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Contribution Hours: 215

- Homecoming Weekend
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#### **Homecoming Weekend**

September was kicked off with the University's 50th anniversary celebrations. Sandeep and I helped to organize a special edition "Last Lecture" event in conjunction with the Alumni Association which went very smoothly and turned out to be a great event. The rest of the weekend was filled with opportunities to network with alumni and learn more about the history of the U of L.

#### NSO & Fresh Fest

The beginning of September was quite hectic with the resignation of VP Student Affairs, Ameet Kumar. Luckily, our team was able to band together and pull off a highly successful Fresh Fest. I'm very proud of my team and what we were able to accomplish when we worked together and kept our cool under stressful times! We also had the opportunity to present to new students at NSO about the ULSU, who we are and what it is that we do.

## **UVolunteer Fair & Student Services Fair**

I participated in both of these events as a way to engage with students and spread ULSU messaging. I found that it was really beneficial for me to have so much one-on-one time with students and talk to them directly about their thoughts about campus life. I also had many students ask me about getting involved with council, and encouraged many of them to run in our by-election for First-Year Rep and A&S Rep.



# **Meet & Greet with Premier Notley**

This was certainly one of the highlights of the month for me and a great opportunity to do some advocacy as an executive team. Rachel dropped by the U of L on September 18th after celebrating the new Cavendish Plant that has been established in Lethbridge. During her visit to U of L, she spoke of the importance of indigenization, mental health, and sustainable institutional funding on all campuses across the province. We are eagerly awaiting the results of the various reviews taking place in the Ministry of Advanced Education and look forward to continuing to advocate for these issues.

## Youth Election Forum & Municipal Advocacy

September took an interesting turn from our typical provincial political advocacy and focused more directly on municipal politics in light of the upcoming election. We have met with several prospective city councillors and mayoral candidates in hopes that we can bring student issues to the forefront of debate around our municipal decision making table. Topics of conversation included affordable student housing, bikeability of the city, and employment opportunities for new graduates, but the main issue that we tried to really drive home with every candidate was the need for accessible, affordable transit for students. We also partnered with the City of Lethbridge's Youth Advisory Council to host an all-candidates forum on youth and student issues within the city. This event could have been better attended, but our Facebook live stream of the event had nearly 500 viewers during the event and that number had grown to several thousand over the next few days. Many of the candidates were very receptive to our advocacy and we are excited to see the results of the election!

#### Misc. Meetings/Events attended:

Homecoming Weekend Last Lecture event (Co-Hosted by ULSU & ULAA) - Sept 2 Shine On Summer Festival - Sept 2 & 3 New Student Orientation - Sept 4 & 5 GFC Executive - Sept 5, 25 Executive Council - Sept 6, 21, 27 Municipal Advocacy meeting with candidate Harold Pereverseff - Sept 6 A&S Degrees Committee - Sept 7 Convocation Working Group (Degree Conferral) - Sept 7 Fresh Fest - Sept 7, 8, 9 General Faculties Council, Orientation & Networking Reception - Sept 11 Rush Week Tabling - Sept 12, 14

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Municipal Advocacy meeting with candidate Bruce Thurber - Sept 12 Meeting with Meliorist Executive - Sept 12, 27 CAUS Teleconference - Sept 13 UVolunteer Fair - Sept 13 Zoo Liaison Committee - Sept 14 Candidate Interviews - Dean of School of Liberal Education - Sept 14 & 15 A&S Council - Sept 14 Fresh Fest Recognition Dinner - Sept 14 Kappa Klassic Fundraising Softball Tournament - Sept 16 Meeting with Ryaan El-Andari (AHS) - Sept 18 Meeting with Premier Rachel Notley - Sept 18 GFC Convocation Coordinators Meeting - Sept 19 ULSU Budget Committee - Sept 19 Senate Executive - Sept 19 Student Services Fair (Welcome Address) - Sept 20 General Assembly Meeting - Sept 20 Meeting with Kurt Schlachter (BoG Chair) - Sept 21 Meeting with Katherine O'Neill (Alberta Together) - Sept 21 City of Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council - Sept 21 Meeting with MP Rachael Harder - Sept 22 Municipal Advocacy meeting with candidate Stephnie Watson - Sept 22 Municipal Advocacy meeting with candidate John Pogorzelski - Sept 22 Call with Dr. David Swann (Alberta Liberal Party) - Sept 25 Meeting with David Hinger, Teaching Centre (re: Open Access Fund) - Sept 26 Municipal Advocacy meeting with candidate Aileen Burke - Sept 27 Municipal Advocacy meeting with candidate Martin Heavy Head - Sept 27 Municipal Advocacy meeting with candidate David Mikuliak - Sept 27 City of Lethbridge Transit Advisory Council - Sept 27 Pronghorn's Scholarship Breakfast - Sept 28 Meeting with Teaching Centre re: new classroom spaces in new science building - Sept 28 Interviews: new ULSU Policy Analyst & Volunteer Coordinator - Sept 28 & 29 All Candidates Forum: Lethbridge Municipal Election (host) - Sept 28 Open House (Welcome Address & ULSU Session) - Sept 30



Thanks for reading, and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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