# **ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

#### **MINUTES**

# October 16, 2023 | 6:00 PM MST

MEETING #6 | 2022-2023

IN-PERSON: RM SU 180 - 4401 University Dr. W, Lethbridge AB TIK 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 - BRITTANY ALLEN | 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 - VIDHISHA WAGLE | FINE ARTS REP - MASON HILL| HEALTH SCI REP - LEO OCHIENG | EDUCATION REP - MARIA MONTESINOS | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - ANKIT MUKHERJEE | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OF REP - TAKREEM GHOURI | 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: Max. Bartlett, Foster Wright, Vidhisha Wagle, Tejaswani Khurana

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (2 minutes) - Royal Adkin
Oki and welcome to the 6th 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)

#### 2.1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BIMT the General Assembly approves the agenda for October 16th,

2023.

MOTION: [23131] MSC: M. Montesinos/R. Huery

Carried

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

# 3.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

BIMT the General Assembly approves the following minutes:

August 3-2023

MOTION: [23132] MSC: T. Andersen/R. Preston

Carried

# **4. CHAIR REMARKS** (2 minutes) - Royal

It is great to see all of you at our 2nd official in-person meeting. I hope the pictures turn out well. Things are going to get busy, and I wish everyone luck with exams and midterms going forward.

# **5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL** (10 minutes)

# **5.1 CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS -** Sadie McAlear

- Thank you for having me, I'm happy to be here, and I enjoyed the ride from Calgary.
- Our Executive Director, Griffyn Margetts sends his regrets as he is ill.
- I'm President of the Students' Union for ASU and the CASA Chair.
- What is CASA: At a glance we are an organization of 25 members. We represent over 365,000 students across the country.
- Our mission is to advocate for students.
- Vision accessibility, affordability, innovation and quality.
- We are non-partisan, member driven, research-based.
- Membership fees shall be subject to a maximum of 59533 and a minimum of 5777 per fiscal year, subject to slight annual adjustments for inflation.
- We follow the Non-Profit Corporations Act.
- Strat plan pillars: membership, advocacy, policy and research public relations and governance.
- Rachele is on the federal policy non voting committee, and the Elections 45 (voting),
- Maleka chairs th EDI Committee
- We do policy and research, meetings and lobbying, consultation partnerships, media engagement, campaigns.
- Our priorities this year: Student financial aid, international students, working hours, Indigenous student funding, student mental health, student Housing, copyright/education fair dealing, graduate research funding.

# **6. REPORTS** (30 minutes)

#### **6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE** - Rikin

- Not too much has happened since the last meeting.
- The EC met with the scholarship department on campus regarding student loan delays.
- Met with Nancy Walker about the potential new domed facility.
- Board retreat with Maleeka.
- Presidential installation
- Received some travel and emergency grants.

#### **6.2 VP STUDENT LIFE** - Yewoe

- GFC prep.
- GFC meeting.
- Meeting with Tracy about upcoming events.
- Meeting with Sports & Rec associates.
- Urban Market event to raise money for the Food Bank.
- CAUS meeting.
- President's Installation.
- Meetings with clubs.
- Planning Halloweek.

#### **6.3 VP ACADEMIC** - Brittany

- Planning for events.
- We did our mini-student success events. Thank you to the library and the Student Success Centre.
- This week is Mental Health Stress week.
- Working on the results from the Textbook Broke campaign and making the report.
- GFC meeting.
- Faculty Councils meeting.
- Many other committee meetings.
- I'm currently at the Open Education Global Conference right now in Edmonton.

# **6.4 VP EXTERNAL** - Rachele

- Meeting with something team
- I was out ill for part of last week.
- She will send me her report

#### **6.5 PRESIDENT** - Maleeka

- Working on a lot of committee meetings.
- Worked on the locker issue, but it has since been resolved.
- Meetings with the city regarding zoning and the land-use bylaw.
- Meetings with the university about the potential sports dome construction.

- Sisters in vigil event.
- Strategic planning for CASA.
- Reviewing our bylaws.
- CCC meeting to discuss changes to the academic schedule.
- Preparing documents for our Student Fee Review committee meeting.
- Preparing documents for advocacy for the Minister of Advanced Education.
- Attended the Let There be Light event.
- Board Retreat.
- Health and Safety Advisory Committee meeting.
- Did a presentation to the Senate regarding food insecurity on campus. Hoping to get donations for the food bank.

