

**Minutes of the 12th
Students' Association of Red Deer College
2017-2018 Winter Council Meeting
April 2, 2018**

Present:

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

Chaise Combs; VP Student Life
Liz Sweiger; Executive Director
Anne Marie Watson; Chairperson
Mason Lantz; Student, Voting
McKenzie Field; Student, Voting
Esther Oliva-Dzib; Student, Voting
Kryssa McLean; Student, Voting

Absent Without Notice:

Nicholas Hyde; Student, Voting

Guests:

Adam Shendaruk, VP Operations Elect

Justine Ecker, Councillor Elect

Other Attendance Notes:

Chaise arrived at 5:39pm

Liz arrived at 6:45

Liz left at 7:39pm

12.0 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm, chaired by Anne Marie Watson.

12.1 Approval of Agenda

17-18-116-W

Braden Alm, Kryssa McLean

Motion: Approve the agenda with the following changes:

Removal of 12.3 – Guest Speaker – Pat Sebastian 7 Cups

Removal of 12.5.1 – Council Honoraria

Add 12.6.1 – ASEC Membership

CARRIED.

12.2 Guest Speaker – Elaine Vandale

Elaine Vandale, Executive Director, Board & Corporate Relations joined to Council meeting to collect feedback from the Councillors regarding operational concerns at Red Deer College. Going forward, these concerns will be addressed when the Vice President's attend Council meetings regularly.

Parking

1. Snow Removal – Gravel lots are poorly plowed, parking spaces are limited because of construction and snow is piled in parking spots.
2. There are disproportionately high instances of theft in the Trades Parking lots, due to lack of security patrols, cameras, and lights.
3. With the College receiving degree granting status, what are the plans for parking expansion?
4. With the growing institution what are the implications of price increases?

5. There have been what appears to be parking passes with two license plates on file are not being enforced and both vehicles are parking in the lots at one time?
6. Carpooling stalls are misused by Security staff while they do some of their foot patrols.
7. There are concerns that Residence visitor parking was relocated to a lot further to accommodate RDC designated vehicles that rarely move.
8. Suggestion to have designated "Large Truck Only" parking areas.
9. Suggestion to add markers in the gravel lots to outline the parking spots because students are unclear of where the stalls are, creating a dangerous haphazard parking lot.
10. Students who have paid for parking are receiving tickets but some students who haven't been paid for parking are not receiving tickets.

Campus Store

1. They deliberately do not order enough textbooks for the classes. In some rare instances this is fine as they are courses with repeated textbook use, but for many courses, particularly those with strict amounts of seats available, this is unacceptable as students are left, sometimes for months, without a tool crucial for their success.
2. Book prices are priced way to high, some books are inflated 60-70% from their publisher price.
3. The Campus Store seems more concerned about selling merchandise than textbooks and supplies. (i.e. Clothing, food, etc)
4. The Instructors have no repercussions if they fail to provide the Campus Store with their book lists by the adoption deadline.
5. Concerns with the Campus Store not ordering as many textbooks as the instructor's request.

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, student's car was broken, security tried to boost the vehicle – it didn't work. Student was told that they were not allowed to remain on campus. It was -30, and the student had no way home. There were no emergency accommodations offered in any capacity. I.e. Cab voucher, emergency residence, etc.)
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. Perhaps online and in New Student Orientation Packages.

Courses

1. With the announcement and the move to being a university it would create legitimacy and aid Students in transferring to have more language options.
2. Would like to see more courses added to the Spring Term or increase capacity. English courses in particular fill up almost immediately.

3. 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.
4. Why do some classes have no wait lists?
5. With the 20% increased capacity capability that Joel Ward has mentioned, does this mean that we have capacity to increase course loads by 20% or that our current class capacities can be increased by 20%?
6. Why are some classes only offered one semester a year? This can create a scenario where a student may have to stay at RDC a full year for the sake of one course.

Canada Winter Games – Residence

1. Will Students get a reduced rate for Residence due to the inconvenience of having to move, either to a friend or families house or to the Residence in Olds?
2. For the students that have their own vehicles when they move to Olds, will they be compensated for the cost of gas to commute? As well, a student without transportation, that takes up temporary residence in Red Deer during the games will they be given bus tickets or a subsidized bus pass to get around.
3. We know that the RA's will be going to Olds along with the Students that have to move there, but will there be crisis services available at the Residence, such as Counselling?
4. The month of February and early March is typically known as midterm season. Will Midterms be allowed to be scheduled during the two weeks that students are displaced *and* expected to attend classes?
5. During the 1988 Olympics in Calgary the students of UofC were also moved out of their Residence. When they were allowed to return after the games, the Residences were trashed. What provisions are being made should a unit need repair to house a student after the game should it be needed? In addition, will the student's damage deposit be affected?
6. On the web site for the RDC residence, it mentions that there will be "RDC unit storage". Is this storage on RDC campus or Olds campus?

