

ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

MINUTES

January 17, 2024 | 5:00 PM MST

MEETING #10 | 2022-2023

IN-PERSON: RM SU 180 - 4401 University Dr. W, Lethbridge AB T1K 3M4

ZOOM: <https://ulsu-ca.zoom.us/j/84129390236?pwd=a21pUVFnNWZOYXBXMWpmS3JFbzZBdz09>

VOTING MEMBERS: PRESIDENT - **MALEEKA THOMAS** | VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - **RIKIN PATEL** | VP STUDENT LIFE - **YEWOE SACKEY-FORSON** | VP ACADEMIC - **VACANT** | VP EXTERNAL - **RACHELE PRESTON** | ARTSCI REP - **ELISHA WONG** | ARTSCI REP - **WEZI MUTAMBO** | ARTSCI REP - **JUSTIN MA** | ARTSCI REP - **JONAH PICKLE** | ARTSCI REP - **RAVEN HUERY** | ARTSCI REP - **VACANT** | FINE ARTS REP - **MASON HILL** | HEALTH SCI REP - **LEO OCHIENG** | EDUCATION REP - **VACANT** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - **ANKIT MUKHERJEE** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OF REP - **VACANT** | CALGARY CAMPUS REP - **TEJASWANI KHURANA** | INDIGENOUS REP - **FOSTER WRIGHT** | INTERNATIONAL REP - **ANNIE EBENMELU** | RESIDENCE REP - **TYLER ANDERSEN** | FIRST-YEAR REP - **EMI MUNDELL**

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: GENERAL MANAGER - **CHERI POKARNEY** | OPERATIONS COORDINATOR - **TRACY MERRIFIELD** | COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - **MAX BARTLETT**

CHAIR: ROYAL ADKIN - **SCRIBE:** CHERI POKARNEY -su.manager@uleth.ca

ABSENT:

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** (2 minutes) - Royal Adkin

Oki and welcome to the 10th meeting of the ULSU General Assembly. Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University is located in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing and caring for this land, as well as all Indigenous peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our university community.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (1 minute)

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BIMT the General Assembly approves the agenda for Jan. 17th, 2024.

MOTION: [23159] MSC: R. Patel/R. Preston
Carried

3 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (1 minute)

3.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes from the following meetings:

No minutes at this time.

4. CHAIR REMARKS (2 minutes) - Royal

We've had some turnover these past few months. It's been a challenging year. Please know that what you do is valued. Your work is important, just a few more months to go. Keep up the good work!

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL (10 minutes)

5.1 ULSU BY-ELECTION - Max

Candidates for the Arts & Science Rep position, and also the Dhillon School of Business candidates each had an opportunity to present a speech and answer questions from the General Assembly. Confidential voting occurred immediately after the presentations. Congratulations to the following individuals:

Moyosoreoluwa Oladoye - Dhillon School of Business Representative.
Jessica Sumbera - Arts & Science Representative.

6. REPORTS (30 minutes)

6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - Rikin

- Health and Safety Advisory Committee meeting.
- Stress-Less week planning.
- Receiving a lot of Emergency Bursaries requests lately.
- Phone call with KPMG about wrapping up our audit.

6.2 VP STUDENT LIFE - Yewoe

- Club Rush Week.
- Spirit Week events.
- Stress-Less Week is coming up.
- Planning Sexy Week.
- Planning Black History Month.

6.3 VP ACADEMIC - Vacant

6.4 VP EXTERNAL - Rachele

- NSO.

- Re-orientating to committee meetings.
- CAUS policy work.
- Indigenization Committee in CAUS.
- CASA is off to a slower start.
- This week working on the CASA Copyright Campaign.

6.5 PRESIDENT - Maleeka

- It's been a busy month.
- NSO.
- Doing Event Planning meetings. If you have any events upcoming please let us know.
- Heavily involved with the Casa Copyright Campaign.
- Meeting with Student Affairs to discuss matters related to the GSA and Students' Union. We've been discussing Start Smart about retention in the university.
- A few one-on-one meetings.
- Working on a lot of Grade Appeal meetings.
- BOG Teaching Award.
- Senate Award.
- GFC nominations
- Planning for the Speaker Challenge.
- Food for Thought Committee meetings
- Sustainability Strategic Plan has launched.
- CASA ED meeting.
- VP Finance Search Committee meetings.

6.6 ARTS AND SCIENCE REPS - Elisha, Justin, Jonah, Wezi, Raven, Vacant

- Raven - Correspondence with the GFC Grade Appeal Committee. Hoping to get started with other GA members on the Housing Working Group.
- Wezi - Student's Awards Committee meeting, helping with the Copyright Campaign, spoke with Cheri and Maleeka about the potential of having a student finance workshop, Arts & Science members have been talking about doing a paint night.
- Jonah - Attended GFC as a non-voting member, A & S Executive meeting, organized and attended a meeting with the Provost regarding the dismissal of a professor.
- Justin - Happy New Year everyone. A & S Degrees Committee meeting.
- Elisha -

6.7 FINE ARTS REP - Mason

- I hosted a Fine Arts link in the Atrium, we had 5 collaborative opportunities for students.

