

**Minutes of the Second  
SARDP 2025-2026 Council Meeting  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Attendance:

Nicholas Baker – Councillor	Esther Owolagba – Councillor
Criselda Co – Councillor	Jacq Patterson – President
Marie Evangelista – Asst. Executive Director	Elizabeth Sweiger – Executive Director
Lyan Fajardo – Councillor	Anne Marie Watson – Chairperson
Samuel Johannson – Vice President External	Eli Wolters – Councillor
	Marian Young – Secretary

Absent with Notice:  
Bridget Anderson – Councillor  
Yiri Olueh-Matimi – Councillor

Absent without Notice:  
Vishal Arora – Councillor

**2.0 Call to Order**  
Call to Order at 4:36pm.

**2.1 Approval of Agenda**  
25-26-7-C  
Patterson, Johannson  
MOTION: Motion to accept the agenda as presented  
CARRIED

**2.2 Land Acknowledgment – Vice President Wolters**

**2.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes**  
Approval of 2025-2026 Council Meeting Minutes #1  
25-26-8-C  
Wolters, Baker  
MOTION: Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting as presented  
CARRIED

Approval of 2025-2026 Executive Council Meeting Minutes #1-3  
25-26-9-C  
Wolters, Johannson  
MOTION: Motion to accept meeting minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Council Meetings as presented  
CARRIED

**2.4 Discussion**  
2.4.1 Students' Association of RDP 2025-2026 Annual Budget Proposal  
Questions arising from Council:

- Regarding the Lobby Efforts line - there has been a \$9000 increase: Why was there this increase and what benefits can our Membership expect? The cost of our ASEC Membership has increased and we have two members that have been elected to the ASEC Board of

Directors which may incur more travel. Our Members can expect more direct advocacy from our student leaders.

- Can you please explain cost of goods? The Cost-of-goods is how much it costs The Association to deliver what we do through our businesses. Primarily it is all of our inventories throughout the year. Also includes supplies, disposable cutlery, condiments, etc. Cost of goods is in relation to how much we sell. If we sell more in the Bar, Grill, or Convenience Store, we have to purchase more goods.
- We've set the budget for the housing platform to \$0. Why? Individuals looking to post housing for students are using Facebook, which is free, rather than paying for an add to be posted. In addition to losing our regular customers, and we were getting shady characters trying to use our platform to rent unsafe and suspect housing.
- If a student calls looking for housing, how do we assist? We give the number for RDP residence and let them know about the RDP student rentals Facebook page.

#### 2.4.1 Council Orientation: Online Training Modules Completion

25-26-10-C

Johannson Patterson

MOTION: Go into in-Camera at 4:55pm

CARRIED

25-26-11-C

Baker, Owolagba

MOTION: Come out of in-Camera at 5:07pm

CARRIED

25-26-11-C

Patterson, Co

MOTION: As per Association Bylaw 6.7.1 which reads "Council shall have the power, on a motion passed by 75% (Seventy-five percent) majority, to remove any Councillor from office: Who is deemed to have violated any portion of the Association's Bylaws and/or Policies or Who is unable or unwilling to maintain their position", be it resolved that Councillor Varun Mehta, having not completed his mandatory training as per Association Policy Council Orientation and Training, is removed from his position as a Member of the Students' Association Council effective immediately.

CARRIED

## 2.5 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports

### 2.5.1 Executive Council Reports

- President – J. Patterson
- Vice President Academic – E. Wolters
- Vice President External – S. Johannson
- Executive Director – E. Sweiger

25-26-12-C

Owolagba, Baker

MOTION: Motion to accept the Executive Reports as presented

CARRIED

## 2.6 Information

### 2.6.1 Annual Budget Policy

### 2.6.2 Building Fund Reserve Policy

2.6.3 Restricted Funds Policy

2.7

**Adjournment**

25-26-13-C

Johannson, Wolters

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 5:24

CARRIED




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President Patterson



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Executive Director Sweiger



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Chairperson Watson



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Secretary Young



## EXECUTIVE REPORT

President's Office

**May 13, 2025 – June 10, 2025**

### **Dress For Success May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Attendees: Jacq Patterson, Sam Johannson, Eli Wolters, Jessica Walker, Star Clynes.

The Dress for Success event, hosted by Dress for Success Central Alberta, served as both a networking and fundraising opportunity in support of women in the local community. Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP) extended an invitation for us to join their table at the event, which was held at Bo's Bar and Grill.

This year's theme focused on the importance of supporting community. The evening featured a moderated panel discussion led by RDP President Stuart Cullum. Panelists included Barbra Rebman, Sheila Musgrove, Terry Loewen, Craig Hann, and Garrett Scott, each of whom shared valuable insights on community engagement, leadership, and empowerment.

### **Awards off Excellence Committee May 21, 2025**

Attendees: Jacq Patterson

We are happy to report that all categories have been chosen.

### **Board of Governors Meeting May 22, 2025**

Attendees: Jacq Patterson, Katherine Thompson

During this meeting, we bid farewell to Tia Rudd, our student representative for the 2024–2025 term. We extend our sincere thanks to Tia for her hard work, commitment, and dedication to representing the student voice throughout the past year.

