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ADVOCACY

The RRCSA is here to represent you and your needs and concerns. We advocate for students within the college and provide a united, external voice through our association in municipal, provincial, and federal Student organizations. RRCSA will continuously address issues and bring forward ideas to improve life on campus for all students.

CORE OBJECTIVES:

1. The RRCSA's advocacy initiatives are student-driven to facilitate change and develop new policy areas. The RRCSA will consult with students and concerned individuals to understand your advocacy priorities. The RRCSA aims for active Student involvement in its advocacy campaigns with all relevant stakeholders.

2. The RRCSA believes that transparency and accountability to the students of Red River College Polytechnic are essential. We will appraise them on the progress of our advocacy campaigns and initiatives and any milestones achieved.

3. The RRCSA's internal advocacy efforts focus on issues including appeal guidance and disciplinary concerns. The RRCSA will work closely with the College Administration to resolve student issues and provide support resources and information. The RRCSA will work to build and strengthen the relationship between the RRCSA and the college.

4. The RRCSA will pursue collaborations with external organizations that share our student-focused objectives and values. The RRCSA will actively participate at multiple levels, including provincial and federal, to share students' issues and concerns and provide their input and feedback.

5. The RRCSA, understanding that effective advocacy is well-assessed and evidence-based, will utilize an analysis-driven advocacy approach supported by reliable data, facts, and quantifiable research.

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INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

The RRCSA will promote and commit to an inclusive learning environment for every student. We will strongly encourage the participation of students who differ by life experiences and social identities, including race, sex, age, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, neurodiversity, and socioeconomic status. The RRCSA will strive to build mutual respect and fair access within all the organization's operations. RRCSA will support the strategic direction toward advancing Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility for all students within the Red River College Polytechnic community.

CORE OBJECTIVES:

1. The RRCSA will seek to establish safe and welcoming spaces for all students in the college.

2. The RRCSA will continue to improve its services and actions to encourage all students' active participation and involvement.

3. The RRCSA will organize and create opportunities to involve students in an inclusive environment.

4. The RRCSA will develop a wide range of learning opportunities for the College community on equity, diversity, inclusivity, and accessibility.

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GOVERNANCE

The RRCSA seeks to involve students in all levels of governance. Student participation is critical, and there are many opportunities for students to participate in governance in formal and informal ways. The RRCSA will work to ensure that students are represented and able to contribute to the functional governance structures and systems as set out in the Mission, Vision, and Values of the RRCSA.

CORE OBJECTIVES:

1. The RRCSA will inform students of the organization's efforts to enhance and continuously improve the student experience at the college.

2. The RRCSA will engage and drive participation efforts to include all students in the decision-making processes and operations of the RRCSA.

3. The RRCSA will create bylaws and policies to ensure the interests and needs of the students at Red River College Polytechnic are met.

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ENGAGEMENT

The college life experience is enhanced through engagement in activities outside the classroom. RRCSA seeks to support student leadership and personal development through engagement in student life activities and opportunities. The RRCSA will connect and communicate with students to enhance their learning experience.

CORE OBJECTIVES:

1. The RRCSA will enhance and promote the services, programs, and resources provided to the Red River College Polytechnic students.

2. The RRCSA will create a variety of methods to interact with and engage students to provide their input and feedback and to voice their issues and concerns.

3. The RRCSA will identify opportunities to find ways where students can become involved in College life beyond the classroom.

4. The RRCSA will create more awareness of our services.

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TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

The RRCSA understands and acknowledges the importance of overcoming the legacy of a painful history of colonialism and residential schools. The RRCSA believes that reconciliation is the responsibility of everyone and that Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and staff each have their own role to play. With this in mind, the RRCSA will work to advance the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action specifically as they relate to the learning environment and College life.

CORE OBJECTIVES:

1. The RRCSA will encourage land acknowledgements that go beyond words to create awareness and understanding and inspire a commitment to reconciliation.

2. The RRCSA will celebrate, honour, and continue to build relationships with Indigenous communities.

3. The RRCSA will seek to promote Indigenous historical and contemporary curriculum enhancements.

4. The RRCSA will support the histories and perspectives of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities, focusing on the traditional lands where Red River College Polytechnic resides.

5. The RRCSA will support and promote further Indigenous-focused research, teachings, and student engagement.