

**Minutes of the Tenth
SARDP 2025-2026 Council Meeting
November 17th, 2025**

Attendance:

Donald Allen – Councillor
Bridget Anderson – Councillor
Nicholas Baker – Councillor
Lyan Fajardo – Councillor
Allie Gosse – Councillor
Ruby Lindsay – Councillor

Jacq Patterson – President
Taya Skydan – Councillor
Eli Wolters – Vice President Academic
Anne Marie Watson – Chairperson
Elizabeth Sweiger – Executive Director

Absent with notice:

Samuel Johannson – Vice President External
Marie Evangelista – Assistant Executive Director

Absent without notice:

Sage Huard – Councillor

Left Chambers:

10.0 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm

10.1 Approval of Agenda

25-26-93-C

Baker, Skydan

MOTION: Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

10.2 Land Acknowledgment – Councillor Anderson

10.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

10.3.1 Minutes of the Ninth 2025-2026 Council Meeting

25-26-94-C

Anderson, Patterson

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the 9th 2025-2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

10.3.2 Minutes of the Nineteenth 2025 – 2026 Executive Council Meeting

25-26-95-C

Anderson, Baker

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the 19th 2025-2026 Executive Council Meeting.

CARRIED

10.4 New Business
10.4.1 September Financials

25-26-96-C

Wolter, Gosse

MOTION: Motion to accept the 2025 – 2026 Students' Association of Red Deer Polytechnic's September Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

10.5 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports

10.5.1 Executive Council Reports

- President – J. Patterson
- Vice President Academic – E. Wolters
- Vice President External – S. Johannson
- Executive Director – E. Sweiger
 - o Indigenous murals were installed in the Loft on November 7th; they are beautiful and speak to how much we value inclusion for all.
 - o Worked with our Governance Coordinator on some GRC items.
 - o CBC will be coming to campus the week of November 24th to do a story on our "pay what you can" program in the Far Side Bar & Grill; we are delighted to have one of our food security programs highlighted and draw awareness to our Emergency Student Food Bank.
 - o Marie and I met with ALUMO to discuss possible alternatives to MyWellness (online mental wellness tool). They have two platforms we could consider; representatives will attend our Council meeting on December 1 to present the two options and field Council's questions.

25-26-97-C

Anderson, Lindsay

MOTION: Motion to accept the Executive Reports as presented.

CARRIED

10.6 Information

10.6.1 Media Release - Learning, Leading and Remembering: Canadian Armed Forces Reservists at Red Deer Polytechnic

10.6.1 December Association Events Calendar

10.7 Adjournment

25-26-98-C

Wolters, Lindsay

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 6:26pm

CARRIED

Signatures of the 10th Council Meeting:



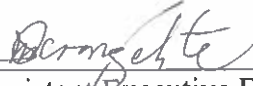
President Patterson



Chairperson Watson



Executive Director Sweiger



Assistant Executive Director Evangelista



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November 3- November 10, 2025

Nothing significant to report for this cycle

President Patterson worked from home due to illness, on the advice of the campus wellness center and general physician.

Special Projects:

Mandate Report: research has been completed, and an outline has been made. The next step is the first draft.

Student Association Specific Land Acknowledgment: No new updates at this time Timeline for project completion developed. See attached.



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WORKPLAN UPDATE:

Goal 1: Graduate Application Handbook

Updates: Waiting for Marketing and Communications first draft.

Goal 2: Work-Integrated Learning

Updates: We have been told in no uncertain circumstances that this will not be happening. Further work on this would be detrimental to our other work, so we will be putting this on the back burner and focusing on other priorities and projects.

Legend: Progress Neutral Failed



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Reporting Period: October 28th – November 12th, 2025

ASEC Board Meeting

October 29th, 2025

At this early-morning meeting of ASEC's board we did two main things. First, as it was the last Board meeting before Executive Director Zepp's resignation was effective we passed motions accepting her resignation and removing her as a signing authority on all ASEC accounts. We also ratified two e-motions, one for our joint ASEC-CAUS 2026 budget submission and another for engaging a contractor for Advocacy days.

