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### **Message from the President**

Hello Pronghorns!

The summer is not over yet, it is August welcome to month four of my term in office. I am excited to share with you a comprehensive report that encapsulates what I have been up to and the progress we've made as a student body. It has been a tremendous honor to serve as your ULSU President 23/24, it's been a very busy yet exciting time so far and I am happy that you are getting a glimpse into what's going on.

### **Meetings, Events, and Tasks Breakdown**

During the month of August , I had the privilege of attending the following meetings and events listed below:

- Fresh Fest Planning Meetings
- Special General Assembly Meeting
- Canadian Alliance of Student Association Board Meeting
- New Student Orientation meeting
- Council One on Ones
- Open Housing planning meeting
- HR Training
- Student Support Services
- Council of Alberta University Student (CAUS) Counterparts Conference
- Executive Council Retreat

### **Description of Meetings:**

#### **Fresh Fest Planning Meetings**

Fresh Fest planning is underway and in full swing. We are looking at a whole new approach to ensure that students are fully engage and start off the school year right, with getting the necessary information they need from stakeholders as well as have a little fun.



### **Special General Assembly Meeting**

This was the Third General Assembly meeting. This meeting is consisting of all the ULSU academic and non-academic representatives. Meeting minutes can be found on our website at [ulsu.ca](http://ulsu.ca). Students are also encouraged to attend these meetings as observers if you wish.

### **Canadian Alliance of Student Association Board Meeting**

As the Director of EDI of CASA I am charged with attending all Board meetings.

### **New Student Orientation meeting**

The ULSU was engaged in the planning process for the NSO to bring welcome to the incoming class and to provide the students with the necessary information they need to succeed in their academic journey here at the University. Additionally, we were able to learn about how we give tours to students.

### **Council One on Ones**

In keeping with my duties as president, I want to ensure that I am empowering and supporting the ULSU council members effectively and efficiently in order to accomplish their set advocacy goals and priorities. As such, I implemented one on ones with GA members, EC members as well as staff.

### **Open Housing planning meeting**

The ULSU was engaged in the planning process for Open house to provide prospective students with the necessary information about the University and tell them a little about the services that the ULSU provides as well as the advocacy we do for the Uleth student body.

### **HR Training**

The purpose of attending this training was to gain insights into effective HR practices and strategies that could be beneficial for the betterment of our student community. Additionally, we were able to learn the importance of promoting diversity and fostering an inclusive environment was a recurring theme throughout the training. As the President of the Students' Union, I am committed to ensuring that our organization is representative and welcoming to students from all backgrounds. The training also provided valuable insights into managing conflicts constructively. This knowledge will be beneficial in addressing any internal and external conflicts within the Students' Union and promoting a harmonious working environment.



### **Student Support Services**

With the launch of the student support app, we are doing final preparation for the launch in September.

### **Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) Counterparts Conference**

CAUS is the provincial advocacy body that the ULSU is a part of. The ULSU hosted the 5 public funded universities apart of CAUS on our campus where we were able to finalize our advocacy priorities for the year and provide the Minister of Advance Education with our comprehensive ask for the betterment of Post-secondary in Alberta.

### **Executive Council Retreat**

The ULSU EC team engaged in a 3-day strategic planning and goal setting process for the upcoming year. We all took on specific topic and are affecting students and made documents that students are able to have access to in order to learn more about the ULSU and what we do.

### **Activities**

- NONE

### **Projects in Progress**

- Executive Action Plan for the 57th Council
- Your ULSU (information document)
- Fresh fest celebration
- Food security solution document
- Housing advocacy and survey
- Open education resource and copyright campaign

### **Challenges encountered**

Getting feedback for council and other stakeholders was a challenge for me because it is the summertime and everyone is on their summer vacation and as such I have to wait until folks are available to provide feedback.

### **Goals for Next Month**



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- **Have a successful fresh fest**
- **General Assembly orientation**
- **Assist students who need it**
- **Continue to fulfill my duties as President**

### **This Month's Wins**

- **Final confirmation for Fresh fest.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out. I am available via email, phone call, or in-person/virtual meeting.

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Kind Regards,

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