

**Minutes of the Ninth
SARDP 2025-2026 Council Meeting
November 3rd, 2025**

Attendance:

Donald Allen – Councillor	Ruby Lindsay – Councillor
Bridget Anderson – Councillor	Taya Skydan – Councillor
Nicholas Baker – Councillor	Eli Wolters – Vice President Academic
Lyan Fajardo – Councillor	Anne Marie Watson – Chairperson
Allie Gosse – Councillor	Elizabeth Sweiger – Executive Director
Samuel Johannson – Vice President External	Marian Young – Secretary

Absent with notice:

Jacq Patterson – President
Sage Huard – Councillor
Marie Evangelista – Assistant Executive Director

Left Chambers:

Councillor Allen left 7:08pm, returned 7:24pm
Council recessed from 7:12pm to 7:25pm
Council recessed from 7:43 to 8:00pm

9.0 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

9.1 Approval of Agenda

25-26-81-C
Baker, Anderson
MOTION: Motion to accept the agenda as presented.
CARRIED

9.2 Land Acknowledgment

9.3 Presentation from Red Deer Polytechnic's Leadership Team

9.4 Old Business

9.4.1 Audited Financial Statements – Liz Sweiger
25-26-82-C
Allen, Johannson
MOTION: Motion to approve the 2024 – 2025 Students' Association of Red Deer Polytechnic's Audited Financial Statements as presented.
CARRIED

9.5 New Business

9.5.1 ASEC Membership - Sam
25-26-83-C

Gosse, Lindsay

MOTION: Motion to confirm the Students' Association of Red Deer Polytechnic's continued membership with the Alberta Student Executive Council.

CARRIED

9.6 Approval of Meeting Minutes

9.6.7 Minutes of the Eighth 2025-2026 Association Council
25-26-84-C

MOTION: Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the 8th 2025-2026 Association Council Meeting.

CARRIED

9.7 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports

9.7.1 Executive Council Reports

- President – J. Patterson (Marian has a statement from Jacq to read)
- Vice President Academic – E. Wolters
- Vice President External – S. Johannson
- Executive Director – E. Sweiger
 - o Executive Director Sweiger took a weeks vacation during reading break.
 - o During the teachers strike, we worked with the Institution to have short-term on campus childcare for our students. Over 100 children were looked after so their parents could attend classes during this time.
 - o The Association of Managers in Canadian College, University and Student Centres, AMICCUS-C held their western regional Conference in Red Deer with SARDP hosting. More of our staff were able to attend than is typical because it was hosted in Red Deer. This was an excellent opportunity to learn, connect with peers, and showcase our space and services.
 - o Our Fall fees have arrived from the Institution. This will enable the September finances to be submitted to Council at the next meeting.
 - o Reminder of the Holiday party on December 6th, and to RSVP by the deadline.

25-26-85-C

Johannson, Baker

MOTION: Motion to go into In-Camera at 6:57pm

CARRIED

25-26-86-C

Baker, Wolters

MOTION: Motion to come out of In-Camera at 7:31pm

CARRIED

Arising from the Vice President Academic's report, Council agreed to hold an unscheduled interview for an Academic Council Student Caucus Position.

25-26-87-C

Anderson Wolters

MOTION: Motion to go into In-Camera at 8:07pm

CARRIED

25-26-88-C

Gosse, Fajardo

MOTION: Motion to come out of In-Camera at 8:12pm

CARRIED

25-26-89-C

Anderson, Wolters

MOTION: Motion to elect Nicholas Baker to the 2025 – 2026 Academic Council Student Caucus.

CARRIED

Abstentions: Councillor Baker

25-26-90-C

Allen, Fajardo

MOTION: Motion to accept the Executive Reports as presented.

CARRIED

9.7.2 Committee Minutes

- Advocacy Ad-hoc Committee

25-26-91-C

Wolters, Baker

MOTION: Motion to accept the Committee Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

9.8 Information

9.8.1 November Association Events Calendar

9.9 Adjournment

25-26-92-C

Anderson, Gosse

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm

CARRIED



President Patterson



Chairperson Watson



Executive Director Sweiger



Secretary Young



EXECUTIVE REPORT

President Patterson

October 20, 2025 – October 27, 2025

Governance Review Committee Meeting 1 - October 20, 2025

This meeting was a brief introduction to GRC, during which we reviewed the terms of reference and related policies.

According to the GRC cycle, we are reviewing the following policies:

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Brightspace Transition – October 21, 2025

President Patterson attended this meeting, hosted by Krista Leroux (Project Coordinator with the Center for Teaching and Learning), to discuss the integration of Brightspace. For the rest of the Academic year and into spring and summer terms, students will have to switch back and forth between Brightspace and Blackboard for those classes that are part of the trial. Students will be able to choose classes based on an indicator on the registration form page (same as ZTC) if they want to be part of these courses. There was concern raised about this; however, no other real solution has been proposed at this time.