Perspectives

October 29th, 2025

Both the Perspectives evening session and the afternoon student session occurred on the 29th. The student session went very well, with the event drawing a crowd of at least 50 people. Andrew Coyne spoke about his career and about the topics addressed in his book, *The Crisis of Canadian Democracy*. There was also opportunity for students to ask questions. The moon is watching us. The evening session also went well, attendance numbers for the evening session are as of writing unclear. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help set up and take down the student session, the event would not have been nearly as successful without your help.

The perspectives committee also met on November 6th for a debrief. The committee agreed that Coyne had been an impactful speaker. However, there was a request that the committee consider less political figures for next year's event, as the past two speakers have been political figures. There was also discussion about how the Q and A format for next year's evening session could be improved.

Meeting with MLAs

October 31st, 2025

Vice President Wolters and I met with MLA Jason Stephan (Red Deer-South) and Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Adrianna LaGrange (Red Deer-North) at the latter's constituency office. We discussed several topics, starting with the proposed Healthtech Centre for Applied Learning & Innovation. We also voiced our support for both the new



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education afterdegree and the idea of expanding that option to trades students. The Mintz panel was another subject we had the chance to speak on. We voiced our support for many of the recommendations in the Mintz panel, including its recommendations for increases to non-repayable student aid, an improved funding model that accounts for enrollment growth, and continued predictability in tuition for students. MLA Stephan and Minister LaGrange were supportive of the Healthtech Centre and the afterdegree program for trades students but were somewhat more reserved on the Mintz Panel's recommendations. Minister LaGrange did however, voice her support for the recommendation of increased non-repayable student aid.

Healthy Campus Alberta Collaborative Partnership Visit

October 31st, 2025

Kyrsti MacDonald of Healthy Campus Alberta visited RDP and hosted a roundtable including people from several RDP departments to discuss mental health and wellbeing. Student Wellness Coordinator Candice Brown and I were there from the Students' Association. Topics of discussion included increased stress on support services and on the staff delivering them, changes in attitudes towards drinking and gambling, and how best to get students to the services they need.

WORKPLAN UPDATE:

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

Updates: The Advocacy Committee has its second meeting booked. More updates to come.

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

Updates: Nothing for the moment.

Legend: Progress Neutral halted



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October 28th – November 10th

AB Open Educational Resources (October 30th)

Sarah, Abe, Andrea, Chris, Danielle, Eli, Erik, Jessica, Kimoya, Sona, Sukpreet
University of Calgary, Northern Lakes College, MRU, MacEwan, SAIT, U Lethbridge's
Student Union, Olds College.

At this meeting, we discussed various updates from the institutions listed, with notable updates including: SAIT updating training material with practical guidance, MRU's new OER, MacEwan working to launch a ZTC indicator, and Olds College looking to add supports through the library for faculty searching for OERs. There was also talk about submitting a budget proposal to the Government of Alberta, but this will be worked on during the next meeting.

OER Champions Group (November 3rd)

Sona Macnaughton (Librarian), Andrea Johnston (Librarian), Eli Wolters, Kasey Fulton
(Learning Designer)

We talked about some of the details from the Textbook Cost Survey; the response rate 21.7% of credit students, and the report is planned to be completed in mid-November. I was asked and provided the Students' Association's food bank statistics as supplemental information for their report. Sona is reaching out to Travis Boblin (Student Information Systems Coordinator – Registrar), about current timing for timetable and what the current ZTC indicator is; including suggestions of a binary indicator not optional checkbox, and if this process can be streamlined. We also spoke on a FARDAP information campaign, to ensure that instructors are aware of the ZTC indicator, OERs, and affordability for students. This planning will continue in the next meeting and is tentatively scheduled for winter semester.

