

**Minutes of the 6th
Students' Association of Red Deer College
2019-2020 Council Meeting
October 22, 2019**

Present:

Brittany Lausen; President
Anne Marie Watson; Chairperson
Katrina Bettac; Councillor, Voting
Angela Gillis; Councillor, Voting
Kevin Maxwell; Councillor, Voting
Daniel Whyte; Councillor, Voting

Esther Schilling; VP Academic
Jessica Hennelly; VP Community & Wellness
Georgina Blackburn; Councillor, Voting
Candace Marshall; Councillor, Voting
Brittney Trimming; Councillor, Voting
Logan Garbanewski; Councillor, Voting

Absent with Notice:

Elizabeth Sweiger; Executive Director
David P Anderson; VP Operations

Robin Chiles; Board of Governors
Janelle Grue, Secretary

Guests:

Dr. Peter Nunoda; President, Red Deer College

6.0 Call to Order

A. Watson called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

6.1 Guest Speaker: Dr. Peter Nunoda; President, Red Deer College

Dr. Peter Nunoda, President, joined Council to meet the student representatives and have a meaningful exchange of ideas and plans.

- Commented on how Trades or Technology students are not represented in Council

Discussion point based on Q &A

- SR admin to work with the SA – to understand the decision making process, how to meet the demands of students
- Fall 2020 rebranding – share some information with the SA in confidence, both the institution and the SA can do it together (cobranding)
- Building expansion – with the current infrastructure of the college, there are a lot of unutilized common spaces. It is a matter to how they can reconfigure the space. He envisions to innovate online learning for students who cannot be physically in school (depending on the course/degree). Flexible learning – learning management system – possibility of being in the classroom one day and online the next.
- Foreign language – VP Paulette Hanna can better answer the status of bringing back foreign language. Cost vs enrollement
- Improvement of technology connection – he is aware of the struggles students face with connectivity and he himself experiences this. CIO will work on upgrading the institution's wireless connection to meet the growing demands of technology.
- Tuition – 1 time tuition adjustment will be implemented for sure; maybe in 2021. Jim B. and his team are looking at different scenarios on how this can impact students. Budget town halls are part of his vision.
- International students – goal is to bring at least 500 international students on campus on top of what the institution currently have. They are in talks with agencies that will open doors to various countries like India, Ireland, Africa to

name a few.

- There is a need to also increase recruitment of domestic students. Currently RDC only gets 17% of graduates.
- Residence – renovate decommissioned towers
- Exchange program – will explore the point raised.

6.2 Approval of Agenda

19-20-52-C

K. Bettac, A. Gillis

Motion: Approve the agenda with the following amendment:

Remove VP Operations report due to absence.

CARRIED.

6.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

19-20-53-C

B Trimming, C. Marshall

Motion: Approve the 2019-2020 Council Minutes #5

CARRIED.

6.4 Executive Council, Committees, and Council Reports

19-20-54-C

A Gillis, C. Marshall

Motion to go in camera at 6:34 p.m.

CARRIED.

19-20-55-C

Motion: Come out of camera 6:36 p.m.

CARRIED

19-20-56-C

B Trimming, A Gillis

Motion: Accept Executive Council, Committee, and Council Reports as provided.

CARRIED.

6.5 Adjournment

19-20-57-C

C Marshall, G Blackburn

Motion: Adjourn at 7:05 pm.

CARRIED.

Brittany Lausen, President

Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive Director

Anne Marie Watson, Chairperson

Marie Evangelista, Secretary