



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF RED DEER COLLEGE

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Good Morning,

When I wrote my report for the fall General Meeting, I gave a synopsis of some of the larger goals I had for the coming year. Today, I thought that I'd give an update on these.

SARDC has continued to look into the possibility of putting our Apprenticeship Students on the SA Health and dental Plan. Student Council Representatives for the School of Trades and Technology have worked to gather feedback from the students that this would impact directly.

Coming into the Fall Semester, I was prepped to launch an awareness Campaign around Sexual Violence. I never had to utilize the planning that this took, as the College invited the Students Association to be a part of the development of a Sexual Violence Policy. This Policy Is now available on the RDC website and offers clear institutional guidelines and procedures so that RDC is now better able to help Students in times of crisis. There is a Sexual Violence information Session for students this upcoming Monday March 12th at 12:00pm in 2901-A. I encourage everyone to attend.

The Canada Winter Games are coming to RDC in February of 2019. The SA Executive team and Student Council has worked to gather student questions and concerns about the Games and the impact they will have on RDC, to deliver them to the College for answers. There will be an Open Forum on Wednesday March 28th, from 11:30-1:30 am in the Forum, where members of the Canada Winter Games Committee, RDC Senior Administration, and SA Executive will be present to answer any questions that individuals may have about the Games.

One of the most exciting Legacy pieces that the Canada Winter Games will leave behind is the redevelopment of the Train Station. Over the summer the equipment will be moved out of the Train Station and construction will begin on a new Student Space. Current plans include bookable meeting space, soft seating, areas for studying, and an SA Council Chamber. There is also potential for Student Group Storage Space, a Gender Neutral Washroom, and a small staging area. This Project will be completed in mid to late fall of 2018. In the meantime, we are continuing to meet with the project manager to insure this space is optimized for our Students.

As you may have heard, Red Deer College has been green lit to begin the transition to a University. This has been a long time coming and three – five years seems an intolerable wait to some. But I would much rather the College takes its time and Transitions into a University that we can be proud of.

If you have any questions or concerns about what the status change will mean for students, please come up to the SA Office and ask.

We are in the home stretch of this semester and this year. Soon we'll be headed for finals and finding summer jobs.