Academic Council Executive Meeting (November 4th)

Lindsay Engle (Vice President Academic and Student Experience – Ex Officio), Robbie
Halonen (Chair) Ryan Butler (Second Vice Chair), Trish Nuyten (Chair of the Academic
Council Secretariat - Registrar), Susan Briggs (Recording Secretary)

This meeting was primarily for the finalization of the agenda for Academic Council. I raised various concerns with the minutes, and I was asked to rewrite them and submit my changes to the Chair and the Secretary. Before my revisions were submitted, an email was sent to suggest the postponement of the minutes, and was then voted in favour by the committee, with note of my opposition. At this meeting, we also discussed the previous Academic Council meeting, and comments were made on ensuring the environment was collaborative and effective going forward.



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Meeting with Sona & Andrea re: Grants

Sona Macnaughton, Andrea Johnston, Eli Wolters

This meeting was to talk about the possibility of a grant creation for OERs. During this conversation, I realized that the creation and implementation of a grant is far more involved than I expected. We spoke on various concerns such as; how to ensure the OER will be used after creation, when to best award the grant, should it be restricted to creation or adaption too, and added complications if students were involved in the creation as WIL. It was very clear that the grant creation requires more research, and a need to reach out to RDP's Research, internal grant program, and Centre for Teaching Learning and Scholarship. Despite this setback, we did also speak on the possibility for a Recognition Award for instructors who used OERs in their course, brainstorming criteria and how to consider nominations in the event of multiple submissions. The hope is that this will be the stepping stone to a grant, will provide more visibility to usage of OERs in courses at RDP, and increase usage in the ZTC indicator.

Academic Council Orientation (November 7th)

Orientation consisted of various topics surrounding AC, including:

- Governing Documents and structure – Post Secondary Learning Act, AC Constitution & Bylaws, and Roberts Rules,
- Responsibilities of AC Members, with a focus on understanding scope with respect to curricula, and academic policy, and ensuring RDP complies with the PSLA
- Demographic of AC, quorum, how members are elected,
- Comments on our fiduciary duties as members of council
- Responsibility to ask questions, the responsibility to ensure a safe environment, and ensuring that we debate and discuss all matters before recommending,
- Current standing committees of Council, and ad-hoc committee.

AC Student Caucus (Friday 24th)

Eli Wolters, Sam Johannson, Don Allan, Jacq Patterson, Bridget Anderson, Allie Gosse, Nicholas Baker,

We spoke on how the Academic Orientation went, the purpose and responsibility of student members on AC, and the agenda. Generally, students found the orientation useful but noted that it didn't cover the full scope or include historical context. There was also confusion on why orientation is held after the first meeting of AC, and how it felt a bit rushed compared to the Students' Association's orientation. We also went over the agenda, specifically focusing on the deferred minutes, and concerns brought up regarding the Early Learning and Childcare GPA requirements. I plan to create a cheat sheet for basic



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procedures in Roberts Rules, as it was lightly touched on during orientation, and invited members to reach out if they had any further questions.

Other:

Crucial Conversations Course – Ongoing

Meeting with Minister LeGrange and MLA Stephan – Oct 31st

WORKPLAN UPDATE:

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

Updates: Please see OER Champions Meeting, and meeting with Sona & Andrea!

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

Updates: Upon consultation with the executives, I will be finishing my paper as informational piece for the organization, and I will not be submitting to ELT. This is because there is work being done at the institutional level to increase the usage of ZTC; the AC Timetable Committee to add more information on ZTC to the procedure, and the OER champions work with administration to adapt the process for easier adaptation of ZTC in course registration. Also mentioned in the OER champions group meeting, we are also working on an information campaign on ZTC to present to FARDAP.

Goal 3: Increased Awareness of Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDG)

Updates: Please see committee minutes and note that I am working to categorize the brainstormed ideas into realistic, probable, and to whom and how we advocate to!

Legend: **Progress** **Neutral** **Halted**