

**Minutes of the 9th
Students' Association of Red Deer College
2016-2017 Winter Council Meeting
February 28, 2017**

Present:

Ben Fleury; President
Aiden Bridger; VP Student Life
Jessica Walker; Secretary
Shelby Dushanek; Student, Voting
William Baliko; Student, Voting
Owen Wyatt; Student, Ex-Officio
Lindsay Currie; Student, Voting
Sylvie Masson; Student, Voting

Nonso Onwuekwe; VP Operations
Liz Sweiger; Executive Director
Robin Chiles; Board of Governors
Faith MacIntrye; Student, Voting
Braden Alm; Student, Voting
Esther Oliva-Dzib; Student, Ex-Officio
Kara Canning; Students, Voting
Chaise Combs; Student, Ex-Officio

Absent with Notice:

Anne Marie Watson; Chairperson
Nandini Sharma; Student, Voting

Marian Young; Student, Voting

Other Attendance Notes:

Robin left at 6:43pm.

9.0 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm, chaired by Elizabeth Sweiger.

9.1 Approval of Agenda

16-17-91-W

Kara Canning, Faith MacIntrye

Motion: Approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

9.2 Executive Limitations

Elaine Vandale, Executive Director, Board & Corporate Relations and Paulette Hanna, Vice President Academic joined the meeting to collect feedback on the Executive Limitations on behalf of the Board of Governors. Elaine and Paulette reviewed the feedback from the previous year as they wanted to ensure that all concerns had been addressed. Please see attachment for Council's feedback.

In the coming years the Executive Limitations will go directly to the SA Executives, and staffers of RDC's Executives will attend a Council meeting to collect feedback on operational items.

Break at 6:43, returning at 6:50

9.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

9.3.1 16-17-92-W

Kara Canning, Sylvie Masson

Motion: Approve the Winter Council Minutes #8 as written.

CARRIED.

9.3.2 **16-17-93-W**

William Baliko, Kara Canning

Motion: Approve the 2016-2017 Executive Minutes #38-39 as written.

CARRIED.

9.4 **New Business**

9.4.1 **BARC Recommendations**

16-17-94-W

Kara Canning, William Baliko

Motion: Accept the amendments to Policy: Winter Council and Executive Council Elections as proposed.

CARRIED.

16-17-95-W

Lindsay Currie, Kara Canning

Motion: Accept the amendments to Policy: Winter Council Member Orientation and Training as proposed.

CARRIED.

16-17-96-W

Kara Canning, Sylvie Masson

Motion: Accept the amendments to Policy: Summer Council Elections as proposed.

CARRIED.

16-17-97-W

Aiden Bridger, Kara Canning

Motion: Accept the amendments to Policy: Executive Job Description as proposed.

CARRIED.

16-17-98-W

Kara Canning, Lindsay Currie

Motion: Accept the amendments to Policy: Executive Council Work Hours as proposed.

CARRIED.

16-17-99-W

Kara Canning, Faith MacIntrye

Motion: Accept the amendments to Policy: Academic Council Student Members as proposed.

CARRIED.

16-17-100-W

William Baliko, Lindsay

Motion: Accept the amendments to Policy: Board of Governors Student Member Appointment as proposed.

CARRIED.

16-17-101-W

Ben Fleury, William Baliko

Motion: Accept the amendments to Policy: Issues Committee as proposed.

CARRIED.

16-17-102-W

Aiden Bridger, Lindsay Currie

Motion: Delete Policy: ASEC (Alberta Students' Executive Council) as proposed.
CARRIED.

16-17-103-W

Sylvie Masson, Kara Canning

Motion: Delete Policy: Association Credit Card as proposed.
CARRIED.

16-17-104-W

Kara Canning, Braden Alm

Motion: Delete Policy: Keys as proposed.
CARRIED.

16-17-105-W

Kara Canning, William Baliko

Motion: Delete Policy: Security Alarm System as proposed.
CARRIED.

16-17-106-W

Faith MacIntrye, Lindsay Currie

Motion: Delete Policy: Security Video System as proposed.
CARRIED.

