

**Minutes of the Third
SARDP 2025-2026 Council Meeting
July 28th, 2025**

Attendance:

Bridget Anderson – Councillor	Esther Owolagba – Councillor
Nicholas Baker – Councillor	Jacq Patterson – President
Marie Eveangelista – Asst. Executive Director	Elizabeth Sweiger – Executive Director
Samuel Johannson – Vice President External	Anne Marie Watson – Chairperson
Yiri Olueh-Matimi – Councillor	Eli Wolters – Vice President Academic
	Marian Young – Secretary

Absent with Notice:

Lyan Fajardo – Councillor

Executive Director Sweiger left at 7:01pm

Absent without Notice:

Criselda Co – Councillor
Vishal Arora – Councillor

Council recessed at:

5:34pm and returned at 5:41pm
6:44pm and returned at 6:54pm

3.0 Call to Order

Call to Order at 4:40

3.1 Approval of Agenda

25-26-14-C

Anderson, Johannson

MOTION: Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 Land Acknowledgment

Vice President Johannson gave an Acknowledgment of the Land.

3.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of 2025-2026 Council Meeting Minutes #2

25-26-15-C

Olueh-Matimi, Baker

MOTION: Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of the 2nd Council Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

Approval of 2025-2026 Executive Council Meeting Minutes #4 - 8

25-26-16-C

Olueh-Matimi, Baker

MOTION: Motion to accept the Executive Council Meeting Minutes #s 4 - 8 as amended.

CARRIED

3.4

Old Business

3.4.1

Students' Association of RDP 2025-2026 Annual Budget Proposal

25-26-17-C

Wolters, Anderson

MOTION: Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Operations Budget as presented.

CARRIED

25-26-18-C

Johannson, Baker

MOTION: Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Building Budget as presented.

CARRIED

25-26-19-C

Wolters, Johannson

MOTION: Motion to allocate \$5,000 of Retained Earnings to the CAT Fund Reserve.

CARRIED

25-26-20-C

Johannson, Anderson

MOTION: Motion to allocate \$15,000 of Retained Earnings to the Peer Tutoring Reserve.

CARRIED

25-26-21-C

Owolagba, Wolters

MOTION: Motion to allocate \$150,000 of Retained Earnings to the Operations Reserve.

CARRIED

25-26-22-C

Johannson, Olueh-Matimi

MOTION: Motion to allocate \$200,000 of Retained Earnings to the Building Fund Reserve.

CARRIED

25-26-23-C

Johannson, Owolagba

MOTION: Motion to allocate \$150,000 of Retained Earnings to the Mental Health Reserve.

CARRIED

3.5 **New Business**
3.5.1 2025 – 2026 Student Executive Workplan

25-26-24-C

Anderson, Baker

MOTION: Motion to approve the 2025 – 2026 Executive Workplan as presented.
CARRIED

3.6 **Discussion**
3.6.1 Council Committees

The Association is dedicated to delivering awareness, activities and education related to mental wellness, equity, diversity and inclusion on our campus. To that end, during the year 2024-2025, the Association hired a Mental Wellness Coordinator as well as an Events & Inclusion Coordinator. In addition to our Member Engagement and Street Team, these two staff members have elevated our presence on campus by engaging directly with our students, assessing their needs and offering opportunities for our Members to participate in and volunteer in our ongoing initiatives.

For some time, the Association has identified that the Mental Health Committee and the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization Committee have struggled with finding their purpose and creating a clear and defined role. Now that we have staff positions dedicated to these priorities, we no longer need to rely on our Council members to assess, plan and execute activities and initiatives related to student wellness and inclusion.

The 2024 - 2025 Council struck a standing committee dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goals, as per our 2022 commitment to the SDG Accord. For the current year, Executive Council is recommending the creation of an ad-hoc committee dedicated to evaluating and addressing Advocacy priorities that are of importance to the Membership.

