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Report: December 2023

Message from the President

Hello Pronghorns!

It is December! We are at the end of the year and semester. Please ensure that you are taking care of yourself as Final season is upon us and while you're working hard to pass your classes here is a link for counselling service if you are feeling overwhelmed.

<https://www.ulethbridge.ca/counselling>

I am so happy to report what the December days were looking like for me and the rest of the ULSU and I hope you found sometime to enjoy the season with loved ones.

Meetings, Events, and Tasks Breakdown

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

- General Assembly Meetings
- Senate
- GFC Executive
- GFC
- Board of Governors meeting
- Student Affairs X ULSU & GSA
- International Student Working Hours working group
- Sustainability Plan Committee

General Assembly Meetings

We had our regular bimonthly General Assembly Meetings.

PS: All GA meetings are open to non-voting members (students) unless otherwise stated. So, if you wish to attend a meeting you are welcome to contact su.president@uleth.ca to attend as a guest.

Senate Meeting

The Legislative Review Committee is a vital group apart of the ULSU that is charged with the revision and amendment of the current bylaws and policies.

GFC Executive

We met to discuss and approve the upcoming GFC meeting agenda.

GFC Meeting

In GFC meetings we have the opportunity to discuss and vote on academic and operational changes to the university.

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Board of Governors Meeting

As a part of my duty as President, I along with the VP Operations and Finance sit on the Board of Governors committee as a student rep in accordance with the PSLA. We had both open and closed sessions.

Student Affairs X ULSU & GSA

This is a monthly meeting to discuss with the student affairs team our initiative and what we are hearing from students.

International Student Working Hours working group

Prior to Minister Marc Miller announcement about the extension of the international student working hours, Colleges and Universities student union presidents and Vp externals met to draft a plan of action that will ensure that the Minister recognize the importance of allowing the permanent increase to international student working hours.

Sustainability Plan Committee

Planning for the future of our campus requires a sustainability action plan and as such a committee lead by the university's VP Research meet to discuss the creation of the sustainability plan.

Other Activities

- One-on-Ones with ULSU council and staff
- CAUS Board
- CASA Board
- IRC Pizza Party
- Student Meetings
- Lethbridge College BOG Dinner
- EDI Strategic Planning (CASA)

Projects in Progress

- Working on a Food Kiosk to combat food security
- Campaign for food insecurity and food bank referendum
- Housing Survey to ensure the necessary data is collected to present to the provincial and federal government
- Indigenizing ULSU policies
- As Director of EDI working on developing an EDI Strategic Plan
- Student Financial aid & affordability conversations
- International Student Housing Cap response documentation to present to Federal government
- Student discount to aid in affordability crisis.
- Work Integrated Learning opportunities

Challenges encountered

One challenge I encountered this month is trying to advocate for students and putting them first without jeopardizing internal relationships.

Goals for Next Month

- **Continue to connect with all GA members to hear their goals and initiative and provide assistance as well as build positive team relationships.**
- **Keep advocating**
- **Continue to fulfill my duties as President**

This Month's Wins

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maleeka Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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