

**Minutes of the Sixth
SARDP 2025-2026 Council Meeting
September 22nd, 2025**

Attendance:

Donald Allen – Councillor	Samuel Johannson – Vice President External
Bridget Anderson – Councillor	Jacq Patterson – President
Nicholas Baker – Councillor	Elizabeth Sweiger – Executive Director
Marie Evangelista – Asst. Executive Director	Anne Marie Watson – Chairperson
Lyan Fajardo – Councillor	Eli Wolters – Vice President Academic
Sage Huard – Councillor	Marian Young – Secretary

Absent with Notice:

Ruby Lindsay – Councillor
Esther Owolagba – Councillor
Yiri Olueh-Matimi – Councillor

Councillor Fajardo left at 5:32pm, returned at 5:40
Vice President Wolters left at 6:03pm, returned at 6:13pm
Councillor Fajardo left at 6:03pm, returned at 6:13pm
Councillor Anderson left at 6:13, returned at 6:19pm
Councillor Allen left at 6:29pm, returned at 6:34pm

- 6.0 Call to Order**
Call to order at 5:25pm
- 6.1 Approval of Agenda**
Addition of 6.4.1: Councillor Attendance (and renumber accordingly).

25-26-57-C
Anderson, Patterson
MOTION: Motion to accept the agenda as amended.
CARRIED
- 6.2 Land Acknowledgment**
- 6.3 Council and Academic Council Vacancy Interviews**
25-26-58-C
Patterson, Huard
MOTION: Motion to go into In-Camera at 6:03pm.
CARRIED

25-26-59-C
Patterson, Johannson
MOTION: Motion to come out of In-Camera at 6:18pm.
CARRIED

6.4 Discussion

6.4.1 Councillor Attendance

25-26-60-C

Wolter, Fajardo

MOTION: Motion to go into In-Camera at 6:19pm.

CARRIED

25-26-61-C

Wolters, Allen

MOTION: Motion to come out of In-Camera at 6:43pm.

CARRIED

6.4.2 Council and Academic Council Election

25-26-62-C

Anderson, Baker

MOTION: Motion to elect Taisiia Skydan to the 2025-2026 Association Council.

CARRIED

Abstained Councillor Fajardo

25-26-63-C

Huard, Johannson

MOTION: Motion to elect Alexandra Gosse to the 2025-2026 Association Council.

CARRIED

Abstained Vice President Wolters

25-26-64-C

Huard, Wolters

MOTION: Motion to elect Bridget Anderson to the 2025-2026 Academic Council Student Caucus.

CARRIED

Abstained Councillor Anderson

6.4.3 Association Summer Finances

25-26-65-C

Baker, Johannson

MOTION: Motion to accept the 2025-2026 Association Summer Finances.

CARRIED

6.5 Information

6.5.1 October Association Events Calendar

6.6


Adjournment

25-26-66-C


Anderson, Wolters

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:24pm

CARRIED



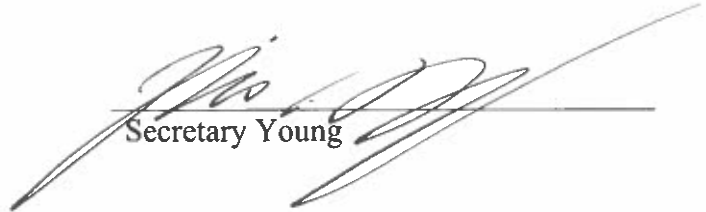
President Patterson



Executive Director Sweiger



Chairperson Watson



Secretary Young



EXECUTIVE REPORT

President Patterson

September 2nd, 2025 - September 9th, 2025

New Student Orientation – September 2nd, 2025

New Student Orientation is one of the most significant events of the year at RDP. Its primary purpose is to warmly welcome both new and returning students to the institution. During this event, the President of the Students' Association, along with the institution's leadership and department heads, delivered welcoming speeches and addressed the audience. The event fosters a sense of community and excitement for the upcoming academic year, setting a positive tone for students' experiences.