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

- <u>Elisha</u> Arts & Sci Executive Council meeting, working with Brittany on the Mental Health Wellness Committee on Wellness Week, attended a lot of committee meetings.
- <u>Justin</u> Will be attending the upcoming meeting on Wednesday.
- <u>Jonah</u> Arts & Sci Executive Council meeting, still trying to start up a martial arts event, working on a proposal for a round table event. Campus Conservative Club invited me to give a talk in the Zoo.
- <u>Wezi</u> Please see monthly report online
   <u>Raven</u> Health and Wellness meeting, helped to hand out donuts for everyone
   in Galileo's, had a great turnout for that.
- Vidhisha absent

#### **6.7 FINE ARTS REP** - Mason

• Attended four meetings, working on establishing unity with fine arts students by establishing contact info.

# **6.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP** - Leo Ochieng

 GFC meeting, Clubs Council, EDI committee, Let There be Light dinner, president's installation, convocation, wanting to collaborate with Kid's Cancer Care, interviewed on CKXU regarding EDIA in Health Sciences, meeting with Martha, Podium presentation in New Orleans.

#### **6.9 EDUCATION REP** - Maria Montesinos

• Lots of meetings, Mental Health week, Met with the Dean and a Student about an initiative in southern Alberta.

#### **6.10 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP** - Ankit, Takreem

- <u>Ankit</u> GFC, volunteering for Mental Health Week, President's Installation.
- <u>Takreem</u>- Nothing to report.

#### **6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP** - Tejaswani

Absent

# **6.12 INDIGENOUS REP** - Foster

Absent

#### **6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP** - Annie

• Annie - GFC, Senate, President's Dinner, would like to volunteer for Mental Health week, working on Culture Week.

# **6.14 RESIDENCE REP** - Tyler

• Stampeders event, working on a Smash Bros. tournament for residents, would like to start an initiative about setting up a hygiene shelf in each facility, e.g. toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, etc. Working with the Mental Health Committee, will be attending events this week.

#### **6.15 FIRST-YEAR REP** - Emi

 Participated in Consent Week activities, volunteered for the donut stress, and will be volunteering for other events, All My Relations meeting, met with constituents about the Food Bank, will be creating a small survey for my constituents to see what they want and need.

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

# 7.1 BY-ELECTION RATIFICATION - Rachele

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the By-Election results for our new First-Year Rep, Emi Mundell, for the 2023-2024 academic year.

MOTION: [23133] MSC: J. Pickle/R. Preston

Carried

# **7.2 CULTURE WEEK -** Annie

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$7550 to host Culture Week on campus. Monies to come from QIP Funding.

MOTION: [23134] MSC: A. Ebenmelu/Y. Sackey-Forson

Carried

#### 7.3 GLASS DISHWASHER - ZOO - Cheri

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$10,663.80 to purchase a new glass dishwasher for the Zoo. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

MOTION: [23135] MSC: R. Preston/R. Huery

Carried

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

# **9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** (10 minutes)

# 9.1 MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS WEEK - Brittany

BIMT the General Assembly motion to table this agenda item.

MOTION: [23136] MSC: B. Allen/R. Preston

Carried

#### 9.2 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACTION PLAN

BIMT the General Assembly motion to table this agenda item.

MOTION: [23137] MSC: M. Thomas/R. Preston

Carried

# **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.

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.

MOTION: [23138] MSC: R. Preston/R. Patel

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly move out-of-camera.

MOTION: [23139] MSC: R. Preston/ Y. Sackey-Forson.

Carried

# **11. OTHER BUSINESS** (0-10 minutes)

# 11.1 ULSU FINANCIAL AUDITS POSTED ON WEBSITE - Maleeka In light of transparency we posted all of our annual financial audits on our website. If your constituents want to know, tell them to check out the website. If anyone has any questions just let us know.

- I will be planning something for GA development.

# **12. NEXT MEETING** (7 minute)

The next GA meeting will be on November 1st at 5:00pm.

# **13. ADJOURNMENT** (1 minute)

# 13.1 ADJOURNMENT

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of October 16th, 2023.

MOTION: [23140]

Adjourned