6.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP - Leo Ochieng

- Alberta Alliance for Healthcare Providers - myself and other leaders in Alberta are looking to strike up a new post-secondary group to speak predominantly on issues relating to healthcare. We've had one meeting so far to focus on what this group would look like. The intent would be to have one body speaking to the government about issues in healthcare from the post secondary perspective.
- LC Board of Governors Dinner - I was able to attend on behalf of the SU and connect with leaders from the College.
- CKXU - I had my second CKXU Radio session where I talked about EDIA related issues in healthcare.
- 2 separate Faculty of Health Sciences meetings.
- Meetings for grade appeals in Health Sciences.
- Upcoming: the Mentorship and Pairing program that was previously piloting in the Nursing Program was a success! The program is now going through its second cohort for all health sciences students. This is what the end goal was by the end of this year so it's going quite well so far.
- EDIA Committee - now that everyone is a little more settled into the semester, communication will be coming shortly about our first meeting of the school year!
- I'm always happy to take questions to my email if you would like to know more about what's happening on my end =

6.9 EDUCATION REP - *Vacant*

6.10 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - *Ankit, Vacant*

- Ankit - attended GFC, DSB Council, grade appeal meetings, Educational Working Group, I've been tabling for them.

6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP - *Tejaswani*

Had to leave the meeting early, please see monthly report online.

6.12 INDIGENOUS REP - *Foster*

- Met with Ikaisskini Student Services regarding IAW and what is being planned for that week, and navigating potentially additions to the events occurring (implementing more students in our Indigenous Events to predominantly feature Indigenous students). Met with the Metis Community worker to see how we can have more of a Metis presence on campus. Emailed Sianna about an Indigenous Movie Night for the Health Sciences Program and how we can expand it to more programs. Planning on reaching out to Courtney Smith to simply offer support and help with any initiatives or programming she may or may not need help with, Jingle Dress Discussion, the Jingle Dress story is next week.

6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP - *Annie*

- Meetings/Activities - One-on-one check in with Maleeka - December 8th.
- GFC prep - December 11

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- - CTV news interview - January 4
- Stress less week planning - January 8
- GA meeting - January 17
- Projects in Progress - Working on creating supports for students partaking in Ramadan.
- Black History Month events
- Got involved with the AssureUs club. I want to do more to help them and help international students through them but school starting has been a bit of a road block with that. But I'm going to balance it out soon.

6.14 RESIDENCE REP - Tyler

- Happy New Year everyone. Planning out a residence wide event in February. Working with the ORS Team to plan events for this semester. Working on a hygiene shelf, I would like to do a PRIDE week initiative with ORS and the SU.

6.15 FIRST-YEAR REP - Emi

- Most of my committees are at the end of January. Helped with NSO. Tabling for the CASA Copyright Campaign. Will be helping out with Dirty Bingo this Friday.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS (10 minutes)

7.1 CAUS COUNTERPARTS CONFERENCE - Rachele

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$2045.94 for the CAUS Counterparts Conference in Calgary, AB from January 22-24, 2024. Monies to come from the Travel and Conference budget line.

MOTION: [23160] MSC: R. Preston/J. Pickle
Carried

7.2 STRESS-LESS WEEK - Maleeka

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$5773.76 to host Stress-Less Week from January 29th-February 2nd, 2024. Monies to come from Special Funding.

MOTION: [23161] MSC: M. Thomas/R. Preston
Carried

7.3 ARTS & SCIENCE REP RESIGNATION - Maleeka/Royal

BIMT the General Assembly accept the resignation of Vidhisha Wagle from her position as one of our Arts & Science Representatives.

MOTION: [23162] MSC: M. Thomas/R. Preston

Carried

7.4 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE - *Maleeka*

BIMT the General Assembly approve of striking up the Strategic Planning Committee for 2023-2024.

MOTION: [23163]

MSC: J. Pickle/A. Ebenmelu

Carried

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS (10 minutes)

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (10 minutes)

10. IN-CAMERA - (0-30 minutes)

Any business discussed while in-camera is privileged and confidential. Any discussion will not be recorded, however, motions made in-camera will be noted. If you are attending virtually, please ensure you are in a private location or that you are using a headset that ensures privacy and confidentiality are maintained. No business discussed in-camera is to be discussed once the motion is passed to move ex-camera.

11. OTHER BUSINESS (0-10 minutes)

11.1 UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO - *Wezi*

Wezi - A professor reached out to me about a citation at the U of T. They are looking at closing Buddhism, psychology and mental health minor programs. The students want to save this program. Is there anything that the GA can do about this situation to offer support?

Maleeka - How would that support look? And have they reached out to the U of T Students' Union? Is it possible to get more information, is it just a petition?

Wezi - Yes, they have contacted their Students' Union.

Tyler - Have you looked into why this program is getting cut and what is the justification?

Wezi - I can look into that, but I first wanted to just touch base with the GA.

Justin - What is the broader significance of this program and for students as a whole?

Wezi - I was part of the Global Citizenship Cohorts. It was vital to me as a first-year student. I want to keep the aspects of collecting information from other faculties. It's important to show support when it comes to things like this because we are a liberal arts school.

Royal - Get in touch with Maleeka if you want to do a solidarity statement.

11.2 GA VOLUNTEERING / INVOLVEMENT - Maleeka

- Working Groups - If you are not part of a working group, please sign up now.
- Stress-Less Week volunteering - please sign up on the link
- Play Day is coming up in February and we are going to face paint.
- Sexy week is coming up in February.
- Dirty Bingo
- GA Check-In - If you haven't done your one-on-ones with me yet, please contact me to set up a meeting.

12. NEXT MEETING (1 minute)

The next GA meeting will be January 30th at 5:00pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT (1 minute)

13.1 ADJOURNMENT

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of January 17, 2024.

MOTION: [23164]

MSC: R. Preson/A. Mukherjee

Carried