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Monthly Report - July 2018

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Note: This report will serve the purpose of both being used for ULSU accountability, as well as, a monthly report for the Co-Operative Education Program. It may contain more information and insight on each item than is regularly needed of an Executive monthly report to complete the reflection requirement for the Co-Operative Education program.

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Reports

CAUS Counterparts

During CAUS Counterparts I met with the VPAs and other Executive Council Members from the University of Alberta, McEwan University, University of Calgary, and Mount Royal Students' Unions and Associations.

I found that many aspects of the other VPAs portfolios differed from my own and that there are some position requirements at their institutions that I would like to see the VPA at the ULSU also have in their portfolio. For example, at many of their Students' Unions/Associations, the VPA is a coordinator between Representatives and the Executive Council. They assist them with preparing for meetings and aid them where needed.

Strategic Planning

Daan Smit our VP Operations and Finance led a meeting with all the Executive Members of the ULSU and presented us with insightful information on how to develop a strategic plan for the ULSU. The most recent plan expired over 2 year ago and we are in desperate need for a new one. I have been a part of the Strategic Planning process for organizations I have volunteered with over the years and can not wait to get started on one for the ULSU.

Policy 7.21.1 states that the membership of the Students' Union Strategic Planning Committee consists of the President, 2 additional members of the Executive Council, 2 General Assembly Members, and the General Manager (as required). Together the Executive Council agreed that we should wait for September when all General Assembly members are afforded the equal chance to join this committee. Therefore, we will start the process of creating a strategic plan in a couple of months.

Lethbridge College Students' Association Meet and Greet

Nicholas Coley who is the President of the LCSA met with us this month. Unfortunately, the other two executive members of the LCSA were unable to attend this meeting. All the ULSU Executives and Nicholas had an open discussion about our goals for the year and how we can support one another this Academic Year.

Earlier this year (before May), I was speaking for the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta at Lethbridge College and talked in brief about the Early Alert System I am hoping to establish at ULeth. A member of LCSA approached me following the speech and stated their interest in programs like these on campus. Once I have my preliminary research prepared for Early Alert, I will send it to LCSA to see if the Representative I talked to is still interested in working on this initiative with me.

Whitney Balog – Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator

The ULSU Executive Council (noticing a theme yet?) met with Whitney Balog to discuss our positions and goals for the year to see how they would line up with her own.

I talked to Whitney about which committees have been struck by her position and the possibility of having ULSU Executives or Reps having a seat on these committees.



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Health and Safety Meeting

The Executive Council met with members from the Health and Safety Team and departments/services associated with them. Again, I talked about Early Alert, to which I learnt it that there has been attempts to make something similar in the past and that the University is looking to implement a program like this for our campus. Health and Safety will be a major component of this program should it be launched, and I am looking forward to meeting individually with members of all the teams that help keep our campus safe.

Golden Key International Honour's Society

The ULSU will not be hosting Golden Key International Honour's Society as a club. It was decided that other than Greek and ORS that we would keep our mandate of inclusivity in clubs. That being said there will still be a chapter formed on campus and I am looking forward to reading about their accomplishments and impact on the student body they will have.

Dr. Wismath – Dean of the School of Liberal Education

I met with Dr. Wismath to discuss further how the ULSU can be involved in events run by the School of Liberal Education. Additionally, we talked about the LBED1500 Mapping the First Year Experience course and how the ULSU could be incorporated into a lecture of this class so that we can present to first year students what the services and goals of the ULSU are.

Additionally, I learnt of committees and councils that would be formed with the School, and the possibility of ULSU Representation on these committees.

VPA Initiatives

Representation on University of Lethbridge Committees

Bylaw 6.2.1.1 of the ULSU states that the VPA "shall seek to gain student representation on appropriate University of Lethbridge Committees if such representation does not exist".

I've been in talks with Whitney Balog and Dr. Wismath as mentioned above to add ULSU Representatives to committees that they oversee.

Academic Speaker Series – Shaun Boothe

Shaun Boothe will be the first Academic Speaker for the 2018/2019 year! His unique take on presenting on leadership by rapping about the strengths that historical leaders around the world have had will be a welcomed addition to the Fresh Fest Recognition dinner. This dinner is a closed event designed for volunteers of Fresh Fest, but other speakers will be open for all students throughout the year.

I have attached the information sheet to this report, so you can read about Shaun Boothe and why I would like to bring him to this event to encourage leadership in our volunteers that make Fresh Fest amazing.

Thanks to Riley Miller and Jessica Jones for the idea of bringing him in!

First Year Survival Guide (Academic Event)

Last month I discussed collaborating with the Bookstore to create a book as Academic Events on campus – I've been dabbling in this idea more and would love to create a First Year Survival Guide with the help of Students and Departments on campus!

