

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



MINUTES

7th MEETING OF 2017-2018

JANUARY 25, 2018 AT 6:00 PM

ULSU Council Chambers

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ATTENDANCE: **CYNDI STARZYK-FREY** – CHAIR, **HAILEY BABB** - PRESIDENT, **ROYAL ADKIN** – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, **DAAN SMIT** - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, **SANDEEP PARMAR** - VP ACADEMIC, **CONNER PETA** – VP EXTERNAL, **RILEY DESROCHERS** - A & S REP, **JESSICA JONES** - A & S REP, **LAURA BRYAN** - A & S REP, **ALAINA PYDE** - A & S REP, **KALLEN MORRISON** – A & S REP, **MIKAYLA KWAN** – EDUCATION REP, **CHRISTIAN BLOTT** – MANAGEMENT REP, **KELSEY HALLETT** – HEALTH SCIENCE REP, **STORM LIVERSUCH** – 1ST YEAR STUDENT REP, **DARREN NII MARTEY ARMAH** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **MONICA COLLINS** – FINE ARTS REP, **BRADY HORNUNG** - RESIDENCE REP, **GARETH JONES** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP.

ABSENT: **JAREN ROBINSON** - A & S REP, **MAYA MANY GREY HORSES** - FNMI REP.

GUESTS: MODEL UN, CODY CIONA.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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MOTION [21702GA]

MSC: B. Hornung/J. Jones

BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of January 25, 2018.

Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION [21703GA]

MSC: M. Collins/L. Bryan

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of December 8, 2017.

Carried

3. CHAIR REMARKS

I'm looking forward to being your Chair this year.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

4.1 MODEL UN – Royal

Emily & Matt – We teach students leadership and public speaking skills. We run simulations where we compete with other schools. We are hosting the first ever Model UN for high school students. We are requesting QIP money for our trip. We are only sending 12 students this year. Monies will go toward paying delegate fees and some of the flight cost. This is the smallest group we have sent to this conference in four years. We compete against Ivy League schools and other top schools. We will be going to Toronto this year.

Q&A

- History and Political Science based but others as well.
- We open the club up to anyone. The students who attend are basically those who can afford it.

5. REPORTS

Please read each report as posted on the ULSU website. Reports are due by the 5th of each month.

5.1 PRESIDENT – Hailey

- I attended the Board of Governors orientation.
- Royal, Sandeep and I have been working on the Chinook awards.
- U-pass is ongoing. We are discussing some of the finer details with administration.
- I have been working on a committee with the VP Research office, it's an environmental committee and we are working on sustainability.
- Started having formal consultations on mental health funding.
- I have been in discussion with EC about cannabis usage.
- Thanks to those who came yesterday for an informal drop in.

5.2 A. VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Royal

- We have done a tremendous amount of upgrades to the Zoo this year. We also received certification with Best Bar None. This gives us more advertising with Google maps. I have been working with Riley so we can get good comments on the Zoo.
- Dean of Management is still on going.
- Looking for ways to bring in revenue for the Students' Union.
- Thanks to Conner for ensuring our travel budget is good.

B. FINANCIAL UPDATE (Insert 5.2) – Royal

Royal reviewed the budget.

5.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Daan

- I attended a workshop with the U of L Administration on cannabis. They want to learn so they know how to create policies.
- I have been planning for Sexy Week. We will have roses to hand out on Monday. Tuesday Sexy-oke, Wednesday is speed dating, sexy talk and date auction on Thursday, Friday will be Extra Dirty Bingo.
- The Pronghorn Cheering Challenge was a great success.
- Club Rush Week was good.
- Two Years Eve was last weekend. We put a lot of effort into it. The result was decent. The decorations were great. Although, we didn't have the turnout that we had hoped.

5.4 VP ACADEMIC – Sandeep

- Was invited to Niagara Falls to speak on Campus Stores Canada.
- I have been doing Mental Health Week planning.
- Grade Appeal assistance.
- Working on the Chinook Awards.
- Attended a lot of meetings.
- Planning the last lecture.

5.5 VP EXTERNAL – Conner

- 95% of all my work is related to CAUS.
- Pre-budget submission.
- Working on the international student paper coming out soon.
- Awaiting the tuition review as well as funding framework.

5.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura – Sent out the EC accountability survey, we got quite a few back.

Monica – Fine Arts has hired new profs.

