



A YEAR IN REVIEW OF 2007/2008

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION

ULSU



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WELCOME

Mountain climbing at
Nordegg, Alberta.



This was a great team building activity where both outgoing and incoming student council bonded with one another through trust, support and encouragement.

The year started with a whirlwind of activity at the Students' Union as the incoming student council kicked off 2007/2008 with their annual Changeover retreat. The retreat was held in Nordegg, Alberta where Council not only discussed ULSU business but also engaged in a strenuous mountain climbing activity. This was a great bonding and team building experience that paved the way for an exciting and productive year.

In addition to rocky shenanigans, the new Council discussed many issues and potential goals for the year, as you will read about in this 'Year in Review'.

Discussions on ULSU bylaws, policies, operations, federal representation, and daycare, were all part of the retreat curriculum. The incoming Council were confident, enthusiastic and motivated as they eagerly assumed their new positions.

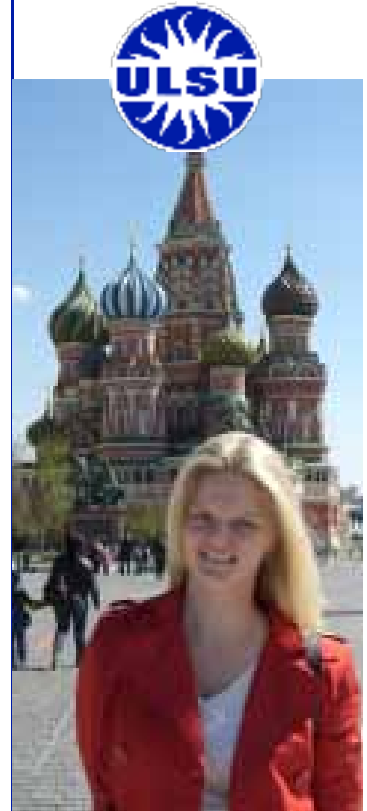
Ioulia Devenney
Health Science Rep

WHAT IS IT LIKE BEING A UNIVERSITY STUDENT AND LIVING IN LETHBRIDGE?

Hello to all students, faculty and staff at the University of Lethbridge! The academic year of 2007-2008 was filled with excitement, new opportunities and great expectations. This was my first year at the university and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I committed myself with several projects from the beginning of the Fall semester which kept me very busy throughout the entire year. The challenges I faced came with scheduling and balancing my life, but in the end I found it very rewarding. I joined the Health Sciences Undergraduate Association and was elected in the September By-election as a Faculty Rep for the Students' Union. I have discovered my own limits, how to plan my work and work my plan. As I got to know students from other faculties, I not only found their perspectives on university life to be very interesting, but I also learned the importance of a good balance between academics and leisure time.

I moved from Calgary to Lethbridge where I enrolled in a four year Nursing program. I was excited when I completed two years of the program at Lethbridge College, and then transferred to the University of Lethbridge for the remaining two years. I was also pleased that the new Health and Wellness Center was opened with both Tim Horton's and the gym close by! Without the gym it would have been challenging to make it through the second semester! It was great to be involved with the Students' Union where I worked closely with student representatives both individually, and as a team. They have a passion and commitment to improve student life on campus which made the experience of post-secondary education (PSE) more enjoyable and less stressful! I would like to encourage everyone to become familiar with the ULSU student representatives, and learn from them exactly how much effort they actually contribute to our education experience. I think you would be surprised at the number of man hours it takes to plan and organize events. However, events are just a small part of the ULSU. Collaborating with different faculties and committees as well as lobbying specific issues on all levels of government, contribute to a higher quality of education. I appreciated the effort everyone applied to ensure the success of each student.

Stay fit and healthy! Do not forget to take some time off every now and then! If you need help, do not hesitate to ask for it! Remember that "the indispensable first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: decide what you want (Ben Stein)."
Written by Ioulia Devenney, Health Sciences Representative 3rd year Bachelor of Nursing.



I found Lethbridge a little too small for my taste, but at least I got to sleep a little longer in the mornings because I did not have to worry about being stuck in traffic for an hour each day.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2007/2008



Kelly Kennedy
President



Jason Pan
VP Academic



Adam Vossepoel
VP Administration



Richie Evans
VP Internal Affairs



Raina Schemenauer
Arts & Science Rep



Lewisa Chisholm
International Rep



Jenn Prosser
Arts & Science Rep



Jonny Tan
Arts & Science Rep



Steve Brodrick
Residence Rep



Todd Palmer
Fine Arts Rep



Ioulia Devenney
Health Sciences Rep



Ty Tang
Calgary Campus Rep

A YEAR IN REVIEW OF 2007/2008



Rebecca Nelson-Fitzpatrick
Education Rep



Ian Mailhot
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Rep



Trish Harper
Arts & Science Rep



Zahra Abdelrazzak
Arts & Science Rep



Neema Mbowe
Edmonton Campus Rep



Jeremy Girard
Board of Governors Rep



Derrek Wenisch
Arts & Science Rep



Osman Shah
Arts & Science Rep

General Assembly Chair

David Green

Commissioners

Commissioner to the President - Jenn Prosser

Commissioner to the VP Academic - Raina Schemenauer

Commissioner to the VP Internal - Jeremy Girard

Commissioner to the VP Administration - Jonny Tan

COUNCIL & STAFF

The ULSU is an equal opportunity employer.



In 2004 the ULSU Council approved a motion to provide Catering services for events held within the Students' Union Building. After many discussions and evaluation of its viability, the decision was made in December of 2007 to terminate this service along with the Catering Coordinator position.

Executive Council

President	Kelly Kennedy
Vice President Academic	Jason Pan
Vice President Administration	Adam Vossepoel
Vice President Internal Affairs	Richie Evans

General Assembly

Arts and Sciences Representatives	Raina Schemenauer Derrek Wenisch Trish Harper Jenn Prosser Jonny Tan Zahra Abdelrazzak
Education Representative	Rebecca Nelson-Fitzpatrick
Fine Arts Representative	Todd Palmer
Management Representative	Derrek Wenisch
Residence Representative	Steve Brodrick
Health Sciences Representative	Ioulia Devenney
International Representative	Lewis Chisholm
First Nations, Métis, Inuit Representative	Ian Mailhot
Calgary Campus Representative	Ty Tang
Edmonton Campus Representative	Neema Mbowe
Board of Governors Representative	Jeremy Girard

Permanent Staff

General Manager	Jon Oxley
Bookkeeper/Service Centre Manager	Randy Ockerman
Executive Assistant	Susan Curtis
Operations Coordinator	Colleen VanRaalte / David Green
Administrative Assistant	Shelley Tuff / Tracy Merrifield
Health & Dental Plan Administrator	Shelley Tuff
Handbook Ad Sales Agent	Brianne Rohovie
The Zoo Manager	Ben Giesbrecht
Kitchen & Catering Coordinator	Pamela MacLeod

Temporary Staff

The ULSU employs approximately 55 temporary staff members, most of which are students at the University. The positions these students fill are Service Centre clerks, Zoo bartenders, porters, security, and kitchen staff.

The permanent staff at the ULSU were extremely busy as the momentum picked-up with each new project the Student Council undertook. Amongst the hustle and bustle of the daily workload, four new people were hired within the office setting:

- In May of 2007, Shelly Tuff, who was currently the Administrative Assistant was promoted to the position of Health and Dental Plan Administrator. However, since there was no one to take over the Administrative Assistant duties right away, Shelley worked both jobs until someone was hired.
- In August of 2007, the Students' Union hired Tracy Merrifield for the position of Administrative Assistant. Tracy was an excellent choice for this position due to her qualifications, great personality and her familiarity with the University community.
- In January of 2008, David Green was hired for the position of Operations Coordinator. Although David was a new permanent employee, he was not a stranger to the Organization as he had served as the General Assembly Chair for three non-consecutive years prior to this date.
- In April of 2008, Brianne Rohovie was hired for the temporary position of Hand-book Sales Agent where she sold ads for both the ULSU and the LCSA day-timer. A few months later when the job was completed, Brianne was promoted to the full-time position of Communications Coordinator.

Shelley - ULSU Health and Dental Plan Administrator.



Shelley has an open door policy where inquiring students can stop by any time during her regular office hours.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO STUDENTS

Accountability is always a hot topic for elected members of the Students' Union.



All ULSU representatives are elected by the students and for the students, therefore, it is crucial that they remain accountable during their entire term of office.

In order for the Executive Council to remain consistently focused throughout the year, they held regular meetings to plan and evaluate their progress. The ULSU General Election forum and debate was a perfect opportunity for incoming and outgoing Council to address their accountability to the student body. Once elected, they worked hard to ensure the operations of the ULSU remained as transparent as possible. There were several ways in which this was done:

- **Reports**

As part of their responsibilities, all elected representatives submitted monthly reports which outlined their accomplishments as well as their current and future projects. Albeit sometimes dry, the Council reports contained valuable information which addressed student issues, needs and concerns. Anyone who was interested in what the Student Council members worked on were encouraged to check out their reports on the ULSU website.

- **Visibility**

This year the ULSU representatives, especially the Executives, have really increased their visibility on campus. In addition to two very successful events held in the Zoo there have been ample opportunities for students to approach the Executives and the Faculty Rep's. All ULSU Representatives made it a priority to be available and approachable. The renovation of the General Assembly room was done with the purpose in mind to help students feel more comfortable when they approached GA members. As well, this has been the first year that the ULSU has taken greater advantage of the two autonomous media bodies on campus, CKXU and the Meliorist. "State of the Union", the weekly radio show, increased the out-flow of information available to the student body by opening a very beneficial discourse on the Students' Union. The Meliorist, the campus newspaper, also provided an excellent avenue of information about the ULSU as it was read by approximately 3,000 students campus wide each week.

- **Executive Accountability Committee**

During the Spring semester of the term, a committee was struck to ensure the Executive Council remained accountable not only to the Assembly as a whole but to all students. This committee was struck in response to concerns of the student body, specifically about Executive Council's accountability. This Committee was charged with monitoring the Executive's scheduled office hours, and their adherence with ULSU commitments and responsibilities.

A report from the committee had not been released at the time of this report, but from unofficial responses, the committee had been very positive about the Executive's commitment to their responsibilities.

- **360 Executive Reviews**

This review process was an initiative of the ULSU president, Kelly Kennedy, and was carried out by the ULSU's General Assembly Chair, David Green. Employees, GA members and students all reviewed the Executive's performance and made applicable comments, most of which were very favorable. The Executives took each comment very seriously, in particular the negatives ones, so they could make changes before their term was over.

Some recommendations for the next upcoming years include:

1. A more open process to include other student action groups on campus. This could include but is not limited to open forums, monthly discussion groups, and more integration of these groups within ULSU activities.
2. Open forums each semester to inform students what the ULSU is working on.
3. Maintaining the 360 degree review and the Executive Accountability Committee.
4. Maintaining the current relationships with the autonomous media bodies on campus.