As a part of the 2024 - 2025 Bylaw Review, Council made the decision to reduce the number of Councillors from 12 to 10 members. This change limits Council's ability to dedicate sufficient time and resources to our various committees while maintaining a healthy balance of work, life and school.

Therefore, the 2025-2026 Executive Council is recommending that the Association pause the EDI&I Committee and the Mental Health Committee for the academic year. Council is, of course, encouraged to participate in the wellness and inclusion activities and initiatives - ALL students are welcome and encouraged to participate. By the end of this year, Council will assess the scope of the new committees as well as the progress of our restructured wellness and inclusion campaigns; from there, Council will determine whether the EDI&I and the Mental Health committees should be permanently dissolved or reinstated.

25-26-25-C

Wolters, Anderson

MOTION: Motion to pause the Association's Mental Health Committee and the Association's Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization Committee for the 2025 – 2026 Academic Year.

CARRIED

25-26-26-C

Wolters, Patterson

MOTION: Motion to adopt the Sustainable Development Goals Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

25-26-27-C

Anderson, Olueh-Matini

MOTION: Motion to insert the Sustainable Development Goals Committee into the Association Bylaws as a housekeeping item.

CARRIED

25-26-28-C

Patterson, Anderson

MOTION: Motion to strike the Advocacy Ad-hoc Committee for the 2025 – 2026 academic year.

CARRIED

25-26-29-C

Wolters, Anderson

MOTION: Motion to adopt the Advocacy Ad-hoc Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

3.7 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports

3.7.1 Executive Council Reports

- President – J. Patterson
- Vice President Academic – E. Wolters
- Vice President External – S. Johansson
- Executive Director – E. Sweiger
- Stampede Advocacy

25-26-30-C

Baker, Owolagba

MOTION: Motion to accept the Executive Reports as presented

CARRIED

3.8 Information

3.8.1 Council Schedule

3.9

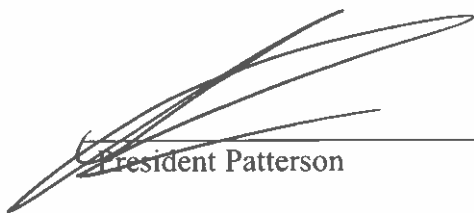
Adjournment

25-26-31-C

Johannson, Wolters

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:19pm

CARRIED



President Patterson

E. Sweiger

Executive Director Sweiger

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Chairperson Watson



Secretary Young



EXECUTIVE REPORT

President

June 16th- July 21, 2025

Healthy Campus Alberta Conference – June 17–18, 2025

Attendees: President Jacq Patterson, Events & Inclusion Coordinator Star Clynes, Student Wellness Coordinator Candice Brown

The event opened with a welcome from Elder Betty Crazyboy, who emphasized blessings, healing, and the importance of social work. The conference highlighted institutional commitments to equity, diversity, inclusion, mental health, sustainability, and cultivating supportive campus environments.

Day 1 centered on reimagining campus culture, focusing on belonging, partnerships, and integrated learning spaces. A standout initiative was SAIT's Student Zen Den—designed as a relaxation and mindfulness space for students. Notable sessions included Michaela Lewis's presentation on building meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities and the need to move beyond tokenism, as well as a residence life session promoting a supportive, family-like culture among students. The day concluded with an awards ceremony recognizing campus health initiatives, supported by significant government funding.

Day 2 focused on student resilience during challenging times. Dr. Michael Ungar discussed the evolving understanding of resilience, highlighting the roles of support, identity, belonging, and meeting basic needs. A powerful session on Indigenous student wellness, led by *Miyomahcihowin* from the University of Alberta, addressed systemic barriers like cultural disconnection, racism, and isolation. It emphasized the need for culturally responsive health supports and community-based solutions. The conference closed with a call to action: envisioning campuses where students thrive, explore their passions, and celebrate their diverse skills and identities.

