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Report: CASA Advocacy
Week

As part of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union membership to the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), I was sent as the primary ULSU delegate to CASA Advocacy Week. During the week, CASA delegates had between 150-200 meetings on parliament hill, with members of parliament, senators, and other external stakeholders. This week also included a reception in Centre Block, with the keynote speaker being the Honourable Patricia A. Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour. Notable meetings for myself included:

Meetings:

MP Ruby Sahota (Liberal)

MP Francesco Sorbara (Liberal)

MP Darren Fisher (Liberal)

MP Kevin Sorenson (Conservative)

MP Rachael Harder (Conservative)

Meeting with the Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition and MP Robert Kitchen (Conservative)

Meeting with Dr. Ted Hewitt, President of the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

CASA Plenary

After advocacy week, CASA had its plenary meeting, where the membership approved policies that the Federal Policy Committee (which I am a member of) had drafted. It was a long meeting filled with debate, but we were able to get all of the policies that we worked on passed. The ULSU remains committed to policies that ensure the increased accessibility and affordability of postsecondary education, and will continue to defend policies that support these goals.

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