Written by Jenn Prosser , Arts and Science Representative - 4th year Bachelor of Arts, Political Science major.

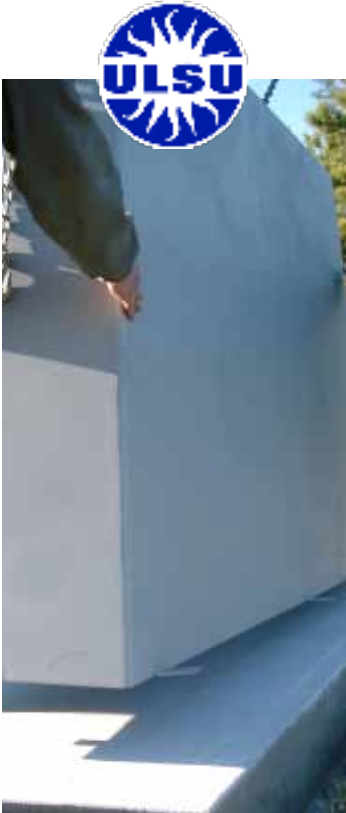
The Executive Council are always open to new ideas from students on how they can improve the quality of student body representation.



A great way to know first hand what the student council members are working on is to run for a position during the ULSU General Elections.

BUILDING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

U-Wall Installation



People in the University community can book the U-Wall to paint advertisements, messages, or art work. The U-Wall can be booked through the ULSU President.

1. **Pocket lounges**

On December 6, 2007 the ULSU General Assembly approved an expenditure of \$100,000 for the purchase of comfortable chairs to furnish pocket lounges and social spaces throughout the University. The purpose of this initiative is to give students more spaces to study or socialize with their peers which in turn, will foster a larger sense of community. This was a shared cost operation between the University and the Students' Union. The project was limited to spaces on campus including academic and public buildings.

It has always been the intention of the Organization of Residence Students to align itself with the greater aims of this Institution, therefore, they chose this time to upgrade the Social Spaces and Pocket lounges within Residence Buildings, as well. In January, the General Assembly passed a motion to spend \$24,000 on soft seating for Residence buildings. Much of January was spent working with stakeholders to achieve this result.

As the largest interior redesign project at the University since its construction, the fabric color, logistics and the appropriate chairs were chosen with durability and functionality in mind.

2. **ULSU Reception Area - "Barrier Free Access"**

Due to the height of the counter top, the ULSU's reception area was very unfriendly and inaccessible to those in a wheelchair. With this in mind, an interior designer was hired and plans were drawn up to renovate the area.

3. **General Assembly Office**

The General Assembly office was painted and furnished to create an inviting environment for students who want to speak with their representative, as well as for General Assembly members who want to work on projects, visit with each other, or discuss ULSU business.

4. **U-Wall**

The U-Wall is an interactive art piece for use by students and constructed in an effort to encourage student expression and participation. Many students never actively participate in the University experience, save for orientation and convocation, but the U-Wall can provide an avenue to do so.

BUILDING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

5. Plastic Banquet Tables for the Ballrooms

The tables in the ULSU Ballrooms were heavy wooden tables that had begun to breakdown and splinter. They were very unattractive, hard to work with and as a result were replaced with 50 plastic, lighter and cleaner ones.

6. Zoo Kitchen Upgrades

The Chinook Health Authority has publicly announced the need to achieve higher standards of cleanliness in all Lethbridge public kitchens. In accordance with the new standards, the ULSU invested in a safety expenditure designed to make the kitchen easier to clean. The kitchen was freshly painted and stainless steel cladding was installed.

7. Edmonton Campus Furniture

The University made a lot of changes to the Edmonton Campus and the ULSU provided heavy duty furniture for the student space.

8. Giant Screen in the Zoo

With the Flames Games being so popular, it was hard for guests to see the crowded TV screen and watch the hockey games. On July 2007 the largest screen in Lethbridge was installed in the Zoo, where students could enjoy their favorite Flames game.

9. New ISA Club Room Furniture

The International Student Association (ISA) club was greatly inconvenienced during the fall semester due to the Health Centre taking over their club room for mumps vaccinations. The furniture in the ISA room was not only broken but was also a health concern. As a token of appreciation, the ULSU provided them with a new couch and microwave for their room.

10. Capital Development in Residence

October was a very busy month in residence, finalizing a few small capital development projects. In joint operations involving Organization of Residence Students funding, as well as contributions from University Housing and ULSU 2006 QIP funding, projects were completed for the K300 (Games Room), the K111 (Movie Room), along with renovations to the Bunker (P1 Social Space) and the Airport Lounge.

Making the U of L a better place through capital projects.



The ULSU Council engaged in a variety of capital projects to enhance each students University experience.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The First Annual U of L Frosh was a large and ambitious undertaking. Media "buzz" was generated by involving the City community in a torch relay run.



The Frosh run began at City Hall, and with the involvement of the ULSU Executive, the mayor of Lethbridge, and the Vice President Academic at the U of L, made its way across the city.

- 1. Frosh - September 07**
Students new to the University of Lethbridge enjoyed a wide range of events and activities which included several large inflatable games, Jeopardy, a scavenger hunt, and nightly entertainment with a hypnotist and movies.
- 2. Calgary Campus Welcome Back Event - September 07**
The Students' Union on the Calgary Campus hosted a welcome back mix and mingle event to encourage student involvement by engaging in fun activities, food and refreshments. Along with getting to know one another, this event gave students the opportunity to learn more about the Students' Union.
- 3. Edmonton Campus Welcome Back Event - September 07**
The Students' Union on the Edmonton Campus also hosted a welcome back event similar to the Calgary Campus event. The event encouraged student involvement and gave students the opportunity to mix and mingle.
- 4. Bridgefest - September 07**
Bridgefest was a series of events to welcome all new and returning students to the University of Lethbridge. The week was packed full with a Beer Garden, and live bands: The New Weapon, The Italian Edition, and Superbeing.
- 5. Clubs Rush Week - September 07 & January 08**
Tables were set up in the Atrium for students to showcase their club and recruit new members. Club enrollment rises significantly during this time.
- 6. Bedouin Soundclash - September 07**
Students enjoyed this sold out concert in the Zoo which was a great way to start the new academic year.
- 7. By-Election - September 07**
The By-election took place to fill the vacant positions of Arts & Science Rep, Board of Governors Rep, First Nations, Métis, Inuit Rep, International Student Rep, Fine Arts Rep, and Health Sciences Rep.
- 8. Flames Games - 07/08**
The Zoo was a sea of red as students enjoyed cheering on the Calgary Flames during each of their games.
- 9. Halloween Haunts - October 07**
This was an event that approximately 30 students participated in (many from residence). They took a tour of the university and listened to scary stories about the school's history. Jason, our VP Academic and two Residence Assistants from U-Hall, Tim and Karen, split up the duties to create the scary atmosphere and to tell stories.

10. Halloween Cabaret - October 07

The Halloween cabaret was a sold out Costume party in the Zoo with a lot of fun and prizes for the best costume.

11. Referendum - October 07

A successful referendum was held for an on-campus daycare, Nursing students fee levy, and an increase in the CKXU fee levy, our campus radio station.

12. Warren Miller's Ski Film: Playground - November 07

The Annual Warren Miller's Ski Film event was held in the Zoo where students not only enjoyed the great film and prizes, but also visited the participating vendors at their booths.

13. Imaginus Poster and Fine Print Sale - November 07

Imaginus set up on the U of L campus in the Fall semester as well as the Spring semester. A large number of students and community members showed up to purchase their favorite posters and fine prints.

14. Grad Photos - November 07 & January 08

Due to their quality of photos and friendly service, deJourdan's Photographics has been the ULSU's photographer of choice for many years. They were invited on campus to offer customer convenience during grad photo times.

15. Ender Bender - December 07

The Ender Bender in the Zoo was a great Cab event for students to attend so they could unwind from the stresses of the Fall semester.

16. Operation Christmas Child - December 07

Students created shoeboxes that were donated to children in third world countries, through the group called "Samaritan's Purse". This campaign has garnered interest from many students and made a huge impact on the lives of each child who received a shoebox.

17. Red Light, Green Light - January 08

This has been a very popular cabaret in the Zoo over the last couple of years. At the event, students who are available and would like to be approached wear a green wrist band and those who are taken or don't want to be approached wear a red wrist band.

18. Test Bank Drive - January 08

The Test Bank awareness campaign and contest brought in new exams which were added to the Test Bank and uploaded onto the ULSU website for students to view.

Alcohol Awareness!



Be responsible, don't drink and drive!

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The Zoo is a great place to be with your friends!



Bedouin Soundclash live in the Zoo!

19. Speaker Series: Sue Johanson - February 08

This was a popular speaker event with approximately 230 people in attendance. The Media, students, and community members all gave a lot of positive feedback.

20. Learning Skills Session: Calgary Students - February 08

The learning skills session entitled "Multiple Choice Tests" was hosted by Terry Allam of the SAIT Learning Skills Department, for the benefit of participating U of L students.

21. Food Bank Awareness - Happy 'Cheesy' Valentine's Day! - February 08

During a food bank awareness campaign, students enjoyed homemade Kraft Dinner and informative conversations, while other volunteers gathered enough food to stock the ULSU food bank shelves. Since it was held on Valentine's Day, the very catchy title of 'A Cheesy Valentine's Day' helped to attract attention.

22. Alcohol Awareness - February 08

Information displays were set up to promote alcohol awareness. Outlines of bodies were drawn on the floor and memorial sites were set up to illustrate the harmful consequences of drinking and driving. The presentation had quite an impact on students.

23. Trews - March 08

The Trews were another smash hit in the Zoo. Reviews of the event by the *Meliorist* made it the 7th time during the year that the ULSU made the front page.

24. Five Days For the Homeless - March 08

A group of charitable students on campus spent one work week on the streets for an event called "5 Days For The Homeless". These students spent 5 days out in the cold weather without showers or shelter to raise awareness of the homeless situation in Lethbridge. In addition to this, they had no disposable income and no means of purchasing food. It's amazing what people can do – with donations of food and money, this group raised over \$7,000 for Woods Homes, a youth shelter located in Lethbridge.

25. ULSU General Elections - March 08

The annual ULSU General Elections were held during the months of February and March where all but three positions were filled. With 32% of the students voting, the ULSU had the second highest voter percentage among Canadian universities.

26. St. Patrick's Day Event - March 08

The switch from paper ballots to on-line voting has had a positive impact on school spirit. With the popularity of the ULSU General Elections on the rise, it has become a tradition where candidates and students look forward to receiving the election results in the Zoo while also celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

27. First Aid Awareness Event - March 08

The goal for this event was to make students aware that first aid knowledge is easy to get and important to have. St. John's Ambulance information tables were set up in the Health and Wellness Center and the Atrium, where a free draw was held for first aid kits. One large sports first aid kit was donated by St. John's Ambulance and the ULSU purchased 3 compact first aid kits to be given out. Other promotional items such as hand sanitizer, band-aids, and first aid pocket books were also available.