Overall, the event reinforced the need to reimagine campus cultures through a lens of belonging, resilience, Indigenous wellness, and inclusive, collaborative community-building.

FARDAP Meeting – June 19, 2025

Attendees: President Jacq Patterson, VP External Sam Johannson, FARDAP Representative Sally Stuart

This introductory meeting provided space for informal discussion on Students' Association activities and current political developments.

Constituency Presidents Meeting – June 23, 2025



EXECUTIVE REPORT President

Attendees: President Jacq Patterson, President Stuart Cullum, FARDAP Rep. Sally Stuart, AUPE Rep. Terry Oakley

This first meeting of the new term focused on a single agenda item: an update on RDP's financial situation. It was confirmed that Alberta's Ministry of Advanced Education has approved RDP's 3-year plan to address the institution's \$10 million deficit.

Effective Chairing Workshop with Anne Marie – June 24, 2025

Attendees: President Jacq Patterson, VP Academic Eli Wolters, VP External Sam Johannson

This workshop emphasized the importance of effective meeting planning, including the development of a yearly work plan, awareness of governance cycles, and preparation for potentially contentious topics. Chairs should speak last during debate and use a balanced, alternating approach to discussion. "Standing at ease" can be used to pause for clarity or procedural checks. The session stressed the importance of confident speaking, inclusive facilitation, neutral language, and clear summaries of motions. Chairs must remain observant, review minutes carefully, and maintain fairness and diplomacy. Underlying the role are fiduciary duties of care, loyalty, and obedience. Robert's Rules and prepared scripts can support procedural consistency.

Calgary Stampede – July 2–7, 2025

Attendees: President Jacq Patterson, VP Academic Eli Wolters, VP External Sam Johannson
A separate, detailed report has been submitted.

International Connect – July 9, 2025

Attendees: President Jacq Patterson, VP Academic Eli Wolters, VP External Sam Johannson, Dean of International Education Werner Beylefeld

This meeting served as a farewell to Dean Werner Beylefeld, who will be transitioning to a new institution. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to introduce his successor. We also reaffirmed our commitment to advocating for international student services.

RDP Pancake Breakfast – June 18, 2025

Attendees: President Jacq Patterson, VP Academic Eli Wolters, VP External Sam Johannson, Events & Inclusion Coordinator Star Clynes



EXECUTIVE REPORT

President

At the second annual RDP Pancake Breakfast, the Students' Association hosted an information table and engaged with the public. Attendance significantly increased from the previous year. The executive team also had the opportunity to meet with Red Deer Mayor Ken Johnston and his wife, Carolyn, during which we discussed the promotion of Open Educational Resources (OERs).

Additional Activities & Professional Development

- **Simon Sinek Leadership Workshop**
- **Wellbeing Workshops** (with Candice Brown)
- **"AI for Everyone" by IBM** – Online Professional Development Course
- **Appeal Panel Participation** – July 8, 2025
- **Work Plan Development** (with Martin Cruz)
- **Crucial Conversations Workshop** – Professional Development



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Vice President Academic's Office

June 10th- July 21st, 2025

SARDP Visit to Baitun Nur Nosque (June 10th) – See VPX Report

AC Student Caucus (June 13th)

VPX – Sam Johannson, Marian Young, Azriel Handa, Michael Beatty, Kyra Gamelin

Academic Council (June 13th)

Sam Johannson, Marian Young, Azriel Handa, Michael Beatty, Kyra Gamelin

Two main items were brought to attention in this meeting:

