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Message from the President

Hello Pronghorns!

It is month two of my term in office officially and I am excited to share with you what I have been up to for the pass month. It has been a tremendous honor to serve as your ULSU President 23/24 and in keep with my campaign promise here is my report of what I have been up since I got in office. 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 June, I had the privilege of attending the following meetings and events listed below:

- Convocation Day 1 & 2
- Chancellor's Dinner
- Ahead of the Herd
- General Faculties Council
- Senate Food Sovereignty Committee Meeting
- Fresh Fest Planning
- ULAA Meeting
- One on ones with Council
- Pride Flag raising Ceremony
- Indigenous History Month Celebration
- Climate adaption strategy meeting
- Council of Alberta University Student (CAUS) Structural Planning Conference

Description of Meetings:

Convocation



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June 1st and 2nd marks a time of celebration for our university community as we get to watch or partake in the proceedings of the graduation ceremony. Approximately 1358 graduates crossed the stage and in my role as president, I had the honor of shaking hands of those undergraduate students represented under the ULSU.

Chancellor's Dinner

This event is held by our Chancellor Terry Whitehead who we welcomed into the university community as the 15th Chancellor for the University of Lethbridge. We were able to celebrate his journey at the university and have conversations about the future as our campus community grows.

Ahead of the Herd

June 3rd was Ahead of the Herd!

The ULSU had the chance to participate in welcoming incoming first-year students to campus. We had a fun time participating in all the festivities that helped to get incoming students acquainted with the campus and learn more about our vibrant and diverse community. We were able to inform students about the opportunities that the University of Lethbridge offers to ensure academic success, encourage personal growth, and spark intellectual curiosity. I had the opportunity to address incoming students and speak to them about university life and what I wish I knew before attending post-secondary.

General Faculties Council

This GFC meeting (June 5th) marks the Second GFC I was a part of as president and within GFC meeting we have the opportunity to discuss and vote on academic and operational changes.

PS: All GFC meetings are open to non-voting members unless otherwise stated. So, if you wish to attend a meeting you are welcome to contact governance@uleth.ca to attend as a guest.

Senate Food Sovereignty Committee Meeting

Combatting food security on our campus is a big priority to the ULSU as well as our newly installed Chancellor Terry Whitehead. Thus, we had a meeting to discuss plans and steps moving



forward to ensure sustainable measures are put in place to combat this issue that many Uleth students face.

Fresh Fest Planning

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.

ULAA meeting

This was the first University of Lethbridge Alumni Association meeting. Here we discussed plans for the upcoming year and much more.

One on Ones with Council

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

Pride Flag Raising Ceremony

I had the honour of speaking at the Pride Month Flag raising ceremony on behalf of the undergraduate student body. In doing this I took initiative and invited Q-space our 2SLGBTQ+ club and advocacy group on campus to say a few words as they are the main liaison for our queer students on campus.

Indigenous History Month Celebration

June marks the celebration of Indigenous History Month, a month that serves as an opportunity to recognize and honour the resilience, strength, and wisdom of Indigenous Communities across Canada. On June 20th the team at Iikaisskini and the campus community celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day. It was a time of celebration, reflection, and learning. I had the opportunity to take part in the smudge and story telling ceremonies and speak on behalf of the ULSU.



Climate adaption strategy meeting

This conference was hosted by the City of Lethbridge, the Municipal government, to get different community stakeholders to participate and discuss strategies to ensure environmental sustainability within the City of Lethbridge.

Council of Alberta University Student (CAUS) Structural Planning Conference

CAUS is the provincial advocacy body that the ULSU is a part of. Alongside the VP-External Rachele Preston and I were able to attend this conference as a part of our duty as primary and secondary delegates. We met with the other member PSIs and planned and outlined our advocacy priorities and ask for the year.

Activities

- Pride Parade
- Free BBQ
- Queer Movie Night

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

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

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

This Month's Wins

- **Started meeting with GA members and Staff to hear their goals and initiative and provided assistance.**

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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