



RED RIVER COLLEGE
STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

CLUB POLICIES

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CLUBS

This policy operates under the authority of the Red River College Students' Association and its bylaws and policies.

Definitions

Academic Advisor – A college employee who is a Club Member, but not necessarily a Student, that provides guidance and support and whose membership carries from one year to the next to assist in the facilitation of that club.

Active – A club that has been approved by the RRCSA, is not on probation, and has met at least once during an academic term.

Club Hub – A student space provided by the RRCSA, which can be booked for student and club use.

Club Member – Any Student who has signed the Club Member Form.

Executive Committee – The Red River College Students' Association's President, VP Internal, VP External Affairs, VP Academic and Executive Director.

NDC – The Notre Dame Campus

EDC – The Exchange District Campus

Funding Request – A formal request for a donation.

Minutes – A summarized record of the proceedings at a meeting.

Motion – A formal proposal put to a legislature, committee, or club.

Probation – A thirty (30) day suspension period where they are not active and cannot carry on club activities.

Signing Officers – The Clubs President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Student - Any person who pays student fees and is in good standing with the RRCSA and RRC Polytech.

Campus Clubs

The Red River College Students' Association (RRCSA) offers the opportunity to all the active students to create new clubs and/or join already active clubs. Red River College Students' Association actively promotes and empowers students to develop student-led clubs that provide a safe space for our students and the RRC Polytech community members, as well as supports their activities. Clubs are a great way to connect across various programs, meet new people and enhance student life experience at RRC Polytech. The Students' Association recognizes two (2) types of student-led clubs that are open to full-time RRC Polytech students. The two types of student-led clubs are: (i) Student-based Clubs, and (ii) Student-based Associations.

The Red River College Students' Association can help you find an existing club or assist individuals to start their own. Clubs typically are located at their respective campuses.

Club Types

1. Student-Based Clubs:

The Red River College Students' Association has student-based clubs in two (2) sub-categories. The two sub-categories are: (i) Interest Clubs, and (ii) Academic Clubs.

a. Interest Clubs:

These clubs consists a group of students that have similar interests and/or a group of students who wish to pursue similar activities. These clubs are based around extra-curriculum activities.

b. Academic Clubs:

These clubs consists a group of students with common academic interest who are facilitated by an instructor or class, whose membership continues beyond a set period of time, and whose activities are course related. Fundraising for Graduation falls under this category.

2. Student-Based Association:

The Red River College Students' Association allows students to form their own student-based associations. These associations will work under the guidance and policies of the

Red River College Students' Association. These are student-led associations must follow the ratifications and guidelines outlined by the RRCSA. They can advocate for, represent, and serve students enrolled in a specific faculty or RRC POLYTECH school. The RRCSA does not acknowledge specific class or program associations. Student-based association policies and bylaws must not contradict any RRCSA policies or bylaws and must be reviewed and approved by the RRCSA. These student-based associations are administered and governed by their own membership and may have their own constitutions. However, RRCSA oversees them and their finances. Student based associations must have their own executives that oversee and run their respective associations.

If you are a student outlined in the association membership, you have the ability to vote in the elections for these associations without discrimination. The RRCSA may oversee, operate, and run any student-based association elections.

Status and Membership:

1. A club is active once the signing officers receive a Welcome Email. The Welcome Email is a digital package containing membership information, the Club Policies, and other relevant information sent by either the Vice President Internal or External Affairs. All Members who sign up for a club consent to having their contact information shared with other students of the same club.
2. Clubs cannot operate in Red River College Students' Association spaces or fundraise on campus until the club is active.
3. All clubs require a minimum of five (5) members to start a club and to maintain the active club status.
4. All clubs require a minimum of three (3) signing officers and a maximum of four (4) signing officers. No one person can hold more than one (1) position.
5. Academic Clubs may have an academic advisor as one of the Signing Officers.
6. Club Signing Officers have authority to run meetings, book SA spaces, handle financial matters, and are responsible for the actions of the other club members.
7. During club events/activities, Signing Officers are responsible for the event including all

damages or losses caused by the club members and/or guests.

