

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION



YEAR IN REVIEW
2016-2017

University of Lethbridge Students' Union

The General Assembly

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BACK TO FRONT

(left to right)

(back): Kairvee Bhatt, Cameron Howey, Aini Khan, Sandeep Parmar, Roy Pogorzelski, Jessica Diakow, Kieran Brendan, Jill McGinley, Hailey Babb, Jessica Jones, Maya Many Grey Horses.

(front): Royal Adkin, Cody Ciona, Conner Peta, Jordie Prestie, Adam Gibson, Brady Hornung, Michael Gale.

MISSING

Monica Collins, Elikem Mortotsi, Tashia Saleh

A Year in Review of 2016-2017

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Introduction

Welcome

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Every year the ULSU puts together a year in review that covers all of the important initiatives, events and other aspects of what the Students' Union has done. My position as President has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. It has enabled me and my team to make significant strides in bettering student's lives. This was accomplished by addressing and representing their needs and concerns to our institution as well as all levels of government while doing our best to fulfil the ULSU's mandate. I know I can speak for the executive team (Hailey Babb, Michael Gale, Royal Adkin and Cody Ciona) when I say we felt very honored to represent fellow students who were the focus of every decision.

The Students' Union was established under the Post-Secondary Learning Act to represent student interests to the University Senior Administration and all levels of government, while simultaneously enhancing student life at our institution. We once again hosted Fresh Fest, Last Class Bash and also brought Youtube star, Jenna Marbles on campus. The Students' Union was also very involved with the 50th anniversary celebrations throughout the year and the Destination Project. It was a very exciting year for both the University and the Students' Union.

On behalf of students, we advocated on the provincial level for the need to renew the mental health funding for post-secondary institutions across Alberta. We were

fortunate to receive this renewal of funding, announced by the Minister of Advanced Education on our campus. The Students' Union will continue to advocate on this issue until predictable and sustainable funding is provided to combat mental health issues on Alberta campuses. We also witnessed the revival of the Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) for students, a topic we advocated extensively on.

We were able to make great strides regarding supports for students on campus. This included working with the Advancement Department so ULSU Food Bank donors can have the benefit of receiving charitable tax receipts. Additionally, changes were made in the Memorandum of Understanding for the Quality Initiative Program (QIP) funding that protects this funding avenue for future students to explore.

The Students' Union would not be able to operate without the help of our nine permanent staff. They, along with our General Assembly, enabled everything that has benefitted students this year. I would like to commend the hard work of everyone involved this year on behalf of the Executive Council and also thank everyone for their support, help, trust and willingness to contribute. I think we achieved a lot and it is due to the collective effort of both current and past people of the Students' Union. As Sir Isaac Newton said, "'If I have achieved anything, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants". *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*



Cameron Howey



Michael Gale, Cody Ciona, Hailey Babb, Cameron Howey, Royal Adkin

HOW WE BEGAN THE YEAR

By the end of the 2016 transition, this year's Executive Council and General Assembly knew that they were in for an ambitious year. The cohesiveness and bonds between the Executive Council and student representatives were instantly apparent. The elected student representatives were interested in helping to create one of the most successful years in record with an ambitious plan for events, initiatives, and student outreach. The Executives wanted a consolidated plan for one big student speaker, to create a ULSU events calendar in the Meliorist as well as a handout, a bigger Fresh Fest/LCB, and to rework student finances. The General Assembly brought stress levels down with Calm Cafes and paper crane initiatives. Students without a voice were given the opportunity to speak with the Voice Drive. The Native Awareness Week brought in Elders to give an excellent panel on Native American issues. The student reps sat on dozens of committees where they successfully represented students, especially in a difficult year with many changes to academic regulations, the addition of a fall reading week, and university funding. Overall what the 2016/2017 academic year brought was an effective year with a united and cohesive group of students whose sole purpose was to create the best academic and social experience for students all across campus. *Kieran Brennan - Political Science major*



Annual Retreat
Incoming & Outgoing Council

FIRST-YEAR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

I had the opportunity to sit with Dr. Shelly Wismath, Liberal Education, and two of her first year students to discuss with faculty members about the first-year learning experience. The purpose of this event, held by the Teaching Centre was to gain insight into first year students' learning experience and to see if improvements can be made on faculty member's teaching methods. Panelists; Shelly Wismath, Heather Mirau and Jan Newberry introduced us to the topic and we had the opportunity to share our experiences with faculty members.

There is no doubt that the transition from high school to university can be difficult. I did my best to demonstrate

the troubles students often go through in terms of course load, extracurricular activities and expectations of both students, and learners. I was able to give the perspective of most first year students who are beginning their post secondary education. The faculty welcomed insights presented to them regarding the transitions many students face. They were also pleased to acknowledge what students expect to secure from their education at the University of Lethbridge.

As First Year Representative for the ULSU, I felt that I had voiced concerns and offered awareness of my constituents in a comprehensive manner. *Kairvee Shalt - Neuroscience major*

Student Council & Staff

General Assembly of 2016-2017

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Roy Pogorzelski
General Assembly Chair



Cameron Howey
President



Hailey Babb
VP Academic



Michael Gale
VP Operations & Finance



Royal Adkin
VP Student Affairs



Cody Ciona
VP External



Kairvee Bhatt
1st Year Student Rep



Jessica Jones
Arts & Science Rep



Kieran Brennan
Arts & Science Rep



Conner Peta
Arts & Science Rep



Adam Gibson
Arts & Science Rep



Jessica Diakow
Arts & Science Rep



Sandeep Parmar
Arts & Science Rep



Maya Many Grey Horses
FNMI Rep



Brady Hornung
Residence Rep



Jillian McGinley
Education Rep



Monica Collins
Fine Arts Rep



Jordie Prestie
Management Rep



Aini Khan
Health Sciences Rep



Elikem Mortotsi
International Student Rep
(May - March)



Tashia Saleh
Calgary Campus Rep

NEW STAFF MEMBERS



John Pogorzelski
The Zoo Manager

MISSING SUBMISSIONS

- [FNMI](#) - Maya Many Grey Horses
- [Calgary Campus](#) - Tashia Saleh
- [MSS Case Competition](#) - Jordie Prestie
- [New Media Student Art Show](#) - Monica Collins
- [Community Volunteering](#) - Aini Khan

PERMANENT POSITIONS

General Manager

Cheri Pokarney

Bookkeeper/Rockerman's Manager

Randy Ockerman

Operations Coordinator

Tracy Merrifield

Executive Assistant

Susan Curtis

Administrative Assistant

Maiko Ogita

Communications Coordinator

Riley Miller

Health Plan Administrator

Shelley Tuff

Zoo Manager

John Pogorzelski

Kitchen & Catering Manager

Shawn Mullen

POSITIONS HIRED ANNUALLY

Policy Analyst

Laura Bryan

Volunteer Coordinator

Shelby Quinn-Ost

Advocacy & Representation

Notable ULSU Committee Activity

ACTIVE ULSU COMMITTEE LIST

1. Fresh Fest Committee
2. Legislative Review Committee
3. Student Engagement Committee
4. Zoo Management Liaison Committee
5. Awards Committee
6. Elections Committee
7. Transition Committee
8. Recognition Dinner Committee
9. Hiring Committee
10. Event Planning Committee
11. Advocacy Advisory Committee
12. Executive Accountability Committee
13. Health and Dental Appeals Committee
14. Full-time Employee Review Committee
15. General Manager Review Committee
16. Budget Committee



Executive Council

Cody Ciona, Cameron Howey, Hailey Babb, Royal Adkin, Michael Gale



Executive Council with the Minister of Advanced Education

Hailey Babb, Michael Gale, Honourable Marlin Schmidt, Cameron Howey, Cody Ciona, Royal Adkin



Fresh Fest

Michael Gale, Conner Peta, Cameron Howey, Mayor Chris Spearman, Kieran Brennan, Hailey Babb, Royal Adkin



CAUS

back: Drew of ASEC, Cameron Howey, Honourable Marlin Schmidt, Michael Gale, Royal Adkin, Cody Ciona, front: Hailey Babb, Sharyn Moore.

