

**Minutes of the Seventeenth
SARDP 2024-2025 Council Meeting
March 31st, 2024**

Attendance:

Bridget Anderson – Councillor
Nicholas Baker – Councillor
Azriel Handa – Councillor
Samuel Johannson – Councillor
Yiri Olueh-Matimi – Councillor
Esther Owolagba – Councillor

Jacq Patterson – President
Tyler Rastovski – Councillor
Elizabeth Sweiger – Executive Director
Anne Marie Watson – Chairperson
Eli Wolters – Councillor
Marian Young – Secretary

17.0 Call to Order

Call the meeting to order at 5:31

17.1 Land Acknowledgment – Councillor Owolagba

17.2 Approval of Agenda

24-25-150-C

Rastovski, Johannson

MOTION: Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

17.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of 2024-2025 Council Meeting Minutes #17

24-25-151-C

Anderson, Wolters

MOTION: Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the 17th 2024 – 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

17.4 In-Camera Session - Liz

24-25-152-C

Rastovski, Anderson

MOTION: Motion to go into In-Camera at 5:33pm

CARRIED

24-25-153-C

Patterson, Handa

MOTION: Motion to come out of In-Camera at 6:03pm

CARRIED

17.5 Discussion

17.5.1 Executive Director's Succession Plan - Liz

24-25-154-C

Rastovski, Anderson

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2024-2025 Council approve the Executive Director

Succession Plan as presented to Council on March 17, 2025; the plan to be initiated on May 1, 2025.

Be it further resolved that Council place their signatures on the succession plan document, demonstrating their approval and support. This document shall be held at the Association to ensure continuity.

CARRIED

17.5.2 2025 Complete Bylaw Revision – Second reading – Marian
24-25-155-C

Wolters, Rastovski

MOTION: Motion to approve the second reading of the 2025 Complete Bylaw Revision.

CARRIED

17.5.3 Advocacy Discussion - Marian
24-25-156-C

Wolters, Anderson

MOTION: Motion to approve the following as the top five advocacy priorities for the Association for the 2025 – 2026 year.

1. Increased Funding to Post Secondary Institutions
2. Encourage OERs over textbooks
3. Medical service partnerships for students, all students should have access to a Primary Health care provider
4. Transitional housing for International Students
5. Further green initiatives—solar, wind, composting, dark hours, dark sky friendly lighting

CARRIED

17.6 Old Business

17.6.1 Summer 2025 Operating & Building Budgets - Liz
24-25-157-C

Wolters, Handa

MOTION: Motion to approve the Summer 2025 Operating Budget as presented.

CARRIED

24-25-158-C

Anderson, Owolagba

MOTION: Motion to approve the Summer 2025 Building budget as presented.

CARRIED

17.7 New Business

17.7.1 February Financials - Liz
24-25-159-C

Rastovski, Johannson

MOTION: Motion to approve the February Financials as presented.

CARRIED

17.7.2 Bank Transfer – Liz
24-25-170-C
Johannson, Wolters
MOTION: Motion to transfer \$250,000 from the Savings account to the Checking account.
CARRIED

24-25-171-C
Owolagba, Olueh-Matimi
MOTION: Motion to transfer \$100,000 from the Savings account to the Payroll account.
CARRIED

17.8 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports

17.8.1 Executive Council Reports
- President – J. Patterson
- Executive Director – E. Swegier

24-25-172-C
Wolters, Baker
MOTION: Motion to accept the reports as presented.
CARRIED

17.9 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.


17.10 Information

Please note that these items will come back to Council for discussion at a later date.

17.10.1 Governance Review Cycle Policy

17.11 Adjournment

24-25-173-C
Baker, Handa
MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:48pm
CARRIED



Jacquelyn Patterson, President



Anne Marie Watson, Chairperson



Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive Director



Marian Young, Secretary



EXECUTIVE REPORT

President's Office

March 18th- March 26th 2025

Crowns of Glory Project **March 19th, 2025**

The President recently met with Kristine Plastow, Dean of Students, and Rambo Nyirimihigo, RDP's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Coordinator, to discuss a new initiative aimed at encouraging individuals aged 65 and older to attend RDP. With 16.8% of Red Deer's population falling within this age group, integrating senior community members into the campus environment presents an opportunity to enrich classroom discussions and foster intergenerational connections.

This initiative is designed to create meaningful engagement between students and seniors, facilitating valuable relationships that may extend beyond the classroom. Senior participants will benefit from community involvement, social connections, and the opportunity to develop new skills in a supportive academic setting.

Moving forward, we will be meeting monthly to advance this project. Rambo Nyirimihigo will be conducting research on the benefits of senior participation in post-secondary education, while the President will be gathering firsthand accounts from individuals aged 65+ regarding their experiences in academic settings.

BoG Run Down **March 21**

The president met with the current student representative of BoG, Tia Rudd, to discuss some of the roles and responsibilities of being on the board.

Sick **March 21, 2025 -26, 2025**

Nothing to report

Up-Coming Meetings

- CBC Phone Interview
- Incumbent training
- Alumni Legacy Hallway Opening
- X100.7 Radio Interview (open house)



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WORKPLAN UPDATE:

n/a