In the public portion of the meeting, the Faculty Association presented the results of a recent climate survey distributed to all faculty members at Red Deer Polytechnic. The report indicated that, overall, faculty are generally satisfied with their working conditions and RDP's executive leadership. However, the survey also highlighted concerns around workload, with many respondents reporting that they are operating at or near maximum capacity.

Additionally, it was confirmed that Jacq Patterson and Katherine [Last Name] will serve on the Ownership Linkage Committee. This committee is tasked with identifying, connecting with, and fostering relationships with individuals and organizations that either benefit from or contribute to the mission and vision of Red Deer Polytechnic.

### **Learning Module Systems June 2, 2025**

Attendees: Jacq Patterson, Nicholas Baker

Nothing to Report, many of these meetings clashed with other events.

### **Alberta Student Executive Committee Leadership Conference June 2-5, 2025**

Attendees: Jacq Patterson, Sam Johnson, Eli Wolters, Marian Young, Elizabeth Swiger

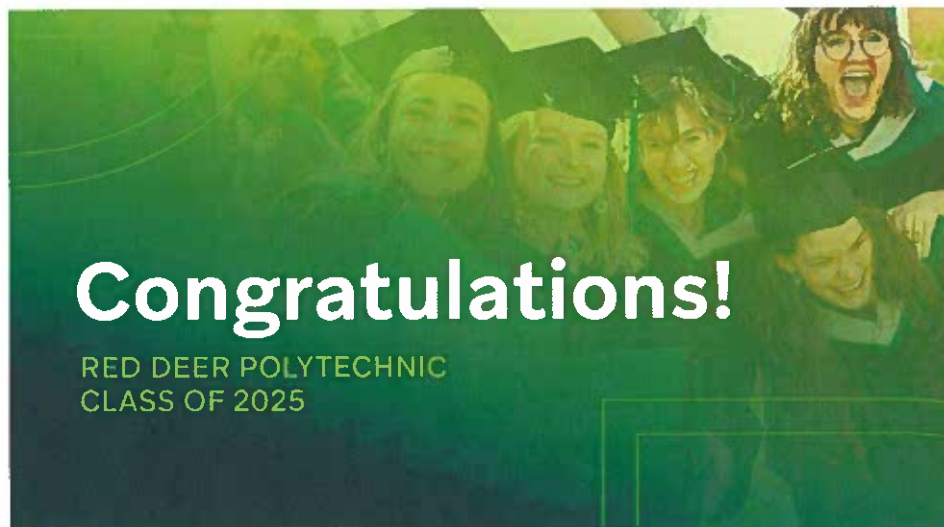
From June 2–5, 2025, student leaders attended the ASEC conference, which focused on external partnerships, governance, financial literacy, and advocacy in Alberta's post-secondary sector. Key sessions included updates from organizations such as Healthy Campus Alberta, ACIFA, CAUSE/CASA, and the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, emphasizing the importance of student voices in shaping mental health initiatives, tuition policy, and work-integrated learning (WIL). Government representatives outlined expectations around tuition regulation, MNIFs, and institutional accountability under the Alberta 2030 framework. Attendees also engaged in training on collegial governance, nonprofit financial management, and professional conduct in external relations. Interactive sessions fostered leadership reflection, highlighting the need for balance, integrity, and community connection in student governance.

**Convocation June 6, 2025**

Attendees: Jacq Patterson

Jacq gave a speech on behalf of the SA at both morning and afternoon ceremonies.

We would like to congratulate all the graduates of RDPs 61<sup>st</sup> convocation!



Other:

Indigenous Canada Training

<sup>1</sup> <https://rdpolytech.ca/news/rdp-ready-celebrate-graduates-2025-convocation-ceremonies>



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Wellness training with Candiace Brown  
Crucial Conversation Training



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May 15<sup>th</sup>– June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **Campus Store Advisory Committee (May 15<sup>th</sup>)**

*VPA Eli Wolters, VPX Samuel Johansson, Melissa deRidder (Program Assistant), Deedra Fenton (Administrative Officer), Jennifer Foote (Program Assistant), Shauna Hawley, Shauna Hawley (Accounts Receivable Coordinator), Angela Hughes (Operations Coordinator), Kathleen Lindsay (Facilities Coordinator), Lois Maplethorpe (Instructor), Jeff Maser (Communications Manager) Lindsey Shanks (Follett), Hon Todosichuk (Follett)*

I attended this meeting as an introduction to the committee, and to gather information on the use of OER's (Open Educational Resources) in courses in the 2023-2025 Academic Years, as well as the number of courses submitted as NMR (No Materials Required/Requested) Please see VPX Samuel Johansson's report for more information.