Representation & Advocacy

CONFERENCES & RETREATS ATTENDED

- 2016 CAUS AdvoWeek
- CAUS Transition
- Alberta Council of Academic Transfers Summit
- CASA Foundations
- Government of Alberta: Introduction to Government
- CASA Policy and Strategy
- Students' Union Development Summit
- November 2016 CAUS AdvoWeek
- November 2016 CASA AdvoWeek
- 2017 CASA AGM
- 2017 CAUS AdvoWeek



VP External
Cody Ciona

CASA REPORT

Federal advocacy was a fairly big priority for the University of Lethbridge Students' Union this past year. Being new in the positions, President Cameron Howey and I flew to Ottawa from May 23rd - 28th for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Foundations Conference. This conference kicked off the year for CASA and was the primary point of contact for most of the delegates to meet each other. The majority of Foundations is designed around the participation and integration of new student executives into CASA's culture. This focus was summed up in a week of very interesting presentations both from the outgoing board of directors, CASA staff and guests. Presentations revolved around the political climate of post-secondary education topics such as sexual violence prevention, mental health, and Canada student loans. We also received media training as well as attending a government relations panel. Foundations is where we also elected a new board of directors for the year.

From July 27th - 31st, Cameron Howey and I attended CASA's Policy and Strategy Conference. This was where we sat down and developed key strategic plans for the various committees that were struck up at Foundations. I was a member of the National Advocacy Team where we devised a strategy to have campaigns much like the Get Out The Vote campaign held last year. The other committees gave

presentations at the end of the conference as well, regarding their initiatives for the year such as policies and white papers. During this conference we also solidified our asks for AdvoWeek in November.

In November, from the 13th - 18th, Cameron and I flew back to Ottawa for a week filled with over 160 meetings with MP's, Ministers and staff on Parliament Hill. This week was exceptionally crazy as the ULSU had around 20 meetings just ourselves. Our CASA delegates ran up and down to Parliament Hill nonstop and our organization had the most meetings of any group on the Hill during this time. Compared to my first advocacy week in April with the Council of Alberta University Students, I felt that I was exponentially more versed in communicating with Members.

On March 13th, Cameron and I flew out to Nova Scotia for CASA's Annual General Meeting in Wolfville about an hour from Halifax. This trip was bitter-sweet as it was the last CASA meet-up for the 2016/2017 delegates. During this conference, we primarily reviewed the past year and went over our successes and what we needed to improve upon. We also discussed budget considerations for next year as well as improvements that can be made to Foundations for next year. This past year in CASA has been an absolute ride and I wish my successor, Conner Peta, all the best in his endeavors. *Cody Ciona - Political Science major*

CAUS REPORT

Provincial advocacy was a huge priority to the ULSU this year. Working with the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) was President Cameron Howey's and my first trial by fire in dealing with government. Our primary interaction with the Council was during the annual advocacy week in April 2016. We drove up to Edmonton and participated in dozens of meetings without much experience interacting with government officials. This was a good introduction to the process of advocacy so we can be comfortable while interacting with elected officials. Our true introduction to the Council of Alberta University Students occurred during our transition in May 2016. During our transition conference, the outgoing CAUS delegates and the Executive Director gave presentations about the organization to the incoming. These presentations highlighted some of the key aspects of CAUS such as its history and operating procedures. We also had presentations surrounding the political climate, key focuses CAUS has worked on in the past, and devised a list of topics to focus on for our year like mental health funding, tuition and student financial aid.

Most of our work with CAUS was done through monthly teleconference meetings as well as day-to-day communication surrounding the climate of post-secondary politics. Summer was an appropriate time to meet and greet Members of the Legislative Assembly. We really focused on meeting with



Cameron Howey Meeting with the Senator



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau & Cameron Howey Meeting with the Senator

members from all political parties so that both sides of the bench were informed of the issues we are trying to advocate for. Regardless of the constituency, there are most likely students in it and having their representative know about post-secondary issues can help in the Legislature.

We had the Introduction to Government Conference in mid June 2016 where we met with officials from the Ministry of Advanced Education and went over details surrounding the ministries operations. It was good for those who may not be as politically inclined to get up to speed with the way governance works and how post-secondary education is mandated in the province. We had two All-Executive meetings where the CAUS Presidents and Vice-Presidents met to strategize with our counterparts on how to better operationalize our roles. We also had two Advocacy Weeks, one in November and one in April where we attended the Legislature of Alberta and met with dozens of MLA's. We had a great year of advocacy and I am excited to see what the next year brings. *Cody Ciona - Political Science major*

ADVOCACY MEETINGS

Provincial

- Lethbridge East - *MLA Maria Fitzpatrick*
- Calgary-Lougheed - *MLA Dave Rodney*
- Minister of Municipal Affairs - *Honorable Danielle Larivee*
- Minister of Environment and Parks - *Honorable Shannon Phillips*
- Wild Rose Party Leader and Fort McMurray-Conklin - *MLA Brian Jean*
- Little Bow - *MLA David Schneider*
- Calgary-Fish Creek - *MLA Richard Gotfried*
- Minister of Labor - *Honorable Christina Gray*
- Liberal Party of Alberta Leader and Calgary- Mountain View - *MLA Dr. David Swann*
- Cypress-Medicine Hat - *MLA Drew Barnes*
- Cardston-Taber-Warner - *MLA Grant Hunter*
- Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo - *MLA Tany Yao*
- Highwood - *MLA Wayne Anderson*
- Drayton Valley-Devon - *MLA Mark Smith*
- Chestermere-Rocky View - *MLA Leela Aheer*
- Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills - *MLA Dave Hanson*
- Minister of Advanced Education - *Honorable Marlin Schmidt*
- Strathcona-Sherwood Park - *MLA Estefania Cortes-Vargas*
- Peace River - *MLA Debbie Jabbour*

- Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Member from Medicine Hat - *Honorable Bob Wanner*

Federal

- Lethbridge - *MP Rachael Harder*
- Calgary-Midnapore- *MP Jason Kenney*
- Milton - *MP Lisa Raitt*
- Newmarket-Aurora - *MP Kyle Peterson*
- Senator Grant Mitchell (AB)
- York-Simcoe- *MP Peter Van Loan*
- Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs - *Honorable Carolyn Bennett*
- Edmonton-Manning - *MP Zaid Abouttaif*
- Red Deer- Mountain View- *MP Earl Dreeshen*
- Willowdale- *MP Ali Ehsassi*
- Bay of Quinte - *MP Neil Ellis*
- Provencher- *MP Ted Falk*
- Burlington - *Staffer to MP Karina Gold*
- Eglinton-Lawrence- *MP Marco Mendicino*
- Calgary- Nose Hill - *MP Michelle Rempel*
- Senator David Wells (NFLD)
- Vaughan-Woodridge - *MP Francesco Sorbara*
- Oakville North-Burlington- *MP Pam Damoff*