- Various Faculty Procedures
 - Inconsistencies in proposed Faculty Procedures regarding the time frame (or lack thereof) of the submission of Year End Report.
 - This is the responsibility of the Associate Dean (AD), but there is no time frame, suggested or approximate in the proposed procedure, for when the AD must submit the Year End Report to the Faculty, and no specified buffer period to allow the Faculty to review the report, before meeting with the AD to discuss it.
- Early Learning and Child Care Practicum
 - Change within the Practicum of this program, to no longer allow for students in Academic Warning or Probation to be placed in practicum, as they stated that those students are often not prepared or able to successfully complete practicum.
 - However, the proposed fix doesn't specify that students must have a GPA of 2.0 relative to their core program courses, as those are key ones needed for their practicum, only that they must be in good academic standing overall.
 - GPA for this purpose is calculated by end of term grades, allowing for GPA boosting via any 'easy' course, not based on core program specific courses.
 - When it was brought up that this is the common procedure across RDP, the issue grew into; if we allow students to pass any course with a 1.0-1.3, but then bar them from practicum/graduation unless they have a 2.0, should the 1.0+ be the required grade to pass the course or should it be 2.0?
- There was not a clear outcome to these items.
 - Faculty Procedure – investigate the consistency of these procedures, potentially implement a timeline for AD.
 - Practicum – feedback was taken, but no solution was solidified at this time.



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Vice President Academic's Office

Vacation (June 16th – 20th)

Meeting with Trish Nuyten regarding Timetable Policy & Procedure (June 18)

Sam Johannson, Eli Wolters, Trish Nuyten – Dean of Enrollment Management and Registrar

This meeting was primary to speak on the usage of ZTC (Zero Textbook Cost) within the Timetable Procedure and Policy, as there is no definition of ZTC within either, and to speak on the actual procedure of using the ZTC indicator within the timetable. This was the item brought to Academic Council that was postponed until September.

(The ZTC attribute is attached to course in the timetable, and lets students know that there is not a textbook cost associated with the course, so they can be informed about additional costs when they register for courses.)

Currently, there is no policy/procedure surrounding the usage of ZTC, and this lack of clarity makes it difficult to ensure that this indicator is being used. Trish clarified that this attribute is usually added during the development of the timetable, which is far in advance of the instructor's being assigned to a course, and there is also no requirement for an instructor to update this attribute with their dean/registrar when they are assigned their courses.

We spoke about potential solutions to this, including sending reminder/informational emails to staff about ZTC, having the attribute be a mandatory yes/no field instead of an optional checkmark, and including a suggested OERs Tab in the new Course Management System to further increase usage of OERs, and therefore ZTC. I also later reached out to her, and Joseph Fittes Associate Registrar, about previous information on ZTC usage.

Alberta Open Educational Resources Meeting (AB OER) (June 26th)

Kimoya Edwards (VPA of Students Union of University of Lethbridge), Andrea Johnston (RDP Librarian), Eli Wolters (me:)), Jessica Norman (OER Librarian at SAIT), Sarah Adams (OER Librarian at U of C)

Big takeaways of this meeting:

- SAIT offers a Foundations of OER Program at two levels – Foundation and Champion, has tracked 5.8 million cost savings overall for students, and has 4 ongoing OER creation projects.
- U of C has grants for the creation of OERs, beginning from their Student's Union program of 'Quality Money', and is now allotted 1.65 million/year from their Board of Governors, and they currently have 6 OER Grants awarded.



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Vice President Academic's Office

ASEC Advocacy Conference (July 2nd)

This conference day prepared us for interacting with politicians and other notable figures while at various events for Stampede. During this we practiced meetings with politicians, remembering names and faces. Sam and I absolutely destroyed everyone else during the trivia, but my team reigned victorious this time. We also familiarize ourselves with ASEC's Advocacy Briefs, and ensured we were knowledgeable enough to speak on them if needed.

OER & ZTC Connect (July 8th)

Andrea Johnston & Sona Macnaughton (RDP Librarians), Eli Wolters

I spoke with them about continuing the work from my predecessor, and about recreating a survey done in 2022, 'Course Resources and Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC).' this survey gives data on how textbook costs impact students and give a benchmark for the current visibility and knowledge of ZTC. The Survey is planned to take place in Fall 2025, will be done through institutional research, and the SA has allotted 5 - \$100 gift cards as survey incentive to students.