A concern was raised about the Microsoft Permissions and switching back and forth between the two LMSs. The LMS team will check to ensure signing in is seamless between the two.

Go Blue Campaign – October 24, 2025

On Thursday, October 24, the Shelson Kennedy Center and CACA hosted an open house to bring attention to Child Abuse Prevention Month. The executives and the staff of the students' association wore blue in recognition of this event.



EXECUTIVE REPORT President Patterson

WORKPLAN UPDATE:

Goal 1: Mandate Report

Updates: No update at this time. Due to a lack of time, I was unable to start writing the report.

Goal 2: Graduate Application Handbook

Updates: Jessica and I met on October 21, 2025, to discuss what needs to be completed moving forward. I need to write up a “special thanks” and a “use with caution” blurbs, and then Jessica will meet in November to start building the booklet.

Goal 3: Land Acknowledgment

Updates: No update at this time.

Goal 4: Work-Integrated Learning

Updates: Waiting for the WIL policy committee to be struck.

Legend: Progress Neutral Lacked



EXECUTIVE REPORT

Vice President Wolters

October 21st-October 28th

Academic Council Executive Meeting (Oct 21st)

Lindsay Engle (Vice President Academic and Student Experience), Robbie Halonen (Dean, School of Arts and Education) Ryan Butler (Instructor in Trades & Technology), Trish Nuyten (Dean of Enrolment Management & Registrar)

The purpose of this meeting was to finalize the guidelines and framework for the Timetable Policy and Procedure Ad Hoc Committee, as Robbie was not present for the original meeting. This was referred to committee to further discussion of the Timetable Policy and Timetable Procedure, while still allowing Academic Council to vote on the Policy, due to time constraints and a need to have this finalized. On the committee is: Dr. Jason Engel (Faculty), Dr. Heather Markovich (Faculty), Dr. Ryan Butler, myself, Dr. Trish Nuyten, Cristal Glass-Painchaud (Administration, Chief Human Resource Officer), Susan Briggs (Resource, Faculty Records Coordinator). The committee is only expected to meet once, however, due to the limitations placed on the scope of the committee I expect this to be decisive.

AC Student Caucus (Friday 24th)

Eli Wolters, Sam Johannson, Don Allan, Jacq Patterson, Bridget Anderson, Marian Young

We discussed the upcoming Academic Council Agenda, specifically focusing on the election, of a student member, myself, to First Vice-Chair. With the elections that occur in AC, we had two main concerns we spoke about at this meeting:

- The use of secret ballots, which are not used when only one individual is nominated, but may be requested as per Roberts Rules, (there is no requirement to do so in the AC constitution).
- And the lack of orientation for members, as it was scheduled for the following week.

During this upcoming AC meeting, we planned to propose a motion to require this election and all future elections with only one candidate would be elected using secret ballots.

Academic Council – First Meeting (Friday 24th)

This meeting was divisive and did not proceed as smoothly as expected. This was due to issues with proper procedure, tone, and the lack of orientation before this first meeting. Additionally, the proposed motion was amended to only include this election which then passed and then the meeting went relatively smoothly, finishing just after the scheduled time.



EXECUTIVE REPORT

Vice President Wolters

Other:
Advocacy Committee
Campus Store Advisory Committee

WORKPLAN UPDATE:

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

Updates Reached out to Sona & Andrea about results from the Textbook Cost Survey, which is not finalized yet. Planning to connect with next week to speak broadly about OER Grants and a FARDAP information campaign.

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

Updates: Confirmed timeline for the data required; draft is almost finalized and will be shared at the next exec meeting.

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

Updates Created an SDG SharePoint to ease transfer of information for the Committee. Waiting for the next committee meeting to discuss the ideas we brainstormed separately, and I began drafting a schedule for the committee.

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



EXECUTIVE REPORT

Vice President External's Office

Reporting Period: October 20th – October 28th, 2025

Campus Store Advisory Committee

October 23rd, 2025

Vice President Wolters and I attended the September meeting of the Campus Store Advisory Committee. Updates were given on preparations for the Winter semester, but overall there were no major developments from this Committee.

Meeting with Michelle Mondeville

October 24th, 2025

I met with RDP's Director of Government Relations and Communication strategy to help prepare for the Executive Team's upcoming meeting with Minister LaGrange and MLA Stephan. We primarily focused on RDP's current and future plans for the Education after degree, both offering a shortened program for those with a four-year degree and possibly expanding that to include pathways for those with a Journeyperson's ticket.

Big 105.5 Open House Interview

October 25th, 2025

I did a brief radio interview with Big 105.5 during RDP's open house. It wasn't very complicated, as I answered questions about why prospective students should attend RDP and about what the Students' Association does for students and the various events and initiatives put on by the Students' Association.



EXECUTIVE REPORT

Vice President External's Office

WORKPLAN UPDATE:

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

Updates: The Advocacy Committee has held its first meeting and committee members are now undergoing the process of consulting students.

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