

**Minutes of the Second  
Students' Association of Red Deer Polytechnic  
2022-2023 Council Meeting  
Monday August 8th, 2022  
Remote via Teams at 5:30pm**

Present:

Aiyer, Shree – Councillor	Rudd, Tiara – Councillor
Arndt, Felicity – Councillor	Snow, Savannah – President
Bast, Erin – Councillor	Soehn, Larissa – Councillor
Beaveridge, Laura – Vice President External	Sweiger, Elizabeth – Executive Director
Dada, Tessi – Councillor	Watson, Anne Marie – Chairperson
Fuiten, Alex – Vice President Academic	Welch, Kiara – Councillor
Henri, Ryan – Councillor	Woodford, Kindra – Councillor
Kaur, Lovejeet – Councillor	Young, Marian – Secretary

**2.0 Call to Order**

A. Watson called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

**2.1 Approval of Agenda**

Add New Business to agenda, item 2.7.1 Campus Bookstore Advisory Committee

22-23-11-C

Vice President Fuiten, Councillor Arndt

MOTION: To approve Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

**2.2 Land Acknowledgment – L. Beaveridge**

**2.3 New Councillor Introduction – S. Snow**

Shree Aiyer (She/Her) was introduced as a Councillor. Her seat in Council had been deferred from May due to time conflicts. Councillor Aiyer is in their third year as a BSC in Psychology.

**2.4 Operations Report – L. Sweiger**

Written report attached.

**2.5 Information**

**2.5.1 Annual Budget Proposal 2022-2023**

E. Sweiger gave a brief overview of the proposal highlighting that there are several factors that prevent the presentation of a break-even budget.

E. Sweiger took basic questions, but Council was reminded that this item will come back as a Discussion item at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting.

22-23-12-C  
Councillor Rudd, Councillor Yomi-Data  
MOTION: To accept information item as presented.  
CARRIED

**2.6 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

2.6.1 Approval of 2022-2023 Executive Council Meeting Minutes #5-9

22-23-13-C  
Councillor Arndt, Councillor Kaur  
MOTION: To approve Executive Council Meeting Minutes as presented.  
CARRIED

**2.7 New Business**

2.7.1 Campus Store Advisory Committee

The Campus Store Advisory Committee would like to have a student-at-large on the committee in addition to the Vice President Academic. S.Snow gave a brief rundown of what the committee does and when it meets, with the expected time commitment. Councillors who are interested in joining this committee should email Vice-President Fuiten.

**2.8 Executive Council, Council Committee, and Other Reports**

2.8.1 Executive Council and Committee Reports

President – Savannah Snow

Vice President Academic – Alex Fuiten

Vice President External – Laura Beaveridge

Written Reports attached

2.8.2 Executive Director Report – Elizabeth Sweiger

Written Reports attached

22-23-14-C  
Councillor Woodford, Councillor Kaur  
MOTION: To accept Executive and Operations Reports as Presented.  
CARRIED

**13.9 Adjournment**

22-23-15-C

Councillor Kaur, Councillor Arndt

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:28pm

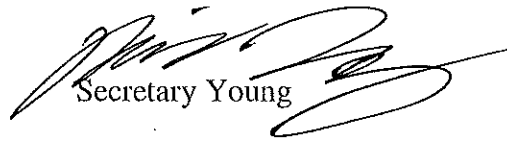
CARRIED



President Snow

Executive Director Sweiger

Chairperson Watson



Secretary Young

# President's Office Report

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Preface

Welcome back! It's been a long summer and I've been very busy! My summer was spent at many conferences and retreats, and I have returned to the office feeling refreshed and invigorated. I am covering all of the relevant details of my summer in my report today, but if any of you are curious about additional activities I participated in this summer, don't hesitate to ask!

## Campus Sexual Violence Policy – COPPOA Update

One of ASEC's advocacy priorities for the last few years has been reform of campus sexual violence policies to instate a set of standardized principles to guide policies across Alberta. RDP has a committee that has been working on it, but I was also invited to the COPPOA (Council of Post-Secondary Presidents of Alberta) working group as a representative of ASEC (Alberta Students' Executive Council). We have completed a list of guiding principles that has been sent out for consultation. Now COPPOA is working on a draft policy based on those guiding principles. We are awaiting the final document from the group.

