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Report: November 2023

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Message from the President

Hello Pronghorns!

It is November folks! We are almost 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 November days were looking like for me and the rest of the ULSU.

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
- Legislative Review Committee
- Provincial Advocacy Week
- CASA Advocacy Week
- Board of Governors Meeting

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.

Legislative Review Committee 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.

Provincial Advocacy Week (CAUS)

I had the opportunity to meet with several Ministers and MLAs' to discuss and advocate for the provincial priority asks for students.

Federal Advocacy Week (CASA)

As a delegate and a Board of Director of CASA, I along with 105 other delegates for 26 post secondary across the country had the opportunity to engage in meetings and discussions with numerous Ministers and Member of Parliament in Ottawa to articulate the concerns and perspectives of students as well as present our advocacy priorities and asks.

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.

Other Activities

- One-on-Ones with ULSU council and staff
- CAUS Board
- CASA Board
- Students Retention Strategy Focus Group
- Health and Dental Year End meeting
- UofL Search committee

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 manage time when I am away for office doing advocacy work.

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

- o **Had two very successful advocacy week and I meet with the PM Office.**

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 cursive script that reads "Maleeka Thomas".

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