8. Club Signing Officers or the SA Executive Committee may remove individual club members that have:
 - a. Violated a RRC Polytech, RRCSA, or Club Policy
 - b. Discredited the club or its members
 - c. Ceased being a student
9. A club must note the removal of an individual club member in its meeting minutes. If the club falls below the minimum of five (5) club members, the club will be put on probation starting from the date on the minutes. If a Club Signing Officer is removed, a Club Transfer form along with a Club Registration Form must be completed to assign a new signing authority only if the club does not have the minimum of three (3) Signing Officers after the removal of a Signing Officer.
10. Signing Officers are recognized upon submission of the Club Registration Form.
11. Clubs whose membership drops below five (5) members will be placed on probation for 30 days. Clubs are not active while on probation. A club may be allowed to continue to operate as normal during probation upon the discretion of the VP Internal.
12. Clubs on probation for longer than thirty (30) days will be terminated by the RRCSA and their account will be closed. The RRCSA also reserves the right to terminate any club with notice of thirty (30) days with reasons submitted.
13. Clubs may be terminated by the SA Executive Committee with no notice in situations where the club or club members have violated RRC Polytech Policies, RRCSA Policies, or created an unsafe environment or culture.
14. Academic Clubs and Interest Clubs can be transferred from year to year. A Club Transfer Form and Club Registration Form must be submitted to the RRCSA and approved before the new Signing Officers are authorized. Transfers can happen during any time before a club is closed, including when a club is on probation.
15. A Transfer Form and Club Registration Form is required every time a Signing Officer changes. Not all Signing Officers must change at the same time. However, all Signing Officers may change at one time. Clubs are responsible for creating their own selection process to choose the Signing Officers.
16. Interest or Academic Clubs that wish to close, must have approval from the club

members. A meeting must be held in which the minutes of the meeting and the motion to close the club are recorded. 60% of total members must be present. Proxys will be accepted with written confirmation. A sign-in sheet must also be included with the minutes. There must be a majority fifty-one (51) percent in favor.

17. Any balance in a club's account after it is closed will need to get proper approval (with meeting minutes) to disperse any remaining funds by the club membership. The RRCSA requires the minutes and a copy of the Club Sign-in Sheet two (2) weeks prior to the final cheque being issued. Clubs that wish to transfer ownership can also transfer funds to the next years' Club Account.
18. Clubs must meet at least once per term or once every four (4) months. A club that is inactive for two (2) consecutive terms is considered terminated. Proof of activity must be given to the Vice President internal upon request.
19. Any balance remaining in the club's account will be transferred to the master RRCSA Club account after 2 years of inactivity to be used for future club support.
20. Students may name their clubs according to their academic or interest areas. The club name may reflect their use, activities and/or school year. Clubs must receive written approval for their club name if it contains any trademark or copy write identity including using the term RRC Polytech name in its club designation.

Table & Space Bookings and Posters

1. Table booking requests for either NDC or EDC require submission of a completed Hallway Vendors Table request form available online at rrcsa.ca/advert.
2. Each club will get one (1) free table booking per term. Additional bookings in same term will be charged at a reduced student rate.
3. Requested dates for are not guaranteed. Confirmation of booking will be sent by the RRCSA Operations Director.
4. The Club Hub and Den are free to book on a first come, first serve basis. Bookings can be made online or in the RRCSA office at NDC, room CM20.

5. The Club Hub and Den can be booked up to one (1) week in advance. They are booked at half-hour increments to a maximum of three (3) hours of continual use. Additional restrictions or limits may be implemented at the discretion of the RRCSA.
6. Only a Signing Officer may book or cancel hall tables, spaces, or the Club Hub. The name of the club and the name of the Signing Officer are required for bookings.
7. Clubs are not charged a posting fee for posters for club meetings or events held on campus. The posters to advertise a club, its meetings, or events must be approved by the Red River College Students' Association before it is displayed. Clubs are responsible to putting up and taking down their own posters.
8. All posters must include the Students' Association Clubs Logo Stamp on the front of the poster. Club member should bring the poster down to RRCSA office at NDC (room CM20) and EDC (room P110) to get stamped.
9. Clubs are expected to follow the RRCSA Poster Guidelines. The policy is listed on our website at www.rrcsa.ca/posters.
10. Signing Officers must provide proof of ID when booking a table or space and to sign out keys for SA spaces.
11. Students looking to book Red River College Students' Association spaces are required to have a minimum of two (2) students and social distancing should be maintained at all RRCSA spaces.

