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Hello everyone,

July was another very busy month for me. Being on the Students' Union for a second term has given me a great appreciation for the time during the summer. The summer months are the time when everyone involved in the ULSU can improve themselves. It's the time when new Executives learn valuable skills that will aid the student experience in the upcoming year. It's also the time to plan capital projects, exciting events, and strong advocacy campaigns that will benefit students for years to come.

I've spent the majority of July laying the groundwork for projects that will benefit students this year, while simultaneously laying the foundation for future projects and proposals to be considered by future Student Councils. I worry that these plans, and all of the hard work that went behind creating them, will disappear between transition periods. My hope is that by the end of the 2017/2018 Academic year, the ULSU will have the strongest transition possible.

### **Consolidating Information and Optimizing Processes**

I spent a large part of July digging through old physical and digital documentation. I've been working very hard to do this the entire summer but the difference this month was that I started connecting past information to current projects of the ULSU.

For example, Robb Engen from the Athletics Department approached the executive about a new Bike Campus Initiative called Dropbike. Dropbike is an externally managed bike sharing start-up from Toronto that uses geolocation services to manage bicycle locations. Users register and sign a liability agreement with Dropbike and they are able to "rent" bicycles. Each of the bicycles are retro-fitted with a secure GPS tracker to mitigate theft. When the users are done with the bicycle, they may drop the bike back off in one of a variety of Dropbike locations.

However, I learned through my research that the ULSU created a Bike Cooperative program in 2008. The program was far too expensive to actually implement and so the project was scrapped. It is absolutely incredible to see how 10 years of innovation has put a realistic bike program with reach for the community of Lethbridge.

**Consolidating the ULSU's past information plays an important role in planning for our future. I continue to look for a sustainable solution to carry-on this tradition of consolidating our information so that the ULSU can minimize the re-inventing of the wheel between each year's transition.**



### **Creating a culture of Collaboration**

In the month of July, I spent a lot of time trying to work one-on-one with the staff in the ULSU and our revenue centers (The Zoo + Rockermans). I believe that it's very important for managers and leaders to form connections with all of the employees within their organization. I also believe that not-for-profits are driven by the innate passion that each employee brings to work every day. I don't spend over 200 hours in the ULSU every month because of the amount that I'm paid, I dedicate this time freely because I deeply care about providing the best possible experience to every student that enters the University of Lethbridge.

### **Touch Screen Televisions in the Students Union Building**

The Students Union Building is an amalgamation of a number of diverse student services: the health center, the international center, advising, registrar office, and more. It's a very confusing building for students to navigate.

I was able to connect with Josh Lindemann within the Faculty of Management regarding their recently installed Touch Screen Televisions. I am extremely interested in adopting these touchscreens for the Students Union Building so that students can better navigate our building. The touchscreens allow for students to navigate a staff directory. When a name is clicked, Josh programmed the software to display a map that shows exactly where that staff member is located. It's incredible. I obtained a quote for hardware, software, and I need to approach both IT and Facilities to gather their input about the best location for two touchscreens.

### **Zoo Liaison Committee: Meeting #3**

The third ZLC meeting of 2017/2018 was very productive. The Committee talked about anticipated changes that will be occurring in the 2017/2018 academic year.

A brief outline of some discussed topics included: redesigning The Zoo mural, passing money for a new liquor control system, the validity of installation of camera's for monitoring internal operations, why The Zoo should continue to developing our catering capacities, the importance of applying for Best Bar None, and the re-evaluation of our ordering systems and processes for both Liquor and Food.

### **Summer General Assembly Meeting**

A large amount of my time at the end of July was consumed with the preparation of the agenda for a General Assembly meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This meeting was necessary in order to reconnect with our General Assembly and it helped to expedite the process for many of our capital projects. We successfully approved capital project funding for the flooring behind the bar of The Zoo, a Pressure Washer for the ULSU Car Wash (Scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>), and a liquor control system.



**7 Cups of Tea (Update)**

I shared a comprehensive document with the other members of the ULSU team (55 slides: including a document outlining the merits of 7 Cups, and a brief stakeholder list). It is my hope that the entire ULSU executive, general assembly, and staff can read and contribute to this document so we can honor the obligation that we have to our students.



**Meetings**

<b>7 Cups: Campus Leader Meeting(s)</b>	<b>July 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Project Paintbrush</b>	<b>July 6, 2017</b>
<b>Executive Council</b>	<b>July 7, 2017</b>
<b>Random Acts of Kindness</b>	<b>July 7, 2017</b>
<b>CAUS Counterpart Conference</b>	<b>July 10-11th, 2017</b>
<b>Campus Mobility Services Meeting with Kara</b>	<b>July 12, 2017</b>
<b>7 Cups of Tea: Onboarding Training</b>	<b>July 13, 2017</b>
<b>Meeting to adopt Touch Screen TV's</b>	<b>July 14, 2017</b>
<b>Meeting to discuss 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Back Cabaret</b>	<b>July 17, 2017</b>
<b>Meeting with Ancillary Services</b>	<b>July 18, 2017</b>
<b>Meeting with Edward Jones</b>	<b>July 18, 2017</b>
<b>Meeting with MSS: Banking</b>	<b>July 18, 2017</b>
<b>Executive Council</b>	<b>July 19, 2017</b>
<b>Meeting with Jan Driver: Alcohol and Drug Awareness (Best Bar None)</b>	<b>July 20, 2017</b>
<b>Meeting with John (Pub Manager)</b>	<b>July 21, 2017</b>
<b>Meeting with University Drive Alliance Church regarding Car Wash</b>	<b>July 25, 2017</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Zoo Liaison Committee Meeting</b>	<b>July 27, 2017</b>
<b>Executive Council</b>	<b>July 28, 2017</b>

Thank you for taking time to read my report! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me @ [su.finance@uleth.ca](mailto:su.finance@uleth.ca) or you can reach me on my office phone @ (403)329-2292. Thank you very much.

Regards,  
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