Cody Ciona - Political Science major

TEXTBOOKBROKEAB

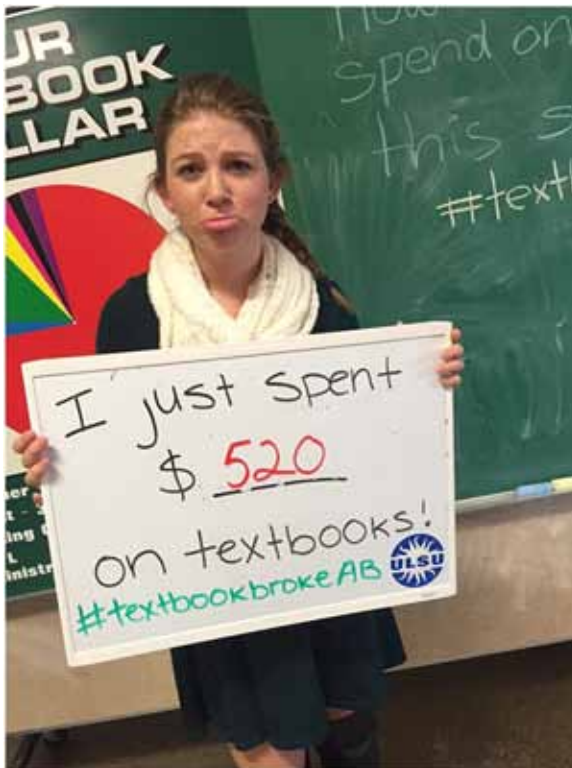
One of the largest initiatives I took on this year was my “#TextbookBrokeAB” campaign that I ran simultaneously with the SU/SA Vice President Academics from the University of Calgary, the University of Alberta, Mount Royal University, and MacEwan University. This initiative started at our first CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students) All-Executive Conference when the five VPA's were able to connect and talk about student issues that were important to us. “#TextBook-brokeAB” was born out of a need to raise awareness about the rising cost of course materials and academic journals for post-secondary students, as well as to suggest an alternative, Open Educational Resources. OER's are openly licensed, freely accessible course materials that exist in the public domain, meaning anyone can use them, access them, and distribute them! (For more information on OERs, check out: www.albertaoer.com.) During this campaign, we asked students to take photos of themselves holding a whiteboard and writing on it the amount of money that they spent on their textbooks that semester. These images were then tweeted out using the hashtag “#TextbookBrokeAB” and used to speak to relevant

provincial and federal bodies about the importance of securing funding for the OER movement. This campaign garnered the attention of the University Bookstore, Library and Teaching Center, all of whom have assisted us with spreading the message about OERs to students, faculty, and the university community alike. *Hailey Babb - Psychology major*

speaking about our experiences with supporting OER in our area which also included some of the wins and challenges we had faced along the way. In the audience were university bookstores, high-profile publishing companies, and senior administrators from universities across the nation. *Hailey Babb - Psychology major*

CAMPUS STORES CANADA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Word of the “#TextbookBrokeAB” campaign spread so far across the country that I had the honor of being invited to speak on a panel at Campus Stores Canada’s Annual Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario in late January. Other panelists included Lena Patterson from eCampus Ontario and Mark McBride from SUNY Campuses in New York. The three of us were able to



Clubs & Greek Life

Club List, Reports, Photos



1. Accounting Club - (Lethbridge Campus)
2. Accrue Accounting Club – (Calgary Campus)
3. Acro-Yoga Club
4. African Caribbean Student Association
5. Agricultural Students Society
6. Anthropology
7. Archaeology Club
8. Association of Political Science Students
9. Bio Club
10. Board, Ski, and Surf
11. Button Club
12. C B C Foundation Youth Advisory Council
13. Campus Conservatives
14. Campus Roots Community Garden Association
15. Canadian Blood Services Life Savers
16. Cancer Awareness Club
17. Cauldron Club
18. Chemistry and Biochemistry Club
19. Chess Club
20. Chinese Culture Club
21. Climbing Club
22. Co-operative Education Ambassadors
23. Courtyard Class & Crew
24. Cross Country Club
25. Dance Team
26. D-Club
27. [Delta Eta Iota - Sorority](#)
28. Education Undergraduate Society
29. English Students' Society
30. Finance Club
31. Freedom House
32. French Club
33. Geek Entertainment of Every Kind
34. Generation Screwed – U of L
35. Geography Club
36. Get Real
37. Global Drums
38. Global Medical Brigades
39. Headbangers Society
40. Human Resources Management Club
41. Impact Volunteering Club
42. Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship
43. International Students Association
44. Itty Bitty Shimmy Committee
45. [Kappa Beta Gamma - Sorority](#)
46. [Kappa Sigma - Fraternity](#)
47. KinPhyEds
48. Latter-Day Saints Student Association
49. Management Student's Society
50. Martial Arts Club
51. Math Club
52. Medieval Club
53. Mixed Curling Club
54. Mock Trial Club
55. Model United Nations
56. Musical Theatre Society
57. Muslim Student Association
58. Native American Students Association
59. Neuroscience Club
60. New Democrats
61. New Media Students Association
62. Nursing Student Association
63. Object Manipulation Club
64. Organization of Residence Students
65. Panoptic Religious Club
66. Philosophy Club
67. Playwrights Association of Lethbridge
68. Pre-Law Society
69. Pre-Med Club
70. Pride Centre
71. Progressive Conservative Association
72. Psychology Club
73. Public Health Students Association
74. Rotaract
75. Rover Crew
76. Satanists
77. Smash Bros Club
78. Social Work Student's Association
79. Sociology Club
80. Spanish Club
81. Student Association for Mental Wellness
82. Student Parents at U of L
83. Swing Bridge Dance Club
84. Synthetic Biology Club
85. Table-top Role Playing and Players Society
86. The Historical Undergraduate Society
87. The Unscripted Theatre Society
88. Theatre Arts Society
89. Trolls Rugby
90. University Catholic Young Adults
91. Vocal Harmony Singers
92. Whetstone
93. Wildrose on Campus
94. Wind Orchestra
95. World University Service Canada
96. Yoga Club
97. Young Artists Collective

YEAR-END REPORT

Our Clubs, Greek Life, and student groups went to new lengths this year to make the University and the community of Lethbridge a better place. It was awesome to be able to work with so many talented Club Executives. Club engagement was at an all-time high, with close to zero clubs being placed on probation! One club, however, stood out in particular this year: World University Service Canada. I was proud to present them with the 2016/2017 Club of the Year Award for the tremendous work they put into successfully passing a referendum. This will allow a refugee student to attend the University of Lethbridge every single year. We've also received a ton of support for the ULSU Food Bank from clubs and Greek Life. I'm happy to say that the Feed or Famine, an annual event where Clubs and Greek Life canvass for food donations for the Food Bank, contributed over 3600 food donations in October. Our clubs, Greek life, and student groups are capable of such incredible things but they can only do these things if they have the freedom to operate. I've worked hard to remove the barriers that clubs have previously encountered. The ULSU established a paperless event proposal submission process for clubs. By going paperless for event proposals, the ULSU will cut down on waste and printing costs, and it will streamline the process for clubs. I believe that this will allow student-driven initiatives to flourish for years to come. I also did my best to make Club Council fun and informative instead of simply feeling like an obligation that clubs have to attend every month. I wanted to try to raise the bar because student groups are truly the lifeblood of the University. I hope that I was successful in my efforts. I'm extremely excited to work alongside the incoming VP Student Affairs next year to see what new and innovative changes he'll bring to our clubs, Greek Life, and student groups on campus. *Royal Adkin - Social Responsibility & Supply Chain*



MSS Chillin' for Charity - Cody Ciona



NASA - Round Dance



ORS - Rez Wars

CLUBBER PHOTOS

ORGANIZATION OF RESIDENCE STUDENTS

Being the Residence Representative for 884 students who call the University of Lethbridge campus their home was an incredible experience. Connecting my constituents to the rest of the student body has been a challenge I've enjoyed and working with tremendous members of the Students' Union has made the task easy. As a whole, the ULSU has achieved incredible accomplishments. Here I will outline only a few of the vast number that I have been able to contribute to in my mixed role as a member of the Students' Union and also as the Organization of Residence Students President. Together, these amazing organizations were able to present a university experience that is second-to-none for its students.

