

**Minutes of the 9th
Students' Association of Red Deer College
2014-2015 Winter Council Meeting
February 23, 2015**

Present:

Student Council Members (non-voting):

Liz Sweiger, Executive Director

Jessica Walker, Secretary

Student Council Members (voting):

Rebecca Tootosis, VP Operations

Bailey Daines, President

Jhymylyn Miranda, VP Student Life

Frans Badenhorst

Brad Bodechon

Maryanne McGrath

Craig Owen

Diane Richard

Tanner Pochapsky

Jordyn Saxton

April Massie

Christiana Pochailo

Katie Ingram

Absent With Notice:

Erik Ellingson, Board of Governors

Anne Marie Watson, Chairperson

Absent Without Notice:

April Robinson

Other Attendance Notes:

Brady Podloski arrived at 6:54pm.

Jordyn Saxton left the meeting at 7:55pm.

Before the meeting was called to order Mara-Lee Moroz, and Lesley Kendall from Human Resources joined council. Lesley Kendall went over the many different ways Human Resources on campus assist can students, not just faculty and staff. These services include providing an on-site physician once a week, and having full time nurses in the Health, Safety and Wellness department. Counselling and Career offers students services such as access to counselling, assistance with resume and interview skills, and student employment options through the RDC website. Human Resources additionally will do a preceptor for nursing or psychologist students in the Health, Safety and Wellness Centre and Counselling and Career. Scholarships and Bursaries are distributed through the Payroll and Benefits department. Human Resources has services also available on The Loop through the Student Life and Learning Support tabs. Human Resources is hoping to work more closely with the Students' Association on events and awareness campaigns for Mental Health.

Josh Cormier, Chief Returning Officer for the Students' Association 2015 Spring Elections also joined the meeting. Josh gave an overview of events that will be taking place during elections week. Josh encouraged council to promote the Spring General Meeting and Spring Elections. Rebecca, Jhymylyn and Josh will be creating an elections promo video to be shown in classrooms.

9.0 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:38pm, chaired by Elizabeth Sweiger.

9.1 Approval of Agenda

14-15-95-W

Maryanne McGrath, Tanner Pochapsky move to approve the agenda with the following changes:

9.9.1 – Vacancy on Academic Council should read Vacancy on Curriculum Committee
CARRIED

9.2 Approval of Meeting Minutes

9.2.1 14-15-96-W

Diane Richard, Maryanne McGrath move to approve the Winter SAC Minutes #8 as written.

CARRIED

9.2.2 14-15-97-W

Diane Richard, Tanner Pochapsky move to approve the 2014 – 2015 Executive Minutes #34-35 as written.

CARRIED.

9.3 Executive Reports (attached)

14-15-98-W

April Massie, Diane Richard move to accept the Executive Reports as presented.

CARRIED.

9.4 Council Reports

BOG Report – Erik Ellingson

*Erik was absent.

Academic Council – Rebecca Tootoosis

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

14-15-99-W

Jhymlyn Miranda, Jordyn Saxton move to accept the Council reports as presented.

CARRIED

9.5 Committee Reports:

14-15-100-W

Tanner Pochapsky, April Massie move to accept reports for the following committees as presented: CAT Fund, Events, Issues, BARC, Mental Health, and Accountability Task Force.

CARRIED.

Recess at 7:45pm, returning at 7:59pm.

9.6 New Business

9.6.1

9.7 Discussion

9.7.1 **Learner-Centered Focus Group**

A Focus Group will be held on February 26, 2015 to determine what “Learner-Centered” means. Council is encouraged to attend or send another individual in the event of their absence.

9.7.2 **Polytechnic University SA Feedback**

Theme’s brought forward from the Polytechnic University Feedback Session are as followed:

- Overwhelming support on getting a degree in the Red Deer community.
- Mix feedback on collaborative degrees and where the degree comes from.
- Many students felt they did not have enough information to provide any feedback.
- The greatest concern regarding tuition, as offering degrees may lead to higher tuition – students not in favor of higher tuition.
- Mixed concerns about the accreditation of a Red Deer College degree versus a University of Calgary or University of Alberta degree. (Will a Red Deer College degree be held at the same standard as a U of A or U of C degree?)
- Worried that RDC would lose its small class sizes and small college feel.

Additional concerns/questions brought forward by Executives and Council:

- A Polytechnic University model is not currently in the Post-Secondary Learning Act.
- Polytechnic wouldn’t be part of ACCC (check acronym with Bailey)
- The Students’ Association would like to continue having a strong presence on governance committees, and would like an additional Board of Governor Student Representative.
- Is Red Deer College able to keep up with the technological demands and space required as the college grows?
- Are the divisions or the programs ready to be offering degrees while maintaining quality of education?
- Would new instructors need to be hired as many instructors are University of Calgary or University of Alberta instructors? Many Red Deer College instructors do not have PhD’s, would they be sufficient for a university model or would they need acquire more education?
- Will course outlines change based on university guidelines (Less student feedback, run more by faculty) versus the current Red Deer College guidelines. What would curriculum look like?
- How will governance change?

At this point council will not take a position on the Polytechnic University model. Bailey will draft a letter and bring back to council for approval for March 9, 2015.

9.8 In Camera Session

14-15-101-W:

Bailey Daines, Brad Bodechon move to go in camera at 8:45pm.

CARRIED.

14-15-102-W

Katie Ingram, Maryanne McGrath move to come out of camera at 9:06pm.
CARRIED.

9.9 Information

14-15-103-W

Maryanne McGrath, Craig Owen move to accept Vacancy on Curriculum Committee as information.
CARRIED.

9.10 Adjournment

14-15-104-W

Diane Richard, Maryanne McGrath move to adjourn at 9:10pm.
CARRIED.

Bailey Daines, President

Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive
Director/Chairperson

Jessica Walker, Secretary