Alaina – Working on a GA initiative for Mental Health Week.

Riley – Talked about funding with mathematics.

Storm – Had a great tie at the Two Years Eve cab. We will have a lot more shows in the future.

Jessica – Two Years Eve was great.

Gareth – Touched base with Conner about U-pass in Calgary.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 ACCREDITATION PREPARATION - Christian

Number one priority is faculty accreditation. They have been working on it for two years. It will also cover the Faculty of Management and extend to the Calgary Campus.

6.2 GA ACCOUNTABILITY - Conner

There are a lot of missing reports, please look on the ULSU website to make sure your reports are there, if not please send them to Susan and Hailey. Candidates who run in the election quite often read the reports so they know what their duties involved.

6.3 CHINOOK AWARDS – Hailey

Undergraduate research is a big attraction for students. Students were being paid well below minimum wage while doing research. It's very intense work and competitive for students who receive these awards. We don't want to exploit students work. QIP – we have a large amount of funds the Chinook Award. In order to comply with labor legislation the university wants to increase the money to help provide to students. The ULSU wasn't consulted in this decision at all until faculty got involved. If the money isn't made up then the program won't go forward. We feel this program is non-negotiable and feel we can't compromise on. If donations are made for four years then it will be sustainable. This is a little more dire than it normally would be because we don't know what the government is going to do and everyone is scrambling for money. We have exhausted every avenue that we could think of and have spent countless hours. We thought we would treat this as a capital project. In order for this program to survive would we be willing to use \$9,000 out of capital projects? This will need to come to GA for approval.

Comments and Open discussion

- Has the topic of reducing the number of seats been brought up? Yes it has been but we felt that it's not something that we want to see because there's already a limited amount.
- Is this decision going to be made without GA approval? We want to get the GA's point of view. QIP is money that the University's has given to us, we aren't losing the money we would just be reallocating it. This is a big request and doesn't come forward very often, EC has spent countless hours on this and have expressed all of your sentiments.
- There are more substantial contributions from the faculties.
- If we cut the awards it will affect humanities and social funding.
- They want us to have an answer within the next couple of days, keeping in mind that the deadline has already been extended for application for this award.
- Suggest that if we give them the one time funding and we are given a guarantee that the program will continue.
- If anyone has grievances it should be with the university. If we give them money it needs to be in writing that it's a one-time thing.
- This program is essential and is well worth allocating the money to the Chinook awards.
- For humanities the grants are really hard to come by and the Chinook awards are very valuable to them.
- Slightly opposed to giving money to such a small group of people instead of using it for capital projects.

- How much on average is left over in capital projects each year? We are no longer subject to the 2% left over so in the past we have used it all.
- If there was a capital project we can always tap into the ULSU operating budget.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

7.2 CLUB RATIFICATIONS – *Daan*

All documentation is in order.

MOTION [21705GA]

MSC: S. Liversuch/B. Hornung

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the following clubs for the 2017-2018 academic year:

1. Finance Club
2. Women of Colour Club
3. Pre-Law Society
4. LDS Students Association

Carried

7.3 QIP – MODEL UN (Insert 7.3) – *Royal*

Comments

- In previous years how much have they asked for? They have received a total of \$23,000 in QIP funding spread over 7 years.
- Feel that the past year's funding is irrelevant. In terms of Model UN, it really helps with the University and the students who attend.
- Political Science usually get neglected when it comes to funding and I feel this is great.
- The experience has brought a conference to our campus and it will only get better.
- They are asking for \$2,500 and are paying quite a bit out of their own pocket. Other groups have received a lot more funding than this.

MOTION [21706GA]

MSC: R. Adkin/R. Desrochers

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$2,500 for the Model United Nations Club to send 12 delegates to the North American Model United Nations Conference (NAMUN) in Toronto from February 19th to 25th. Monies to come from QIP-Student Groups and Organizations.

Carried

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

8.1 CALGARY CAMPUS FUNDING (Insert 8.1) – Gareth

Note from Calgary Campus Rep:

I have thought long and hard as to how I can best use funds for the students at the Calgary campus. Although I regularly meet with students on a Saturday before or after my class and attending most of the events on campus, I would like these funds to support a large cause / event such as the Year End Banquet. I feel this is an event where I give back the most to the students at the Calgary campus. I anticipate that there will be 180 students at this event, which also represents a fairly large percentage of students currently enrolled at the Calgary campus. The funds will largely be used in bringing in the Guest Speaker for the event. My proposal is very similar to what my predecessor, Tashia Saleh put forward last year. Her request was approved, and I hope that the ULSU will also support me in this initiative.

