

**Minutes of the Seventeenth
SARDP 2025-2026 Council Meeting
March 2nd, 2026**

Attendance:

Donald Allen – Councillor	Taya Skydan – Councillor
Bridget Anderson – 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
Jacq Patterson – President	Marian Young – Secretary

Absent with notice: Nicholas Baker – Councillor
Absent without notice: Allie Gosse – Councillor

- 17.0 Call to Order**
Call the meeting to order at 5:33pm
- 17.1 Approval of Agenda**
25-26-147-C
Anderson, Skydan
MOTION: Motion to accept the agenda as presented.
CARRIED
- 17.2 Land Acknowledgment – Vice President Johannson**
- 17.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes**
Minutes of the 31st 2025 – 2026 Executive Council Meeting
25-26-148-C
Huard, Lindsay
MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the thirty-first 2025-2026 Association Executive Council Meetings.
CARRIED
- 17.4 Old Business**
17.4.1 Advocacy Ad-hoc Committee Recommendations
25-26-149-C
Allen, Fajardo
MOTION: Motion to Approve the Advocacy Ad-hoc Committee’s goal recommendations for the 26-27 year.
CARRIED

25-26-150-C

Anderson, Huard

MOTION: Motion to add the Advocacy Committee a standing committee of Council effective May 1st 2026.

CARRIED

25-26-151-C

Anderson, Lindsay

MOTION: Motion to amend the bylaws of the Association to make the Advocacy Committee as a standing committee of Council.

CARRIED

25-26-152-C

Patterson, Wolters

MOTION: Motion to direct the Association to work towards implementing the Advocacy Committee's improvement recommendations during the 26 - 27 academic year.

CARRIED

17.4.2 2026 – 2027 Executive Council Compensation Package Proposal

25-26-153-C

Zulita, Skydan

MOTION: Motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$137,729.40 for the 2026 - 2027 SARDP Executive Council Compensation Package.

CARRIED

17.4.3 2026 – 2027 Council and Academic Council Honoraria Proposal

25-26-154-C

Anderson, Johannson

MOTION: Motion to set the 2026 - 2027 Association honorarium amounts to \$61.50 per meeting for council, \$30.75 per meeting for Academic Council Student Caucus, and \$30.75 per meeting for Academic Council student members.

CARRIED

17.5 New Business

17.5.1 January Financials

25-26-155-C

Patterson, Huard

MOTION: Motion to accept the January Financials as presented.

CARRIED

17.6 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports

Executive Council Reports

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

- Executive Director – E. Sweiger

25-26-156-C

Lindsay, Allen

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

CARRIED

17.7 Election Reminders

17.8 Information

17.9.1 March Events Schedule

17.9 Adjournment

25-26-157-C


Anderson, Lindsay

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:32pm

CARRIED



President Patterson



Executive Director Sweiger



Chairperson Watson



Secretary Young



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President Patterson

Date: February 23-26, 2026

GRC February 23, 2026

The committee met and discussed the Annual Budget policy. We made some housekeeping edits and some wording changes to ensure the Executive Director can procure the necessary information in time to ensure accuracy of the annual budget report.

Election Video February 23, 2026

All the Executives took time to film a short video to promote the upcoming election. Please take some time to go to the SA socials and watch the video.

Nourish to Flourish February 24, 2026

This was my first meeting with the working group. This first meeting was to determine if the SA has a role to play in the working group.

The purpose of the Nourish to Flourish group is to encourage students to eat healthily and excel in their studies.

Some ideas that the committee has come up with are:

- Nutrition Modules for Education
- Dollartree Dinner hampers with recipe card – Pantry style access (I shared that feedback from our fellow ASEC members that pantry-style food programs do not work well)
- Apply for non-profit status to be able to access funds available to food banks and other reduction and hunger reduction programs
- Food Forest – No thought had been put into Animal safety education
- Asked for stats from out pay-what you can program so they can use it to apply for grants
- March is Nutrition month and events are planned throughout the month
 - These events are happening mostly in the gyms, and participation is required to have access to the food after
 - They are not hosting any events in the trades
 - They have not reached out to see if the SA would be willing to host anything
- A critique was access to food in off-hours, which is a question or a conversation to have with Campus Management

From my perspective, this working group claims to want to be an extension or an arm of what we offer; however, the group displayed an obvious lack of understanding of what we



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do offer to combat hunger on campus. Furthermore, much of their energy and time is spent on resources that students can just use AI or Google to find. In my opinion, it would not be a good use of our time to be part of this group as presented.

