

**Minutes of the 10th  
Students' Association of Red Deer College  
2017-2018 Winter Council Meeting  
March 12, 2018**

**Present:**

Kass Scholze; President  
Marian Young; VP Operations  
Robin Chiles; Board of Governors  
Brittany Lessard; Student, Voting  
Theo Grandjambe; Student, Voting  
Braden Alm; Student, Voting  
Alice Bigazi; Student, Voting  
Kryssa McLean; Student, Voting

Chaise Combs; VP Student Life  
Anne Marie Watson; Chairperson  
Jessica Walker; Secretary  
Nicholas Hyde; Student, Voting  
McKenzie Field; Student, Voting  
Esther Oliva-Dzib; Student, Voting  
Mason Lantz; Student, Voting

**Absent with Notice:**

Liz Sweiger; Executive Director

**Other Attendance Notes:**

Anne Marie arrived at 5:46pm

Robin left the meeting at 7pm.

**10.0 Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:28pm, chaired by Anne Marie Watson.

**10.1 Approval of Agenda**

**17-18-99-W**

Esther Oliva-Dzib, Marian Young

Motion: Approve the agenda with the following changes:

*10.9.2 – January Financial Statement*

*10.9.3 – Elections Memo*

CARRIED.

**10.2 Guest Speaker – Joel Ward & Elaine Vandale**

Joel Ward, President and CEO of Red Deer College and Elaine Vandale, Executive Director of Board & Corporate Relations joined the meeting to discuss Red Deer College recently receiving degree granting status. Joel shared that realistically it will be 3-5 years before any changes occur. RDC first needs to apply for University status with the Universities Canada which can be a 2-year process. After such approval RDC will be able to undergo a name change and grant degrees. Council was given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the process and what the change could mean for RDC. Senior Administration foresee that RDC may be limited to offering degrees that are not offered at many other institutions. Joel is very interested in offering degrees that aren't found at other institutions, degrees that are for the jobs of today and tomorrow. We want to be sure that RDC stands out against all the other Universities in the Province. RDC is interested in continuing Collaborative degrees; however, the decision will be based on what is best for students. The campus will likely need to expand within 10 years, Joel asked that all parking comments and/or questions be directed to Jim Brinkhurst. Joel has ensured Council that students will be part of the committees making decisions with the change in status.

Break at 7pm, turning at 7:10pm

### **10.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

#### 10.3.1 **17-18-100-W**

Esther Oliva-Dzib, Mason Lantz

Motion: Approval of Winter Council Minutes #9 as presented.

CARRIED.

#### 10.3.2 **17-18-101-W**

Brittany Lessard, Kryssa McLean

Motion: Approval of Executive Minutes #39-42 as presented.

CARRIED.

### **10.4 New Business**

#### 10.4.1 Lobbying Efforts

Executives and Robin Chiles attended the Alberta Student Executive Council (ASEC) conference in Calgary last week. Executives and Robin feel that it is promising that some of SARDC's recommended changes are occurring; however, we are still actively reviewing other lobbyist groups and entertaining the idea of developing a new organization. In the coming weeks, Executive Council will bring a proposal forward to Council with a recommendation.

### **10.5 Discussion**

#### 10.5.1 Red Deer College Operations

Paulette and Elaine will be joining Council next week to discuss operations at Red Deer College. Council was provided the opportunity to list concerns and ask questions.

#### Parking

1. Snow Removal – Gravel lots are poorly plowed, parking spaces are limited because of construction and snow is piled in parking spots.
2. With the College receiving degree granting status, what are the plans for expansion?
3. With the growing institution what are the implications of price increases?
4. Concerns that passes with 2 licenses plates on file are not being enforced and both vehicles are parking in the lots at one time?
5. Carpooling lots is being misused by Security staff.
6. Concerns that Residence visitor parking was relocated to a further lot to accommodate RDC designated vehicles that rarely move.
7. Suggestion to have designated "Large Truck Only" parking spots.
8. Suggestion to add markers in the gravel lots to outline the parking spots because students are unclear of where the spots are.

#### Courses

1. French was reinstated this year and was promised to be offered in the 2018-2019 year; however, it is not on the schedule.
2. Would like to see more language options.
3. Would like to see more courses added to the Spring Term or increase capacity.
4. Concerns with an instructor who is also a coach cancelling a weeks' worth of classes because they are "too busy with coaching" and share that cancelling of classes would likely happen again.

### Campus Store

1. They do not order enough textbooks for the classes.
2. Book prices are priced way to high, some books are inflated 60-70%.
3. Concerns with the Campus Store decreasing the amount of books to order without the instructor's permission.
4. The Campus Store seems more concerned about selling merchandise than textbooks and supplies. (i.e. Clothing, food, etc)
5. Instructors have no encouragement to provide the Campus Store with book lists by a certain date.

### Security

1. Concerns with designated smoking areas not being enforced.
2. Lack of response when a student is in need of help after hours. (Example, students car was broken, security tried to boost the vehicle – it didn't work. Student want not allowed to remain on campus. It was -30, and the student had no way home.)
3. Concerns with the lack of Safe Walk at DSB
4. Recommendation to provide students and staff with a map of locations that house naloxone kits on campus.

### Gender Neutral Washrooms

1. Huge lack of gender neutral washrooms at both main campus and DSB.

Council members have until Wednesday to email concerns to Marian, after such time concerns will be allotted to Councillors to bring forward during Paulette and Elaine's visit.

## 10.6 Executive Reports

### 17-18-102-W

McKenzie Field, Nick Hyde

Motion: Accept the Executive Reports as presented.

CARRIED.

## 10.7 Committee Reports

### 17-18-103-W

Braden Alm, Theo Grandjambe

Motion: Accept the following committee reports as presented: CAT Fund, Events, Issues, BARC, and Mental Health.

CARRIED.

## 10.8 Council Reports

BOG Report – Robin Chiles

\*Robin was absent.

Academic Council – Kass Scholze

\*Kass presented an oral report (written report will be attached to minutes)

**17-18-104-W**

Mason Lantz, Theo Grandjambe

Motion: Accept the Council reports as presented.

CARRIED.

**10.9 Information Items**

**17-18-105-W**

McKenzie Field, Kass Scholze

Motion: Accept the following as information items:

*10.9.1 – Food Bank Stats*

*10.9.2 – January Financials*

*10.9.3 – Elections Memo*

CARRIED.

**10.10 Adjournment**

**17-18-106-W**

Braden Alm, Marian Young

Motion: Adjourn at 8:34pm.

CARRIED.

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Kass Scholze, President

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Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive Director

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Anne Marie Watson, Chairperson

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Jessica Walker, Secretary