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Monthly Report - June 2017

Contribution Hours:  
145.5

July 5th, 2017

- Grade Appeals
- Chancellor's Dinner
- Student Research Meeting with Co-op Office
- Dean of Fine Arts Appointment Committee
- Wellness Summit
- Meeting with External Reviewers for Academic Quality Assurance
- Senate Recognition Dinner
- Pride Flag Raising Ceremony

### Grade Appeals

I have been assisting a few students with general information about the grade appeal process.

### Chancellor's Dinner

It was a great opportunity to be able to attend the Chancellor's dinner following convocation ceremonies. It provided the avenue to mingle with many general assembly members, in addition to faculty and administration members from the University of Lethbridge.

### Student Research Meeting with Co-operative Education Office

I had the opportunity to meet with the Co-op office to discuss what Applied Studies entails in regards to a research pamphlet I am planning to make available to students. The small size of the University of Lethbridge provides students with many opportunities to conduct research. Being able to conduct research as an undergraduate provides students at the U of L to have an upper hand in contrast to bigger institutions when entering the work force, or pursuing further education. However, it is common for students to be unaware of the research opportunities. Or many times students intimidated by professors to approach them about possibly doing research for them. Thus, providing them with some resources such as the pamphlet I am planning to create on how to approach research is essential. I myself have conducted research here, so I plan on taking my personal experiences into account as well as different resources available on campus such as the co-op office to create the pamphlet.

### Dean Appointment Committee



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I was involved with Dean of Fine Arts Appointment Committee. This committee is highly confidential, however, it has been publically announced that the Dean of Fine Arts as been reappointed.

### Wellness Summit

I was able to attend the 2017 Wellness Summit at the University of Calgary. This summit was great in providing insight to different wellness issues students may face. The central focus of the summit was about building resilient campus communities. The summit definitely highlighted the importance of resilience when creating platforms for students to combat wellness issues.

Furthermore, there was an announcement from the Alberta government regarding mental health funding. I am pleased to say that the government has stated they have allocated 8.9 million dollars for this upcoming academic year, and 25.8 million over three years. This ensures that campus mental health supports will be equitable and sustainable in the coming years. The allocation of the money has not yet been announced.

### Meeting with External Reviewers for Academic Quality Assurance

Hailley Babb, ULSU president, and I had the opportunity to meet with the external reviewers for the Academic Quality Assurance committee. This committee is in charge of ensuring all of the programs provided by the university are held to a standard of excellence. This committee is essentially to ensure that the programs at the U of L are of quality. The external reviewers were brought in to ensure that the committee is effective in analyzing the programs, as well as ensuring the programs at the U of L are being held to a standard of excellence. The meeting with the external reviewers was very constructive, and it was great to be able to provide a student perspective.

### Committees/Meetings, etc., attended in June:

*ULSU Action Plan Meeting- June 5th*  
*ULSU Executive Council - June 14th, June 23rd*  
*General Faculties Council - June 5th*  
*Dean of Fine Arts Appointment - June 12th*  
*Grade Appeal Meetings- June 14th, June 16th,*  
*CAUS Meeting- June 19th*  
*Wellness Summit- June 20th*  
*Academic Quality Assurance- June 21st*  
*Academic Quality Assurance Luncheon with External Reviewers- June 21st*  
*Academic Quality Assurance meeting with ULSU- June 22nd*  
*Event Planning Meeting- June 8th*  
*Senate Recognition Dinner- June 22nd*  
*Pride Flag Raising Ceremony- June 19th*  
*Chancellor's Dinner- June 1st*  
*Student Research Meeting with Co-op Office- June 8th*



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Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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