## ASEC Leadership Conference

ASEC Leadership conference was hosted by us June 7-9<sup>th</sup>. It was a success! I have been elected to represent on the Board of Directors as the Chair for 2022-2023. This entails a lot of front-facing work with speaking on behalf of the organization. So far, I have written quotes for the release of work-integrated learning portal for Calgary students and for the announcement of bursaries for low-income students. I have not been re-elected as the federal representative, but will be involved with that group in a training capacity as I was the delegate last year and attended a majority of the meetings.

## RDP Symbols Committee

Myself and Vice President Beaveridge have joined a committee to determine new symbols for RDP. Currently, our convocation symbol is a large glass blown bell in the style of a school bell, but with the ever-emerging horrors of the residential schools, there are some at RDP that believe the bell should be retired. Additionally, the instatement of Polytechnic status warrants a new chapter in the school's history. Work has been delegated to the Chair of the committee to review the environmental scans from the building of the new values to determine what the RDP community views as important, as well as surveying the community at large to determine if the school bell should be fully retired.

## Post-Secondary Student Homelessness Project

The PSSH group is still looking to interview students that have experienced any sort of homelessness or housing precarity during their time as a student. If you fit this or know someone who does, you can reach out to Krista at [krista.robson@rdpolytech.ca](mailto:krista.robson@rdpolytech.ca) to schedule an interview.

## ASEC Goals Conference

Goals conference was held at Olds College and was another success. This conference is intended to determine the advocacy priorities of the year for both provincial and federal advocacy weeks. Details about the priorities will be given by Vice President Fuiten.

## Executive Work Plans

Formerly known as Goal setting, the Execs participated in work plan development on July 25<sup>th</sup> with Martin Cruz and Brandon Cave. The work plans are going well and will be provided to Council during the meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Welcoming New President Stuart Cullum

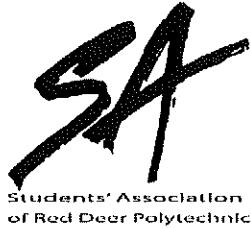
Stuart Cullum has officially assumed the role of President of RDP as of August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Execs had the pleasure of hosting him for lunch at the Farside on that date. The conversation was productive and we look forward to working with him over the course of our term.

## Indigenous Education

I would like to remind Council that an offer to do an Indigenous education course through UofA still stands! I would encourage all of you to look into it before the semester starts and you all get busy. Please reach out to me if you need the links to complete that course.

## Council Jackets

Please keep an eye on the Whatsapp for the annual selection of your Council jackets. I will pick out a couple of styles, you will all weigh in and vote, and then we will schedule a fitting with Grand Central Stitching. These jackets are yours to keep! It is expected that all of you wear your jackets when we attend institutional or SA events.



## Office of Vice President Academic

8 August, 2022

Vice President Academic - Alex Fuiten

### **ASEC (Alberta Student Executives Council) Conferences**

These were a set of conferences that ended up being quite beneficial in connecting with student leaders from across the province. Provincial advocacy goals were set with the priorities being tuition, Work Integrated Learning (WIL) and meaningful consultation. The VP academics this year noted that there is a strong desire outside our provincial advocacy goals to also work on OER adoption issues in the province.

### **Library Calendar Task Group**

Worked with the Library, Counselling Services and the Research Common to see about how to create a more student friendly calendar experience. One of the main issues was having too much information while also not having the right information being displayed. Calendars for Counselling Services and the Library will be merged with faculty only events removed to aid in these efforts.

### **Hiring Committee Dean of Arts and Culture**

Was a part of a hiring committee that selected the new Dean for the School of Arts and Culture. After interviews with several candidates the committee gave our recommendation to Kylie Thomas, VP Academic. The successful candidate, Jonathon Penny, PhD will be starting in early September.

### **Textbook Cost Survey**

In collaboration with the library and as an effort to better understand the habits of students when it comes to textbook usage. Additionally, this survey will be looking to see what kind of value do students think that they receive from the use of textbooks in classrooms. Being mindful of when students are being bombarded with information at the beginning of the semester the survey will likely be distributed late September/ early October.

### **Academic Policy Committee**

Student Final grade and Mid-term Grade Reappraisal policies were introduced and passed. These will be replacing the current appeals guidebook, and will be going into effect on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The revised academic freedom policy was also approved and will be sent to Academic Council in September to be accepted and put into effect.