Canada Winter Games – Misc.

1. What areas will students have uninterrupted access to on RDC Campus?
2. How will the time used during the extended spring break be accounted for?
3. Will professors be allowed to assign more than average homework for the extended break?
4. How will Professors office hours be affected?
5. Will Societies be able to book rooms for meetings on RDC Campus? Will they be able to book space to meet at the Olds campus if needed?
6. We know that there will be transportation to and from Olds during the games, but is that only during normal College hours? What accommodations will be made for individuals who have work at odd hours? (i.e. 4am job at Denny's)

7. Will the Trade Students that are writing their exams during this period at a high school have access to accommodate testing services? Will it be in the same place as it is now? If so, there is concern that this will not allow for student success as the Testing Center is currently just off what will be the athlete's cafeteria.
8. Will Students that volunteer for the games be able to use the experience to apply for co-curricular?
9. Will students have access to counselling and other services available at Old's College?

Break at 6:30, returning at 6:40pm.

12.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

12.3.1 17-18-117-W

Kass Scholze, Esther Oliva-Dzib

Motion: Approval of Executive Minutes #45 with the following amendment:
Rescind Transfer of Power comment – more details to come.

CARRIED.

12.4 New Business

12.4.1 Destruction/Deletion of Election Documents

17-18-118-W

Brittany Lessard, Theo Grandjambe

Motion: Delete the 2018 General Election data from the Simply Voting database.

Actions include the destruction of Membership information (names, usernames, and RDC email addresses), ballots, results, and activity log.

CARRIED.

17-18-119-W

Marian Young, Kryssa McLean

Motion: Destroy the 2018 General Election CRO ballot.

CARRIED.

12.5 Discussion

12.5.1 ASEC Membership

Earlier today the Executive and Robin met to debrief on the ASEC conference they attended at the beginning of March. While attending the conference the Executives and Robin were mindful of the changes we suggested to the organization when we left and were looking for improvements. Recently ASEC has made a number of crucial changes to their Bylaws, they hired an Executive Director who now has more operational duties and will be responsible for the finances. The Executive Director has made an improvement with communication with the institutions that are not a part of the organization, as well as those who remain a member of ASEC. Executives feel this progress is promising. ASEC does provide an opportunity for Executive to network, team build, attend PD sessions and primarily lobby on behalf of our students.

The cost of rejoining ASEC would be approximately \$20,000.00 per year for membership fees, plus the costs associated with attending conferences and meetings. As per ASEC's Bylaws, if SARDC rejoins we would be committed for a minimum of 2 years.

When Red Deer College becomes a University it is likely SARDC will join CAUS, Council of Alberta University Students. In recent years since transitioning from College to University status both Grant MacEwan University Student Union and Mount Royal University Student Union have moved from ASEC to CAUS. This transition did not happen overnight and we therefore do not expect to join CAUS for another 3-5 years. In the meantime, it is important that the students of Red Deer College are acknowledged by the Ministry and have their voices and concerns heard. One of the challenges in officially lobby on our own is that the Ministry of Advanced Education tends to prioritize groups representing a larger membership – such as ASEC and CAUS.

Council will further discuss and entertain a motion regarding SARDC's intention to join ASEC for the 2018-2019 year.

12.6 Executive Reports

17-18-120-W

Theo Grandjambe, Kryssa McLean

Motion: Accept the Executive Reports as presented.

CARRIED.

Break at 7:55pm, returned at 8:00pm

12.7 Committee Reports

17-18-121-W

Theo Grandjambe, Esther Oliva-Dzib

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

CARRIED.

12.8 Council Reports

BOG Report – Robin Chiles

*Robin presented an oral report.

Academic Council – Kass Scholze

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

17-18-122-W

Esther Oliva-Dzib, Alice Bigazi

Motion: Accept the Council reports as presented.

CARRIED.

12.9 Information Items

12.10 Adjournment

17-18-123-W

Kryssa McLean, Alice Bigazi

Motion: Adjourn at 8:21pm.

CARRIED.

Kass Scholze, President

Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive Director

Anne Marie Watson, Chairperson

Jessica Walker, Secretary