Approximately 140 people visited the table over the span of 2 days. In order to enter the draw, students had only to answer two yes/no questions: "Are you currently or have you ever been certified in first aid?", and "Would you feel comfortable performing first aid in an emergency situation?" It was interesting to learn that although about 85% of students had some training, about half of everyone who entered didn't feel comfortable with it.

28. Speaker Series: The Last Lecture - April 08

This institution has a broad base of instructors who have much to share about their personal life that exists outside of their research and training. The purpose of The Last Lecture was to tap into that wisdom, and provide other professors and students with greater insight to the intrinsic purpose of life. With any luck, this lecture series would become a well received annual event held at the end of every academic year. The Last Lecture included University of Lethbridge speakers; Dr. Andrew Hakin - VP Academic, Dr. Kevin McGeough - Faculty in the Geography Department, and Professor Dan Kazakoff - Director, Theory Into Practice Programs.

29. Last Class Bash - April 08

The Last Clash Bash was the last day of class party held in the Zoo where students unwind from a year's worth of academics and say goodbye to their friends for the summer.

With the great deal of talent that this University has to offer, it is surprising that very few people care to delve into the esoteric knowledge that our professors possess.



2008 will be the pilot year for the Last Lecture series, posing the hypothetical question, "What would you say if you were given one last opportunity to give a speech?"

ACTIVE COMMITTEES

Frosh Coordinator
Vanessa Hanel



With nearly four dozen U of L committees to sit on, there are many spots available for undergraduate students.

The following is a list of active ULSU committees, as well as some the U of L committees that directly impacted the Students' Union this year:

- **ULSU - The Zoo Management Liaison Committee:**
To review the operational performance and fiscal state of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union Zoo.
- **ULSU Frosh Committee:**
To plan and execute all aspects of the Frosh 2007 activities.
- **ULSU Executive Accountability Committee:**
To ensure members of the Executive Council are accountable to the student membership.
- **ULSU Awards Committee:**
To select award winners, as well as to plan and implement the award process.
- **ULSU Hiring Committee:**
To interview and hire for the positions of Administrative Assistant (Tracy Merrifield) and Operations Coordinator (David Green).
- **University Budget Committee:**
To present background information on the QIP, its current status of funded projects, and future direction.
- **University - Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC):**
To evaluate the accessibility of all areas on campus including the ULSU. The number of students with special needs has ballooned from around 100 students to over 200 within the last year or so.
- **University - President's Advisory Committee on Personal Security:**
To discuss the issue of bullying and harassment in the workplace and on campus.
- **University - Student Fee Review Committee:**
To assess all fees that students will see in the next academic year. The University would like the ULSU to prorate its fees if a student decides not to continue their studies.
- **University - Landscape Committee:**
To address improvements to the old tennis courts which the ULSU has been interested in, as well as a more formal entrance to the University.

RATIFIED CLUBS FOR 2007/2008


1. Agriculture Students Society
2. Amnesty International
3. Anthropology Club
4. Association of Political Science
5. Badminton Club
6. Bioengineering Society
7. Campus Conservative Association
8. Chemistry Biochemistry Club
9. Climbing Club
10. Community Discovering Islam
11. Education Undergraduate Society
12. Gay & Lesbian Integrity Association
13. Heads of Hip Hop
14. Health Science Undergrad Association
15. Human Resource Management Club
16. Improv Club
17. Interdepartmental Student Organization
18. International Student Association
19. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
20. Japanese Anime & Manga Society
21. KinPhyEd Club
22. Latter Day Saints Student Society
23. Lethbridge Students for Life
24. Management Student Society
25. Mature Students Club
26. Mixed Curling Club
27. Model UN
28. Musical Theatre Society
29. Native American Students' Association
30. Organization of Residence Students
31. Percussive Arts Society
32. Philosophy Club
33. Pre Med Club
34. Pre Vet Club
35. Psychology & Neuroscience Club
36. Rotaract Club
37. Salsa Dance Club
38. Ski & Snowboard Club
39. Social Work Students' Society
40. Surf Club
41. Theatre Arts Society
42. Trolls Rugby Club
43. U of L Art Society
44. U of L Chess Club
45. U of L Figure Skating Club
46. U of L Marketing Club
47. U of L Medieval Club
48. University Catholic Community

Clubs encompass a majority of the student population.



Many of these clubs have been active for a number of years and some were ratified for the very first time.

ULSU HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN

 RWAM Insurance Administrators INC.



Accident Coverage underwritten by Co-Operators Life Insurance Co.

Travel Assist serviced & administered by Mondial Assistance

Plan arranged by Campbell & Co. Insurance Consultants Ltd.

**ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWN FOR THE HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN
JANUARY 1, 2007 - DECEMBER 31, 2007**

Health Plan Automatic Enrollment	3735
Total Health Plan Enrollment after add-ons	3854
Dental Plan Automatic Enrollment	3796
Total Dental Plan Enrollment after add-ons	3900

SEMESTER ADD-ON SUMMARY

HP = Health Plan
DP = Dental Plan

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Total Add-ons	
HP Family Add-on	59	HP Family Add-on	11	HP Add-on	119
HP Single Add-on	29	HP Single Add-on	20	DP Add-on	104
DP Family Add-on	53	DP Family Add-on	8		
DP Single Add-on	25	DP Single Add-on	18		

CLAIMS

Total Number of all Health Plan Claims	3400
Total Number of Practitioner Claims	437
Total Number of Drug Claims	2800
Total Number of Dental Claims	2080

TOP PRESCRIPTION DRUG CATEGORY

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Oral Contraceptives | 6. Bronchodilators - Treat Asthma |
| 2. Antidepressants | 7. Erythromycins - Antibiotics |
| 3. Acne | 8. Antifungal Agents |
| 4. Proton Pump Inhibitors - Treat Ulcer | 9. Other Contraceptives |
| 5. CNS Stimulant Agent - Treat ADHD | 10. Antipsychotics |

The ULSU Health and Dental plan provides a wide range of coverage the best possible price.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HEALTH & DENTAL PLAN

1. EYE EXAMINATIONS

From \$20 maximum every 2 years to \$40 maximum every 3 years. Additional cost to the ULSU is estimated at \$2700/year.

2. CHIROPRACTIC

From \$12.80/visit for 15 visits/year, To \$18/visit for 12 visits/year. Additional cost to the ULSU is estimated at \$4,000/year.

3. PHYSIOTHERAPY

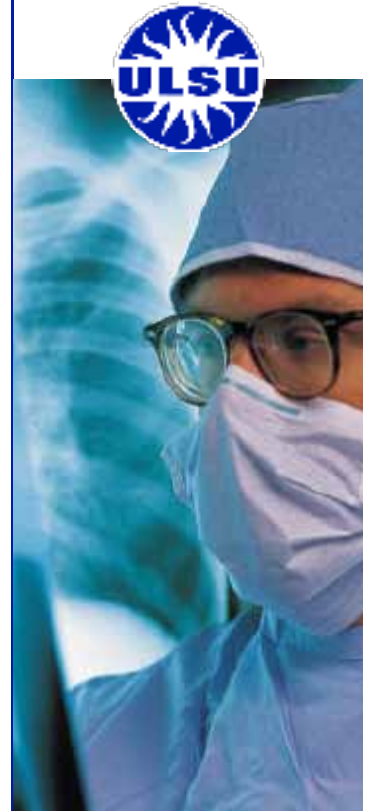
From \$16/visit for 15 visits/year, to \$30/visit for 12 visits/year. Additional cost to the ULSU is estimated at \$3,000/year.

4. MASSAGE THERAPY

From \$12/visit for 15 visits/year to \$20/visit for 12 visits per year. Additional cost to the ULSU is estimated at \$2,500/year.

5. DENTAL COVERAGE

Increased coverage rates from all 70% coverage benefits to 75% coverage and amended the coverage rate from the Alberta Dental Association 1997 schedule plus 22%, to Alberta Dental Association 1997 schedule plus 27%. Additional cost to the ULSU is estimated by RWAM Insurance to be approximately 10% of all dental benefits.

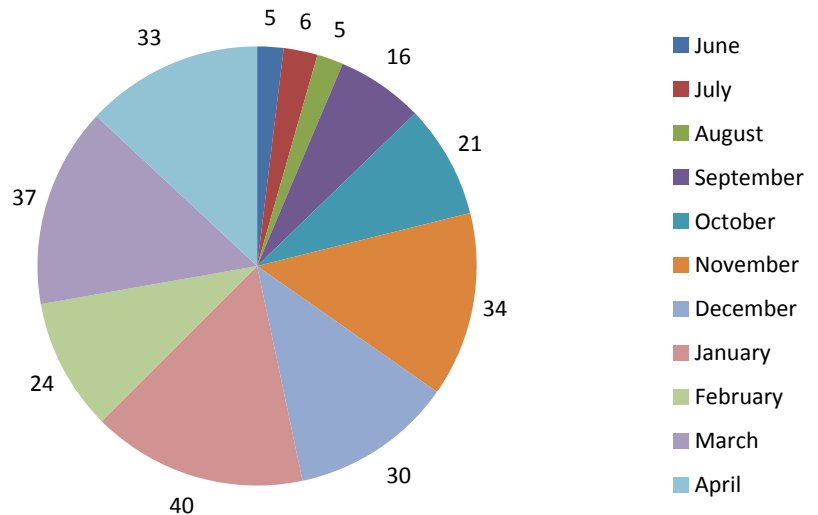


Students spend a lot of money on education and it is important for them to maintain their health while keeping up with their studies. The ULSU Health and Dental plan provides them with an affordable way to do this.



On October 2, 2004 the ULSU General Assembly formally approved the implementation of the ULSU Food Bank.

Monthly Food Bank Usage: 2007-2008



CATEGORY

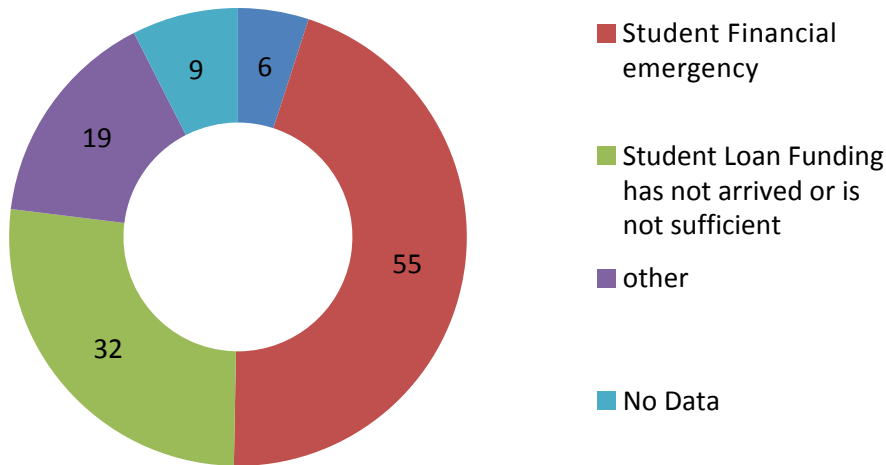
- PhD Students: 1
- Exchange Students: 3
- Masters Students: 8
- International Students: 19
- Undergrad Students: 83
- No Data: 7

There were 271 food hampers given out during 2007/2008 with an average of 32 hampers per month between September 1st and April 30th. In addition, 204 hampers included a \$25 grocery gift card.

Awareness of this resource was established through food drives, macaroni & cheese giveaways, peanut butter handouts, promotional material such as bookmarks, and information on the ULSU website.

It was estimated that the ULSU Food Bank had been given over 900lbs of food donations, not just from places on campus, but from the community as well. Curves (Fitness) has helped with a titanic contribution to the ULSU Food Bank!

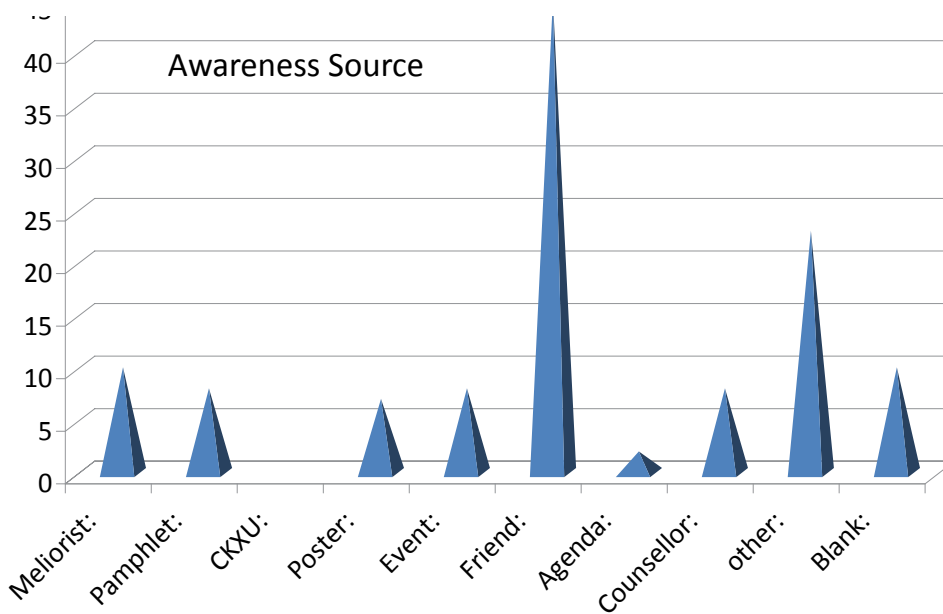
Reasons Given for Accessing Service



The ULSU Food Bank has become a popular and essential resource for the campus community.



Donations, food drives, club involvement, volunteers, student council, staff, QIP and ULSU funding has created the backbone of success for the ULSU Food Bank!



THE GOOD FOOD CLUB

The Good Food Club program first made its appearance on Campus in early Spring of 2008.



The Good Food Club is rapidly growing in popularity. People throughout the University community are enjoying the benefits of this service.

WHAT IS THE GOOD FOOD CLUB?

The Good Food Club is a volunteer based program run by the Chinook Health Region who provide fresh locally grown produce at wholesale prices. Orders are picked-up and delivered once a month, and include such produce as carrots, potatoes, lettuce, broccoli, apples, oranges, and other fruits and vegetables that might be in season.

- The ULSU is one of the four order drop-off and pick-up locations in Lethbridge, and the only one on the west side.
- There are no membership fees. Simply place an order with payment at your most convenient location within the city.
- Everyone is eligible and encouraged to use this service. Unlike a food bank or soup kitchen, this program is open to everyone whether you have a salary of \$100 or \$200,000 a year.
- There are two sizes of orders available; \$10.00 or \$15.00. This averages out to a 30% savings of what it would cost at your local grocery store for the same amount and quality of goods, making this a much better investment.
- The Canadian Food Guide recommends between 7 and 10 servings of fruits and vegetables per day.
- The Good Food Club is partly funded by the Government of Canada and supported by the Southminster United Church, Flexibility Learning Systems, Family Centre, Interfaith Food Bank, the University of Lethbridge Students' Union, and all other community partners and tireless volunteers.

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES, AWARDS

ULSU SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND AWARD SUMMARY FOR MAY1, 2007 - APRIL 30, 2008

NAME	NUMBER AWARDED	SINGLE AWARD VALUE	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS			
Community Service Award Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Part-time Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU International Travel Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Coca-Cola Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola North Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
QIP Scholarships	106	\$1,000	\$106,000
BURSARIES			
ULSU Bursary	3	\$500	\$1,500
ULSU Emergency Bursary	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Placement Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
Student Wise Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
QIP Bursaries	104	\$1,000	\$104,000
AWARDS			
Campus Sustainability Recycling Award	9	\$1,000	\$9,000
TOTAL			\$228,000

NOTE: QIP = Quality Initiative Program

The ULSU recognizes the importance of this line of funding.



Scholarships, bursaries and awards help relieve financial stress for engaging students so they can focus more easily on their studies.

STUDENT FUNDING

The ULSU is always thinking of ways to improve funding applications.



For a lot of students, approval of this funding is the determining factor for their attendance.

STUDENT FUNDING FOR MAY 1, 2007 - APRIL 30, 2008 Funding Lines are Replenished May 1st Annually

NAME	NUMBER OF ACCEPTED APPLICATIONS	NUMBER OF DENIED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
Travel & Conference Grants	33	4	\$3,320
Matching Grants	19	0	\$5,000
Start-up Grants	3	0	\$600
Emergency Assistance Grants	15	4	\$6,600
		TOTAL	\$15,520

NOTE: The Emergency Assistance budget line was at its limit by March 2008, therefore, \$1,500 was transferred into it from the Travel and Conference line to cover the extra funding requests.

TOP REASONS WHY SOME APPLICATIONS WERE DENIED

1. Deferred to QIP
2. Late application
3. Did not meet qualifications

TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE GRANT POLICY

The Operation Manual contains the ULSU's Constitution, Bylaws and Policies. The Travel and Conference grant policy was the focus of attention this year, specifically where it stated that all applications had to be submitted to the General Assembly 30 days in advance of the event. It was amended so students can apply for a Travel & Conference grant without waiting a month to get the results. To do this, the General Assembly gave authority to the Executive Council members who meet once a week, so the grants can be approved in a more time efficient manner. Streamlining the process was necessary, especially for students who decide to attend a conference at the last minute.

QUALITY INITIATIVES PROGRAM (QIP)

	Amount Spent
QIP - ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT	
1. Website upgrades	\$ 2,955
2. Cultural Workshop	\$ 600
3. Speaker Sue Johanson	\$ 7,477
QIP - STUDENT COMMON FUND	
1. SUB Interior Design	\$20,000
2. Student Pocket Lounges	\$59,731
3. Laptops for U of L Library	\$ 7,312
4. U-Wall	\$ 8,799
5. Steel Drums for the Global Drum Club	\$ 6,000
QIP - TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	\$15,652
QIP - STUDENT EXPERIENCE	
1. Frosh	\$36,567
2. Rookie Camp	\$ 8,042
3. Christmas in the Park	\$ 5,800
QIP - EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	\$ 4,200
QIP - FOOD BANK	
1. NASA Food Cupboard	\$ 2,000
2. ULSU Food Bank Replenishment	\$ 2,000
3. Shelves for ULSU Food Bank	\$ 850
4. Gift Certificates	\$ 3,000
QIP - SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES	
1. Scholarships	\$106,000
2. Bursaries	\$104,000
TOTAL	\$400,985

The QIP is a proposal based funding system used to benefit and enhance the students' overall experience at the U of L. The U of L allocates 12% of the annual tuition fee increases to the ULSU, to be used to develop quality initiatives. These funds are provided on a continuing basis, with a three year term of notice, should the allocation be discontinued.

The Quality Initiative Program was approved in 2005/2006 by the University Administration and began the following year.



Funding provided to the QIP may not be used to supplement the ULSU's operating budget

SPONSORSHIP FROM THE ULSU

The ULSU purchased Mac Laptops to be used by students in the U of L library.



The computers will be maintained on a trial basis of no more than two years. After this period, the success of the initiative will be assessed, and further contributions by the ULSU to the Library Laptop program will be evaluated.

Tickets for students to attend the Jim Carroll Community speaker event	20 tickets
U of L Career Day	50 ULSU lanyards
Lupus Run - Community fundraiser	\$500
Donation of Ballroom tables to various organizations (ULSU Ballrooms upgraded to light weight plastic tables)	wooden tables
Laptop computers for the U of L Library	5 new computers
Craig Snider's London Marathon Run - Karaoke contest (Fundraiser for his bid to run the London's Marathon in support of FARM Africa)	waived ballroom rental fees
Public Interest Alberta - election speaker event (partially funded by CAUS)	reduced ballroom rental fees
White Ribbon Campaign - violence against women	assisted with the ribbon booth
Christmas in the Park - Conference & Event Services (holiday spirit initiative to hang lights on the campus trees)	\$5,800
Render Blender - New Media group of students (live performances, gallery, and video)	waived ballroom rental fees
Computer Assistance Program for Students - Donation	2 refurbished computers
Prizes for residence students - Zoo Gift Certificates	\$40
Native American Student Association Food Cupboard	\$2,000
Spring for Life - 2008 HIV Aids Connection Campaign	\$260
Guitar Hero - Kappa Sigma X-box tournament	\$100

EXTERNAL SPONSORSHIP TO THE ULSU

Bursaries/Scholarships/Awards

- University of Lethbridge - QIP
- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Campbell and Company
- Bill Chapman
- Coffee Company
- Zoom Media

General Sponsorship

- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Old Dutch
- Fire & Ice
- Wooden Kilt

Food Bank Donations

- Anonymous donations
- Graduate Student Association
- Alberta Growers
- Polish Canadian Association
- Individuals - Students, Faculty, Staff, Community
- Physical Plant
- University Faculties
- University of Lethbridge - QIP
- Nishikazi

Food Bank Drive

- Curves Fitness
- Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship
- Organization of Residence Students
- Greek Life Club
- Campus Sorority group

It is with gratitude that we publicly thank our 2007/2008 sponsors.



The ULSU received sponsorship for a number of activities, the ULSU Food Bank and to help make financial resources available for University students

POLITICAL ISSUES

The ULSU joined with LCSA to bring their concerns over the increase in fees for the student transit pass, to the attention of the City Council.



Upon completion of research on similar size municipalities in Canada, it was found that Lethbridge is the only city without a post secondary transit discount.

Grade Appeals

Students who feel their work in a course merited a higher grade are free to pursue a grade appeal. As a student representative, all students are entitled to have their concerns expressed to their professor and faculty. This year presented itself with many unique cases – the one that resonates the most involves an entire class that was successfully appealed.

Provincial Election Campaign

CAUS, our provincial lobby group launched a very compelling campaign to make post-secondary education a priority in the provincial election. This seemed to be quite successful as many of the candidates, including those who participated in the ULSU/LPIRG hosted candidate forum, were very vocal about the importance of post secondary education, and ways to improve its accessibility. Unfortunately there was a dismal voter turn out in the provincial election, and this was incredibly disheartening, especially when many university students across the city were turned away from voting stations due to complications.

Ed Stelmach

The Premier of Alberta, Ed Stelmach, was scheduled to arrive at the University of Lethbridge to declare Alberta's commitment to Post-Secondary Education. Unfortunately, the Premier had to cancel at the last minute due to the release of his 'Royalties Report' the night earlier. However, Minister Doug Horner – Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, and Minister Lloyd Snelgrove – Minister of Service Alberta came in his place.

Lethbridge Transit

The Students' Union received a letter from Lethbridge Transit on November 22nd, stating that they would be raising fees across the board for all riders effective January 2, 2008. The post secondary pass increased by 21% from \$48.50 to \$58.50. The regular adult pass increased by 11% from \$52.50 to \$58.50. This effectively eliminated the post secondary pass. The post secondary semester pass increased by 22% from \$180 to \$220. The Students' Union is very concerned about this large percentage fare increase to the post secondary passes. Although the Students' Union worked closely with Lethbridge Transit on the U-Pass referendum last year, there was no consultation about these proposed fare increases for 2008.

The average post secondary discount was 18% lower than the regular adult monthly pass. The Student Council met with the Lethbridge Transit Manager, John King, where they discussed their concerns, and presented data. They requested that Lethbridge Transit only increase the post secondary pass fees by the same percentage increase as the regular adult pass price. If they had accepted the proposal, the outcome would have resulted with the post secondary pass being \$54, and the semester pass being \$200. Lethbridge Transit took the information back but decided to keep the proposed rates the same.

CONFERENCES

1. CASA Western Transition - April 07

The CASA Western Canada retreat in Kananaskis brought the new student leaders in Western Canada up-to-speed on CASA, post-secondary issues and advocacy goals at the federal level.

Attended: Charlotte Kingston - VP Academic, Steve Brodrick - Residence Representative, Kelly Kennedy - President Elect

2. CAUS Changeover - May 07

CAUS held their annual transition retreat in Canmore, Alberta. This retreat informed new student leaders on postsecondary issues at the provincial level.

Attended: Kelly Kennedy - President, Adam Vossepoel - VP Administration, Jenn Prosser - Arts & Science Representative

3. CASA Policy & Strategy Conference - June 07

The Policy and Strategy conference was held in Vancouver, B.C., and even though it was not the most glamorous, it was one of CASA's most important conferences. It was during this conference that CASA's yearly goals were determined. There was a strong cross section of student representation; from large universities, to small colleges and technical institutes across Canada. Along with representatives from the 19 members schools, there were executives from 5 observer schools.

Attended: Kelly Kennedy - President, Adam Vossepoel - VP Administration, Jason Pan - VP Academic

4. Advanced Education & Technology Student Leader Orientation - June 07

Alberta Advanced Education Orientation was held in Edmonton, Alberta. The orientation was a great opportunity for all student leaders in the province to meet with the department administration, and to discuss future improvements for Alberta's Post-Secondary Education system. Every major institution in Alberta was represented and were given the opportunity to voice their concerns. Particular interest was made to the "Provincial Framework for PSE in Alberta", a document outlining the future of Alberta's universities, technical institutes, and colleges.

CASA - Canadian Alliance of
Student Associations
(Federal Lobby Group)



CAUS - Council of Alberta
University Students
(Provincial Lobby Group)

CONFERENCES

COCA - Canadian Organization
of Campus Activity
(Entertainment Showcase)



The Council of Alberta University Students had a tremendously busy year in preparation for the provincial election. The election called for a flurry of television commercials, radio ads, brochures, and a new website; (www.imaginealberta.ca).

The orientation also provided an opportunity to meet with the Honorable Doug Horner, Minister of Alberta Advanced Education. The sessions, particularly on the student loan system, were very useful.

Attended: Kelly Kennedy - President, Adam Vossepoel - VP Administration

5. Innovations - June 07

The Bow Valley Young Adult Coalition hosted a Symposium in Banff to showcase various community initiatives that enhance the quality of life for young adults. The interest for the ULSU was the sessions on "Harm Reduction in Party Culture and Nightlife" and "Enhancing Workplace Safety and Wellness".

Attended: Jon Oxley - ULSU General Manager

6. Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) Conference - June 07

The COCA conference was a giant conference and seminar held in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Bands and entertainment were showcased to give the attendees a wide selection of booking choices. There were also seminars on how to book entertainment as well as who and what kind of entertainment to book. The ULSU's main focus was to look for possible pub entertainers, and speakers who would best suit the students interests at the University of Lethbridge.

Attended: Richie Evans - VP Internal, Jason Pan - VP Academic

7. CAUS Annual General Meeting - June 07

The CAUS members held their Annual General Meeting with members from the Universities of Alberta, Calgary and Lethbridge. They discussed a number of CAUS policies, and approved the yearly budget.

Among the issues discussed was the importance of a united provincial message regarding PSE and its effect on Alberta, both economically and culturally. CAUS also instituted the addition of a summer student position in order to establish more rigorous archiving systems, and to perform research on marginalized students.

Attended: Adam Vossepoel - VP Administration

8. CAUS Meeting - July 07

The CAUS meeting was held in Calgary, Alberta and with the prospect of a provincial election in the horizon, the meeting was about their future election campaign.

Attended: Kelly Kennedy - President, Jason Pan - VP Academic

9. CASA Board Retreat - July 07

The CASA Board Retreat was held in Ottawa, Ontario situated on the banks of the Ottawa River. The retreat brought together staff and six elected Board members from across Canada.

It was at this retreat that the Board's main priorities were set. There was a discussion on how to implement all of the plans made at the Policy and Strategy conference which was held during the previous month in Vancouver. Internal priorities were also decided and implemented in their initial stages.

Attended: Adam Vossepoel - VP Administration

10. Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Conference - September 07

This was an important conference that addressed the Millennium Foundation and the future of financial aid in Canada. The topic of 'Modernizing Student Financial Assistance in Canada' engaged participants in a discussion of where Canada's system of student aid should head in order to help the next generation of young Canadians gain access to the education and training they need to succeed in life.

Attended: Adam Vossepoel - VP Administration, Steve Brodrick - Residence Representative.

11. CAUS Meeting - September 07

This meeting was held at the University of Calgary. CAUS is partnering with other similar organizations in Alberta to run an effective post-secondary campaign. It is the ULSU's and CAUS's hope that post-secondary education will again be on the election radar.

Attended: Kelly Kennedy - President, Jason Pan - VP Academic

Focusing on student housing and access to education, CAUS has joined up with other provincial groups to launch a \$75,000 campaign.



The message that was sent across the province was about access, quality, and affordability of education. Tuition costs continue to rise and the quality of education does not appear to be improving enough to justify the increase.

CONFERENCES

November brought the CASA Lobby Conference held in Ottawa, Ontario.



The CASA Lobby Conference was the main avenue for influencing the Federal political leaders. Here, we joined the other member schools for an intense week of professional lobbying.

12. CAUS Budget Submission - October 07

This was a meeting for the CAUS budget submission where school representatives met with the Minister of Advanced Education.

Attended: Adam Vossepoel - VP Administration

13. CASA Lobby Conference - November 07

This year's focus was a document prepared by CASA entitled, "Strengthening Canada's Future: Real Solutions from Canada's Students." This document included five main points which we believe will effect real change in Canada's PSE system. Briefly, these points are 1) dedicated transfer funding from the federal government, earmarked specifically for PSE; 2) development of a Pan-Canadian Accord on PSE; 3) implementation of Advantage Canada's plan to modernize student financial assistance systems; 4) renewal of the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation; and finally, 5) increased access for under-represented students in PSE.

In the 5 days of meetings, CASA delegates had an opportunity to meet with over 180 MPs and Senators to discuss student issues in Canada.

Attended: Kelly Kennedy - President , Adam Vossepoel - VP Administration

14. CASA Annual General Meeting (AGM) - March 08

On March 19th, the ULSU delegates landed in the wintry city of Moncton, NB, to take part in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Annual General Meeting.

The AGM gave an opportunity for CASA delegates to review the year's successes and failures, as well as a chance to prepare for the annual transition of its member delegates. CASA also welcomed two new schools into its membership; The University of Prince Edward Island and University of Fraser Valley were officially ratified as full members.

Attended: Adam Vossepoel - VP Administration and Brodie Pattenden - VP Administration elect.

15. CAUS meeting - April 08

Member school representatives met with the Alberta Advanced Education Minister, Doug Horner, to discuss issues related to student finances, residence spaces, and deferred maintenance.

Attendance: Kelly Kennedy - President, Jason Pan - VP Academic, Jenn Prosser - VP Academic Elect

16. CASA Western Transition Retreat - April 08

This retreat was intended to bring the new student leaders in Western Canada up-to-speed on CASA and post-secondary issues and advocacy goals at the federal level.

In addition to the presentations, the Western Transition also included several interactive sessions where the new and old ULSU council members were quizzed in regards to CASA's history, trained in media relations, and practiced mock lobbying situations.

Attended: Kelly Kennedy - President, Adam Vossepoel - VP Administration, Brodie Pattenden - VP Administration elect, Jenn Prosser - VP Academic elect.

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) held its annual Western Transition, in Canmore, Alberta.



CASA is a federal lobby group dedicated to working with the government to develop policy that positively affects the Canadian post-secondary education system.

RESIDENCE REP REPORT

It has been a great year full of opportunities and challenges for Residence students and the ULSU.



There have been many changes within the Organization of Residence Students that have directly affected staff, as well as students.

This was the first year Kainai had exclusively housed first year students; the change created new challenges and afforded the creation of six new Resident Assistant (RA) positions. ORS owes its success to their predecessors who did a fantastic job with laying a solid foundation for the organization. This year saw increased staff and budgets as well as investments in various capital projects from the Students' Union and the University.

Community Projects

ORS helped raise food donations for the Students' Union Food Bank by offering discounts on event prices when accompanied by a food donation. With our partners at the University, we hosted various information nights ranging from, sexual education to drinking responsibly. We were glad to support the Alberta Cancer Society again this year by partnering on the Kappa Sigma Head Shave. ORS organized blood drives donating many pints of blood and supporting Canadian Blood Services. ORS budgeted early in support of one local and one international charitable organization which were Lethbridge Family Services and the Doctors Abroad Program.

QIP Project Completion

2007 saw the completion of a basketball court outside Patterson Center and social spaces in Kainai. Last year ORS submitted a successful proposal and obtained \$36,000 in University funding to support the construction of a basketball court and to outfit the Kainai Residence building with social spaces.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

Through the Students' Union, Steve Brodrick was appointed to the position of CASA Ambassador to facilitate communication between the ULSU and their federal Lobby Group. Through these efforts, Steve traveled to Ottawa to represent the concerns of these organizations to the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation, and The Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, at the Modernizing Student Financial Assistance in Canada Conference in Ottawa. ORS made their voice heard on a national level and presented to all levels of government that the University of Lethbridge is a great place to live, and that maintaining quality of living in Residence is a great investment.

Scholarship Creation

ORS submitted a proposal to the University earlier this year with the goal of creating an award to stimulate the pursuit of excellence within the Organization of Residence Students by recognizing exceptional leadership and initiative. By facilitating the collaborative efforts of several University departments which include: Financial

Planning, Hospitality Services, University Advancement and Scholarship and Student Finance, Steve was successful in endowing a \$30,000 "Organization of Residence Students Excellence Award". The criterion for the award was authored by the ORS Executive, and will be distributed by the Scholarship and Student Finance.

Soft Seating

In January of 2008, ORS approved a motion to upgrade the social and study areas in Aperture and University Hall Residences. The proposal allowed for an investment of \$24,210.70 to install "To Do Chairs" to promote interaction between students.

Supporting Members

Through effective negotiations with the University and collaborating with stakeholders, a proposal resulted in a 12% increase in pay to offset opportunity cost of other employment and forgone income associated with staff training. The increase became effective in August 2008 with a value of approximately \$8000.

Strategic Plan

Working closely with Hospitality Services, ORS undertook the task of authoring a Strategic Plan to guide the Organization of Residence Students for the next 5 years. With all the positive changes that have taken place this year, it was essential to capture this forward organizational inertia on paper and set parameters and goals for the incoming leaders.

Social Events

Residence as always was a hub of social activity for its members and for the campus as a whole. Our year kicked off in typical Rez fashion with the Kummoniwanalya Cabaret and VP Palooza both of which were a blast for the large number of students in attendance. October's Halloween Cab carried September's momentum and was a great venue for creative costumes and Halloween fun. At the end of November, ORS hosted its annual Christmas Formal at the Lethbridge Lodge. This event was a sell out and was headlined by the Bamboo Guppies for the second year. The second semester of school hosted ORS at the Zoo three more times with January's Casino Cabaret, February's Western Cab and the March St. Patrick's Day Cab. ORS was also present at various University Theater productions and for the Trew's, Michael, Bernard Fitzgerald and Bedouin Soundclash. Pronghorn Athletics got to know ORS very well this year as they were often cheering on the teams in the gym, rink and on the field.

The Organization of Residence Students would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making it such great place to be. Written by Steve Brodrick, Residence Representative - 4th Year Management, General Management.

The relationship between ORS and the ULSU has grown into a true partnership based on student focused values.



It is no exaggeration to say that making the U of L a great place for residence students, increases the quality of their education experience.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT

There is a common misconception about the Board of Governors Student Rep, even down to the level of the title itself.



The student who is nominated to this seat is appointed by the Minister of Advanced Education to use his/her knowledge to the best of his/her abilities to learn and use the appropriate processes to make decisions in the best interest of the University.

THE ROLE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS REP

The title of the Board of Governors Student Representative implies that the nominee is bound to represent general student interest, meaning he/she is responsible for maintaining a position in line with general student opinion, and not his/her own; although the nominee's opinion is by and large in line with general student opinion, it may not be – and does not have to be. At the Board level of governance, the business aspect of the University is discussed, and this may be in contradiction with general student opinion. There is, of course, ethics to the business conducted, and something unethical or unsavoury would not be voted for, but – for example – a decision that benefits the University as an institution and does not directly, but indirectly, benefits students should be voted for. For a concrete example, tuition increase could be used: an increase in tuition may give the University more money to hire more qualified professors or pay their professors more, giving students a higher quality of education. On the other hand, taking ethics into account, if a motion was forwarded to pass a budget that included an overly substantial increase of tuition, without reasonable grounds it would be defeated based on unfair cost to students. So, the Board of Governors nominee must fairly assess a motion to determine whether the benefits out-weigh the costs, and make a decision based on good governance practices. Obviously though, the reason a student is mandated a seat on the Board of Governors is to give the Board diversity in perspectives, so a wide knowledge of student opinions is a positive quality for the nominee to have.

In my opinion, this non-representative seat does not place the Governor in conflict with students – the Board of Governors is not `the man` to be fought. In order to ensure that the Board is not taking advantage of its powers, a maximum level of transparency is attained and it is open for investigation and criticism from any person. I actually came into this position in September with the perspective that I was going to be up against `the man` and would be fighting this power, but quickly realized that everyone on the Board does indeed have the best long-term interests of the students in mind. My only conflict with the Board out of many decisions has been in regards to environmental concern, myself being quite left-wing on the subject.

Another common misconception about the Board of Governors nominee is that he/she is an elected member of the Students' Union; this reflects the process of nomination. The Post-Secondary Learning Act mandates that there must be two seats available for students on the Board of Governors, one occupied by the current President of the Students' Union, the other occupied by a current student nominated by the general student body. For convenience sake, the non-president student is nominated at the same time as students running for the Students' Union are elected. In actuality, the student body nominates a person that they think are

most representative of their opinions to sit on the Board, this decision is then forwarded to the Minister who officially appoints them to this position, it is within the Minister's power to veto this nomination.

This election/nomination process makes for a slightly confusing scenario that the student governor is running for a Students' Union position, a confusion added to, by the fact that the governor is given a kind of honorary seat on the Students' Union. This honorary seat (as I will call it) is given so that the governor can utilize Students' Union discussion to better inform himself/herself on general student opinion, and also be able to inform the Students' Union how their decisions reflect on Board decisions. In my understanding, it is the Students' Union President's responsibility to argue on behalf of the Students' Union at the Board, although the student governor may also decide to do this.

I have described the position – a student who is nominated by students, appointed by the minister, who is responsible for acting in the best interest of the University using his/her personal knowledge and perspective – but have not described what the Board of Governors as a whole is or is responsible for. The Board of Governors is the highest level of governance at the University, responsible for overlooking operations conducted by the President of the University, the Vice-Presidents, and their departments, and responsible for voting on decisions that are mostly forwarded by sub-committees of the Board, such as the Governance Committee, the Audit Committee, or the Executive Committee, and the VPs or President. These decisions reflect upon various aspects of the University, such as the Capital and Strategic Plan (e.g. buildings on campus to be built or renovated), the finances of the University (e.g. the budget, which includes tuition fees), academic controls (e.g. hiring of faculty, appointment of research chairs and honorary degrees), and research controls (e.g. research overhead policies).

The member constitution of the Board has been touched on already, but I will elaborate. There are around 23 members of the Board, and they come by their positions by 3 different means. One group of members are there by the nature of their position – the President of the University, the Vice-President of Finance and Administration, the VP Advancement, the VP Academic, and the VP Research. Another group of seats, about 9 of them, are given to members of the general public who apply for the position. The last group, approximately 9 seats, are appointed by the Minister of Advanced Education, his decision based upon the nomination from constituent groups of the University such as the Alumni Associate, the Senate, the Faculty Association, the General Faculties Council, the students, the graduate students, and the AUPE. Written by Jeremy Girard, Board of Governors Representative - 3rd year Neuroscience Major.

Board of Governors Student Rep is a very important seat and it is crucial that it is filled so that students have a voice at this level of governance.



"The Board of Governors has the ultimate control of the University and its direction, and having a student involved in this control is important in keeping the direction towards creating a positive student experience."
Jeremy Girard

EDMONTON CAMPUS REPORT

There are approximately 500 Management students per semester who attend the U of L Edmonton campus.



The U of L Edmonton campus has expanded from occupying three floors to four floors, which includes a student lounge.

EDMONTON CAMPUS

September started with a bang as students returned from their summer break to find out that the school had been revamped, which included occupancy of an additional floor. We really appreciate the extra space because it has greatly reduced the number of students filling up MacEwan's study spaces. Our student lounge and computer lab received a lift too. The best part about the renovations was getting a new copier, since the previous one was as old as the hills, and I cannot count the number of times it jammed my notes or ate my money. We thank the ULSU for funding and giving our lab/lounge a new look and extra space.

At the beginning of each semester I am responsible to keep track of the Health and Dental plan opt-out forms. This involved making sure students were within deadlines of opting in and out of the ULSU health care benefits. We hosted a pizza bash in September which was a colossal success, and another one at the end of the year to help students relax before final exams. Other events were geared towards fundraising for the graduating class, like bake sales and a silent auction. deJourdan's photographers were also on campus to commemorate the graduating students so that we can have them on our wall of fame.

The greatest challenge on campus was getting people involved. A big percentage of the students work full time and go to school full time. Most students spend only an average of four hours on campus per day. Trying to coordinate events is challenging because everyone has very busy schedules. All in all, I received amazing support from the Grad Committee of 2008. These superstars were Salena Wong, Carol Lee, Jason Rumer, Josepha Fille, Kayleigh Dixon, Keisha and Maricel Somera. Rose Polich from the reception was our superwoman in helping out with activities especially during the day when we could not be there.

All I can say is that this year has been a short but sweet year. The best part of the academic year has been forming new friendships. The worst part is yet to come. Written by Neema Mbowe, Edmonton Campus Representative - 4th year Bachelor of Management, Accounting Major.

CALGARY CAMPUS

The Calgary Campus is extremely unique in comparison to other campuses. It is the only campus that does not have a designated physical area for the Students' Union. Therefore, we rely heavily on e-mail to communicate with students; which has at times proved to be quite difficult, especially when numerous students were not aware of how to check their "uleth" e-mails. With that in mind we were still able to have a year filled with many events for the students.

The year began with a Students' Union "Welcome To/Back" event which was a big hit. This event helped re-establish the Students' Union presence on campus and allowed me the opportunity to introduce myself as their representative. This event was followed up by academic events and volunteering events throughout the semester.

All these activities would not have been possible without the assistance of Danielle Schramm. Danielle has been a great help in managing the ULSU Health & Dental Plan, as well as in the planning and implementation of events. Her knowledge of the ULSU and the available tools on campus have been important tools throughout the year.

My experience has shown how important it is to have both a physical and virtual presence on the Calgary campus. Even without a permanent physical space, it is extremely important to put yourself out there and meet your fellow students. Even if a student is not a part of the ULSU, it is most advantageous to get to know your fellow students and build those lifelong relationships. Written by Ty Tang, Calgary Campus Representative - 4th Year General Management.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION REP REPORT

The 2007/2008 school year was a great year for Education students. In mid-October the Faculty of Education moved from University Hall, to the new addition in Turcotte Hall. Students were excited about the move and for the creation of seating areas where they can enjoy a pleasant area to work and socialize with each other.

For many years PSIII students have wanted to complete their practicum in Calgary but were unable to unless they found their own placement and received approval from the University of Calgary. The Faculty of Education has now made agreements with Calgary school boards and other post-secondary institutions enabling the University of Lethbridge students to finally have that opportunity. This change

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The U of L Calgary Campus students occupy an area on the SAIT campus. Since room is limited, the ULSU Rep has been without a designated space to work out of. This has caused a some challenges with the position.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPORT



“The difference between school and life? In school, you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.”
by Tom Bodett

has opened up a lot of opportunities for Education students who may want to secure employment in Calgary once they have graduated.

Overall, Education students were very happy with their program at the University of Lethbridge. At the end of January, during the ‘Teacher Job Fair’, it was evident that education students are highly sought after for teaching positions. Through their completion of three practicums, these students get plenty of classroom time where they have the opportunity to develop an excellent grasp on how to be a teacher. Written Rebecca Nelson-Fitzpatrick, Faculty of Education Representative-4th year BSc/BEd, Math and Education major.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REP REPORT

If there is one phrase I could use to reflect my experience of 2007/2008, it would be, “a time well spent.” This year, as any, was full of ups and downs as well as pivotal learning moments, all of which has contributed to my development as a leader and a unique individual. The high points were 1. The successful installation of this position on the General Assembly. 2. Securing furniture for the International Students’ Association room. 3. Having the opportunity to create and host a cultural initiative workshop that dealt with numerous social, racial and academic issues. 4. Running for Students’ Union President and awakening the school to a whole new reservoir of untapped talent and intellect. 5. Challenging the status quo and providing liberal multicultural representation. 6. Last but not least, giving a voice to over 11% of the University’s international populace.

Through each experience I did encounter hurdles and ignorant obstacles, however my mother taught me from a early age that disappointments are for the better, and to always turn my tumbling blocks into stepping stones. That is, I focused on what I could learn from each experience, how could I apply it to events in the future and how to share these findings with the community. Overall, this journey was not the peak of my academic and professional career but more of a beginning into a new horizon of self discovery and character refinement. Written by Lewisa Chisholm, International Student Representative-Bachelor of Management, 4th year-International Management and Systems Management.

1. ULSU Fee Referendum

After much research, the Executive Council presented a formal Fee Referendum Question to the 2007/2008 General Assembly. However, to stay within the parameters of the ULSU bylaws, there was not with enough time in the semester to carry it through to fruition. This project will be addressed by the 2008/2009 Student Council.

2. Fraternities and Sororities

The request to ratify a Fraternity or Sorority on campus has been addressed by each new group of student council members without any positive progress or feed back from the University, lawyers or insurance companies. This issue will be continued into the next term in hopes that a ULSU bylaw or policy can be drawn up that will address the needs of the fraternity and sorority, but will not compromise the integrity of the ULSU or university policies.

3. Lux Ring Proposal

The 2007-2008 Executive Council drew close parallels between the University of Lethbridge and Saint Francis Xavier in Antigonish, NS. Both schools are close to the same size, undergraduate focused institutions within small cities, focusing heavily on the student experience. Their Student Council developed a popular school ring and with this in mind, the Lux Ring proposal for the University of Lethbridge students was born.

In an effort to promote more school spirit, the Lux Ring would feature the University sun on a simple, clean ring that would be available for graduation. This ring would be instantly recognizable to other alumni of the University. Though the specifics have yet to be worked out, the Lux Ring would undoubtedly go far to generating more school pride.

5. Club Rooms Moved and Renovated

The University set plans to renovate level 0 of the Students' Union building and move the club rooms to the north end of the building. The space swap project will go to tender in April.

6. Smart Board for the ULSU Council Chambers

This presentation board features a standard white board coupled with interactive software and a built-in data projector for general presentations, computer integration, and text capture software. The Smart Board will be significantly less expensive than a built-in data projector and screen. Next year's Council will make the final decision on this.

Ratifying a fraternity or sorority on campus has been an on-going discussion since 2005/2006 when one of the groups first approached the ULSU.



The biggest challenges are those that arise from the recognition of a group that already possess their own charter, constitution, bylaws and policies.

TY TANG - Calgary Campus Rep
4th Year Bachelor of Management, General Management.



Q: "What challenged you most during your term?"

A: Re-establishing the presence of the ULSU on campus.

Q: "What advice do you have for your successor?"

A: Plan ahead, Plan ahead, Plan ahead... Then they will come.

NEEMA MBOWE - Edmonton Campus Rep
4th Year Bachelor of Management, Accounting Major

Q: "What challenged you most during your term?"

A: The greatest challenge was how to get people involved. A big percentage of the students work full-time and go to school full-time. Most of the students spend an average of only 4 hours per day on campus. Trying to coordinate events is challenging because everyone has very busy schedules.

Q: "What advice do you have for your successor?"

A: The sky is the limit. Try to achieve as many of your goals as you can, and do your very best. Failure is part and parcel of success, get up and do it all over again until you get it right.

JASON PAN - VP Academic
4th Year Bachelor of Science, Biological Major

Q: "What challenged you most during your term?"

A: The beginning of my term in office provided me with many challenges – the end of the spring semester brought an abundance of students to my door asking about grade appeals. Learning about the process and trying to figure out whom to contact required a lot of research. In conjunction with this, learning about the other executives and staff required time and patience. Finding where we all fit, our strengths-and-weaknesses, combined with our expected duties made for an exciting but challenging summer.

Q: "What advice do you have for your successor?"

A: My advice for my successor is to maintain contacts with other council members, both past-and-present. There is no individual accomplishment, I said this at the beginning of the year, "Your success is my success, and your loss is my loss". Work as a team and don't be afraid to admit you don't know something. The earlier you learn something, the quicker you can act on a problem. If you ever have any qualms, definitely feel free to ask me, after all, a predecessor is a very important resource.

JENN PROSSER - Arts & Science Rep
4th year Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Major

Q: "What challenged you most during your term?"

A: The biggest challenges I found was to focus on one thing at a time and limiting my participation so I didn't overload myself. As a GA member it is easy to

jump on every committee and try to participate in every event. This does not equal an effective use of time.

Q: "What advice do you have for your successor?"

To be as involved as you can in as many things as you can, but be careful not spread yourself too thin. It is easy to jump into every activity, especially at the beginning of the year. Remember that your number one duty is to represent student needs and it is difficult to do that if you are always running around chasing one thing after another.

IOULIA DEVENNEY - Health Sciences Rep

3d Year Bachelor of Nursing

Q: "What challenged you most during your term?"

A: The biggest challenge during the 2007-2008 term was learning about all the things I should be doing as a Faculty Representative and getting my monthly reports in on time. It took some time to figure out what the Robert's Rules of Order were and what all the terms meant. Once I learned it, it was fun and enlightening!

Q: "What advice do you have for your successor?"

A: Next year I would like to stay on top of all the events that will be planned by the Students' Union and communicate more with the students at the School of Health Sciences through regular e-mails.

STEVE BRODRICK - Residence Rep

4th Year Bachelor of Management, General Management

Q: "What challenged you most during your term?"

A: I think my biggest challenge this year has been helping the Organization of Residence Students manage the growth of the organization. In 2007 we hired an additional 7 staff members increasing our staff to 28. This resulted in a sudden shift that challenged our organizational culture.

Q: "What advice do you have for your successor?"

A: I would like to advise future ORS Executives and Representatives, that challenge creates opportunity. It is the duty of the President/Residence Rep to have a clear vision for the organization. It is the responsibility of the President to communicate and nurture that vision with his or her team in order to take the organization from where it is now, to where it should be. So with this vision for the Organization in mind, use the challenges that you are faced with as opportunities to create change.

ORS grew both financially and with the number of staff members.



The ORS personnel changes were in response to the increased number of first year students on campus.

Q & A

"I'm thankful to everyone who voted for me, and for giving me this opportunity."



"I walked into an environment where I was conducting business with very successful people in the middle or near the end of their careers who have a great deal more experience than I have in the business world." Jeremy Girard

JEREMY GIRARD - Board of Governors Rep

3rd Year Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience Major

Q: "What challenged you most during your term?"

A: What challenged me most during my term was trying to rapidly adapt to a professional setting I'd not been exposed to before stepping into the Board of Governor's boardroom. Becoming proficient at this job would ensure myself knowledge beyond my years, and put me a step in front of my peers, career-wise, while letting me contribute and leave my mark on the University of Lethbridge – an ample reward for my efforts. However, most Board members are appointed for 3 years, plenty of time to learn how to operate. This position required me to sit around a table (albeit in a very comfortable leather chair) where my peers had decades of experience on me, which forced me to work with less knowledge and learn on a faster time-scale. This combination – lack of knowledge and time pressure – could easily cause errors in judgement, so I had to ask questions and learn quickly, and in doing so built relationships with the other governors. If I didn't adapt quickly and learn fast, my decisions would not only be ineffectual but could potentially be deleterious. I believe I was successful in my challenge, and this is why I feel very confident and positive about being elected for a second term.

Q: "What advice do you have for your successor?"

A: I am my own successor this year, but to give a hypothetical successor advice, I would tell him/her to be willing to put three times as much time spent in the boardroom doing research, asking questions, and getting to know the other governors. Also, not to be too intimidated by everyone around the board, they are all on the same side as you – that is to say, wanting to make the University as great as possible.

REBECCA NELSON-FITZPATRICK - Education Rep

4th Year Bachelor of Science and Education, Math and Education major

Q: "What challenged you most during your term?"

A: The thing that I found most challenging about my term was scheduling time to participate and assist with ULSU events and initiatives while I was off campus during my practicum. Many activities took place, during school hours when I had to be teaching, so even though I wanted to help out, I had to find other ways to assist with the ULSU.

Q: "What advice do you have for your successor?"

A: I would advise my successor to do as much work with the Education Undergraduate Society as possible since that group has the largest and easiest access to Education students and ties to the Faculty.

JOHN BROCKLESBY STUDENTS' UNION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

This is a prestigious award presented to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union General Assembly member who has made the most significant contribution to the Students' Union, the students, and the university community.

Awarded to: Raina Schemenauer, Arts & Science Representative

BILL CHAPMAN STUDENTS' UNION CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION

This is an annual award presented to the University of Lethbridge student, or students, who have shown the most innovation in the area of student affairs, wellness, or another notable field, over the past year.

Awarded to: Kyle Robinson

STUDENTS' UNION HELPING HAND AWARD

This is an annual award presented to a University of Lethbridge faculty or staff employee who has made the most significant and lasting contribution to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union and their members over the past academic year.

Awarded to: John Kincaid, Manager – Student Liaison & Recruitment

STUDENTS' UNION EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union employee who has demonstrated the most outstanding contribution and ethics to our Students' Union over the past year.

Awarded to: Shelley Tuff, Health & Dental Plan Administrator

STUDENTS' UNION STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union student employee who has demonstrated the most outstanding contribution and ethics to the Students' Union over the past year. This full-time student personified the values of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union in all his/her endeavors.

Awarded to: Rubaiyat Khan, Zoo Cook



STUDENTS' UNION AWARDS

Laurence Decore Awards were established in 2001 by the Government of Alberta, in honor of the Liberal Provincial leader Laurence Decore.



The Laurence Decore award recognizes post-secondary students who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and leadership in student clubs, student government, college/university life, and community involvement.

THE STUDENTS' UNION CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union ratified club that has demonstrated the most outstanding effort and dedication in their endeavours over the past year.

Awarded to: Management Students' Society

STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is a new annual award presented to the student(s) who embodied leadership, commitment, and contributed to the betterment of U of L students; this may have been exemplified by involvement in clubs, non-profit &/or student organizations, community, and volunteerism.

Awarded to: Lee Spracklin

STUDENTS' UNION LEGACY AWARD

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union President at the close of his/her term pending successful completion.

Awarded to: Kelly Kennedy, ULSU President

OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AWARD

This is an annual award presented to a University of Lethbridge faculty or staff employee in special recognition for outstanding dedication to the students of the University of Lethbridge.

Awarded to: Karen Clearwater, Associate Vice President Financial Planning

CONTINUED SUPPORT AWARD

This is an annual award presented to a University or community member for continued support to the Students' Union of the University of Lethbridge.

Awarded to: Andrew Hakin, U of L Vice President Academic

LAURENCE DECORE AWARDS

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| 1. Joseph Baranyay | 3. Danielle Zweste | 5. Heather Mackenzie |
| 2. Stephen Brodrick | 4. Allan Hall | 6. Rebecca Nelson-Fitzpatrick |

There were three student referendums during 2007/2008 and they are as follows:

1. **CKXU REFERENDUM** - (campus radio station)

QUESTION

“In order to better provide for the continued maintenance operation, and growth of CKXU 88.3 FM (the University of Lethbridge’s own campus community radio station) do you support an increase from the current levy of three dollars (\$3) per student per semester to five dollars (\$5) per student per semester”?

YES or NO

CKXU REFERENDUM RESULTS

YES votes 1172, no votes 1076 - (32.47% voter turnout)

Only Lethbridge campus undergraduate students were eligible to vote on this referendum question. (Excluding: Calgary & Edmonton campus students, exchange students, and out-of-town Co-Op Program students).

Since the majority voted “yes”, all Lethbridge campus undergraduate students (only), full and part-time, will realize an increase of \$2/semester in their CKXU fees.

If the majority had voted “no”, then there would have been no change to the current CKXU fees paid by all full and part-time undergraduate students.

CKXU 88.3 FM, Southern Alberta’s only campus-community radio station.



CKXU has been broadcasting to Lethbridge and beyond on the FM band since 2004, and on cable FM and AM for decades.

ELECTION & REFERENDUMS

It was exciting for Nursing students to hear that the fee was voted in by a large number of students.



From now on the Canadian Nursing Students' Association fee of \$5 will be collected on a yearly bases from all nursing students. The University's of Lethbridge nursing program will be a chapter school of the association and will be represented on the regional and national levels.

2. NURSING STUDENT REFERENDUM

QUESTION

"Do you support collecting the Canadian Nursing Students' Association annual fees each September along with tuition? This will ensure the University of Lethbridge does not forfeit its CNSA chapter status. Fees are five dollars (\$5) per full-time student per year and three dollars (\$3) per part-time student per year?"

YES or NO

NURSING REFERENDUM RESULTS

YES votes 74, no votes 3 - (43.33% voter turnout)

Only Nursing Undergraduate students of the NESAs program were eligible to vote on this referendum question. Since the majority voted "yes", this means that fees for Nursing undergraduates (**only**) will increase, effective September, 2008: \$5/year full-time, and \$3/year part-time.

If the majority had voted "no", then this fee would not have been implemented and Nursing students would have been responsible for their own individual membership in the CNSA.

3. DAYCARE REFERENDUM

QUESTION

“Do you authorize the Students’ Union to invest \$200,000 from the Students’ Union Building (SUB) Fund for the Capital requirements of an on-campus Daycare facility, with the understanding that this will not lead to any increase in the SUB Fund fees; and

Do you further authorize the Students’ Union to contract with the University of Lethbridge to maintain this contribution in the Daycare for as long as it operates, and in the event the Daycare closes, the capital contribution transfers from the Daycare back to the Students’ Union”?

YES or NO

DAYCARE REFERENDUM RESULTS

YES votes 1871, no votes 466 - (29.63% voter turnout)

Since the majority voted “yes”, the Student Council has been authorized to release \$200,000 from Students’ Union Building Fund Reserves to the University of Lethbridge, for the purpose of constructing an on-campus daycare building at the U of L. There will be no increase or change in Students’ Union fees related to this project.

If the majority had voted “no”, the Student Council will not have been authorized to release any monies from the Students’ Union Building Fund Reserves. There would still be no increase or change in fees.

All U of L students, on all campuses, in all programs were eligible to vote on this referendum question.

Decisions have been made for the daycare to be operated by an external provider in a separate building of its own.



Construction can begin once bids have been accepted for an external provider, architectural plans, and construction. Parents can expect to enjoy the benefits of the daycare in September 2010.

ELECTION & REFERENDUM

The 2007/2008 ULSU General Election was a busy time for all those involved.



The voter turnout has grown leaps and bounds since on-line voting was implemented.

ULSU GENERAL ELECTION

The ULSU General Election took place from February 11, 2008 to March 7, 2008. Voter turnout was 30.27% of the eligible student population, which was up from last year's 27%. This again, was one of the highest voter turnouts for a Canadian Students' Union election.

The voting period was shortened from 5 days in previous years to 3 days this year because statistics show that a majority of votes are cast on the first and last days of a voting period. This year, 71% of all the votes were cast in the first 24 hours. The key to our high voter turnout is the secure and user friendly e-vote system.

Not only have paper ballots become a thing of the past but campaigning has also taken on a popular trend. Historically, it has been against the ULSU election bylaw to campaign using the internet, and with the growing interest with Facebook last year there were numerous issues. This year all the candidates were allowed to campaign using Facebook but to a limited degree. A specific Facebook group was created for every candidate who were also given administration rights for their respective group. In the official groups, the candidates were allowed to put biographical information, campaign platforms, qualifications and photos. This way the candidates were somewhat able to campaign freely on their group and add their friends. Within this controlled environment, the Chief Returning Officer monitored the information and was prepared to delete any potential slanderous material.

For the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Representative, only members of NASA were eligible to vote, however, out of all the eligible voters from NASA, only 24 students voted.

INCOMING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Executive Council

President
Vice President Academic
Vice President Administration
Vice President Internal Affairs

Adam Vossepel
Jenn Prosser
Brodie Pattenden
Eric Hawthorne

General Assembly

Arts and Sciences Representatives

Raina Schemenauer
Jason Pan
Willis Norrie
Kyle Shaw
Shane Phillips
Kendall Yamagishi

Education Representative
Management Representative
Residence Representative
Calgary Campus Representative
Health Sciences Representative
First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Representative
Board of Governors Representative

Karen Davis
Joey Baranyay
Dave Ladner
Ahmed Rammay
Ioulia Devenney
Myles Bruised Head
Jeremy Girard

Fall 2008 By-election

International Representative
Fine Arts Representative
Edmonton Campus Representative

Lee Ann Schneider
Brett Stephenson
Anthony Falls

The incoming Executive Council members are proudly holding the ULSU mascot - Nordie!



From the date of the election results announcement until May 1st, the incoming council have eagerly been awaiting to begin their term of office.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Kelly Kennedy
ULSU President of 2007/2008



The best part about having Kelly as the ULSU President was that he liked to be paid with peanut butter cups.

“I’m not going to lie to you, I am a pretty big deal around here” says Kelly.

Being a Students’ Union President requires a lot of time, energy and dedication to student issues at the University of Lethbridge. With determination and long hours put into the betterment of student life, each passing Students’ Union Council leaves a legacy of resolutions unique to their own particular term in office.

The following is a list of past Students’ Union Presidents, each of whom has devoted their term to address student issues throughout campus.

2007/2008	Kelly Kennedy	1986/1987	Dan Laplante
2006/2007	Dustin Fuller	1985/1986	Aaron Engen
2005/2006	Tyler Tanner	1984/1985	Tracy Hembroff
2004/2005	Loralee Edwards	1983/1984	Mike McPhail
2003/2004	Paul Daniels	1984	Larry Glazer
2002/2003	Melanee Thomas	1982/1983	Chuck Cosgrove
2001/2002	Matthew McHugh	1981/1982	Barry Weintraub
2000/2001	Dezmond Belzeck	1980/1981	Rudy Peters
1999/2000	Bonnie Androkovich	1979/1980	Alan Murray
1998/1999	Ryan Dunford	1978/1979	Pat Dortch
1997/1998	Jon Wescott	1977/1978	Howard Reid
1996/1997	Jason Shriner	1976/1977	Wayne MacKay
1995/1996	Arthur Wong	1975/1976	Lee Ens
1994/1995	Humberto Aspillaga	1974/1975	Darryl Ross
1993/1994	Poul Mark	1973/1974	Khym Goslin
1992/1993	Justin Penny	1972/1973	Jesse Snow
1991/1992	David Legg	1971/1972	Ken Runge
1990/1991	Terry Whitehead	1970/1971	Robin Dann
1989/1990	Jon Oxley	1969/1970	Lamont Nielson
1988/1989	Jon Oxley	1968/1969	Richard Wutzke
1987/1988	Jason Slemko	1967/1968	John Brocklesby



VISION

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union will deliver extraordinary service, facilities, programs and opportunities that exceed the expectations of our students. The Students' Union will be recognized locally, provincially and nationally as a dynamic and innovative leader in the Canadian University Community.

MISSION

The mission of The Students' Union is to provide our students, as well as faculty, staff, and alumni a portal to the unique University of Lethbridge experience. The Students' Union compliments the academic programs and enhances the overall educational experience and quality of campus life for students and other members of the U of L family.

As the heart of the student community, we are committed to student success by delivering a diverse program of cultural, educational, social and recreational services. We strive to surpass the needs of our multi-cultural student community, create a positive learning experience, and maintain a healthy balance between academic and leisure activities.





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