Fresh Fest: In my opinion, this has been one of the most important events hosted by the Students' Union. As arguably the greatest community building event throughout the entire academic year, affording my constituents the opportunity to connect with the rest of the student body during several different events throughout the three-day festivities was an incredible way to kick off the year. As Residence Rep. I was able to work with the rest of the planning committee to co-host the Fresh Fest Luau. This dry event is filled with fun, food, music, bouncy castles, inflatable obstacle courses, and most notably, the 100' slip and slide.

#IBelieveYou: My proudest accomplishment was working with my team to create an "#IBelieveYou" video that shared a message of support and belief in solidarity with survivors of sexual assault. The video was viewed over 10,000 times on social media, and acted as a springboard

to publicize the power in the voice of ULeth students by getting air time on Global Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Capital Projects: The 2016/2017 academic year succeeded to bring outdoor social spaces to our university students. Firstly, the fruit of last year's General Assembly tree finally ripened, as the soccer field project got under way to be completed for Fall of 2017. After securing additional funds, this will be a fenced-in, fully irrigated, state-of-the-art 30m x 50m soccer field for the entire University community to enjoy. Additionally, through combined contributions, Aperture Park will be home to a new outdoor social space as well in the fall of 2017, outfitted with a natural gas fire pit, BBQ's, benches and more! Thanks to the Students' Union, the ULeth campus will present its students with the opportunity to further connect with the entire University campus and potentially the greater Lethbridge community.



Brady Hornung - Residence Representative

Miscellaneous: Through an extremely successful Fiat 'Stache campaign, we donated over \$2500 to below the belt cancer in both men and women; Operation Christmas Lights brought over 75 strings of Christmas lights hung around campus to bring holiday cheer through the difficult November and December months; the Pack the Stands event drew over 250 residents to cheer on the men's and women's basketball teams as part of the Founder's Day Weekend festivities. On top of this, events such as boat building, gameshow mashup competition, bubble soccer, out of town trips for sporting or ski events, a hypnotist show, among others were highlights for my constituents this year. *Brady Hornung - General Science & Education*



Res Mosaic Project

EDUCATION UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY

The EUS is a club that represents a constituency of about 500 members. Their mandate is to strengthen the relationships between current education students, pre-education students and the Faculty of Education as well as to provide professional development sessions. This year the EUS continued and improved upon the annual Inclusion Day within which EUS members were invited to attend two professional development sessions hosted by the ATA. The EUS has also expanded its tutoring services and successfully matched 70 tutors to students in the community.

This year the EUS introduced a new mentorship program designed to pair seasoned education students (“big teachers”) with pre-education students (“little teachers”).

The program was created to help prospective education students to become familiar with Faculty of Education expectations and experiences. It was kicked off with a newly minted annual pre-education carousel. The carousel provides the opportunity for pre-education students to meet and ask questions of current education students and professors.

The EUS sent eight council members to the Western Canadian Association for Student Teaching Conference (West-CAST) to network and collect information via workshops. Also, a constitution amendment was successfully passed updating the tutoring policy and election periods. *Jillian McGinley - Anthropology/Social Studies Secondary Education*

Events of 2016-2017

Events - ULSU Hosted

JUNE

- Project Paint Brush
- Lethbridge Pride Parade

JULY

- Car Wash Food Bank Fundraiser

AUGUST

- Trip to Royal Tyrrell Museum with Hokkai-Gakuen Students

SEPTEMBER

- Fresh Fest
- First Monday Back Cabaret
- Farmers Market
- Club Rush Week
- Summer Colour Fun Run
- Free Public Transit for Students
- By-Elections
- #Textbook Broke AB
- Dirty Bingo
- Zoo Karaoke (every Tuesday)
- I Believe You Campaign
- Career Fair
- Wes Barker Stunt Magician

OCTOBER

- Farmers Market
- National Student Day
- Humans vs Zombies
- Halloween Cabaret
- Dirty Bingo
- Feed or Famine Food Drive

NOVEMBER

- Imagnus Poster Sale
- Grad Photos
- Mental Health Week
- Art Therapy Night
- Dirty Bingo
- Fall Comedy Night

DECEMBER

- Christmas Market
- Christmas Carol-oke
- Ender Bender - Ugly Sweater

JANUARY

- Rush Week
- Frost Fest

- Craig Cardiff Music Workshops
- Sexy Week
- Student Speaker Challenge
- Free Printing Day

FEBRUARY

- XXX-tra Dirty Bingo
- Jenna Marbles - Speaker
- Grad Photos
- Imagnus Poster Sales
- ULSU General Elections

MARCH

- Super Heroes vs Super Villains Cab
- Comedy Night
- Student Speaker Challenge
- St. Patrick's Day
- Final Dirty Bingo
- Mental Health Week

APRIL

- Recognition Dinner
- Teaching Excellence Award / Last Lecture
- Last Class Bash

SCHOOL SPIRIT

The University of Lethbridge and its student population have undergone an amazing transformation during the celebration of the U of L's 50th year in operation. As a destination university, the University of Lethbridge has many strengths, including a beautiful campus, small class sizes and opportunities for hands-on learning. However, given the transient nature of our student body, school spirit has never been a strength that the U of L could boast about. With the multitude of events including the Founders Day Weekend, Tartan Lunch, Pronghorns Tailgate party, and the Frost Fest Cabaret, it has helped students find reasons to be proud of their time in Lethbridge and be boastful that they have attended such a wonderful school. It is evident that



Incoming Council

a distinct and growing school spirit runs through the halls of our university and lets visitors to our school know that school spirit is alive and well at the University. *Jessica Jones - Psychology & Human Resource Management/Labour Relations*

Other Events - ULSU Participation

JUNE

- Destination Project Sod Turning

JULY

- John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament

SEPTEMBER

- Walk with Me
- Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast
- Kummoniyannaluau
- Career Fair

OCTOBER

- "Light Up Purple" for Mental Health Day

- Bus Loop Round Dance
- Let There be Light
- Convocation
- ORS Cabaret
- Hoof-it Run
- Bearing it for Crohns

NOVEMBER

- MSS Etiquette Dinner
- Edmonton Campus Closing
- Pass the Hat Food Bank Fundraiser
- Fall Reading Week

JANUARY

- Founders Day Weekend

- Chillin 4 Charity

FEBRUARY

- UofL Donor Gala

MARCH

- Native Awareness Week
- 5 Days for the Homeless
- Greatness in Leadership
- Women's Day
- International Dinner

APRIL

- Student Success Centre Car Smash
- Summer Colour Fun Run

New & Recurring Initiatives

COCA CONFERENCE

Attending the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities was incredible. I learned how to execute killer events, coordinate various student groups, and enrich the lives of undergraduate students at the University of Lethbridge. COCA provided me with invaluable skills and memories that will never fade! The variety of dedicated musicians, artists, and COCA associates gave the ULSU a variety of options for event programming in 2016/2017. My favorite part of the entire conference was the fact that I was among like-minded event programmers from other campuses who shared the same passion and drive for enhancing the student experience. *Royal Adkin - Social Responsibility & Supply Chain*