Fundraising & Funding

1. New Clubs can apply for a **Club Support Bursary** once per term if they have no funds (\$0.00) available in their account.
2. This bursary will be for clubs events and club fundraisers only. The bursary will be up to \$200 per club.
3. Club members can apply using the application form atleast 2 weeks before the event or fundraiser. No cash request bursaries will be approved.
4. For an event, clubs must provide an explanation of the activity with documented reasons for needing the bursary. Clubs will only be reimbursed for invoices received. Bursary approval **MUST** be given prior to the start of the event.

5. For a fundraiser, clubs must get approval prior to any fundraising activity. As fundraisers may cross jurisdictions, clubs may need to get approval by LGCA or RRC Polytech on the direction of the SA.
6. All club finances must get processed through the club account. No separate club account outside the SA shall be acknowledged, supported or approved. Club funds may be suspended if other accounts are found outside the SA.
7. All club event or fundraising money, receipts, or payments must be reconciled no more than 2 weeks after.
8. Only Clubs that are active are able to make funding requests to the RRCSA.
9. Money will be reimbursed by cheque after a Club Cheque Requisition Form is completed and submitted by at least two (2) Signing Officers and include documentation (i.e. receipt or invoice).
10. Names and signatures on a Club Cheque Requisition form must match those on the Club Registration Form for payments to be processed.
11. If no proof of purchase or documentation is available, then a meeting may be held by club members (60%) and 51% vote in favor of a motion to pay the amount to the member.
12. Payment requests require at least five (5) business days' notice.
13. Receipts or invoices must always be provided to the RRCSA with the Club Cheque Requisition Form.
14. Any reimbursed money will come out of the club's account.
15. Funds shall be allocated first to companies/businesses, then instructors/RRC POLYTECH, and finally to individual members of the club.
16. The VP Internal may veto any Cheque Requisition Form with documented reasons. Appeals for this VP Internal decision may be sent to the SA president for review. The SA president may then meet with the Finance committee to review, confirm, or deny the appeal.
17. The RRCSA may provide assistance with facilitating fundraising events on campus.
18. Any fundraising done on campus cannot be used for any type of profit gain. This includes but is not limited to gambling and investing.

19. NOTE: The Students' Association does not take any responsibility for club member's financial or economic risk, or income/loss, as a result of club member's actions.
20. Club members and their signing authorities/executive are responsible for ensuring proper financial management/accounting where the RRCSA only holds and executes the wishes of the club that is in accordance to club, RRCSA and RRC POLYTECH policies.

Club Code of Behavior

1. Clubs must recognize that RRCSA Club status does not make the group an agent of the RRCSA authorized to speak on the Students' Association's behalf. Clubs may not advocate issues or promote concerns assuming the support of the RRCSA or RRC Polytech through any media, communication vehicles, or persons.
2. Any club, regardless of type (Interest, Academic) cannot deny membership to any student based on a prohibited ground under the Canadian Human Rights Act.
3. All groups must agree to carry on their activities in a manner which does not infringe upon federal, provincial, or municipal laws, RRC Polytech's regulations or the spirit of these guidelines. Failure to abide by these regulations may result in probation or termination as deemed by the RRCSA.
4. Club members may not solicit, recruit, lobby, or evangelize outside of approved campus locations. The Notre Dame approved site to advertise and/or solicit club interests is located only at a club booked Library hallway table. Similarly, The Exchange Campus site is located only at a club booked Atrium for table.
5. Club material including posters or handouts that members want to distribute must be pre-approved and/or stamped by the VP Internal (at NDC) or VP External Affairs (at EDC). Any material not approved will be removed and/or confiscated by the SA which may also jeopardize the club's membership and status.

Please visit the Students' Association offices or Web Site for more information at www.rrcsa.ca.

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