Welcome Barbeque – September 4th, 2025

The Welcome Barbeque is a collaborative event co-hosted by RDP and the Students' Association. Attendees enjoyed hot dogs, drinks, and chips, with over a thousand hot dogs distributed this year to students, staff, and faculty members. The event serves as an informal gathering to promote camaraderie among the campus community. Both the President of the Students' Association and the President of RDP took the opportunity to deliver brief welcoming remarks, expressing enthusiasm for the new academic year and fostering a welcoming atmosphere.

EDI Student Committee – September 8th, 2025

This marked the first time the President attended the EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Committee meeting. The committee is an RDP-led initiative overseen by the EDI Manager, Rambo N. Now in its second year, the committee currently has one active member, Star. The committee is actively working on organizing a three-day Cultural Festival scheduled to commence on November 12, 2025. The festival aims to celebrate diversity through various activities, including a parade displaying flags from over fifty countries and Indigenous nations, dance showcases, and diverse dining experiences. This event is designed to promote inclusivity and cultural awareness within the campus community.

Upcoming

- BoG and tour of SA- September 10th, 2025
- Doing it Right Women's Conference – September 12th, 2025



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President Patterson

WORKPLAN UPDATE:

Goal 1: How to apply to a master's program handbook

Updates: A preliminary outline and the initial draft of the handbook have been completed. I am collaborating closely with Jessica, the Member Engagement Manager, to refine the content, enhance the presentation, and develop a comprehensive, engaging booklet that will serve as a helpful resource for students interested in graduate studies.

Goal 2: Work-Integrated Learning

Updates: Due to the busy time of year, I have not had time to work on this goal.

Legend: Progress Neutral Failed



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Vice President Academic's Office
Eli Wolters

August 30th – September 9th

New Student Orientation (September 2th)

This event is a school wide welcome for all new students beginning in Fall 2025. Jacq spoke at the official RDP welcome in the Gary W. Harris. Different to previous years, international students did not have their own specialized orientation, it was both international and domestic orientation combined. Both Sam and I spend a considerable amount of time among the new students, directing, and introducing ourselves. I helped a lot of student find resources on campus, including their classes, where to find the SA and the services we offer, iCards, advising, the library, and where to buy parking.

Welcome Barbeque (September 4th)

We attended our Welcome Barbeque with the President's office in the Forum Courtyard. This event was very well attended, and myself, Jacq and Sam spent time assisting staff, connecting with students, and welcoming everyone to another school year.

Textbook Cost Survey Connect

Andrea Johnston (Librarian), Sona Macnaughton (Librarian), Eli Wolters (VPA), Jessica Walker (Member Engagement Manager)

We met to speak regarding the advertising, and logistics of the Textbook Cost Survey. We covered topics such as the specific name to be used in advertising, how the survey will be distributed to students, methods of advertising to students (posters, email newsletter, table displays), specific wording allowed and not allowed. Also ensuring that the dates are confirmed, which they are still very hopefully for the survey dates of Sept 22-October 6th.

Other Work & Updates:

Amazing Race for Student Athlete Orientation (August 28th)

WORKPLAN UPDATE:

Goal 1: Increase usage of Open Educational Resources (OER) for introductory-level courses.

Updates: Sona shared a report with us, detailing trends in Faculty usage of OERs over the last 4 years. This is a survey shared with faculty, with about a 16-22% response rate. This provides a baseline for faculty knowledge on OER's and usage. Unfortunately, it's still not possible to track the usage of OER's beyond what is reported in this survey, but this still is a helpful resource.

Goal 2: Increase awareness and usage of the Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) indicator.

Updates: Survey Still in Progress – Sept 22 to October 6th, no update on data for ELT Paper yet.

Goal 3: Increase awareness of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Updates: No updates at this time.



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Vice President External's Office

Other Work & Updates:

WORKPLAN UPDATE:

Goal 1: Plan and execute a Get Out the Vote Campaign for the 2025 Municipal Election

Updates: No updates.

Goal 2: Investigate the need for an Advocacy Committee for the Association

Updates: No updates

Goal 3: Increase awareness regarding the discount programs and add 5 additional businesses providing student discounts.

Updates: I'm continuing to speak with a variety of business about adding student discounts. We will be adding additional student discounts to the website shortly.

Legend: Progress Neutral Halted