7 CUPS OF TEA

7 Cups of Tea was introduced at the University during the summer of 2016 and has started to gain some traction. The app offers 24-hour peer to peer support via online chat to help students gain access to support in ways

other than a traditional counsellor. The U of L is the first Canadian post-secondary institution that has adopted the program and has created a cascade effect throughout Canada. Two years ago, when I first took office, I did extensive research into a phone app that offered 24-hour support for students from masters level counsellors in 160 languages. I approached the Executive Director of Student Services, Mark Slomp, about my proposal and he told me about his plan to introduce 7 Cups of Tea. Following many conversations, I decided to put the Students' Union support behind Mark's project after learning about the much better uptake metrics from peer-to-peer support. At the end of March when the one year contract expired, Mark approached me to inquire if the Students' Union would be interested in taking over the program moving forward. This proposal was brought to the Executive Council and the Budget Committee to determine if it would be a viable option for the ULSU to take over the program. During the March General Assembly meeting, the Council approved funds and the process of transferring the program over to the ULSU started. Currently, documents are being reviewed by the legal

department. It was my hope that this process could have been completed prior to the end of my term, however, I have the utmost trust in the incoming council to ensure this valuable service is a benefit for U of L students. *Michael Gale - Neuroscience, Biology & Geography.*

HUMANS VS ZOMBIES

Who said the whole zombie thing is a dying trend? Resurrecting Humans vs Zombies was a personal goal of mine for this academic year. I'm just happy that students were able to explore the University campus and engage with fellow students within the framework of Humans Vs Zombies. *Royal Adkin - Social Responsibility & Supply Chain*

WES BARKER

Wes performed some of the most ridiculous magic tricks that I've ever seen. Students spent half of the time on trying to puzzle out the magic tricks and the other half of the time on rolling out of their chairs from laughter. Wes was an absolute gem to have on our campus! *Royal Adkin - "5th year Bachelor of General Management, with Social Responsibility and Supply Chain Minor".*

CRAIG CARDIFF

I've always admired singer songwriters for their ability to create such amazing music. Craig was able to help a number of aspiring student musicians explore their untapped potential over two days by recording sessions in Studio One with them, coaching them through song writing workshops, and performing alongside them in the Zoo. *Royal Adkin - Social Responsibility & Supply Chain*

CALGARY ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

The President, the VP Student Affairs, and I attended the Calgary Alumni Golf Tournament on August 18th and met with our Calgary Campus Representative, Tashia Saleh. The golf tournament was a great way for the executives to meet with alumni of the Students' Union and the senior administration of the University. Our attendance was noted and we were thanked as it was the first year the ULSU was in attendance and a sponsor of the charity event. Furthermore, we were able to learn more about the Calgary campus and how we could become more involved

and assist students on that Campus. The Calgary Rep was very engaged. I was excited to have a motivated and driven representative for the ULSU in Calgary this year. *Michael Gale - Neuroscience, Biology & Geography.*

SEXY WEEK

Sexy Week was January 30th to February 3rd and comprised of an event each day of the week leading up to the weeks before Valentine's Day. On Monday, 400 red roses were handed out by the ULSU executives to students around campus with a card listing the week's activities. Tuesday, we piggybacked off of Karaoke, changing the name to Sexyoke and handed out prizes for best love song, best duet, best group, etc. On Wednesday, the Kappa Beta Gamma Sorority organized a speed dating night. This was a huge success with nearly a hundred participants and hopefully lots of new friendships. On Thursday, Marie Damgaard, an instructor in the HLSC department did a talk about sexuality and sexual issues that students and young adults face. To finish off the week, there was the biggest Dirty Bingo event of the year with ramped up intensity and prizes and was called Extra Dirty Bingo. The week was a great success and we were able to engage students and lift spirits all over campus. *Michael Gale - Neuroscience, Biology & Geography.*

#IBELIEVEYOU CAMPAIGN

The #IBelieveYou campaign was a provincial campaign run through the Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services (AASAS). The purpose of this campaign was to remove the stigma surrounding sexual violence in order to create communities that promote healing, and communities that can one day eliminate sexual assault. We believed it was important to inform our students about the #IBelieveYou campaign, whether it was answering student's questions about the campaign in general, or answering their questions in regards to the action that the University of Lethbridge has already taken in addressing this fundamental issue. The whole point of having this campaign on campus was to create a conversation and an awareness about sexual assault, in order to remove the stigma that prevents so many victims from speaking out. Lethbridge East MLA, Maria Fitzpatrick visited our table and we had a very informative discussion. *Conner Peta, Political Science major*

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Mental Health Week was a huge success. We had comedy shows, calm cafes, and art nights. Both weeks were jam packed with activities. Students were provided the opportunity to have free food, drink coffee and hot chocolate, colour pictures, and play board games. Students shared a lot of laughs during comedy nights, and expressed their creative talents while enjoying each other's company at the art night events. *Sandeep Parmar - Biology major*

ORIGAMI PAPER CRANES

This was an initiative I created for Mental Health Week at the University of Lethbridge. I was in contact with the ULSU VP Academic, Hailey Babb and President, Cameron Howey for this initiative. The idea was to make hundreds of folded paper cranes, which would be handed out around campus throughout the week. The paper cranes had positive messages written on their wings in order to brighten someone's day through a simple act of kindness. This initiative was incredibly time consuming since it required making paper cranes continuously for weeks prior to the event. After spending hours upon hours making the cranes, my friends and I ended up making just over two hundred of the 1000 we originally wanted to make. Overall it was a great event symbolizing the wish for better mental health. *Adam Gibson - Political Science major*

STRONGER THAN STIGMA

The initiative that I put forward this year was the Stronger Than Stigma pins for the Mental Health Weeks during the two semesters. The "Stronger Than Stigma" pins increased support for Mental Health Week and provided a means of discussion for students on the topic of openly discussing different mental health issues. This was meant to combat the stigma against discussing mental health issues which perpetuates the problem further. Dealing with mental illness is hard enough; navigating society's negativity is a burden no one should have to deal with. Stronger Than Stigma™ was started by four college students determined to change the way the world views mental health issues. The problem with society is stigmatization of those diagnosed with mental illnesses. If mental illness is considered a weakness, then people are less likely to embrace a diag-

nosis and seek treatment. The goal is to empower young adults struggling with mental health issues to continue their personal battles against their illnesses, and in the process, prove that no one is alone in this struggle. This initiative was simple in conception but was difficult at times for the logistics of labor, though it was a great opportunity to give something back to students that had a huge impact.

Adam Gibson - Political Science major

VOICE DRIVE

Vocalid was a program created by professor Rupal Patel with the main purpose of collecting a variety of voices to put into a voice bank. To donate your voice, you have to read out 3,500 generated sentences by a program, which takes 5-10 hours depending on the individual speaking. After collecting voices for the voice bank, these voices can be used by individuals who have no voice, and have to rely on a computer to communicate. Watch this TED Talk for more information on the project: www.vocalid.co/about

This year we used our General Assembly initiative funds to hire 2 facilitators. We reached out to students and got 10 volunteers to donate their voice and collaborated with Volunteer Lethbridge and CKXU. CKXU graciously donated 100 hours of studio space/training time and Volunteer Lethbridge offered their assistance and expertise with the project as they also have a recording studio in their office. Once completing their voice, the facilitators also gave the volunteers gift certificates, as a thank you token, to be used in the ULSU food court or the Zoo. The main goal of this initiative was to create more volunteer opportunities on campus for students and get them involved in something new and different.

There were a few bumps that occurred during this initiative, but overall it was a success. We had a lot of interest in the project initially and the volunteers were very committed. There was a lot of buzz surrounding the project that went out to the public through the Lethbridge Herald and an interview through Country 95.5. The marketing coordinator of the larger company VocalID also contacted me to ask further questions about the project, as she was very impressed with our procedure. *Jessica Diakow - BA Psychology, Minor Linguistics*

Notable ULSU Academic Events

ACADEMIC SPEAKER - JENNA MARBLES

I sought to bring in a speaker that would re-vamp our annual academic speaker series and create some hype around the event. Jenna Marbles did just that. A YouTube star with over 16.5 million subscribers, Jenna releases a new video every Wednesday in which she films, edits and uploads the videos from her home. Conversations with Jenna focused on the pursuit of personal goals and passions while balancing a post-secondary workload. Jenna holds a few degrees herself, including a Masters of Sports Psychology and Counseling. In addition, she spoke to students about her life, career, and creative process.

