



Office of the **VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL**

Report: October 2018
Hours: 183.83

Meetings and Events

ULSU

General Faculties Council (GFC) (October 1)
General Assembly Meeting (October 1)
Executive Council (October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)
Senate (October 5)
Arts and Science Council (October 10)
PSVAC (October 11)
Let There Be Light Night (October 12)
Post-Secondary Regional Mental Health Committee (October 16)
Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council (October 18)
Legislative Review Committee (October 22)
Advocacy Advisory Committee (October 22)
General Assembly Meeting (October 24)

CAUS

CAUS Call (October 1, 25)
The Government of Alberta Bill 19 Announcement in Edmonton (October 29)
GOTV Preparation

CASA

CASA Board Call (October 2, 9, 23)
Federal Policy Committee (October 4, 18, 23)

It is crazy to believe that this years executive council are now halfway through our terms. I for one, feel like the time has flown. With November here, and reflecting on October, it is crazy to think Fall Term break is around the corner, and then we will be in full-blown exam season. I wish all students good luck in the second half of the the term and best wishes to those finishing midterms, those who are writing papers and reports, and to those who will be working towards finals very quickly. It has always been important for me to reiterate that your mental health matters! Make sure you are practicing self-care, no matter what that looks like for you!

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



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depth, please feel free to email, call, or come into the SU office to chat! This month was also a travel-free month, so there will be no accompanying conference reports, but I would definitely keep an eye out for reports in November, as I am going to be all over Canada!

Executive Council

I haven't talked about Executive Council much in my reports, but I just wanted to highlight that every meeting is open to the public. We are meeting every Wednesday this fall at 2:00 PM in the SU Council Chamber. This meeting gives the executives an opportunity to touch base with ULSU staff, each other, and review applications for club funding and emergency grants. On some occasions, we also hear presentations from external stakeholders. This is an excellent opportunity to be able to touch base, share the projects we are working on, and to just have a space where we are all together once a week.

Senate

The first Senate meeting for this academic year was held in October, just prior to Thanksgiving. Senate connects the University of Lethbridge to the Southern Alberta community. Senate is a philanthropic body of the University of Lethbridge. Senators comes from all different backgrounds, but the one thing they have in common, is the love for the University of Lethbridge. At our first senate meeting, we spent much of the meeting updating membership on what has been going on with members, organizations represented within membership, and so on. Unfortunately, due to a flight I had to catch for Thanksgiving I left the meeting prior to it finishing.

Post-Secondary Regional Mental Health Committee

While I don't typically sit on this committee, I attended while President Laura Bryan was away on vacation. This committees mandate is to facilitate how Mental Health Funding at the University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge College is applied for, used, and discussing the gaps in what should be done and what is being collected in terms of data. It was really interesting to start hearing the discussions being had between the two institutions as Mental Health is a big priority at the ULSU. It was also interesting to begin talking about how the institutions will be going about applying for funding.

Legislative Review Committee

Legislative review is now underway at the ULSU. We will be combing through our constitution, bylaws, and policies to ensure we are up to date with all relevant changes that need to be made.

Advocacy Advisory Committee



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Advocacy Advisory Committee is underway! This is the committee internal to the ULSU that I chair and run. This year, our focus at Advocacy Advisory, we will be focussing on a Get out the Vote campaign for the Alberta provincial election. We will also be reviewing and discussing all external advocacy policies being worked on by the ULSU policy analyst. I am really looking forward to this committee and executing the GOTV campaign. I have a dedicated team of individuals that are going to make this a wonderful year.

Government of Alberta Bill 19 Announcement

I was able to travel up to Edmonton to hear the announcement of Bill 19: an Act to Improve the Accessibility and Affordability of Post-Secondary Education. This is overall an excellent announcement for students in Alberta and I am incredibly pleased. The Council of Alberta University Students has long advocated for these changes to tuition and fees in Alberta, and we are thrilled to see the government responding to the asks of students. We are continuing to monitor the bill as it moves through the house and amendments are made.

CASA Business

I meet bi-weekly with both the CASA Board of Directors and the CASA Federal Policy Committee. The CASA Board has been really busy discussing Advocacy Week, internal structure, and our partnership with the Quebec Students' Union. In Federal Policy Committee, we have been finishing our policy review for the fall. We will be bringing 10 amended policies and 2 policy repeals to the CASA membership during Advocacy Week. I am always humbled by the great people I get to work with across Canada, and I cannot wait to see them all this November in Ottawa.

GOTV Preparation

I have been spending a lot of my time in between meetings, class, and everything else, working on GOTV preparation. My current project is working on a comprehensive volunteer information package. When I am back home from my November travel, I will also start putting the physical things together. Get Out the Vote will be a campaign spanning the rest of my term, and I want to ensure that it is successful by making sure my planning and materials are top notch!

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