

Minutes of the 2024 - 2025 Annual General Meeting
Students' Association of Red Deer Polytechnic
November 20th, 2024 at 1:00pm in The Loft

Please see attached attendance list

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Anne Marie Watson at 1:05pm

1.1 Approval of Agenda

24-25-1-G

Skarlette Bittorf, Dusty Karpovich

MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Approval of 2023 -2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes

24-25-2-G

Samuel Johannson, Tyler Rostovski

MOTION: Motion to approve the 2023 – 2024 -Annual General Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

1.4 Executive Council Midterm Reports

President – Jacq Patterson

Vice President Academic – Brianne Campbell

24-25-3-G

Tyler Rostovski, Kia Risling

MOTION: Motion to accept the Executive Reports as Presented.

CARRIED

1.5 Land Acknowledgement Development Focus Groups

SARDP will be holding four Focus Groups in January to gather further feedback on the creation of an Association Land Acknowledgement. Each Focus Group will have 10-15 students. Attendees will be provided complimentary refreshments, gift vouchers to the Far Side Bar & Grill, and be entered to win a \$100.00 gift card to Bower Place for attending. Registration is required and students can do so by completing the form included in the email sent out on November 7th.

The dates of the focus groups are:

2:00PM - 3:30PM on January 23rd 9:30AM - 11:00AM on January 28th

5:00PM - 6:30PM on January 29th 12:00PM - 1:30PM on January 31st

1.6 Information

1.6.1 2023 – 2024 Annual Report to the Membership

1.7 Adjournment

24-25-4-G

Samuel Johannson, Skarlette Bittorf

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 1:17pm

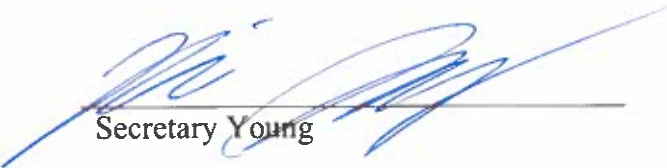
CARRIED



President Patterson



Chairperson Watson



Secretary Young



EXECUTIVE REPORT

President' Office

**Annual General Meeting
November 20, 2024**

President Message:

Hi there, my name is Jacq Patterson, and I was elected to the Vice President External position. In September, I also took on the role of the President of the Association. Since then, I have been working closely with the Vice President Academic (Brienne Campbell) to fulfill all the roles and responsibilities of both offices. My time at the SA has proven to be invaluable not only at an academic and professional level, but also a personal one. The staff and support team at the SA are committed and knowledgeable. Thanks to them, I look forward to continuing serving the students here at RDP.

Committee & Councils

Mental Health Committee - Chair

The focus of this committee this term was sleep hygiene. During the month of September the committee members, along with Student Wellness Coordinator (Candice), researched the importance of sleep. Then on October 2, 2024, the committee hosted a sleep hygiene event where they educated students on the importance of sleep and gave out sleep related items.

Governance Review Committee – Chair

The focus of this committee is to review bylaw and policies. Currently the committee has agreed to a review cycle proposed by our Governance & Student Support Coordinator (Marian) and reviewed the Code of Conduct policy.

Perspectives Committee – Member

The SA's role in this committee is to support the perspective event but also to host the free student session. This year on October 23rd the Hon. Jody Wilson-Raybould took part in a student led Q & A session. The VP Academic led the student event. In the up-coming meetings the next speaker will be chosen.

Alumni Committee – Member

The role of the committee is to encourage former students of RDP to gather and create community. The SA play's a supportive role in this committee. We were invited to attend the Palate event on October 24th and had a good time.

Campus Store Advisory Committee – Member

The focus of this committee is ensuring that students are being properly served by the campus bookstore. The role of the SA in this committee is to support and bring a student's perspective

Board of Governors – Member



EXECUTIVE REPORT

President' Office

Due to capacity issues, we have decided to step back and let the student representative (Tia) report to council.

Alberta Student Executive Council – Member

ASEC is the advocacy group that the SA is a part of. As the past VP External, it my role to be the voting member. On October 17th, we attended the Virtual Fall Student Leader Meeting, hosted by the provincial government.

Con't Meetings

- Senior Admin of RDP
- Dean of Students
- FARDP
- International Students Service
- Indigenous Services
- Student Connect

Council Updates:

Council was approached by RDP, asking if we- the SA-would be willing to willing to waive fees for the dual-credit students. The decision was no. Dual-credit students are still required to pay SA fees.