Assessing and Monitoring Boards Policy Governance February 24, 2026

A course hosted by Policy Governance to help individuals read and interpret reports in a policy governance context.

Land Acknowledgment Round Table February 24, 2026

No students attended the round table; however, students who volunteered for Mindfulu did give feedback.

Tuition Consultation February 24, 2026

We discussed having more clarity on the MNIFs page regarding duplicate titles, or whether this question will just keep coming back for review with each new executive and council cycle.

We also asked if we could move the consultation to January, and Karen said that it might be possible if it is advantageous for both parties.

Others and upcoming:

- Executive Welling Feb 24
- AB Budget and Minister consultation Feb 26
- Land Acknowledgment round table Feb 26, 27

WORKPLAN UPDATE:

Goal 1: WIL

Updates: No update at this time.

Goal 2: Graduate Student Handbook

Updates: The Graduate Student Handbook is officially complete. Once Jessica has some time, she will post it on the SA website and create social media content to spread the word.

Legend: **Progress** **Neutral** **Halting**



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Vice President Academic's Office
Eli Wolters

February 18-25

OER Champions – Feb 23

I was unable to attend due to election promotion filming, but here are the highlights from their minutes!

- Sona & Andrea's WIL student is hard at work going through the 25-26 course outlines to find courses that should be marked as ZTC, and has already found a lot!
- Travis Boblin (Student Information Systems Coordinator, Office of Registrar) is working on a way for course outlines to be readily available, and to easily see if they're approved. There are also some internal systems that might be able to be updated to prompt faculty or flag courses with no required textbooks.
- Sona & Andrea intend to use the ZTC Report, and data from their WIL student to reach out directly to schools in mid-March with an invitation to mark their courses before timetable publication.

AB OER – Feb 24

- Not a whole lot to update here, the group as a whole is looking forward to the provincial budget release this week, and looking to revitalize the ASEC Textbook Broke website & looking at updating the survey questions for a Textbook Broke Campaign in the fall!

Other:

GRC Committee – Feb 23

Election Promotion Filming – Feb 23

OER & ZTC Filming – Feb 24

Goal 1: Increased usage of Open Educational Resources for introductory-level courses.

Update: See below!

Goal 2: Increased awareness of the Zero Textbook Cost Indicator.

Update: Videos are completed and ready to be posted and shared with the library!

Goal 3: Increased awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Update: Waiting for committee members to submit their work, and for it to be posted during the week of March 15-21. Once data is collected after the week is over, it'll be added to the report and sent off to committee to review!



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Vice President External's Office

Reporting Period: February 17th – February 25th, 2026

ASEC Advocacy Committee

February 18th, 2026

ASEC's Advocacy Committee met online. The Committee recommended ASEC's new Land Acknowledgement for approval by the Board. The Committee also recommended a new policy book stance regarding access to primary healthcare for students. Further topics of discussion included discussions regarding Work-Integrated Learning, the Mintz Panel, and future avenues for ASEC to expand its reputation as a forward-thinking organization in the post-secondary sector in regards to policy.

Polling Station on Campus

February 25th, 2026

I followed up with Elections Alberta regarding the possibility of a polling station on campus ahead of both the next Provincial election and the referenda scheduled for October 19th, 2026.

WORKPLAN UPDATE:

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

Updates: Due to reading week, there was little opportunity to spread awareness amongst students of the discounts. However, we have added one discount to the list, (someone finally got back to me, months later), bringing the total number of discounts to 32.

Legend: Progress Neutral Halted