Connect with Student Experience (July 17th)

Kristine Plastow (Associate Vice President Student Experience), Jacq, Sam, Eli

Kristine gave us an update on the Student Connect Centre Project; to centralize all student services in one location, letting us know that they were looking into getting a quote, and seeing what funding could be accessed for the project.

I also asked her about a ZTC Report, as I had read about this in past emails, and she offered to run the report again and share the results. She also shared various instructors' names with me, who previously completed their own OER project while at the institution.

Other Work & Updates

I'm currently waiting for statistical information to continue my OER/ZTC Paper, official name TBD.

We've been working on the SDG Committee Terms of Reference and exploring the potential of an Advocacy Ad-Hoc and its Terms of Reference as well.

Still working on the U of A's Indigenous Canada Course.



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Vice President External's Office

Reporting Period: June 10th, 2025 - July 21st, 2025

Ahmadiyya Mosque Visit

June 10th, 2025

President Patterson, Vice President Wolters, instructors Dr. Carrie Dennett and Dr. Daniel Haas, and I visited the Ahmadiyya Mosque in Calgary on June 10th. During this visit the team was given a tour of the Mosque and learnt more about the Ahmadiyya sect of Islam. We ate lunch with leaders from the Mosque and afterwards discussed thoughts on this year's World Religions Conference. It was agreed that the team would suggest some ideas for the next World Religions Conference's theme that may be more appealing to the student population at RDP.

Inclusion Alberta Virtual Tour

June 17th, 2025

I attended a virtual tour of Inclusion Alberta, which featured a number of speakers, including individuals and families who had been helped by Inclusion Alberta across a number of topics, including employment, K-12 education, sports, and post-secondary education. Inclusion Alberta is a non-profit organization which advocates for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Inclusion Alberta also operates on RDP's campus. This virtual tour was an eye-opening experience for me, as the scope of Inclusion Alberta's work was not something I was particularly familiar with.

Trades Completion Breakfast

June 18th, 2025

I attended a trades completion breakfast hosted by the SA in the farside. I gave a speech on behalf of the Students' Association to a group of Trades Students and Faculty celebrating them nearing the end of their course, with only a few exams remaining to be completed. Representatives from the Alumni Association and School of Trades and Technology also spoke. Only a handful of students were present, but it was a good time for all present.



EXECUTIVE REPORT Vice President External's Office

Alberta Students' Executive Council Goals Conference

July 2nd, 2025

President Patterson, Vice President Wolters, and Governance and Student Support Coordinator Young, and I attended this one-day conference. Initially, this was intended to be a two-day conference, but due to an increased number of stampede events on the 3rd the conference was condensed into one day. Two former student leaders, Mateusz Salmassi, former VPX at the University of Calgary Students' Union and Matthew Yanish, former VPX at the Students' Association of MacEwan University gave presentations on how to effectively advocate to government. Other exercises included various trivia games to help student leaders recognize key political figures and activities where students practiced advocating to government officials.

The conference was a valuable learning experience that prepared the team for the days of stampeding ahead, while also preparing student leaders for future advocacy meetings. This conference was also once again a fantastic opportunity to deepen our connections with student leaders across the province. This preparation was key to the success of our advocacy efforts at stampede, for more details on those see the full stampede report.

Alberta Students' Executive Council Board Update

July 3rd, 2025

ASEC's Board met on July 3rd to create our Board norms and goals for the upcoming year. Board members also gave their preferences for committees, and I volunteered to chair ASEC's advocacy committee for the upcoming year. I will also be sitting on the Board's finance committee. The Board also discussed other internal ASEC matters.

