



Office of the **VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL**

Report: November 2018
Hours: 184.22

Meetings and Events

ULSU

Academica Group: Calgary Campus Research (November 19)
Student Fee Review Committee (November 19)
Legislative Review Committee (November 19)
Mental Health Grant Meeting (November 20)
Healthy Campus Alberta (November 8)
Executive Council (November 21, November 28)
General Assembly Meeting (November 21)

CAUS

CAUS In-Person Meeting (November 5)
CAUS Fall AdvoDays (November 6 - 8)
CAUS Check in Call (November 21)
Get out the Vote teleconference with Northweather (November 23)

CASA

CASA Board Call (November 6, 20)
Federal Policy Committee (November 8)
Policy Call with SAITSA and CASA Home Office (November 23)
CASA Advocacy Week (November 25 - 30).

As the end of classes arrives at an astonishing rate and the snow has finally begun to fall, I am reminded that November going into December is an extremely stressful and busy time for all members of the University of Lethbridge community. This is a reminder to take care of yourself. Whatever your self-care looks like, I want you to know it is valid, and your feelings and emotions are valid. If you need any support, we at the Students' Union want to ensure you get it. We will be open until November 17th at 12:00 pm. However, our executives will be checking our emails periodically if you do need anything beyond this date.

As always, this report will cover many highlights from this month, but will not cover everything. If there is anything in the above lists that interest you, but I didn't talk about it in depth, please feel free to email, call, or come into the SU office to chat! This month was especially dense in regards to travel - I attended 3 separate conferences. Each of these conferences will have a separate report which can be found the conference reports section of my



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webpage. The SU Exec also took Fall Term Break as a Mental Health and homework break which was very much needed and appreciated.

Academica Group: Calgary Campus Research Interview

One of the priorities for the University of Lethbridge is to understand enrolment at the Calgary campus and to find ways to retain, recruit, and best serve the students. I had the pleasure of jumping on a call with Bonnie from Academica, and Dr. Shelly Wismath, Dean of the School of Liberal Education. We had a really good conversation around the Calgary campus and what we believe should and could be done to improve the student experience in Calgary. I look forward to continually participating in this process throughout the next few months.

Mental Health Grant Funding Meeting

At the Council of Alberta University Students, we have prioritized Student Association consultation in regards to the Mental Health Grant funding application at our respective institutions. President Laura Bryan and I had the opportunity to sit down with Mark Slomp, Director of Student Services and his team to discuss what they had envisioned for their grant application. This was a really productive chat where Laura and I were able to give our perspective to ensure that students are served adequately.

CASA Federal Policy Committee

I am endlessly proud of the work that the CASA Federal Policy Committee has done since July. During our meeting on November 8th, we were able to pass all of the policies we revised (10!!) and repeal 2. These policies went on to the CASA membership and were passed at our most recent plenary on November 30. The work I do with the Federal Policy Committee reminds me constantly that the work we do as student advocates is incredibly important. The policies and research that are conducted now, have the potential to impact students in positive ways for generations.

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