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Contribution Hours: 166.1

Events, Meetings, and Conferences Attended:

- Spring Convocation, Day Two
- Ahead of the Herd
- Chartwells Meeting
- General Faculties Council (GFC)
- Regional Mental Health Grant Strategic Planning Meeting
- Chancellor Search Committee
- Tim Hortons Camp Day
- Meeting with Bookstore
- Board of Governors Retreat and Meeting
- University of Lethbridge Alumni Association Annual General Meeting
- New Student Orientation Planning Meeting
- City of Lethbridge Pride Flag Raising
- Senate Recognition Dinner
- Meeting with MLA Grant Hunter
- Admissions Standard Committee
- South Campus Development Advisory Committee
- City of Lethbridge Pride Parade
- Student Orientation to Government Conference

Descriptions of Notable Meetings/Events:

Spring Convocation, Day Two

On the first of the month, I had the honour of walking in the Procession for Spring Convocation ceremonies III and IV. This provided me with the opportunity to congratulate graduands on behalf of the undergraduate student body as they crossed the stage.

Ahead of the Herd

At this event, I gave a welcome address to the incoming students and families. I also had the opportunity to help direct families, give information, and assist the Enrolment department wherever possible.

Regional Mental Health Grant Strategic Planning Meeting

Jessica and I were invited to this meeting by Dr. Mark Slomp, who is the Executive Director of Student Services here at the University. This meeting was held at the Lethbridge

College and the attendees included student representatives, student services staff, health centre managers, and community members who work in the mental health sector outside of a post-secondary educational setting. We discussed mental health funding, and split into different groups so that we could brainstorm ways to sustain mental health services as students transition into the post-secondary environment, and then as they continue their education. I found this very informative, and I look forward to our next meeting in the autumn.

Chancellor Search Committee

As the Chancellor's term will be ending in the spring of next year, the University needs to begin searching for a successor. This meeting went over the logistics of a Chancellor search, and the timeline to which we will be adhering.

Meeting with Bookstore

We had the opportunity to meet with three members of the bookstore staff. They talked to us about their community outreach projects, and we discussed how we can collaborate over the duration of our terms.

Board of Governors Retreat and Meeting

All Board of Governors related activities are very important as we have limited representation. The retreat took place over three days, during which I met most of the other Board members. We travelled to the Coutts Centre, which is a fabulous garden that the University owns and maintains. I also was able to tour the new Science and Academic Building, and I can say that the interior looks incredible. It will be a wonderful place for students to be able to study when it opens next fall. Furthermore, we participated in different sessions, including ones on government relations and student initiatives. Most of us attended the opening of the new art exhibit and the Pride Flag raising on campus, as well. As a fun activity, we were all active members in the "Liberal Education Olympics". Lastly, we had our official meeting on the Friday morning.

Pride Flag Raising and Pride Parade

Most of our Executive Council was able to make it to the city's Pride Flag raising. This was a fun event, and we were happy to show our support. We also walked in the Pride Parade with the University. It was my first time at a Pride Parade (let alone walking in the Parade), and it was very exciting and heartwarming. It was amazing to witness firsthand the acceptance and love of everyone around.

Meeting with MLA Grant Hunter

Victoria and I met with MLA Grant Hunter near the end of the month. Mr. Hunter is the MLA for Cardston-Taber-Warner. We had a very productive meeting with him, at which we discussed crucial advocacy points for the ULSU. These points included mental health funding

and ensuring those supports remain on campus, tuition regulation, and funding of capital projects.

Student Orientation to Government Conference

During the last week of June, Victoria and I travelled to Edmonton as we were invited to attend the Ministry of Advanced Education's Student Orientation to Government conference. At this conference, we were able to meet student representatives from all twenty-six post-secondary institutions. The conference mainly consisted of sessions; for example, we discussed student financial aid, funding allocation, and mental health.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding my report.

Very Best,

Laura Bryan
President