We managed to sell about 1500 tickets to the event and even had students lined up outside the gymnasium for hours beforehand. We held a special “VIP” portion of the event in the Zoo ballrooms for those students who had purchased VIP tickets. During this time, students were able to meet Jenna, ask her any questions they had, and get autographs.

Her boyfriend, Julien Solomita, who is also a high-profile YouTuber, joined Jenna for the duration of the event. *Hailey Babb - Psychology major*

STUDENT SPEAKER CHALLENGE

This year’s Student Speaker Challenge centered around the topic of “Canadian Values”. Students were asked to respond to three questions related to this topic over the course of three weeks:

- 1) Is society getting better?
- 2) How are social movements evolving?
- 3) Is democracy working?

Students responded with a variety of agreeing and disagreeing opinions, showcasing their knowledge and skilled articulation. Our fantastic volunteer judges: Dakota Lizee, Annelies Van Oers, and Jo-Ann Fiske, did a great job of giving constructive feedback and drawing the best out of the students. In the end, Laura Bryan, a French & Political Science major, came out in first place.

The ULSU would like to thank SACPA and LPIRG for their continued partnership of this annual event. *Hailey Babb - Psychology major*

THE LAST LECTURE

At our annual Last Lecture, we were lucky enough to have Andrea Glover (Library & FNMI Transition Program) and Thomas Robinson (Religious Studies) to give their ceremonial “Last Lecture” to the student body. Both speakers gave wonderful talks on their experiences from their time teaching and life lessons they had learned along the way. Their talks were particularly special as the event marked Andrea’s 30th year of teaching, and Thomas’s final year of teaching before retirement.

At Last Lecture, we were also able to distribute the three Teaching Excellence Awards for the year. This year’s winners included Lisa Lambert from Political Science, Gideon Fujiwara from History, and Adam Mason from Fine Arts. All three of these individuals were chosen for their commitment to the student experience, and dedication to making learning enjoyable.

A big thank you goes out to our VP Student Affairs, Royal Adkin, and our VP Operations & Finance, Michael Gale, for their support with executing this event. *Hailey Babb - Psychology major*





Royal Adkin, Michael Gale, Julien Solomita, Jenna Marbles, Riley Miller, Hailey Babb

JENNA MARBLES

FRESH FEST 2016



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FRESH FEST REVIEW

Fresh Fest is a monumental undertaking for the VP Student Affairs within the first week of taking office. Fresh Fest wouldn't be possible without the support of our amazing ULSU staff, sponsors, Fresh Fest Planning Committee, and University of Lethbridge partners. Fresh Fest 2017 marked the beginning of a new era of collaboration between the ULSU and the University of Lethbridge in order to put on the best orientation event that we can for students. I can't thank my Fresh Fest Committee enough for the hours upon hours that it took to bring everything together. My team and I were able to increase the capacity of the Jamboree to 1900, bring in the largest acts for the Jamboree since the inception of Fresh Fest, and engage more students than ever before. The Fresh Fest Volunteer Core was filled with dedicated, passionate, and incredible volunteers who were always available at a moment's notice. I have no doubts that Fresh Fest 2016 will build upon these accomplishments and I can't wait to see what's in store! *Royal Adkin - Social Responsibility & Supply Chain*



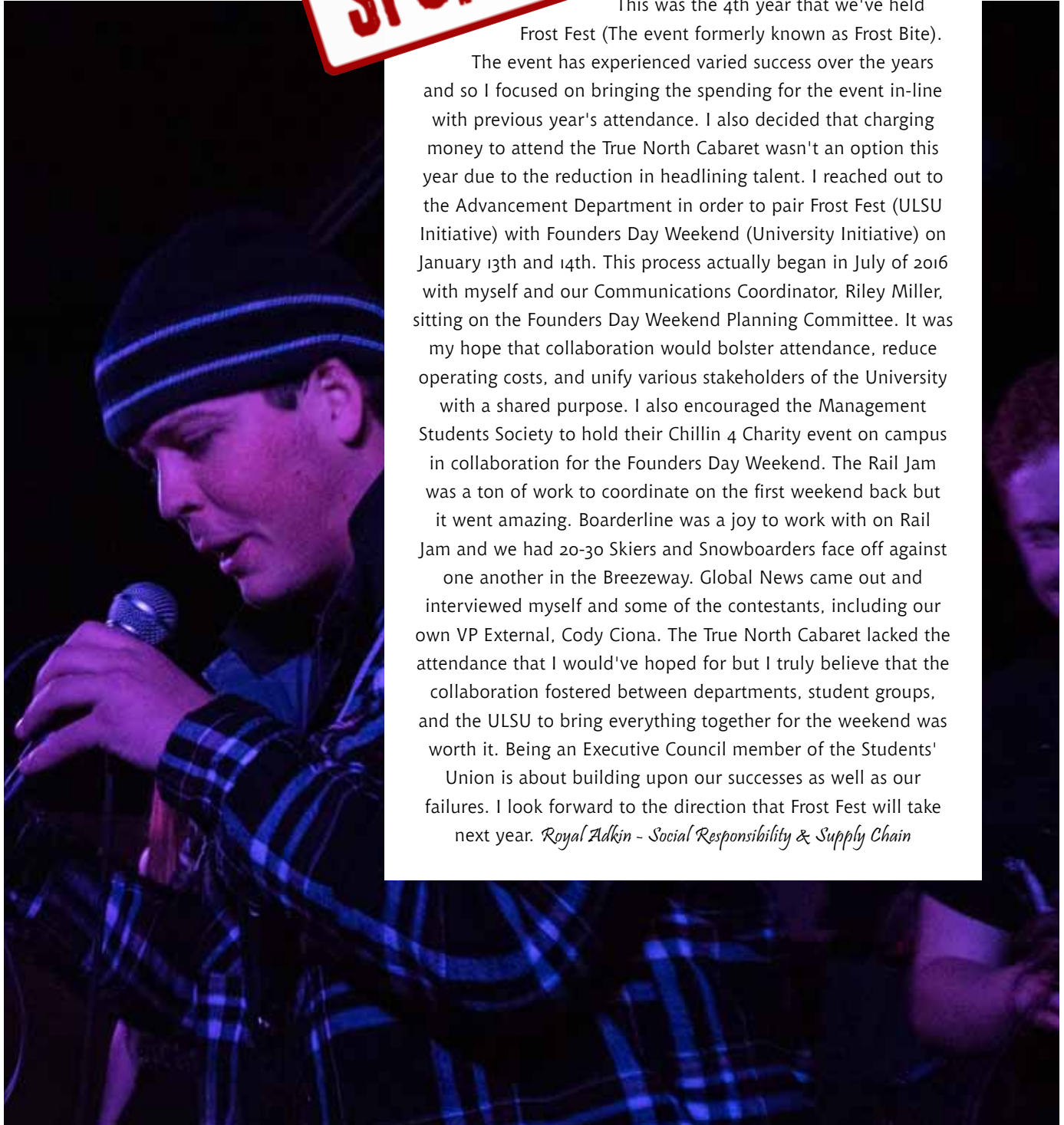
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FROST FEST REVIEW

This was the 4th year that we've held Frost Fest (The event formerly known as Frost Bite).

