

**Minutes of the Third
SARDP 2026-2027 Council Meeting
August 24th, 2026**

Attendance:

Bridget Anderson – Councillor
Sage Huard – Vice President External
Merissa Hughes – Councillor
Mitchell Hummel – Councillor
Samuel Johansson – President

Enricka Julien – Councillor
Gerald Nel – Vice President Academic
Anne Marie Watson – Chairperson
Elizabeth Sweiger – Executive Director
Marie Evangelista – Assistant Executive Director

Absent:

Don Allen – Councillor
Gift Udeme – Councillor

Orlaith Briggs – Councillor
Marian Young – Secretary

Guest:

Jessica Walker – Acting Secretary

Council Recessed: 5:10pm to 5:15pm

3.0 Call to Order

The Meeting is called to order at 4:41pm

3.1 Land Acknowledgment – Vice President Huard

3.2 Approval of Agenda

26-27-13-C

Anderson, Julien

MOTION: Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

3.3.1 Approval of 2026 – 2027 2nd Council Meeting Minutes

26-27-14-C

Hughes, Hummel

MOTION: Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of the 2nd 2026 – 2027 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3.3.2 Approval of 2026 - 2026 10th - Executive Council Meeting Minutes

26-27-15-C

Hughes, Anderson

MOTION: Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of the 10th - 2026 - 2027 Executive Council Meetings.

CARRIED

3.4 Old Business

3.4.1 2026 – 2027 Association Budget

26-27-16-C

Hughes, Johannson

MOTION: To approve the 2026-2027 Operations Budget as presented.

CARRIED

26-27-17-C

Johannson, Huard

MOTION: To approve the 2026-2027 Building Budget as presented.

CARRIED

26-27-18-C

Julien, Hummel

MOTION: To allocate \$5,000 of Retained Earnings to the CAT Fund Reserve.

CARRIED

26-27-19-C

Hughes, Anderson

MOTION: To allocate \$4,000 of Retained Earnings to the Peer Tutoring Reserve.

CARRIED

26-27-20-C

Johannson, Hughes

MOTION: To allocate \$200,000 of Retained Earnings to the Operations Reserve.

CARRIED

26-27-21-C

Huard, Julien

MOTION: To allocate \$200,000 of Retained Earnings to the Building Fund Reserve.

CARRIED

26-27-22-C

Hughes, Johannson

MOTION: To allocate \$4,000 of Retained Earnings to the Mental Health Reserve.

CARRIED

3.4.2 2026 – 2027 Executive Work Plan

26-27-23-C

Hughes, Hummel

MOTION: Motion to approve the 2026 – 2027 Executive Workplan as presented.

CARRIED

3.5 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports

3.5.1 Executive Council Reports

- President – S. Johannson
- Vice President Academic – G. Nel
- Vice President External – S. Huard
- Executive Director – E. Sweiger

26-27-24-C

Anderson, Hughes

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

CARRIED

3.6 Information

3.7 Adjournment

26-27-25-C

Johannson, Hughes

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 5:23pm

CARRIED



President Johannson



Executive Director Sweiger



Chairperson Watson



Acting Secretary Walker

2026/2027

Executive Work Plan

Samuel Johansson
President

Gerald Nel
Vice President Academic

Sage Huard
Vice President External



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2026-2027 Executive Council Work Plan

This document outlines what each member of the Executive Council plans to achieve during their term. It outlines the task, a high-level metric, a timeline, and a list of individuals involved in completing the task. This document is to be approved by Council. Executive Council reports during Council meetings will then be tailored based on the Work Plan, making it easy for Councillors to see the progress of each task. The Work Plan aims to align each Member of the Executive Council's work with the Association's Mission and Vision.

Background:

Each Member of Executive Council was tasked to develop up to three (3) tasks they plan on completing during their term. It needed to follow the SMART Framework. A workshop was held in early July with a third-party consultant wherein each task was worked through, resulting in this report.

Report:

This document is broken down based on the office (i.e., everything for the Office of the President is grouped together and so on). The tasks are listed in no particular order.



PRESIDENT

Project/Task	Metrics	Timeline	Consult/Inform
Develop and publish a list of internal and external political stances for the Association to give the Executive Council a framework when advocating for students. This is a formal document recognizing the past advocacy wins, current work, and future directions that is approved by Council. It recognizes the past advocacy wins, current work, and future directions.	Workshop is scheduled and attended. Book published.	Document sent to Council by December.	- Consult Executives and Council - Governance Review Committee to approve policy
Increase student engagement from a governance perspective.	Higher turnout during the 2027 General Elections. Increase overall number of candidates for the 2027 General Elections. More students present during Executive office hours. Higher presence of elected student leaders in campus events. Increase additional opportunities for elected student leaders to engage with students. Increase discussions between student leaders and student groups.	No specific timeline. Increased student engagement is a continuous task over the course of the year. Election is an indicator whether efforts are on the right track.	- Member Engagement Manager - Governance and Student Support Coordinator - Councillors
Collect data for Work Integrated Learning that would support the Students' Association's future and external advocacies.	At least 250 students directly consulted regarding their experiences in Work Integrated Learning. Two focus groups held and attended by students currently in Work Integrated Learning. Report containing recommendations for future advocacy regarding Work Integrated Learning is submitted to Council.	One focus group held by end of November 2026, and another held by end of February 2027. Report is submitted to Council by April 1, 2027.	- Governance and Student Support Coordinator - Relevant Faculty within programs with heavy Work Integrated Learning focus.

VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

Project/Task	Metrics	Timeline	Consult/Inform
Advocate for the use of OER first for all current and future courses. Advocate for the inclusion of this initiative in an RDP academic policy.	A Policy is drafted and sent to Academic Council Executive Committee. RDP's Executive Leadership Team agrees and champions the use of OERs first.	Support from ELT is achieved by October 2026. Academic Council Executive Committee considers the Policy by April 2027.	Consult with VP Academic, Dean of Enrollment, and other affiliated individuals.
Create of SARDP Student Textbook Relief Grant.	Monies allocated for 2027-2028 Fiscal Year. A draft process in place for Council's approval on how the program is going to work.	Connect with Student Connect Centre to determine eligibility and disbursement process, if needed. Process document is approved by GRC and Council April 2027. Marketing plan for the program tentatively discussed for the program for the next term.	- Student Connect Centre - Executive Director - Member Engagement Manager

VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

Project/Task	Metrics	Timeline	Who Needs to be Involved?
Develop a report that outlines research and further recommendations pertaining to the current and historical state of community within the Membership. The report is intended to be used for further engagement work.	Creation and distribution of a survey to be closed at the end of the Fall 2026 term. 250 survey responses received. 10 instructors consulted. Report presented to and endorsed by Council at End of Term.	Survey closed during 2nd week of Winter 2027 Semester. Report presented to Council by last meeting of the Term.	- Consult with RDP Faculty - Consult with SA staff on how to circulate survey - Inform student groups
Create and use a framework to effectively communicate non-partisan political information, executive activities, and SARDP advocacies. This is intended to inform Members of the work the Students' Association is doing.	Increase in traffic to the SARDP website due to students accessing the reactivated blog series. Students who are non-Councillors attending Council meetings. Get Out the Vote (GOTV) for the 2026 Provincial Referendum.	Blogs twice a month starting in the Fall. Plan and execute the GOTV campaign leading up to Referendum Day (October 19)	- Councillors - Member Engagement Manager - Governance and Student Support Coordinator - Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC) - Elections Alberta