EXECUTIVE REPORT

President' Office

WORKPLAN UPDATE:

Goal 1: Community Connections.

Updates: No update at this time/ complete

Goal 2: Indigenous Medicine/ Food Garden

Updates: Met with Dr. Ryan Flavelle of the History department, who is passionate and knowledgeable in indigenous. We are currently working on a proposal to present to senior admin to establish a permanent learning space that fits with RDP's 2030 mandates. We will also be in contact with indigenous services to get their input on the garden.

Legend: Progress Neutral Lacked



EXECUTIVE REPORT

Vice President Academic's Office

Annual General Meeting
November 20th, 2024

VP Academic's Greeting/Welcome

Hello everyone. My name is Brianne Campbell, and I've had the privilege to serve as your Student Association Vice President Academic since May 1st. Stepping into this role, it's clear that there are some things you really learn when you hit the ground.

While our Executive Council team has seen some changes, we have remained committed to serving the needs and best interests of the students on our campus. Maintaining flexibility, and the values of communication and teamwork has helped us move forward. President Jacq Patterson, and the SA staff have been invaluable in supporting goals and initiatives.

Committees & Councils

SARDP's EDII Committee – Chair

The Committee's primary focus for the fall semester has been the three-day accessibility event that occurred on November 12th/13th/14th. We organized a table in the Forum with some interactive activities for engagement, shared information surrounding supports and services on campus, and had the opportunity to show part of what our committee is about. The Committee also hosted an accessibility panel with panelists from different areas of our campus community. This was a very interactive event, and it was great to see student participation and to hear about the value that attendees saw in this kind of event.

Discussion of initiatives for the winter semester will occur later this month.

SARDP's Ad-Hoc Sustainable Development Goals Review Committee- Chair

This committee was approved by Council on August 26th. One of my workplan goals for this year is to *increase education and implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in the decision-making process*. The aim of the committee is to focus on collecting data and reviewing current practices of the Association to make recommendations. This committee will be meeting later this month to run through a proposed timeline and ideas surrounding internal data collection, recommendation, and application.

Academic Council – Student Member

Academic Council Student Caucus – Chair

Academic Council Executive – First Vice Chair

Academic Policy Committee (Prior to Oct. 1) – SA Representative

Curriculum Committee (Prior to Oct. 1) – SA Representative

Research and Scholarship Committee – SA Representative

We've seen many things come through Academic Council since May. This includes new program proposals, which is particularly exciting as Red Deer Polytechnic continues to expand and offer more pathways for students. This includes an Artificial Intelligence & Data Analytics



EXECUTIVE REPORT

Vice President Academic's Office

Diploma and a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate option, as well as a Diagnostic Medical Sonography Diploma.

We also currently have three open spots for students! If you're interested in things like the review and development of courses and programs, want an opportunity to engage, and have Friday afternoon/evenings free, this might be an opportunity for you.

Open Educational Resources Championship Group - SA Representative

This group is comprised of staff, faculty, and students who are dedicated to increasing the use of OERs in place of course materials with an associated price tag. For this year, one of my workplan goals is focused around *increasing the use of OERs for introductory-level courses*. Working closely with this group is key in progressing this plan, and the group has identified different strategies in how to engage and educate faculty.

Separate from this group, but connected to this goal is the idea of introducing a Work Integrated Learning opportunity for students. Some initial conversations have occurred surrounding this idea and what it could possibly look like. The initial thought is to have students work to construct an internal catalogue of OERs, developing a system with support from the library team. Development of this has not yet begun, but we are optimistic about the conversations that will continue to be had, as this opens opportunities for students to have an additional research opportunity.

Alberta Student Executive Council (ASEC) – Board Member

I was elected to the ASEC Board of Directors as a Large Sector representative in June. ASEC is the provincial student lobbying group for colleges and polytechnics within Alberta. The board is an opportunity to gain more insight on workings around the province and provide input on various things.

Program Review Committee - SA Representative
Research Common Planning Group - SA Representative
Awards of Excellence Committee - SA Representative
CAT Fund Committee – Student Member
SARDP's Governance Review Committee - Member
SARDP's Mental Health Committee - Member

Workplan Goals:

Increase Education and implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in the decision-making process – In Progress

Increase the use of OERs in introductory-level courses – In Progress

Permanent Indigenous Elder on Campus – Halted. Further updates to come to Council in the new year.

