

**Minutes of the Sixth
Students' Association of Red Deer Polytechnic
2022-2023 Council Meeting
October 17th, 2022
Council Chambers @ 5:30pm**

Present:

Aiyer, Shree - Councillor
Bast, Erin – Vice President External
Fuiten, Alex – Vice President Academic
Henri, Ryan - Councillor
Kaur, Lovejeet – Councillor
Rudd, Tiara - Councillor

Sadeghi, Ali – Councillor
Snow, Savannah – President
Sweiger, Elizabeth – Executive Director
Watson, Anne Marie - Chairperson
Welch, Kiara – Councillor
Young, Marian - Secretary

Absent with notice:

Felicity Ardnt
Kindra Duthie-Woodford

Absent without notice:

Motesolaoluwa Yomi-Dada

Erin Bast left at 6:20, returned at 6:27

6.0 Call to Order

Chairperson Watson called the meeting to order at 5:30

6.1 Approval of Agenda

Amendments

- Switch items 6.6 and 6.7 in the order of the agenda.

22-23-47-C

Vice President Fuiten, Councillor Kaur

MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

6.2 Land Acknowledgment – Erin Bast

6.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

6.3.1 Approval of 2022-2023 Council Meeting Minutes #5

22-23-48-C

Councillor Welch, Councillor Rudd

MOTION: Motion to approve minutes of the fifth 2022-2023 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

6.3.2 Approval of Executive Council Meeting Minutes #15 - 17

22-23-49-C

Councillor Kaur, Councillor Rudd

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth 2022-2023 Executive Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

6.4 New Business

6.4.1 Ratification of Election Results

22-23-50-C

Councillor Welch, Councillor Beaveridge

MOTION: By virtue of the October 6th, 2022, Executive By-election results, Council appoints Erin Bast as the Students' Association Vice President External.

CARRIED

6.4.2 Deletion of Election Data

22-23-51-C

Councillor Rudd, Councillor Kaur

MOTION: Motion to delete the 2022 Fall By-Election data from the Simply Voting online platform.

CARRIED

6.4.3 Destruction of DRO's Ballot

22-23-52-C

Councillor Welch, Councillor Aiyer

MOTION: Motion to destroy the Deputy Returning Officer's paper ballot from the 2022 Fall By-Election.

CARRIED

6.5 Discussion

6.6 In-Camera Session

22-23-53-C

Vice President Fuiten, Councillor Sadeghi

Motion to go In-Camera at 5:52pm

CARRIED

22-23-54-C

President Snow, Councillor Rudd

Motion to come out of In-Camera 6:27pm

CARRIED

6.7 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports

6.7.1 Executive Council and Committee Reports

President – S. Snow - Written report attached

VP Academic – A. Fuiten - Written report attached

VP External – E. Bast - Verbal report given

- Vice President Bast spent the fall reading break in office setting up her workspace and familiarizing herself with the information contained in the VP External's computer and emails. VP Bast spent time training with VP Fuiten,
- Attended a Board of Governors meeting with the Executive team to give a presentation about the Students' Association as a whole and answered questions about her specific position.
- Attended Exec Retreat on the weekend of October 15th for training, team building, and role familiarization.

6.7.2 Executive Director – E. Sweiger - Verbal report given

- Report to the membership for the 2021 – 2022 year is nearly complete
- Attended Executive retreat this past weekend, to welcome our new Vice President External, Erin Bast
- Was occupied with ASEC operations and Board meetings for the last few weeks.
- The September financial statements will be in the next Council Agenda package.

22-23-55-C

Councillor Kaur, Councillor Beaveridge

Motion to accept the Executive Council and Committee reports as presented.

CARRIED

6.8 Information

6.8.1 Schedule of Council Guests

6.8.2 Gender Based Violence Survey

22-23-56-C

Councillor Sadeghi, Councillor Aiyer

Motion to accept the Information Items as presented.

CARRIED

6.9 Adjournment

22-23-57-C

President Snow, Councillor Kaur

Motion to adjourn at 7:11.

