

**Minutes of the Fifteenth
SARDP 2023-2024 Council Meeting**
February 26th, 2024
Council Chambers @ 5:30pm

Present:

Akua P. Appiah – Councillor
Monique Auring- Councillor
Erin Bast – President
Amanda Brouwer – Vice President Academic
*Brianna Campbell - Councillor
Jalynn Chilibeck – Vice President External

Zuleyma Lozano Medina – Councillor
Devyn Shannon - Councillor
Ryan Henri - Councillor
Rachel Rex – Councillor
Elizabeth Sweiger – Executive Director
Anne-Marie Watson – Chairperson

Council recessed from 7:00pm – 7:12pm
Councillor Campbell arrived at 7:12 pm

15.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm

15.1 Approval of Agenda
23-24-107-C
Councillor Shannon, Councillor Auring
MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

15.2 Land Acknowledgment – Erin Bast

15.3 Discussion
15.3.1 Current (2023 – 2024) Executive Goals
15.3.2 2024 – 2025 Association Goals
15.3.3 Council Committee Attendance
15.3.4 2024 – 2025 Health and Dental Fees

15.4 Old Business

15.4.1 Proposed change to Association Bylaw and policy

1. Bylaw Amendment Article 5: Elections
23-24-108-C
Councillor Appia, Councillor Rex
MOTION: Motion to approve the changes to Association Bylaw, Article 5:
Elections
CARRIED
2. Bylaw Amendment Article 7: Executive Council
23-24-109-C

President Bast, Councillor Rex

MOTION: Motion to approve the changes to Association Bylaw, Article 7:

Executive Council

CARRIED

3. Policy Addition: Council Orientation and Training

23-24-110-C

Councillor Bauron-Cantillo, Councillor Campbell

MOTION: Motion to approve the addition of governance policy Council Orientation and Training.

CARRIED

15.5 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports

15.5.1 Executive Council Reports

- President – E. Bast
 - o Report attached
- Vice President Academic – A. Brouwer
 - o Curriculum Committee: No new motions, accepted minutes of last meeting.
 - o Final Examination Policy Sub-Committee: Still working on the policy and procedure.
 - o Academic Student Caucus: Good attendance, not much discussion.
 - o Meet and Greet with Risk, Privacy, and Legal Services.
 - o Academic Council: Good attendance of students. Most notable mentions include:
 - the addition of INDS 0300 Indigenous Studies - “This course was developed in order to provide an additional pathway for students who need more credits in the humanities disciplines in the Academic Upgrading (AU) program. Currently, AU only delivers equivalents of Social Studies 30 and an array of English courses as humanities offerings. Indigenous Studies 0300 will not only provide more scheduling options and opportunities for Academic Upgrading students to reach credit thresholds for high school equivalency and transfer programs, but will also allow students an additional choice that may better align with their interests, experiences, or plans.”
 - Multidisciplinary Studies will have minors options starting in Fall 2024: “Adding a mechanism that allows a student to declare a minor in the multidisciplinary degree provides learners with the ability to customize their education so as to permit more intensive focus in an area of their choice. As this set of minors will be the first minors to be added to an existing degree or program at Red Deer Polytechnic, moving these minors forward will serve as a test case for developing minors and concentrations more generally. Disciplinary minors were chosen to enable students to focus their study within a specific

discipline in the humanities or social sciences while staying true to the multidisciplinary range of the overall degree.”

- The suggestion that there should be more online options offered for higher level courses, specifically PSYC 300s.
- Vice President External – J. Chilibeck
 - ASEC Budget: Advocate for no student loan interest, increased base funding for mental health on campuses. The Alberta Government’s budget will be released on February 29th.
 - Sent an email of events.
 - Looking into opportunities for Council to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.
- Executive Director – E. Sweiger
 - Sat on two RFP Committees with the Institution; one for Food Services and one for Vending services.
 - The plebiscite question asked to students during the General Election was “Should all part-time students be eligible for the extended health and dental benefits? Coverage includes, but is not limited to, prescription drugs, vision, mental health practitioners, etc.(Currently only full-time students are eligible.)”. Students were 88.1% in favour of this change.
 - Elections: ED Sweiger offered her congratulations to those who were elected. She hoped that the election was an opportunity for the candidates to not only showcase themselves but also an opportunity to highlight the services and supports the SA offers our students.
 - Waiting on Winter Fees from the Institution. These fees will give us a better idea of where we are sitting for the rest of the year.
 - SA Awards Ceremony: The Awards ceremony will be held the morning of April 16th. Councillors will be receiving invitations and are encouraged to attend.
 - Deadlines for SA awards and scholarships is March 1st. Please be sure to take a few moments to nominate your fellow students for our leadership awards. You can access them through the SA website or the RDP website.

15.5.2 Committee Reports

- BARC – No Report
- EDII Committee – No Report
- Mental Health Committee – No Report

23-24-111-C

Councillor Appia, Vice President Chilibeck

MOTION: Motion to approve the Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports.

CARRIED

15.6 In-Camera Session

15.7 Any Other Business

This is a new agenda item that we are piloting, and we are still developing a framework for it. Please do not focus on individual issues. This is a time to raise large, encompassing issues. If you have, or have heard of, an individual issue that should be addressed, please connect with an Executive, the Executive Director, or the Governance and Student Support Coordinator.

15.8 Information

If you would like to discuss any of these items, you must make a motion to move them to the Discussion Agenda.

Items 15.8.1 through 15.8.3 will come back as a discussion item at the next meeting.

15.8.1 2024 – 2025 Honoraria Proposal

15.8.2 2024 – 2025 Executive Council Compensation Proposal

15.8.3 2024 – 2025 Association Membership fees

15.9 Adjournment

23-24-112-C

Councillor Shannon, Vice President Chilibeck

MOTION: Motion to adjourn

CARRIED



President Bast



Chairperson Watson



Executive Director Sweiger



Secretary Young