Secretary