CARRIED



President Snow



Executive Director Sweiger



Secretary Young

Chairperson Watson



EXECUTIVE REPORT

President's Office

Savannah Snow
October 17th, 2022

INTRODUCTION

First off, I'm very sorry for the late report! I will provide context as to why during the meeting.

REPORT

GOAL 1: <i>Promote wholistic wellbeing to build a safe community.</i>	
TACTICS/GENERAL UPDATES	Organized a meeting with Jessica (SA Membership Engagement) and Tanya Lyons-Belt (Director of Student Supports) to discuss the event possibilities for the Recovery on Campus grant.
	Met with Reed Charbonneau on October 12 th to discuss the schedule for the Safer Use podcast.
GOAL 2: <i>Continuously advocate for EDII</i>	
TACTICS/GENERAL UPDATES	No updates for this section of the report at this time. Not really EDII related, but encouraged senior administration to issue a message around cold and flu season, reminding people that masks work to prevent the spread of airborne illnesses.
GOAL 3: <i>Improve Councilor retention and increase awareness and interest in Executive positions.</i>	
TACTICS/GENERAL UPDATES	Posted on social media encouraging student on my platform to vote.
	Sent Blackboard messages to my classes to encourage my peers to vote.
GOAL 4: <i>Increase SARDP presence within provincial and federal political landscape.</i>	
TACTICS/GENERAL UPDATES	Wrote a letter of support for the CIM-TAC. Federal funding is being cut for the 60 TAC centres across Canada and will reduce the number of funded TACs by 20. Our TAC is at risk of being one of those cut, so we are reaching out to the provincial government for support.

	Provided a quote for an ASEC press release on October 5 th regarding a government announcement to provide funding for paid placements for students.
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VPX WORK: <i>Updates regarding work from the VPX portfolio.</i>	
TACTICS/GENERAL UPDATES	Ran Mental Health Committee meetings on October 3-4. See attached report for more details.

OTHER UPDATES

ASEC Board of Directors

1. Attended a special Board meeting on October 5th.
2. Attended a special Board meeting on October 11th.
3. Attended a meeting with Salopek, an HR law firm, on October 12th to discuss HR policy work.
4. Attended the Federal Student Advocacy Alliance meeting on October 10th in place of the Executive Director.

Board of Governors

1. Attended a joint meeting with City Council on October 7th.
2. Attended the Board of Governors meeting on October 13th. The Execs gave a presentation on the SA.

Academic Policy Committee

1. Attended a portion of the Academic Policy Committee meeting on October 12th.

All President's Meeting

1. I have been invited to begin attending the All President's meetings, which are held between the institutional President, the AUPE President, the CUPE Chair, and the FARDP President. A few years back, the SA President was allowed to attend but circumstances occurred in which the SA President was no longer welcome. We are revisiting this decision. I have drafted guiding policies for the SA President's involvement in these meetings which has been signed by all attendees and will be kept in my office and the President's office.

Executive Retreat

1. Executive retreat ran from October 14th – 16th.

NUMBER OF ABSENCES

Sick Days - 0

Wellness Days Used - 0

GOAL 3: *Work with the EDII committee to set inclusivity measures around the SA.*

TACTICS/GENERAL UPDATES	Some minor work was done across a few committees and groups, but nothing substantive.

OTHER UPDATES

Curriculum Committee

1. Several changes to course pre-requisites took place. Most of these were just changes to program numbers as the institution moves to a 4-digit course code, and removing other pre-requisites to allow students the ability to attend classes without having to get a waiver or delay their educational journey.

Research & Scholarship Committee (RASCALS)

1. Documents around how research is conducted in the different schools were adopted for the School of Arts and Culture as well as Education and trades. Faculty survey also showed that potentially 30% of faculty involved research are doing so in tandem with students.

International Day for Person with Disabilities (IDPD) planning committee

1. Webpage on RDP website has been created and information has started to be input including the measurables that are expected to be achieved through this event.

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