

**Minutes of the Fifteenth  
SARDP 2025-2026 Council Meeting  
February 9, 2026**

Attendance:

Donald Allen – Councillor	Jacq Patterson – President
Bridget Anderson – Councillor	Taya Skydan – Councillor
Nicholas Baker – Councillor	Eli Wolters – Vice President Academic
Lyan Fajardo – Councillor	Casey Zulita – Councillor
Sage Huard – Councillor	Anne Marie Watson – Chairperson
Samuel Johannson – Vice President External	Elizabeth Sweiger – Executive Director
Ruby Lindsay – Councillor	Marie Evangelista – Assistant Executive Director
	Marian Young – Secretary

Absent without notice:

Allie Gosse – Councillor

**15.0 Call to Order**  
Call to order at 5:35pm

**15.1 Approval of Agenda**  
Remove item: 15.5.2 SARDP General Election

25-26-134-C  
Anderson, Baker  
MOTION: Motion to accept the agenda as amended.  
CARRIED

**15.2 Land Acknowledgment – Councillor Skydan**

**15.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

15.3.1 Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> 2025-2026 Association Council Meeting

25-26-135-C

Skydan, Huard

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the fourteenth 2025-2026 Association Council Meetings.

CARRIED

15.3.2 Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 – 2026 Executive Council Meeting

25-26-136-C

Anderson, Huard

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the twenty-ninth 2025-2026 Association Executive Council Meetings.

CARRIED

**15.4 Old Business**

15.4.1 Referendum Question – Second Reading  
25-26-137-C

Allen, Johannson

MOTION: Motion to accept the referenda question for second and final reading.  
CARRIED

**15.5 New Business**

15.5.1 Tuition and Fees Consultation Boot Camp

**15.6 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports**

15.6.1 Executive Council Reports

- President – J. Patterson
- Vice President Academic – E. Wolters
- Vice President External – S. Johannson
- Executive Director – E. Sweiger
  - o Has been primarily working on the FAQ info packet with Alumo in preparation for the referendum.
  - o Staff performance reviews are coming up.
  - o The CAT Fund had two applications at the last meeting. Funding for a Film Screening by the Film Society was approved, which will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - o We have received five applications for the Student Initiatives Program Grant and approved all.

25-26-138-C

Allen, Lindsay

MOTION: Motion to accept the Executive Council reports as presented.  
CARRIED

**15.7 Committee Minutes**

15.7.2 Advocacy Committee Minutes  
25-26-139-C

Wolters, Skydan

MOTION: Motion to accept the Committee Minutes as presented.  
CARRIED

**15.8 Information**

15.8.1 E-Motion Policy Proposal  
15.8.2 February Events Schedule

15.9

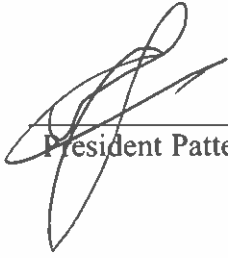
**Adjournment**

25-26-140-C

Johanson, Anderson

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:48pm

CARRIED



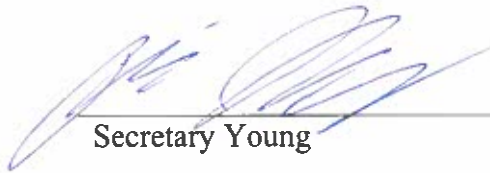
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President Patterson



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Executive Director Sweiger



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Chairperson Watson



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Secretary Young



## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

**President Patterson**

**Date: January 26- February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**  
**RDP Impact Breakfast and Guided Tour**

**January 29, 2026**

The RDP Impact Breakfast brought together RDP leadership and community members to reflect on the institution's accomplishments over the past year and to discuss priorities for the year ahead. Attendees included members of city council, the mayor, and Member of Parliament Burton Bailey. President Stuart Cullum provided an overview of the current economic realities facing post-secondary institutions, particularly regarding base grant funding. This context was appreciated, as it helped community members better understand the financial pressures affecting RDP. Following the breakfast, many city councillors and the mayor participated in a guided campus tour. The tour began at CIM-TAC, where attendees learned about the use of 3D printers to create devices for community partners, continued through the Nursing Simulation Lab to observe how students are prepared before working with real patients, and concluded at the Gary Harris building. During the final stop, participants learned about the building's legacy and plans to convert part of the space into a Hockey Hall of Fame display.

