



CONSTITUTION

The Students' Union, the University of Lethbridge

Operations Manual – 2019-2020
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ARTICLE 1 – NAME

1. The name of the organized undergraduate student body of the University of Lethbridge shall be “The Students’ Union, the University of Lethbridge,” established in accordance with Section 93 of the Post-Secondary Learning Act (2004) of the Province of Alberta, and hereinafter referred to as “the Students’ Union” or abbreviated where appropriate to “the ULSU”.

ARTICLE 2 – Object

1. The object of the ULSU shall be to provide for the administration of the affairs of the undergraduate students of the University of Lethbridge, including:
 - 1.1. The development and enforcement of rules relating to student affairs;
 - 1.2. The promotion of the general welfare and the furtherance of total education of the undergraduate students consistent with the purpose of the University of Lethbridge, and;
 - 1.3. The protection of the joint and several rights of the active members.

ARTICLE 3 – Active Membership

1. Active Membership in the Students' Union consists of:
 - 1.1. Any person registered as an undergraduate student at the University of Lethbridge, who is required to pay the membership fees of the Students' Union; and,
 - 1.2. Any person sixty-five (65) years of age or older registered as an undergraduate student at the University of Lethbridge.

ARTICLE 4 – Powers

1. In accordance with the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, all active members of the ULSU shall have the power to:
 - 1.1. Nominate to or be nominated for positions on the hereinafter defined General Assembly;
 - 1.2. Cast a ballot in any of the ULSU’s elections, referendum, or plebiscites;
 - 1.3. Petition the hereinafter defined General Assembly in respect of any matter, particularly the removal of any officer from their elected position;
 - 1.4. Exercise any other powers inherent in this Constitution or established in the Bylaws of the ULSU.

ARTICLE 5 – General Meetings

1. The President shall call a general meeting of the ULSU, called a town hall meeting if the President is requested to do so in writing by 50 Active Members.

ARTICLE 6 – General Assembly

1. There is established in accordance with Section 95 of the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, a council entitled “General Assembly, The University of Lethbridge Students’ Union”, hereinafter referred to as “the General Assembly” or “the GA”.
2. Notwithstanding any Article of this Constitution, the legislative power of the ULSU shall be and is hereby invested in the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall manage the business and affairs of the ULSU through its position as the policy-making body of the ULSU. Except as stated in Article 8 all legislative proposals become law after being passed by the General Assembly.
3. There shall be held a General Election of the ULSU during each Academic year at which time the General Assembly shall be elected by and from the Active Members of the ULSU, as provided in the Bylaws thereof. The General Election of the GA shall be no earlier than the first day of the spring term and no later than the last day of the spring term final examination period as defined by the University of Lethbridge Registrar’s Office.

ARTICLE 7 – Executive Council

1. There is established, by this Constitution, a body entitled “Executive Council, The University of Lethbridge Students’ Union”, hereinafter referred to as “the Executive Council” or “the EC”.
2. Notwithstanding any Article of the Constitution, the administrative and executive functions of the ULSU and the GA shall be and hereby are invested in the Executive Council.
3. The Executive Council shall be elected by and from the Active Members of the ULSU as provided in the Bylaws thereof.

ARTICLE 8 – Amendment Process

1. It shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of a referendum of the ULSU to pass an amendment to the Constitution.
2. It shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all voting members of The General Assembly:
 - 2.1. To present a proposed Constitutional amendment of the ULSU;
 - 2.2. To amend, adopt, or rescind Bylaws.
3. Prior to the consideration by the General Assembly of any amendment to the Bylaws, notice of such amendment shall be given, by submitting the amendment in writing to a meeting of the General Assembly at least seven (7) days prior to the General Assembly meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon.
4. The ULSU shall establish a new fee or increase an existing fee only if a simple majority of votes cast by Active Members voting in a referendum are in favour of doing so.
5. The ULSU shall eliminate or decrease a fee for all Active Members only if a simple majority of the votes cast by Active Members voting in a referendum are in favour of doing so.