The event has experienced varied success over the years and so I focused on bringing the spending for the event in-line with previous year's attendance. I also decided that charging money to attend the True North Cabaret wasn't an option this year due to the reduction in headlining talent. I reached out to the Advancement Department in order to pair Frost Fest (ULSU Initiative) with Founders Day Weekend (University Initiative) on January 13th and 14th. This process actually began in July of 2016 with myself and our Communications Coordinator, Riley Miller, sitting on the Founders Day Weekend Planning Committee. It was my hope that collaboration would bolster attendance, reduce operating costs, and unify various stakeholders of the University with a shared purpose. I also encouraged the Management Students Society to hold their Chillin 4 Charity event on campus in collaboration for the Founders Day Weekend. The Rail Jam was a ton of work to coordinate on the first weekend back but it went amazing. Boarderline was a joy to work with on Rail Jam and we had 20-30 Skiers and Snowboarders face off against one another in the Breezeway. Global News came out and interviewed myself and some of the contestants, including our own VP External, Cody Ciona. The True North Cabaret lacked the attendance that I would've hoped for but I truly believe that the collaboration fostered between departments, student groups, and the ULSU to bring everything together for the weekend was worth it. Being an Executive Council member of the Students' Union is about building upon our successes as well as our failures. I look forward to the direction that Frost Fest will take next year. *Royal Adkin - Social Responsibility & Supply Chain*





FROST FEST

Initiatives in the lethbridge Community

PRIDE IN THE PARK

On June 25, 2016, the University of Lethbridge Students' Union Executive along with some members of the General Assembly participated in the Lethbridge Pride Parade as well as Pride in the Park. This was an awesome event to attend and really showed the sense of community Lethbridge has been working towards for years. We drove our ULSU truck in the parade with some Pride attire on it and also had a table in the main events area to showcase our organization. If future council's are able to attend this event, I highly recommend it. *Cody Ciona - Political Science major*

WINDY CITY CANINE RESCUE ONLINE AUCTION

In July, the ULSU Executive Council approved funding to purchase items to be given to the Windy City Canine Rescue for their online auction. This initiative was another good way to give back to the community and hopefully help out some dogs in the process. *Cody Ciona - Political Science major*

ELDER ABUSE WALK

The ULSU Executive participated in the World Elder Abuse Awareness Walk in June of 2016. We had the opportunity to converse with many of the senior citizens of Lethbridge and they shared so many amazing stories with us. It was a pleasure to walk and talk with so many Lethbridge community members that were unified against elder abuse!

Royal Adkin - Social Responsibility & Supply Chain

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

On July 8th, the ULSU executive team participated in the random Acts of Kindness Campaign. As the name suggests, this campaign was geared towards making random peoples day a little brighter through random acts of giving. We handed out Penny Coffee House gift cards to people downtown. The visual impact this had on people's days was monumental. This small act of caring brought a vibrant smile to every recipient's face and the volunteers as well. It was an experience which I will remember for some time.



Lethbridge PRIDE Fest

The self-lesson and reminder that giving is always better than receiving was proven true. Random Acts of Kindness demonstrated how caring our Lethbridge community is, with our downtown core not only a hub for businesses but a place to interact with fellow citizens and share the beauty within our city. *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*

PROJECT PAINT BRUSH

In order to engage the Lethbridge community, promote the Students' Union, and lend a helping hand, the Executive partnered with Volunteer Lethbridge for the summer. Our first Volunteer Lethbridge event was working for Project Paintbrush. Project Paintbrush offers free painting service to those who would have difficulty doing the maintenance themselves. We spent the afternoon learning some skills and safety protocols to follow, then scraping old paint, sanding wood, and finally painting fences, doors, and

gates. This is an amazing service offered in Lethbridge with many people and organizations playing a part to make our city and community better, and I am grateful I am able to play my part. *Michael Gale - Neuroscience, Biology & Geography major*

VOLUNTEER LETHBRIDGE & THE ULSU

The ULSU and Volunteer Lethbridge worked together to build new initiatives and grow already established initiatives. Diana Sim and her wonderful team at Volunteer Lethbridge were incredible to work with. Together the ULSU and Volunteer Lethbridge aspired to reach new heights by supporting Random Acts of Kindness, the Volunteer Fair, Project Paintbrush, the 2017 Voice Drive, and the 2017 Summer Colour Fun Run. We're extremely excited to continue to build upon this success for the next academic year! *Royal Adkin - Social Responsibility & Supply Chain*

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Campus Community Initiatives

NIGHTMARE ON SHRED STREET

Nightmare on Shred Street was a joint event put on by the Information Technology Services department on campus and the ULSU. The purpose was to promote and enable people to properly dispose of sensitive and private information in a safe and secure manner. The name and timing of this event played into Halloween, ideally adding a fun spin to a normally mundane task. This was achieved by bringing a shredding truck on campus and the users were encouraged to donate to the ULSU Food Bank in the form of a non-perishable food item or cash donation. This event was quite popular, with our Food Bank receiving over two carts full of donations and over \$250.00 in cash donations. This was especially impressive considering this event took place outside and it rained throughout the event. *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*

EMCEE FOR GLOBAL NIGHT

I was honored to be asked by the International Department to emcee this year's Global Night, held at City Hall. Global Night was a celebration of all international and exchange students in Lethbridge, either attending the University of Lethbridge or the Lethbridge College. This event was to show our city's appreciation of our visiting students and to help them feel welcomed into our beautiful city. The main theme was to ensure these students felt and viewed Lethbridge as their second home, which seemed to be true. It was great to see the City donate the use of City Hall as the venue free of charge. Congratulations to our International Department on their hard work within this event and its success. *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*

LET THERE BE LIGHT NIGHT

In conjunction with the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association and the University of Lethbridge Advancement Department, the ULSU helped hold the Let There Be Light Night event. This event was a celebration of recent Alumni award winners and a networking opportunity for recent

graduates and current alumni to connect. This event was quite successful, with almost an equal showing of alumni, friends and students. In addition to helping with location and logistics, the ULSU held a silent auction. The proceeds from the auction went towards our ULSU Food Bank. A big thank you to the always supportive local businesses and departments within the University for supporting our food bank initiatives. Specifically, in this case, in the form of silent auction items. Let There Be Light Night was an excellent part of our 50th anniversary and I hope this event continues to happen. *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*

FALL READING BREAK SURVEY

Over the last few years the ULSU has been advocating internally for the need of a fall break in the academic year. This break is needed due to the threat posed to university students surrounding mental health issues. Statistics show that a fall break helps reduce stress, anxiety and other issues our students are plagued with. Mental health issues are one of the greatest threats facing post-secondary students and there is an abundant need for support systems in place. I am happy to say this year was the first year a Fall break was instituted at the University of Lethbridge. Head Registrar, Susie Kennedy, and I created a survey and distributed it to students. The purpose of this survey was to imperially determine if the fall break was having its intended impact. We had an overwhelming amount of responses with almost 1/4 of students responding. The results were used to create data which Susie and I presented to General Faculties Committee and Deans Advisory Committee. I am happy to say that from the first round of results (as this survey will be repeated over the next few years) the fall break is having its intended result. *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*

DESTINATION PROJECT SOD TURNING & MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

The sod turning for the Destination Project marks a new chapter for the University and paves the way for continued

success for the next 50 years. University and community members filled the Grove for the ground breaking ceremony followed by a BBQ. Many political figures such as Mayor Spearman and the Minister of Advanced Education attended the sod turning and spoke about the importance of the Destination Project and what it will bring to the University and the City. After the sod turning Minister Schmidt and the Students' Union Executive had a private meeting to get to know each other and bring up topics of discussion and areas of focus for the year. This was an incredibly important and powerful meeting where both parties were able to advance their agenda and lay the ground work for more collaboration in the future. *Michael Gale - Neuroscience, Biology & Geography major*

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE DONOR GALA

This year's Donor Gala was hosted in our library, which in my opinion was the perfect venue. By hosting this event in an academic setting it was easy for our donors to visualize the impact their donations were having in our student's lives. The Donor Gala is an annual thank you to all the University donors throughout the year. I had the pleasure of speaking at this event on how their contributions impact students. Many of the donors are very focused on making sure their contributions are going towards students, which as a student is very easy to admire. It was a great night of interacting with our community supporters and celebrating what the University was able to accomplish with their help throughout the year. *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*

