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Hello and thank you for taking the time to read my July monthly report! Please see my activities outlined below:

- Community Outreach & Volunteer Initiatives
  - Project Paintbrush
  - Random Acts of Kindness
- CAUS Counterpart Conference
- Issues re: Parking Services & Campus Mobility
- CASA Policy & Strategy Conference (Kananaskis, AB)

# **Community Outreach & Volunteer Initiatives**

During the summer, the ULSU typically likes to participate in a few community volunteer and outreach initiatives. We really value this because of the opportunity it presents us for team bonding, as well as the impact it has on student perception within the community. We find that this is also a very good way to create relationships with relevant community groups. In June, we participated in two initiatives. The first is "Project Paintbrush", organized by Volunteer Lethbridge. The purpose of Project Paintbrush is to help community members who may be in need of painting services but are unable to afford and/or perform the service themselves. The second initiative is "Random Acts of Kindness" hosted by both Volunteer Lethbridge and Downtown BRZ. Happening on the First Friday of every month, RAOK is intended to create a sense of community within the downtown core of Lethbridge. Both initiatives were very well received by our Executive team.

## **CAUS Counterpart Conference**

On July 10th and 11th, we were able to host all current student executives from the five CAUS member schools on the U of L campus. Typically, non CAUS delegates do not enjoy as much face-to-face time with their counterparts from other schools as the Presidents and VP Externals do. For this reason, we feel it is important to meet as a whole three times a year and share information amongst our larger group. As a former VP Academic, I benefitted greatly from these conferences and am thrilled to see them continue. During this



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conference, we were also able to complete our CAUS priorities document, which is available at <a href="https://www.caus.net">www.caus.net</a>. With this document complete, we are now excited to take on a larger amount of advocacy related meetings and will soon be able to finalize our formal "asks" for the year.

# **Issues re: Parking Services & Campus Mobility**

Unfortunately, the University's launch of their Parking Pass system did not go as smoothly as anticipated and many students were left feeling very frustrated with the system. The ULSU was quick to get in touch with the campus mobility department and provided feedback wherever possible regarding the re-launch of the system. This event has further solidified our plans to go ahead with a UPass referendum in the spring semester and has sparked many conversations with students about the effectiveness of campus mobility. We look forward to continuing to work with both students, University Administration, and the City of Lethbridge to find a solution to this problem.

## CASA Policy & Strategy Conference (Kananaskis, AB)

July ended with a trip to beautiful Kananaskis for our second CASA conference of the year, our Policy & Strategy conference. This conference proved to be very work-heavy as we created much of our material that will be used going forward to CASA Advocacy Week in November. A full conference report on CASA Policy & Strategy 2017 will be made available online.

#### Misc. Meetings/Events attended:

CAUS Counterpart Conference Planning Committee - July 4

ULSU Executive Council - July 7, 19, 28

Meeting with Whitney Balog re: Sexual Violence Supports on Campus - July 12

Meeting with Campus Mobility Services re: Parking - July 12

Community Town Hall on Supervised Consumption Sites - July 12

Meeting with Alberta Party Leader, MLA Greg Clark - July 13

Wildrose Party Stampede Meet & Greet BBO - July 13

Alberta Together Information Night - July 13

Chancellor's Brunch with Her Imperial Highness Princess Ayako of Takamado - July 15

Meeting with MLA Maria Fitzpatrick - July 18

Meeting with Mayor Chris Spearman - July 18

Meeting with John O'Keefe - July 19, 21

Meeting with City Council Candidate Zachary Gibb - July 20



Meeting with Jan Driver re: Safe2Party Initiative - July 20

Thanks very much for reading, and please feel free to contact me with any inquiries regarding my report.

All the best,

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