16-17-107-W

Ben Fleury, Kara Canning

Motion: Students' Association Council recommends that the Bylaw Amendment Review Committee (BARC) prioritizes the removal of the January Executive Bi-Election option in Bylaw in Fall 2017.
CARRIED.

9.4.2 Executive Compensation Proposal

16-17-108-W

Kara Canning, Sylvie Masson

Motion: Approve an amount not to exceed \$107,278.00 for the 2017-2018 SARDC Executive Council Compensation Package.
CARRIED.

9.5 Discussion

9.6 Executive Reports

16-17-109-W

William Baliko, Braden Alm

Motion: Accept the Executive Reports as presented.
CARRIED.

9.7 Committee Reports

16-17-110-W

Kara Canning, Sylvie Masson

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

CARRIED.

9.8 Council Reports

BOG Report – Robin Chiles

*Robin was absent (written report will be attached to minutes)

Academic Council – Ben Fleury

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

16-17-111-W

Lindsay Currie, Aiden Bridger

Motion: Accept the Council reports as presented.

CARRIED.

9.9 Information Items

9.10 Adjournment

16-17-112-W

Kara Canning, Sylvie Masson

Motion: Adjourn at 8:42pm.

CARRIED.

Ben Fleury, President

Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive Director

Anne Marie Watson, Chairperson

Jessica Walker, Secretary

Executive Limitations Feedback

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1. Operate without reasonable protection against hazards or conditions that might threaten the health, safety, or well-being of learners who use College facilities or property.
 - Career & Counselling having limited hours. Perhaps having split shifts, so they can be open longer.
 - No formal lockdown procedure, if it existed students are not aware.
 - Students unaware of lockdown procedure at DSB.
 - Sidewalks are often extremely icy during the winter, current measures to help are not working.
 - Parking lots are so icy (Lots C) vehicles rolling when trying to leave the lots.
 - There isn't a gender neutral washroom at DSB.
 - Do not give students or instructors notice of emergency drills.
 - Have the lockdown procedure earlier in the year.
 - Washroom across from the Career & Counselling is not wheelchair accessible. If renos are required, why not make it gender neutral?
 - Singular transgender washrooms are not practical.

2. Permit violations of learners' confidentiality and privacy, except where specific disclosure is required.
 - Career & Counselling do not keep student files confidential, even if you request.
 - Instructors bringing up class evaluation feedback in front of the entire class and belittling the feedback.

3. Allow learners to be unacquainted with their rights and responsibilities.
 - Have a "Policy" tab on The Loop.
 - Students are unaware of relevant policies (Harassment & Discrimination, Sexual Harassment)
 - Description of each Red Deer College non-instructional fee on the Loop or RDC website.

4. Operate without clear written expectations for learners conduct.
 - Include “Student Rights and Responsibilities” policy in course outline. Such as students’ rights in regards to an appeal.
 - Have Blackboard & RDC emails &/or personal emails connect easier. (only works in certain browsers)
 - Instructors should only be able to contact students through a consistent platform (Blackboard, RDC emails or personal emails)

5. Permit unfair, inconsistent or untimely responses to learners’ complaints.
 - Instructors should be given their evaluation feedback in a timely manner so they can improve before the end of the semester.
 - Not getting clear answers or any answers at all from Senior Administration (Health & Wellness Fee)
 - Appeal’s process takes too long.
 - Many complaints from students about the Campus Store.
 - Recommendations to define “timely” in the Executive Limitations.

6. Allow learners to be unaware of the process for registering a complaint or concern.
 - RDC policies are hard to find on The Loop, create a separate tab.
 - Students rights more accessible

7. Cause or allow the setting of credit program tuition fees which do not take into account the nature of the instruction provided, requirements for special services, requirements for total cost recovery or a contribution to the overhead of the College, and a reasonable balance of fiscal responsibility between learners and taxpayers, within the context of facilitating access to programs and courses.
 - Health and Wellness fee, lack of transparency/clarity on what the fee is for.