### **Academic Council**

Small agenda that was largely just correcting errors that had been noticed in the course outline, and pre-requisite requirements. The Bachelor of Applied Arts, Film, Theatre and

Live Entertainment was also renamed to Bachelor of Fine Arts, Film Production for the start of the school year.

### **AB Textbook Broke Campaign**

This campaign is part of a province wide effort with ASEC, UofA, and UofC. The goal of this campaign is to get students aware of the resources that could be used in the classroom that are not textbooks to help reduce the cost of education. There is also a hope to be able to collect information on the amount of money students are spending in each of their courses, to further show that this is not a single institution but an issue that effects students province wide. An info sheet is currently in development, as well as a few other materials that can be used to highlight what OERs are and how they can be accessed by students.

# Office of Vice President External

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Aug 8th 2022

Vice President External – Laura Beveridge

## **Alberta Students Executive Council (ASEC)**

### **Leadership Conference**

The Exec team attended leadership conference June 7-9<sup>th</sup> 2022. This proved to be an excellent opportunity to connect and collaborate with other student leaders across the province. During this conference the Board of Directors for ASEC were nominated as well as the approval of the audited financial statements.

### **Goals Conference**

This years Goals Conference was held on the beautiful campus of Olds College from July 11th – July 15 2022. This was a great opportunity to explore another campus and further strengthen our relationships with ASEC student leaders. We were given a tour of the Olds College Smart Farm, where we were able to observe cutting-edge agricultural technology designed for the enhancement and sustainability of food production. Over the course of the week, we discussed many of the issues that we face as post-secondary institutions. After much evaluation and careful consideration, our top three provincial advocacy priorities as well as our top five federal advocacy priorities were selected by the end of the conference. In addition to the selection of our priorities, we had the opportunity to meet with NDP MLA David Eggan and Minister of Advanced Education Demetrios Nicolaides and our professional skills were developed through advocacy training workshops. Overall, the conference was a valuable experience to set the direction for the year ahead.

### **Advocacy Week**

We are looking forward to advocacy week coming up in November where we will have the opportunity to actively advocate for our priorities on behalf of Alberta students.

### **Work Plan Development**

Through the excellent opportunities to collaborate with student leaders during our positional breakout sessions over the course of the ASEC conferences as well as the valuable collaboration within our SARDP team, the rough draft of my work plan took shape. We then attended a Work Plan Development Session with Martin where we were given feedback on the fine tuning of our work plans.

### **Alumni Association**

Palate Volunteers October 20<sup>th</sup> 2022.





## Executive Director Report

August 8, 2022

### Capital Renovations Update:

The SA Office was closed from July 11 to August 2 to accommodate the office renovations. Construction is now complete; waiting on signage and furniture. The new kitchen equipment has been installed. Will be ordering a new glasswasher for the bar area in the coming days.

### Staffing:

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Marian Young, our Governance & Student Support Coordinator. Marian joined the team on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and we are excited to have her. Marie Evangelista, our Operations Director is in the midst of increasing our staffing levels for the FarSide and the Lift; Jessica Walker, Member Engagement Manager is currently interviewing for Street Team Members.

### 2021-2022 Audit:

We have received the draft audited financial statements from Pivotal. Council will be asked to review and approve the statements during a September council meeting.

### Congratulations:

Marie Evangelista and her family were sworn in as Canadian citizens on Thursday, August 4th. Welcome to Canada Marie! We are delighted to have you and your family here.

### Fall 2022 Preparations & Events:

The SA Staff and Executives are busy ramping up to welcome our students back on to campus. Jessica will be submitting a calendar of events in the August 22 Council agenda package. In the meantime, please take note of a few key dates:

- Rez move in – August 29 to 31, 10am to 3pm; handing out water, cold treats
- New Student Orientation – September 1 (check RDP website for more details)
- Welcome BBQ – September 2<sup>nd</sup> in the courtyard, 11:30 to 1:30. Joint event with Senior Admin to welcome students and staff back to campus
- Taco 'Bout a Welcome – September 6<sup>th</sup> in the FarSide, 11am to 3pm; free taco in a bag, mariachi band, mocktails, salsa dancers, games, painting

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Elizabeth Sweiger  
Executive Director  
Students' Association of Red Deer Polytechnic