



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE  
STUDENTS' UNION

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### **John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament**

I attended the John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday September 1st, along with our VP Operations and Finance Royal Adkin, our former VP Student Affairs Ameet Kumar, and our Management Representative Daan Smit. It was a fun tournament for a great cause, and I am happy to see that the scholarship is now self-sustaining.

### **New Student Orientation (NSO)**

The ULSU hosted a session on how to get involved at NSO that was hosted by myself, our President Hailey Babb, our VP Academic Sandeep Parmar, and our VP Operations and Finance Royal Adkin. We were happy to see a lot of student engagement. The future of the ULSU looks bright.



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### **Mental Health Announcement**

On September 6th (also the first day of classes), the Ministry of Advanced Education announced the mental health funding allocations for both the Lethbridge College and the University of Lethbridge. The announcement was hosted by Lethbridge College, and we were able to chat with Minister of Advanced Education Marlin Schmidt, Minister of the Environment and Parks (Lethbridge West MLA) Shannon Phillips, and Lethbridge East MLA Maria Fitzpatrick. We are pleased to announce that the University of Lethbridge received a total of \$1 million per year, for three years. The ULSU continues to remain cautiously optimistic that essential clinical mental health services (tier 3 services) will remain on campus, and we will continue to put pressure on the Government of Alberta in order for those essential services to remain on campus.

### **Meeting with City Council Candidates**

During the month of September, the ULSU met with 7 City Council Candidates, which included: Harold Pereverseff, Bruce Thurber, Jennifer Takahashi, John Pogorzelski, Aileen Burke, Martin Heavy Head, & David Mikuliak. We talked with these candidates about transit, and other student concerns. Overall, we have had fantastic meetings, and we have more scheduled in October.

### **CAUS Institutional Check-Ups**

As Vice-Chair of the Council of Alberta University Students, I had teleconferences with my colleagues from the Students Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU), the Students Association of MacEwan University (SAMU), and the University of Calgary Students' Union (UCSU). The point of this teleconferences were to reach out to member schools on behalf of CAUS, hear their concerns, and talk about significant issues. As these calls occurred in the beginning of September, the majority of the discussion were about Mental Health Funding.

### **General Faculties Council Orientation and Meeting**

I attended GFC Orientation and following that, attended the September GFC meeting.



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### **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Federal Policy Committee Meeting**

I attended two CASA Federal Policy Committee Meetings in the month of September. Furthermore, I have also been working on rewriting CASA Policy A30.4 On the Removal of Parental Contributions from Canada Student Loan Program (CSLP) Needs Assessment, with my colleague from UPEISU Taya. I have also been working on re-writing CASA policy F03 on the Separation of Public and Private Interest Rates on CSLP.

### **Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) Teleconference**

CAUS had a teleconference meeting on September 13th where we discussed mental health funding and our next steps in regards to our mental health advocacy, as well as our International Students Paper, Update on 30th Anniversary Celebration, and the 2017/18 Budget Submission.

### **Arts and Science Council**

I attended Arts and Science Council with Hailey, and our Arts & Science Representatives.

### **Meet and Greet with Premier Notley**

The ULSU executive was invited by the U of L President's office to a meet and greet with Premier Notley. We had a 5 minute conversation with the Premier, where we thanked her for the mental health funding, and talked to her about some of our initiatives on campus. During the event, the Premier talked a little about the funding framework review, the tuition review, and mental health funding.

### **General Assembly Meeting**

The ULSU had our first GA (council) meeting of the year. We elected a new Arts & Science Representative and First-Year Representative. I also sent out an email to all of the GA briefing them on what CAUS is and does, which also included our priorities document, and CAUS meeting minutes.

### **Meeting with Katherine O'Neil from Alberta Together**

The ULSU executive had a meeting with Katherine O'Neil from Alberta Together. We talked about CAUS' priorities and concerns on our campus. Overall, it was a good meeting.



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### **Meeting with MP Rachael Harder**

Hailey and myself had a meeting with MP Harder, where they discussed CASA's pre-budget submission and accessibility on campus. MP Harder, as Shadow Minister for Persons with Disabilities, agreed to write a letter of support to our University Administration in regards to the ongoing accessibility audit on campus.

### **Phone Call with Liberal MLA Dr. David Swann**

Me & Hailey had a 15 minute call with Dr. Swann discussing MH funding. We updated Dr. Swann on the changes in funding, the increase (or the maintaining of current services) in funding for the ULSU and other CAUS schools. Most specifically, we talked about the tier 2 and tier 3 services, and the distinction between what AE can fund and what AE cannot fund. We also talked about the transition away from tier 3 services being funded by AE towards being funded by AHS, and our concerns about those services remaining on campus. We also discussed the funding/allocation formula, and he stated that he was very interested in finding this out. I told him about our fall advocacy days, and stated that we would like to have a meeting with him and Mr. Khan.

### **Mental Health Radio Interview on CKXU**

I went on Monica's show on CKXU to talk about Mental Health Funding. It went great.

### **Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council and Municipal all-Candidates Forum**

The ULSU hosted an all-candidates forum for the upcoming municipal election with the Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council (YAC). The event was livestreamed, and had more than 700 views. Overall, it was a successful event.

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