ASEC is in a strong position, both from a political and financial standpoint heading into this year. Additionally, new members may be added to ASEC's ranks in the coming year. Council members who are interested to know more about ASEC's recent activities are encouraged to check out ASEC's Instagram page (@albertastudents) and read the monthly ASEC newsletter. Councillors can also reach out if they have any questions.



EXECUTIVE REPORT

Vice President External's Office

Work Plan Development

July 10th, 2025

The team met with Martin Cruz, the SA's Chief Returning Officer during elections and a former student leader here to develop and prepare our workplans for submission to council. Thanks to Martin's help we were able to expand upon our initial ideas and also define clear metrics for success.

Stampede Follow-Ups

July 16th, 2025

I sent follow-up and thank you emails to a number of politicians that we had met at stampede. We requested to meet with some politicians in the coming weeks, including Red Deer's MP Burton Bailey and Edmonton-Northwest MLA David Eggen, who is the official critic for Advanced Education. We sent emails to 9 MLAs, 2 MPs, and 1 Red Deer City Councillor.

Indigenous Canada Course

Ongoing

As mentioned in my last report I am continuing to complete an online course on Indigenous Peoples in Canada alongside President Patterson and Vice President Wolters.



Executive Director Operational Report

July 28, 2025

- 2024-2025 external audit is complete; will be submitted to Council September/October for approval
- Engaging with a local Indigenous artist to discuss artwork for the Loft area
- Met with VPA Student Experience and the Dean from the Donald School of Business to discuss the possibility of adding some students in Continuing Education as SARDP Affiliates, and how the Association can support them
- The 2025-2026 Notebook is back from the printers. Looks great
- We have signed an agreement with RDP to provide a Work Integrated Learning opportunity for a business student in the fall; they will be working in our Member Engagement department
- We will be launching the mobile Canada Life app for our student health & dental plan in September; we will be marketing the app on our website, social platforms, via email blasts and in the hallways
- Working with Indigenous Services to help them deliver emergency bursaries for our indigenous students

E. Sweiger



Stampede 2025 Advocacy and Networking Report

July 3rd, 2025 – July 7th, 2025

Overview

The Students' Association of Red Deer Polytechnic, in collaboration with the Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC), attended several events during the 2025 Calgary Stampede. The primary purpose of our participation was to engage in political networking with municipal, provincial, and federal representatives to advance student advocacy. While we focused on three key policy areas aligned with ASEC's 2025–2026 priorities – increased base grant funding, expanded investment in mental health initiatives, and the renewal of the food security grant – our primary objective at these events was to initiate connections and schedule future meetings with key decision-makers.

The Executive team attended events both jointly and individually. To avoid duplication, each Executive has contributed a report on different events attended.

President

UCP Pancake Breakfast

Date: July 3, 2025

Attended by: President, VP Academic, VP External

The United Conservative Party hosted this breakfast, opened by Premier Danielle Smith with a brief address. During the event, we engaged with the Minister of Advanced Education, Hon. Myles McDougall; the Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, Hon. Tanya Fir; and South Calgary MP Jasraj Singh Hallan.

We Are YEG

Date: July 3, 2025

Attended by: President, VP External

Hosted by the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, this event was primarily attended by Alberta business leaders. RDP President Stuart Cullum was also in attendance, providing both institutional and student representation. A highlight of the event was our introduction to the new Leader of the Opposition (NDP), Naheed Nenshi.

CME Steel & Spurs Reception

Date: July 4, 2025

Attended by: President, VP Academic

This event, hosted by Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, brought together leaders from industry and government across Alberta and British Columbia. We connected with Calgary Confederation Liberal MP Cory Hogan and Alberta's Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration, Hon. Joseph Schow (UCP).



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Minister Myles McDougall BBQ

Date: July 5, 2025

Attended by: President

Held in Minister McDougall's home riding, this smaller, more personal event allowed for a second meeting with the Minister. RDP President Stuart Cullum was also present, helping strengthen the institutional relationship.