### **Academic Council (May 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

*Present: Azriel Handa, Eli Wolters, Samuel Johansson, Kyra Gamelin, Jacq Patterson*  
*Absent: Marian Young, Mike Beatty*

This meeting was mostly focused on minor edits in course proposals, including a pre-requisite change in AVFX 3311 and AVFX 3305, and the approval of the Indigenous Education Committee Bylaws with minor edits. One of the items on the agenda, the Timetable Policy & Procedure, was postponed to September 2025, due to light faculty attendance. We currently have two vacant seats and will be interviewing in the fall.

### **Green Campus Working Group – Campus Clean Up (May 27<sup>th</sup>)**

*VPA Eli Wolters, VPX Samuel Johansson*

We attended the Green Campus Working Group's Campus Clean Up to assist in the spring clean up, and to gather information about the Green Campus Working Group. The most common litter that we picked up was cigarettes butts and nicotine pouches.

### **ASEC - Alberta Students Executive Council (June 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)**

*VPA Eli Wolters, VPX Samuel Johansson, Prez Jacq Patterson, Governance and Student Support Coordinator Marian Young, with brief appearance from ED Liz Swagger*

This was the first conference of ASEC, focused on leadership and building connections. There were several impactful presentations, most notably an Intro to



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Government presentation done by the Government of Alberta's Advanced Education Department. Some of the other interesting presentations and workshops included a "Conflict Resolution & Collaborative Decision Making", and "Reading and Understanding Financial Statements".

We forged various connections with other institutions across the province and collaborated on ASEC's advocacy goals of Mental Health, Operational Grant Funding, and Food Security.

Congratulations to Vice President Johansson for successfully campaigning as he was elected to the ASEC Board, as well as Marian Young who was unanimously elected as a Staff Advisor to the ASEC Board as well.

#### **Other:**

I am currently working on the U of A's indigenous Canada course, to be completed by end of summer.



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**Reporting Period: May 12th, 2024 - June 10th, 2024**

### **Meeting with Anika Zepp, Executive Director of ASEC**

*Date: Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

President Patterson, Vice President Wolters, and I traveled to Edmonton for a meet and greet with Anika Zepp, Executive Director of the Alberta Student Executive Council, a provincial lobbying group to which we belong.

We discussed a variety of topics, including the election process for ASEC's board, the history of ASEC, the Values of ASEC, what ASEC does to advocate to the Provincial government, and the ASEC conference scheduled for the first week of June. As ASEC is a huge part of the Vice President External's role, this meeting was extremely helpful in getting to know ASEC as an organization and also ASEC's Executive Director, Anika Zepp. Coming out of this meeting, I believe the team was well prepared for the early June ASEC conference.

### **Dress for Success**

*Date: Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

I attended this event with President Patterson and Vice President Wolters. See President Patterson's report for further information.

### **Perspectives Committee**

*Date: Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

The Perspectives committee discussed the title and topic of this year's upcoming Perspectives event. The speaker this year is Andrew Coyne, a columnist with the Globe and Mail who has recently written a book, titled *The Crisis of Canadian Democracy*. There were two proposed topics, "Six Challenges to Democracy" and "The Political Landscape: Where are We headed?" The committee agreed to suggest the title "The challenge to democracy" and is waiting for a response. The committee also brainstormed additional sponsorship ideas, including the distribution of signed copies of Coyne's recent book.

### **Alberta Student Executive Council (ASEC) Leadership Conference**



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*Date: Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 – Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

President Patterson, Vice President Wolters, Governance and Student Support Coordinator Marian Young, and I attended this conference. Present were many student leaders from across the province. The days were filled with a variety of activities, speakers, and presentations, including one from the Government of Alberta's Department of Advanced Education.

This conference was an incredibly valuable opportunity to connect and get to know the various executive teams of ASEC's member associations. ASEC is also an amazing opportunity to share ideas and successes. ASEC also allows us to jointly advocate with thirteen other Students' Associations around this province towards common goals. ASEC's three main advocacy goals for the upcoming year are: Mental Health, Food Security, and Operational Grant funding. I'm glad to have had the chance to get to know our colleagues.

I'm also proud to share that I successfully ran for ASEC's board, and I am now sitting on that body. In addition, Marian Young, Governance and Student Support Coordinator, also ran for one of the two staff advisor positions on the board of ASEC and was elected unanimously, so congrats to Marian!

In addition, there was a general meeting of ASEC, where we ratified the results of the Board elections. This was followed by the first meeting of ASEC's board, where the new Board elected Joe Mooney, Director of External Affairs at Lakeland College Students' Association, as Chair and Anna Dau of the Students' Association of Olds College as Vice Chair.

ASEC's second conference is to be held at the start of July, and I am looking forward to working further with our fellow ASEC members to continue working for the betterment of all of our members.

### **Other Events/Activities**

#### Indigenous Canada Course

*Date: Ongoing*

Alongside my fellow Execs, I've been taking an online course via the University of Alberta on Indigenous Peoples in Canada.



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### Campus Store Advisory Committee

*Date: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

I attended the Campus Store Advisory Committee alongside Vice President Wolters. There are no updates from this Committee at this time.

### Green Campus Working Group: Green Deer event

*Date: May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

I attended this event with Vice President Wolters. See their report for further details.