

**Minutes of the Eighteenth
SARDP 2025-2026 Council Meeting
March 16th, 2026**

Attendance:

Bridget Anderson – Councillor

Nicholas Baker – Councillor

Lyan Fajardo – Councillor

Samuel Johannson – Vice President External

Ruby Lindsay – Councillor

Jacq Patterson – President

Taya Skydan – Councillor

Eli Wolters – Vice President Academic

Casey Zulita – Councillor

Anne Marie Watson – Chairperson

Elizabeth Sweiger – Executive Director

Marie Evangelista – Assistant Executive Director

Marian Young – Secretary

Absent with notice: Donald Allen – Councillor, Sage Huard – Councillor

Absent without notice: Allie Gosse – Councillor

17.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.

17.1 Approval of Agenda

25-26-158-C

Patterson, Skydan

MOTION: Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

17.2 Land Acknowledgment – Vice President Wolters

17.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 32nd & 33rd 2025 – 2026 Executive Council Meeting

25-26-159-C

Baker, Anderson

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the thirty-second and thirty-third 2025-2026 Association Executive Council Meetings.

CARRIED

25-26-160-C

Johannson, Wolter

MOTION: Motion to go into In-Camera at 5:34pm.

CARRIED

25-26-161-C

Johannson, Anderson

MOTION: Motion to come out of In-Camera at 5:45pm.

CARRIED

17.4 Discussion

17.4.1 25-26-162-C

Anderson, Patterosn

MOTION: Motion to set the 2026-2027 Association Membership fees to \$60 per term for part time credit students, \$120 per term for full time credit students and \$60 per session for Apprenticeship students.

CARRIED

17.4.2 Summer 2026 Budgets

a. Operations

25-26-162-C

Zulita, Lindsay

MOTION: Motion to approve the Summer 2026 Operating budget as presented.

CARRIED

b. Building/Capital

25-26-162-C

Anderson, Baker

MOTION: Motion to approve the Summer 2026 Building/Capital budget as presented.

CARRIED

17.5 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports

17.5.1 Executive Council Reports

- President – J. Patterson

- Attended the Mayor's luncheon and had good conversations with the Mayor of Red Deer County and the City of Red Deer. Found out the Mayor of Red Deer County has a scholarship for rural students.
- Hustled for elections.
- The graduate student handbook is live on the Association website so that Executive workplan goal is complete.

- Vice President Academic – E. Wolters

- Attended the RDP Research Showcase which had many interesting presentations and was well attended.
- The World Religions Conference is taking place on March 25th and we will be doing tables to promote the event this coming Thursday and Monday Tuesday and Wednesday of next week which we will need volunteers for. We will also need volunteers to assist during the event and to help with the food bank donation that we receive every year from the Ahmadiyyah Mosque.
- Hustled for elections.

- Executive Director – E. Sweiger

- The annual staff performance reviews have begun and are going smoothly.

- Started the year end postings and processes with Assistant Executive Director Evangelista
- The referenda question did not pass, as it did not reach the 60% threshold. However, it did reach over 55% in favour, which indicates we have a mandate to have something in place to help support student mental health. I have started the conversation with Alumo regarding “Empower Me” options. Negotiations are ongoing regarding the addition of a mental health program and our 2026-2027 renewal rates for the Health & Dental plans. renewal rates for 2026-2027. Whatever platform or program we put in place for mental health will be part of the current health plan.
- The Ministry of Assisted Living and Social Services has invited us to apply for a \$7000 food securities grant. I submitted our application last Friday. If granted, the funds must be spent within the government's fiscal year, starting April 1, 2026. Unfortunately, we have learned that only 5 post secondaries in Alberta received this invitation to apply for the grant.
- Thank you to everyone who nominated a fellow student for our Students’ Association Leadership Awards.

25-26-163-C
Zulita, Skydan

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

17.6 Adjournment

25-26-164-C
Baker, Lindsay


MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 6:20pm
CARRIED



President Patterson



Executive Director Sweiger



Chairperson Watson



Secretary Young