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Monthly Report -September, 2017

Contribution Hours:
195

- New Student Orientation
- Academic Speaker Series Planning
- Grade Appeal
- Homecoming Weekend: Last Lecture
- Dean of Liberal Education Search Committee
- Annual Academic Timetable Meeting

New Student Orientation

The five executive had the pleasure of attending New Student Orientation and offering two sessions titled "What is the ULSU?" for incoming parents and students. Both of these sessions were extremely well received and we had plenty of opportunity to promote our by-election for both our First Year and Arts and Science Representative. It was also a wonderful opportunity to promote our events such as Fresh Fest and the Academic Speaker Series.

Academic Speaker Series Planning

I have spent a lot of time planning for our Academic Speaker Series. We are bring Ian Campeau and Nova Browning Rutherford as our academic speakers this year. Ian Campeau, also known as DJ NDN from A Tribe Called Red as the Academic Speaker for October 5th, 2017. In addition to creating music, A Tribe Called Red are also role models for many indigenous youth. Ian addresses issues such as racism, mental health, gender based violence, consent, current events, identity, community, balance between school work and social life, healing, reconciliation and more. There will be a presentation with Q&A that will be mediated by Nova Browning Rutherford. Nova similar to Ian emphasizes the importance of mental health. Furthermore, Nova focuses on helping people find a renewed sense of confidence and empowerment in their own lives. She assists with professional development in that she emphasizes effective tools to manifest dreams into future success. It is my hope to keep the excitement round this event going and ensure that it is successful for years to come, as I believe that it can be a really beneficial experience for our students. More details will follow in the later months as I continue to work on this.



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Grade Appeals

This month I served on another grade appeal committee. The meetings are confidential and I cannot speak much further to them. However, I would like to emphasize that I really enjoy helping students especially when they feel as though they have been treated unfairly.

Dean of Liberal Education Search Committee

This year the University of Lethbridge created a School of Liberal Education, thus now there is a search for the Dean of the newly created school. I took part in watching the public presentations, went for lunch with the candidates, and took part in interviewing the candidates as well. The committee is very confidential and I cannot speak to it much further.

Homecoming Weekend: Last Lecture

This year we are hosted a special addition Last Lecture for Homecoming weekend. We worked in conjunction with the Advancement department and Alumni Association. It was great to see the speakers, Joe Rasmussen and Sonia von Heyking, give a talk about what their parting words to their students would be if it was their last time to impart wisdom. Both talks were very inspiring and well attended.

Committees/Meetings, etc., attended in August:

ULSU Executive Council – September 6th, 22nd, 27th
New Student Orientation Presentations- September 5th
Mental Health Allocation Announcement w/Minister Schmidt- September 6th
Greek Life Council- September 6th, 25th
Arts and Science Curriculum Meeting- September 7th, 19th, 26th,
Grade Appeal Meeting- September 28th
Convocation Working Group - Conferral of Degrees- September 7th
Arts and Science Executive Meeting- September 7th
Teaching Centre Advisory Council Meeting- September 8th
General Faculties Council – September 11th
Student Awards Committee Meeting- September 12th
Dean of Liberal Education Meetings- September 14th, 15th, 29th
Meet & Greet with Premier Notley- September 18th
Annual Academic Timetable Working Group- September 19th
General Assembly Meeting- September 21st
Meeting with Katherine O'Neil- September 21st
ADA Orientation- September 22nd
Academic Quality Assurance Committee- September 26th
GFC Library Committee- September 27th



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Thanks for reading, and feel free to get in touch with me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sandeep Parmar
Vice-President Academic

How my goals were met this month:

1. Student Advocacy: I advocated on behalf of students when I served on the grade appeal committee,
2. People Skills: I am working on my people skills by learning how to approach people that I may not know, and learning how to interact with them. For example I met with the Associate Vice President Students and discussed the student issues that I want to address this year. I also interact with people at meetings that I may not know well, or have known at all before the meeting.
3. Time Management: I am working on time management by having a schedule and following it. This ensures that I can do my job effectively and efficiently while studying for the Optometry Admissions Test that I wrote August 16th. This will be a very important skill to have for once in optometry school as I will be taking 6-7 classes and a few labs each semester. This month the job got quite busy so staying on top of things was difficult but having a calendar with everything on it helped keep me on track.