### **Black History Month Speech and Rogers TV Interview**

**February 2, 2026**

President Patterson was invited to speak at the Black History Month flag-raising ceremony, where she expressed gratitude and appreciation for Black students at RDP and within the Red Deer community. Following the ceremony, Rogers TV conducted an interview with President Patterson and EDI Coordinator Rambo. The interview focused on the importance of the flag-raising ceremony and highlighted meaningful ways the community can support and participate in Black History Month initiatives at RDP.



## **Social Media Project with Work-Integrated Learning Student**

**February 2, 2026**

President Patterson, Student Engagement Manager Jessica, and the newly onboarded Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) student, Bradly, collaborated on a social media project at the Farside Bar and Grill. Together, they interviewed students to learn why the Farside is a valued and popular space on campus. The interviews will be used to create social media content, and council members are encouraged to watch for the final product on the SA's social channels.

## **Nominations for Student Awards**

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.linkedin.com/in/jacq-patterson-804a05327/?trk=opento\\_sprofile\\_goalscard](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jacq-patterson-804a05327/?trk=opento_sprofile_goalscard)



## **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

**President Patterson**

**February 2, 2026**

Student Engagement Manager Jessica and the Executive team reviewed the Students' Association awards and began the nomination process. Council members are encouraged to participate by nominating students they believe have made a meaningful impact at RDP. A QR code has been provided to make the nomination process accessible and straightforward.



### **Governance Review Committee**

**February 25, 2025**

The Governance Review Committee reviewed the proposed E-vote policy and recommended specific wording and procedural changes to ensure transparency and maintain the legitimacy of the voting process. Under the proposed policy, the president is required to send an email outlining the motion, voting rules, and relevant policy details. The first reply to the email must come from the motioner and must include their vote. The second reply serves as the seconder and must also include their vote. All electronic voting results will be formally ratified at the next official meeting.

### **Special Projects**

#### **Land Acknowledgment**

An email was sent to council outlining the next steps in the Land Acknowledgment process as determined by the Executive Council. As of the time of this report, no additional responses have been received through the feedback form. President Patterson also met with Justice, Cory, and



## EXECUTIVE REPORT

President Patterson

Terra from Indigenous Student Services and received valuable feedback on the current draft of the Land Acknowledgment, which will help inform the next phase of revisions.

### WORKPLAN UPDATE:

#### Goal 1: WIL

**Updates:** No update at this time.

#### Goal 2: Graduate Student Handbook

**Updates:** I have received great feedback from several instructors and administrators. I have also added a section specifically for indigenous students. Next steps: work with Jessica to integrate the feedback.



## EXECUTIVE REPORT Vice President External's Office

**Reporting Period: January 7th, 2025 – January 21st, 2026**

### **Perspectives Committee**

*January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026*

The Perspectives Committee settled on a speaker for next year's event, based on a poll amongst the Committee of prospective speakers. An offer to the speaker has been made, but not yet formally signed.

The Committee has also settled on the date of October 28<sup>th</sup> for Perspectives, which is a Wednesday.

### **Meeting & Tour with Basheer & Malik from the Ahmadiyya Mosque**

*January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

I met with Basheer & Malik from the Ahmadiyya Mosque (located in Calgary). The Ahmadiyya Muslim community has been a long-time supporter of the World Religions conference and of the Emergency Student Food Bank. We toured the Students' Association's building and then had a great discussion regarding the world religions conference. Basheer & Malik wished to gain insight on how to make the World Religions Conference more appealing to students. We also spoke about their desire to ensure that next year's event recognizes the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Religions Conference.

### **WORKPLAN UPDATE:**

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

**Update:** I spent considerable time compiling the results from the week of tables into a spreadsheet, then into a PowerPoint presentation. The Advocacy Committee held a meeting on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, to discuss its final report and recommendations to council, which will be sent to Council on February 13<sup>th</sup> after the Committee's final meeting to finish the report.



## EXECUTIVE REPORT

Vice President External's Office

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

**Updates:** The table held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> was a great success, speaking to over 70 students. Further tables are planned for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of February.

**Legend:** Progress Neutral Halted