LACROSSE GAME

The University of Lethbridge Alumni Association Calgary Chapter's (ULAACC) held a Roughneck lacrosse game in Calgary. Hailey Babb and I, including a couple General Assembly members, attended. The ULSU also purchased and distributed tickets to students at our Calgary campus. It was a great night meeting new friends and networking with students attending the Calgary campus. The ULSU often finds communication and promotion of our services tougher with students at our satellite campuses. Events

such as this one enabled us to forge a stronger connection and relationship with all our students, not just those at the Lethbridge campus. *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*

50TH ANNIVERSARY

This year our University has been busy celebrating its 50th anniversary. This is a monumental accomplishment to celebrate, although we are still quite young in the sphere of academia. It has been an honor and privilege serving as the 50th ULSU President, during our 50th celebrations. These celebrations included a replica cake of UHall, a free lunch for the community and students, as well as hearing from distinguished individuals of the University's past. It was an honor to speak at the celebration and talk about the history of getting our campus on the west side. Additionally there were other events throughout the year geared towards the 50th, for example Frost Frest. There will also be a massive homecoming concert being put on by the University this summer as part of the celebrations. Happy Anniversary ULeth! *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*



Students' Union Awards

Award Recipients

John Brocklesby Students' Union Award of Excellence

2016-2017 Award Winner: *Maya Many Grey Horses - FNMI Representative*

This award was presented to the General Assembly member who had made the most significant contribution to the Students' Union, students, and the University community.

Bill Chapman Students' Union Certificate of Distinction

2016-2017 Award Winner: *Angie Nikoleyчук*

This award was presented to the University of Lethbridge student who had shown the most innovation in the area(s) of student affairs, wellness, or another notable field over the past year.

Employee of the Year

2016-2017 Award Winner: *Riley Miller - Communications Coordinator*

This award was presented to the Students' Union employee who had made the most outstanding contribution to the organization over the past year, and best displayed the values of the Students' Union.

Student Employee of the Year

2016-2017 Award Winner: *Paul Tokode - Zoo Security*,
Honourable mention: *Laura Bryan - Policy Analyst*

This award was presented to the Students' Union student employee who demonstrated the most exceptional contribution to our organization over the past year.

Paul has been a steady figure at all of our big events, such as Fresh Fest and Frost Fest. He always made sure that all of the guests were safe and secure. He does his job with a smile and a fantastic attitude.



John Brocklesby Students' Union Award of Excellence
Maya Many Grey Horses, Michael Gale



Employee of the Year Award
Riley Miller



Club of the Year
WUSC Members

Helping Hand Award

2016-2017 Award Winner: *University Advancement Department*

This award was presented to a University of Lethbridge faculty or staff employee that had made the most significant and lasting contribution to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union over the past academic year.

Outstanding Dedication Award

2016-2017 Award Winners: *Rebecca Colbeck, Kari Tanaka, Annette Bright - University Bookstore.*

This award was presented to the University of Lethbridge employee in special recognition for outstanding dedication and support to the students of the University of Lethbridge.

Continued Support Award

2016-2017 Award Winner: *Tammy Perlich (Senate), Honourable mention: Shad Chollack*

This award was presented to the community organization for continued support of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union.

Student of the Year Award

2016-2017 Award Winner: *Victor Iyilade*

This award was presented to the student who embodied leadership, commitment, and contributed to the betterment of U of L students; this may have been exemplified by involvement in clubs, non-profit and/or student organizations, community, and volunteerism.

Club of the Year Award

2016-2017 Award Winner: *World University Service Canada*

This award was presented to the Students' Union ratified club that demonstrated the most outstanding effort and dedication in its endeavours over the past year.

WUSC successfully passed a referendum during the ULSU annual elections so that a levy would be implemented for the following year. For those of you who don't know, getting a referendum passed is a lot of work, but WUSC put their hearts and souls into this referendum to successfully pass it. WUSC is a very passionate bunch of people who chose to take on this selfless project just so a refugee could get an education here at the University of Lethbridge every year.

Outstanding New Club

2016-2017 Award Winner: *Panoptic Religious Studies Club*

This award was presented to the Students' Union newly ratified club that had demonstrated the most outstanding, creative, new, and successful endeavours over the past year, with excellent standing with Clubs Council.

Greek Organization of the Year

2016-2017 Award Winner: *Kappa Beta Gamma*

This award was presented to the Students' Union ratified Greek organization that had exhibited the most community and campus involvement and support. The nomination for this award came from a third-party, accompanied with a formal letter of recommendation.

The Zoo Spirit Award

2016-2017 Award Winner: *Solly Krygier-Paine - Zoo Server*

This annual award was presented to an individual who embodied the spirit of the Zoo! The recipient of this award went above and beyond to make the Zoo an amazing place for everyone through his energetic positivity. This award was presented to a member of the University of Lethbridge community who calls the Zoo their home.

Volunteer Award

2016-2017 Award Winner: Kean Lehtinen

This award was presented to the most dedicated and enthusiastic student volunteer, specifically for Students' Union events and initiatives.



Volunteer Award
Kean Lehtinen,
Shelby Quinn-Ost

Legacy Award

2016-2017 Award Winner: Michael Gale - VP Operations & Finance

This award was presented to the Students' Union Executive Council member who had exhibited the most outstanding leadership, ethics and dedication during their term.



Legacy Award
Hailey Babb, Cameron Howey, Michael Gale, Royal Adkin

Teaching Excellence Award

2016-2017 Award Winners: Lisa Lambert - Political Science, Gideon Fujiwara - History, and Adam Mason - Fine Arts

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union formally recognized and honoured teaching excellence at the University of Lethbridge. We accomplished this by offering students an avenue for nominating a professor, sessional staff or lab instructor who had shown outstanding efforts to increase the learning experience of their students. The award selection was based solely on teaching excellence. The winners were formally recognized as part of the ULSU Last Lecture event in April 2016. The 6th annual Teaching Excellence Awards were awarded to three professors.

All three of these individuals were chosen for their commitment to the student experience, and dedication to making learning enjoyable. *Hailey Babb, Psychology major*

Laurence Decore Awards

2016-2017 Award Winners: Logan Bell, Patricia Bruised Head, Leanne Gerwing, Sandeep Parmar, Janet Poplawski, Lauren Vomberg

The Laurence Decore Award for Student Leadership recognizes post-secondary students demonstrating outstanding dedication. Recipients were selected on the basis of involvement in either student government, student societies, clubs, or organizations. In addition, candidates may have been involved in student organizations at the provincial or national level or in non-profit community organizations.

This award recognizes that being a student is being part of a larger learning community. Student leaders are giving something of themselves to the community and the government of Alberta recognizes that these accomplishments are important just like academic, athletic or creative excellence.

Health & Dental Plan September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017
Fall enrollment: Health 4194, Dental 4217 Family fall add on: Health 38, Dental 33
Spring enrollment: Health 268, Dental 270 Family spring add on: Health 25, Dental 13
Health & Dental Plan underwritten by RWAM Prescription plan underwritten by Greenshields Accident Coverage underwritten by Chartis Travel Assist serviced & administered by Allianz Global Assistance Plan arranged by C & C Insurance
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Room Bookings & Tenants

Room Booking Summary

ROOM	ULSU & U of L BOOKINGS	CLUB BOOKINGS	EXTERNAL BOOKINGS	TOTAL BOOKINGS
Council Chambers	55	7	13	75
Table Space	68	130	81	279

ULSU Food Court Tenants

- Campus Coffee
- Smoothie Hut
- Tivoli
- