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My August report officially signifies the end of the first trimester of my term! I can't believe how quickly the summer has flown by, but can't wait to see what the Fall semester has in store. Take a look to see what I've been up to this month:

- Student Leaders Orientation to Government
- Student Union Development Summit (Vancouver, BC)
- eCampus Ontario OER Seminar (Toronto, ON)
- Calgary Campus New Student Orientation

Student Leaders Orientation to Government

The month of August began with a trip to Edmonton for the Student Leaders Orientation to Government hosted by the Alberta Ministry of Advanced Education. Student leaders from CAUS, ASEC (the Alberta Student Executive Council), and AbGPAC (Alberta Graduate Provincial Advisory Council) were able to learn about the Ministry of Advanced Education and have face-to-face time with Minister Marlin Schmidt and other members of the ministry. My full report on this conference will be made available online.

Student Union Development Summit (Vancouver, BC)

From August 18-22, our Executive attended the Student Union Development Summit hosted at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC. This is a professional development conference for student executives from across the country to meet, network and learn from each other about student issues and initiatives. Having attended this conference last year, I saw great value in this conference most notably for non-CAUS/CASA delegates who do not necessarily benefit from the same PD opportunities as the President and VP External do. As well, I also see a great deal of value in being able to attend a conference as an entire executive team as it is a great way to solidify the group before heading into September. I was unfortunately somewhat disappointed in the quality of the sessions as compared to previous years, but still found the experience to be worth it to the team. My full conference report for SUDS 2017 will be made available online.



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eCampus Ontario OER Seminar (Toronto, ON)

Perhaps one of the most exciting parts of August was having the pleasure of presenting to other student leaders at eCampus Ontario's OER Seminar in Toronto, Ontario. As a result of my advocacy work for Open Educational Resources as VP Academic, I was invited to speak to student leaders from Ontario about my #TextbookBrokeAB campaign and its impact in Alberta. This was a great opportunity to talk about the cost-saving and pedagogical benefits of OER not only to students but to university communities as a whole, as well as learn about OER implementation strategies from other OER champions across the country.

Calgary Campus New Student Orientation

Towards the end of the month we were able to bring the entire Executive team up to the Calgary Campus for their New Student Orientation. Here, we had a chance to tour Bow Valley College, meet with our Calgary Campus Representative, Gareth Jones, and engage with new students. I feel that it was incredibly important for us to attend this event, not only for those reasons, but also to get a sense of the culture of the Calgary Campus and to stay in tune with student issues specific to the Calgary Campus. We are looking forward to staying very involved and supporting SU initiatives up north.

Vacation Time

This month I was fortunate enough to take a week's vacation time which was well needed between my two terms! I came back refreshed and ready to take on the end of the summer.

Misc. Meetings/Events attended:

City of Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council - August 10, 24

End-of-Summer Office Lunch - August 15

Meeting with MLA Grant Hunter - August 15

ULSU Executive Council - August 16, 29

Meeting with City Clerk re: Student Voting Eligibility - August 16

Meeting with United Conservative Party Leadership Candidate Brian Jean - August 23

Presentation at Organization of Residence Students' Training Week - August 29

Presentation at First Nations Transition Program Orientation - August 30

Lunch with AVP Students Leadership Team - August 30

CAUS Teleconference - August 30

Info Session with Registrar re: Requisites - August 31

U of L OER Working Group - August 31



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Thanks very much for reading, and please feel free to contact me with any inquiries regarding my report.

All the best,

Hailey Babb
ULSU President

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