

**Notice of the 3rd
SARDP 2024-2025 Council Meeting**
August 26th, 2024
Online @ 4:30pm

Monique Auring – Councillor
Skarlette Bittorf – Councillor
Brianna Campbell – Vice President Academic
Samuel Johannson – Councillor
Emmanuel Mustapha – Councillor
Yiri Olueh-Matimi – Councillor
Esther Owolagba – Councillor

Jacq Patterson – Vice President External
Devyn Shannon – President
Eli Wolters – Councillor
Elizabeth Sweiger – Executive Director
Anne-Marie Watson – Chairperson
Marian Young – Secretary

Notes:

Absent with notice Caillee N. Di Lella

3.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:31.

3.1 Approval of Agenda

24-25-19-C
Bittorf, Oluieh-Matimi
Motion to Approve the Agenda as amended.
o Add item 3.4.2: Council Honoraria
CARRIED

3.2 Land Acknowledgment – Councillor Johannson

3.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

3.3.1

Approval of 2024-2025 Council Meeting Minutes #2
24-25-20-C
Shannon, Johannson
Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the 2nd Council Meeting as amended.
o Corrected Spelling of Councillor Olueh-Matimi, Johannson, and Bittorf's
names.
CARRIED

3.4 New Business

3.4.1

Formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee – Vice President Campbell

24-25-21-C
Johannson, Patterson

Motion to strike the Sustainable Development Goals ad-hoc committee.
CARRIED

3.4.2 Council Honoraria

24-25-22-C
Johannson, Bittorf
Motion to approve \$1667.50 for the 2024-2025 Summer Council honoraria.
CARRIED

3.5 **Old Business**

3.5.1

Dual Credit Student Fee Waiver Proposal - Vote

24-25-23-C
Johannson, Auring
Motion to table the discussion and vote on the Dual Credit Student Fee Waiver Proposal until the September 9th Council Meeting in order to gather further information.
CARRIED

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

3.6.1

Executive Council Reports

- President – D. Shannon
- Vice President Academic – B. Campbell
- Vice President External – J. Patterson
- Executive Director – E. Sweiger

24-25-24-C
Johannson, Mustapha
Motion to accept the Executive Reports as presented.
CARRIED

3.7 **In-Camera Session**

24-25-25-C
Shannon, Johannson
Motion to go into In-Camera at 6:28
CARRIED

24-25-26-C
Johannson, Mustapha
Motion to come out of In-Camera at 6:43pm
CARRIED

3.8 Any Other Business

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.

3.9 Information

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

- Association Schedule of Events - September

3.10 Adjournment

24-25-27-C

Auring, Mustapha

Motion to adjourn at 6:49pm

CARRIED



Devyn Shannon, President



Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive Director



Anne Marie Watson, Chairperson



Marian Young, Secretary



EXECUTIVE REPORT

President's Office

August 13th

Advocacy with Asec

Refined and discussed the needs of the advocacy document for ASEC, focusing on the overall student needs at the moment, with the document for international and indigenous students coming up in the next few weeks. A lot of discussion went into mental health funding, additional research required and the like. The four ASEC advocacy goals remain the same, increased public funding of post secondary institutions, increased mental health funding, alternate ways to increase food security as well as controlling the inflation of MNIFs, mandatory non instructional fees.

August 14th

Workplan Readjustment

The Execs met to discuss the feasibility of the workplans and adjust them to make them more reasonable and more well informed.

TRC

The planning for Truth and Reconciliation Week events was finalized, with the exact schedule left relatively open, the days of the week are now each planned out, having a documentary, intergenerational stories, arts and crafts as well as the Metis peoples each getting their own day.

August 16th

Mural Unveiling

The Pride Mural, Kaleidoscope, was unveiled for the general public. Journalists from the Advocate and RDNewsNow were both present, and President Stuart Cullum, Pride on Campus representative Azriel Handa, Artist Kat Simmers, President of Central Alberta Pride Lenny Gallant as well as myself gave speeches and were interviewed. Light refreshments were offered, and the even was well attended by students, alumni, staff and faculty.



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Vice President Academic's Office

August 6th, 2024-August 20th, 2024

Vacation: July 29th – August 12th

International Connect (August 9th)

Attendance: Werner Beylefeld (Dean, International Education), SARDP President Shannon

At this meeting, the main point of discussion was regarding the incoming group of international students between August 19th-30th in Calgary, and their office organizing welcome/wayfinding. The Association has been asked to consider assisting for future dates (possibly Fall 24/Winter 25). Currently this is occurring in Calgary; depending on feedback, Edmonton may be included in the future.

Housing for international students, especially incoming students, remains a point of focus. There is room to explore options for affordable transitional accommodations.

They are looking at hiring practicum students to work in their office.

We forwarded information to Werner post-meeting regarding the pride mural unveiling, and international student awards; the latter of which may be included in future information for incoming students.

Dean of Students Connect (August 14th)

Attendance: Kristine Plastow (Dean of Students), Marian Young [partial], SARDP President Shannon [partial]

At this meeting the primary point of discussion was the Students Rights & Responsibilities Policy. The current policy does not clearly reflect that students have academic freedom. Kristine suggested adding these words to the policy, which is a minor update and does not require the policy to be fully opened again. This will occur in October, when the new governance structure is established, Kristine as the policy owner, will then pass it on for approval. Marian was present for the policy discussion.

We also briefly discussed the institution's plans for a Student Services Hub. There is no clear timeline on this, as it still needs to receive government approval. This is something for us to keep an eye on, especially as it aligns with the Association's advocacy goals.

Kristine informed us of a couple educational training programs: Respect in The Workplace and It Takes All of Us. There is hope for Respect in the Workplace to be accessible through



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a card on MyRDP and to weave it into WIL (Work-integrated Learning). It Takes All of Us is something that will be adopted from another institution and focuses on awareness and prevention of sexual violence. President Shannon was present for the conversation on these programs.

Pride Mural Unveiling (August 16th)

It was an honor to be in attendance of the mural unveiling and stand in support with our LGBTQ+ community. Kudos to all the speakers and to everyone – past and present - who worked to make this possible. It was a wonderful opportunity as well to speak to students and faculty in attendance about the positive impact that this will have for our campus, and to see how much this means to many individuals and groups.

Other Meetings Attended:

- **ASEC Advocacy Committee Meeting (August 13th)**
Attendance: SARDP, NAITSA, SAMHC, AUArts SA, LPSA
- **Executive Workplan Re-Adjustments (August 14th)**
- **ASEC Board Meeting (August 17th)**

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Unveiling Pride Mural

August 16, 2024

The SA team attended a little celebration for the new pride mural located on an SA building. The Central Alberta Pride, student pride, and RDP executive team also attended.

Work Plan Reporting

Ongoing

1. The Marketing team and the VP External, are still receiving corresponding emails regarding community partnership and discounts
2. The VP external is working with a leading professional (outside of RDP) in curriculum development for a Plains Cree language course. We are on track to offer an extra-curricular language course for the Winter term (2025)

The Mental Health Committee (online)

August 19, 2024

In this meeting we shared our research regarding sleep hygiene. We then brainstormed ideas to present to the Mental wellness coordinator along with our street team so they can create events using the research.

Perspectives

Ongoing

Nothing to report

Palate

Ongoing

There are less than one hundred tickets left for sale.

Alumni

Ongoing