Liberal Party Pancake Breakfast

Date: July 6, 2025

Attended by: President

This breakfast was hosted by MP Cory Hogan and attended by other Liberal representatives, mainly from British Columbia. The event was brief, and no new political connections were established.

Devin Dreeshen UCP Reception (BMO Centre)

Date: July 6, 2025

Attended by: President, VP Academic, VP External

This high-profile UCP reception featured a collaborative announcement from Premier Danielle Smith, Premier Doug Ford (Ontario), and Premier Scott Moe (Saskatchewan) regarding future interprovincial initiatives on trade, energy, and transportation.

(<https://calgaryherald.com/news/smith-ford-agreement-free-trade-liquor-energy-automotive>)

During this event, we met and conversed with Hon. Devin Dreeshen and also had the opportunity to engage with Premiers Ford and Moe. RDP President Stuart Cullum was again in attendance.

Vice President Academic

New West Public Affairs

Attended by: President, VP Academic, VP External

July 3rd, 2025

This event was hosted by New West Public Affairs (NWPA) is a national public affairs firm that deals with Government and Public Relations. This event was primarily attended by various clients of NWPA, business owners, various politicians, and a few other student leaders. This event was quite crowded, but I managed to briefly meet Premier Danielle Smith, I also had the opportunity with Sam to talk with the Current Mayor of Calgary, Jyoti Gondek, and a Calgary City Councilor. Jacq met MLA Court Ellingson, the Shadow Minister for Finance, while Sam met MP Cory Hogan, one of the two Liberal MPs in Alberta, MLA Angela Pitt, the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees, MLA Kyle Kasawski, the Shadow Minister for Municipal Affairs, and MLA Nathan IP, Shadow Minister for Technology and Innovation.



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Gallivan/Alumo Brunch

Attended by: President, VP Academic, VP External
July 4th, 2025

This event was hosted by Gallivan is our current Health & Dental provider for students, and Alumo is the parent company of 'mystudentplan.ca', and they jointly host this brunch during stampede for various student leaders, giving us a chance to network amongst ourselves, and a welcome quieter event. At this event, nearly all Student Leaders from ASEC was in attendance, as well as employees of Gallivan and Alumo. At this event we mostly networked amongst other students and spoke with employees of Gallivan.

Crestview Hootenanny

Attended by: President, VP Academic
July 4th, 2025

This event was hosted by Crestview Strategy, which is a global public affairs agency, specializing in government relations, public opinion research, and communications and reputation. Unfortunately, this event was very crowded, and the venue did not allow for easy conversations as there was little seating, and it was quite loud. Jacq met with some former MLAs, and I spoke with a few other employees of Gallivan. Unlike most other events, this one didn't offer name tags, which increased our difficulty in networking in the overly crowded space.

Alberta New Democratic Party Caucus Stampede Breakfast

Attended by: VP Academic, VP External
July 6th, 2025

This event was hosted by the Alberta NDP, the Official Opposition which is the political party with the second largest number of seats in the Assembly. This event was very well attended by nearly every NDP MLA, of which Sam or I met; Amanda Chapman the Shadow Minister for Education, Janet Eremenko the Shadow Minister for Mental Health and

Addictions, Janis Irwin the Shadow Minister for Housing, David Eggen Shadow Minister for Advanced Education, Rhiannon Hoyle Shadow Minister for Jobs, Economy and Trade, Rob Miyashiro MLA for Lethbridge-West, and Lizette Tejada Shadow Minister for Immigration and Multiculturalism. This was a good event, due to the large outdoor space, and the coordinated dress code of the NDP MLAs; they were all easily recognizable in matching orange plaid, allowed us to easily recognize and interact with them.