One of my goals while at the U of L is to build a stronger sense of community at the Calgary campus. I would like the ULSU to be a part of the event too. I would like to include the ULSU logo in our promotional material, and I would also like to extend an invite to the ULSU team in attending the event April 28th. One of my takeaways from the New Student Orientation in August was that it was nice to put a face to the ULSU team, and I feel that it would be fantastic if the ULSU could attend the largest student-run event at the Calgary campus.

Crystal Phillips will be the keynote speaker at the event. She suffers from MS and is very inspirational.

MOTION [21707GA]

MSC: R. Adkin/D. Nii Martey Armah

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$2,000 for a Calgary Campus Year-End banquet event, held on April 28th, 2018 at the Hellenic Greek Cultural Centre, Calgary. Monies to come from Calgary Campus budget line.

Carried

8.2 POLICY XIX – CLUB FUNDING – Daan

Right now the policy says that all club and start-up grants have to be approved by clubs council as well as the ULSU Executive Council. As it is right now clubs don't really care if they approve it. Club Council voted on it and they said they are ok with removing this portion of the policy. If removed then the EC will be the only ones who approve those grants. This will mean that clubs will receive their funding quicker because they don't have to wait a month for the meeting. This is not a very functional policy as it is.

MOTION [21708GA]

MSC: K. Hallett/A. Pyde

BIMT the General Assembly approve the removal of Policy XIX – Club Funding, item 3.3 as reads: "The VP Student Affairs will submit all complete Club and Start-up grants to Clubs Council for approval following the Executive Council meeting at which the grants were submitted for approval.

Carried

8.3 QIP - LAST CLASS BASH (Insert 8.3) – *Daan*
The event will be running from 3pm – 10pm

There are some changes from last year and one of those is an after party in the Zoo. We will have two tiers with selling tickets. We expect that we will sell out for 80% just as a precaution that we don't go over budget. The monies allocation was going to be – QIP (\$12,252.50) and Council events (\$3,434.95) GA amended for it to all taken from QIP.

MOTION [21709GA]

MSC: D. Nii Marty Armah/K. Hallett

BMT the General Assembly approves the Last Class Bash budget of \$15,687.45 happening on the 13th of April, 2018. Monies to come from QIP - Student experience.
Carried

8.4 COMPUTER FOR VP EXTERNAL (Insert 8.4) – *Cheri*

Computer	\$1210
Labour	\$75
GST	\$64.25

TOTAL: \$1349.25

Conner's computer isn't working, our IT person tried to fix it today but it's too old. His computer is about 6 years old and is overdue for a new computer. We get our quotes from Reiter computer and they are quite reasonably priced.

MOTION [21710GA]

MSC: S. Liversuch/D. Nii Martey Armah

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$1349.25 for a new computer for the VP External's office. Monies to come from Capital Replacement Fund.
Carried

8.5 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (Insert 8.5) – *Royal*

This committee will be reviewing the ULSU Operations Manual to see if anything needs to be updated. Victoria, Brady Storm Laura Alaina, Kelsey, Jessica

MOTION [21711GA]

MSC: A. Pyde/M. Collins

BIMT the General Assembly strike up the Legislative Review Committee for 2017/18 academic year.
Carried

8.6 ULSU TRANSITION COMMITTEE (Insert 8.6) – Hailey

The terms of reference is attached. Jessica, Kallen, Monica, Alaina, Kelsey, Riley, Darren.

MOTION [21712GA]

MSC: M. Kwan/J. Jones

BIMT the General Assembly strike up the ULSU Transition Committee for 2017/18 academic year.

Carried

8.7 CASA AGM (Insert 8.7) – Conner

Conner received the email yesterday and would like to book the flights right away, it's cheaper to fly from Lethbridge than to drive and get a hotel.

MOTION [21713GA]

MSC: C. Peta/J. Jones

BIMT that General Assembly approve the maximum of \$1500 to book flights for CASA's AGM in March for Conner Peta and Hailey Babb. Monies to come from all travel conference/ per diem.

Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS

February 6th nominations open for Council positions.

10. NEXT MEETING

TBA

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [21714GA]

MC: L. Bryan/K. Morrison

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of January 25, 2018.

Carried