More to come as this idea is further fleshed out :)



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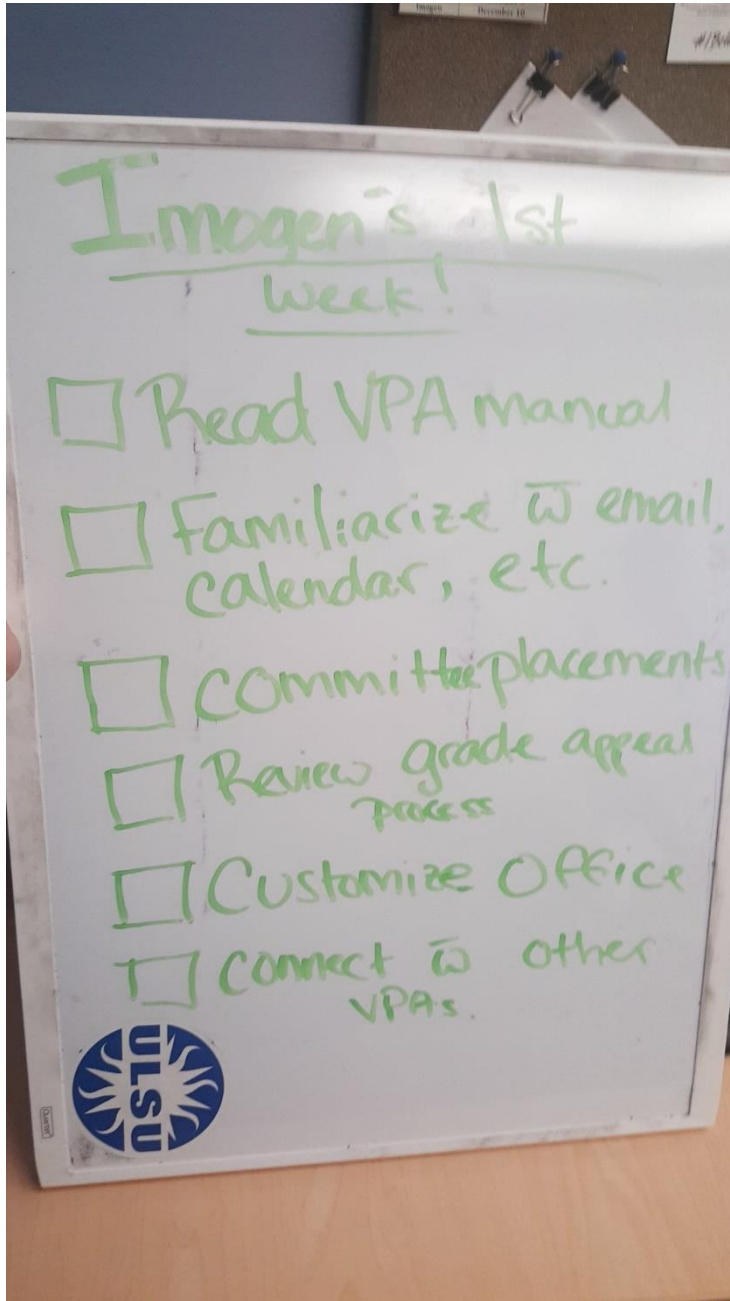
Grade Appeals, Student Discipline, and Other Student Concerns of an Academic Nature

I was in contact with students during this month on a variety of topics including Academic Probation, Grade Appeals, and Student Discipline to name a few areas.

Due to confidentiality, I am unable to further elaborate on these meetings.

Mental Health Week (November)

Still underdevelopment!



Imogen's 1st Week!

Sandeep Parmar (VPA 2017/2018) on
a Whiteboard Medium, circa 2018



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Meeting and Committee Attendance

DATE	NAME	TYPE	HRS
5	Strategic Planning	Meeting	1
9	CAUS Counterparts	Event	8.5
10	CAUS Counterparts	Event	8
11	CAUS Counterparts	Event	2
16	LCSA Executive	Meeting	1
18	Executive Council Meeting	Meeting	1
19	Whitney Balog - Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator	Meeting	1
19	Cheri (ULSU GM)	Meeting	1
19	Health and Safety Meeting	Meeting	1
19	Dr. Wismath - School of Liberal Education	Meeting	1.5
20	Kathleen Massey - AVP Students	Meeting	1
20	Golden Key International Honour's Society	Meeting	1
26	Academic Advising	Meeting	2
TOTAL			13 30

I will be including how many meetings, committees, and events I attended, as well as, how many hours were spent in each of them. I am looking to collect this data for future VPAs to better help them gage what their workload will be like each month.



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Goal Progression

Early Alert

I am currently researching other Universities programs and contacting them for statistics. I will start attaching reports from the Independent Study I am working on as they are completed.

Student's Rights and Responsibilities

I discussed the importance of ensuring that first year students are aware of their rights and responsibilities with Dr. Wismath – I am very excited to work with the School of Liberal Education to make sure that all students are aware of what is in the ULeth Calendar.

VP Academic Position Restructuring

I have reorganized the VPAs office and filed historical Grade Appeals and Grievances. The system I have created can be used by future VPAs to record their appeals and look up old ones for guidance and assistance if similar appeals are filed.