Premier's Stampede Breakfast

Attended by: President, VP Academic, VP External
July 7th, 2025

This event was hosted by the Alberta Premier, Danielle Smith. At the event, while waiting in line for pancakes, we met with Devin Dreeshen, MLA of Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, spoke with MLA Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, and briefly interacted with Premier Danielle Smith as she served food. Jacq also had the opportunity to speak with David



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MacKenzie, former MP, while Sam briefly met Scott Moe, the Saskatchewan Premier, and MLA Nate Horner, Minister of Finance. Also present at the event was Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and various but we did not have an opportunity to speak with him.

Vice President External

Alberta Post-Secondary Network Event

Thursday, July 3rd, 2025

President Patterson and Vice President Johannson attended the Alberta Post-Secondary Network's inaugural stampede event. Minister of Advanced Education Myles McDougall spoke at this event on the importance of post-secondary education to Alberta. President Patterson and Vice President Johannson met with many individuals, including Burton Bailey, Member of Parliament for Red Deer, David Mackenzie, Member of Parliament for Calgary Signal Hill, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education Shannon Marchand, and many other student leaders, executives from a wide range of Alberta Post-Secondaries (including RDP's President Stuart Cullum), and stakeholders in post-secondary education. This event represented a valuable opportunity for key introductions which will enable future advocacy efforts, in addition to engaging in a wide range of discussions with other individuals present regarding student concerns at RDP.

Global Public Affairs

Friday, July 4th, 2025

Vice President Johannson attended Global Public Affairs' stampede event (they are a government relations and strategic communications firm). Among those present was Alberta Premier Danielle Smith, Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek, and many other government figures. Vice President Johannson spoke with Joe Ceci, member of the legislative assembly (MLA) for Calgary-Buffalo and NDP critic for Arts and Culture, Janet Eremenko, MLA for Calgary-Currie and NDP critic for Mental Health and Addictions, and Robyn Romano, CEO of the Calgary Distress Centre.

Alberta Counsel

Friday, July 4th, 2025

Vice President Johannson attended Alberta Counsel's stampede event (AB Counsel is a law/lobbying firm). This event also attracted many governmental figures. Vice President Johannson met many individuals, including Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services Jason Nixon and Minister of Justice and Attorney General Mickey Amery. Also present were a number of representatives from non-profit organizations from across Canada, including Cerebral Palsy Alberta, an organization that supports people with all manner of disabilities.



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Makami Breakfast

Saturday, July 5th, 2025.

President Patterson, Vice President Wolters, and Vice President Johannson attended a stampede breakfast event hosted by Makami College. Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada Pierre Poilievre spoke at this event. The executive team was only present for a short time, as another event was scheduled for shortly after.

County and Commerce by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, July 5th, 2025

President Patterson, Vice President Wolters, and Vice President Johannson attended this event. Prime Minister Mark Carney was present at this event, and the exec team was, (not without difficulty) successful in meeting him. Due to the nature of this event, many representatives from a diverse range of business interests were present. The executive team spoke with a wide range of persons about a variety of topics, including everything from shipping practices to energy. This event represented an opportunity to connect with groups which may traditionally have less contact with the post-secondary sector.

Canadian Strategy Group Rooftop Ranch

Sunday, July 6th, 2025

Vice President Johannson briefly attended this event for about an hour. Present were a number of elected officials and representatives from various non-profit and business organizations. Due to another event taking place shortly after this one, Vice President Johannson was only present for a small part of the event, but networking was done amongst a variety of figures, including other student leaders, staffers from Jas Hallan's office (MP, Calgary-East), and some staffers for the provincial NDP.

Next Steps and Outcomes

As a result of our Stampede advocacy efforts, SARDP has secured a follow-up meeting with Minister of Advanced Education Myles McDougall. We also plan to invite Red Deer MP Burton Baily and NDP Leader Naheed Nenshi for upcoming campus visits and consultations.

These events significantly strengthened our advocacy foundation by enabling future dialogue and collaboration with key political figures. We believe this engagement will support meaningful progress on our policy priorities and enhance representation for our membership.



President Patterson



Vice President Wolters



Vice President Johannson