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Contribution Hours

DATE	IN	OUT	BRK	TOTAL	COMPLETED ITEMS
2					<i>Canada Day Stat</i>
3	11:00AM	4:30PM	1	4.5	
4	8:30AM	4:30PM	1	7	
5	8:30AM	4:30PM	1	7	
6	8:30AM	6:00PM	2	7.5	
7	5:00PM	8:00PM	0	3	Prep for Counterparts
			WEEK	29	
9	8:30AM	7:00PM	2	8.5	CAUS Counterparts
10	9:00AM	7:00PM	2	8	CAUS Counterparts
11	9:00AM	4:30PM	1	6.5	CAUS Counterparts
12	8:30AM	4:30PM	1	7	Mental Health Week Catch Up
13	8:30AM	8:00PM	2	9.5	Catch up from CAUS
14	4:30PM	7:00PM	0	2.5	Catch up from CAUS
			WEEK	42	
16	8:00AM	4:30PM	1	7.5	LCSA Meeting
17	11:00AM	6:00PM	0	7	
18	9:15AM	4:15PM	1	6	Executive Council Meeting
19	8:30AM	6:30PM	1	9	Health and Safety Meeting
20	8:30AM	4:30PM	1	7	Meeting with Kathleen Massey (AVP Students)
			WEEK	36.5	
23	8:30AM	4:30PM	1	7	
24	8:30AM	5:30PM	1	8	Fresh Fest Launch
25	8:30AM	4:30PM	1	7	
26	8:30AM	6:30PM	1	9	
27	8:30AM	4:00PM	1	6.5	
			WEEK	37.5	
30	8:30AM	7:30PM	2	9	
31	8:30AM	4:30PM	1.5	6.5	
			WEEK	15.5	
			MONTH	160.5	



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Summary

I've caught up from my sick days in June and have continued working on my goals and jobs for the year. July held a lot of meetings with the full executive team and other members of the Lethbridge community. I've met many new people this month all with the same goal of ensuring the success and wellness of our students.

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. Please contact me at su.academic@uleth.ca or at 403-329-2770 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Speakers' Series – Shaun Boothe

Motion

"BIMT that the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$2761 for Shaun Boothe for the Speakers' Series. Money to come from QIP."

5 W's

Who

The Vice-President Academic, the ULSU General Assembly, participants of the Fresh Fest Volunteer Recognition Dinner ("Squeeze the Day"), and Shaun Boothe.

What

Every year the VPA find Speakers to talk on a variety of topics on campus.

When

Event: Fresh Fest Volunteer Recognition Dinner ("Squeeze the Day"),

Date: September 13th, 2018

Time: 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Where

ULSU Ballrooms
University of Lethbridge Students' Union
4401 University Drive
Lethbridge, AB
T1K 3M4

Why

The goal of the Speakers' Series is to provide Students of the University of Lethbridge with a new perspective of a topic at hand, to encourage discussion on this topic, and to foster inspiration.

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Who is Shaun Boothe?

Taken from the "COCA 2018 Conference Package":

Shaun Boothe and the Unauthorized Biography Series:

Imagine "Hamilton the Musical" and Tony Robbins "Unleash the Power Within". That may be the best way to describe the unique fusion of what you'll find in this performance-style lecture series.

Repackaging history through hip hop, TEDx speaker and award-winning recording artist Shaun Boothe tells the life of stories of the world's most inspiring leaders through biographical rap songs.



Bob Marley, Muhammad Ali, Malala, Yousafzai, Oprah Winfrey, MLK – What lessons can these heroes teach us? And how can we use these lessons to activate our own lives?

Mixing music, multimedia, and motivation, Shaun Boothe and the Unauthorized Biography Series is a celebration of inclusivity, perseverance, and overcoming challenges. It is a direct response to the overwhelming negativity in the media today. It is a reminder to this generation coming up that they DO have the tools, time, and talent to create change and achieve their greatest ambitions.

Why Shaun Boothe?

Jessica Jones was able to watch Shaun perform at COCA in June. When she returned from the trip, she highly suggested him as a speaker.

Although traditionally, the Speakers' Series is meant to be open to all Students, he would be the Keynote Speaker at the Fresh Fest Volunteer Dinner. The rationale behind having him speak at this event is to foster leadership within our Fresh Fest Volunteer Core and to inspire them to continue volunteering, especially with the Students' Union in future events. A strong volunteer core makes for a strong Students' Union.

Links

[Unauthorized Biography Series Website](#)
[Sample Video - Muhammad Ali](#)



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Budget Break Down

<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<i>Speaker Fees</i> <i>This includes flight</i>	\$2400.00
<i>Hotel</i> <i>In past years, we have used the Sandman</i>	\$110.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$2510.00
<i>Contingency (%10)</i>	\$251.00
<i>Total</i>	\$2761.00

Advertising: There will be no advertising costs as this is a closed event. Shaun will have a biography page in the event booklet which is distributed during the event, however this cost is pulled from the event budget and not this one.

Thank you for taking the time to read my proposal.

Sincerely,

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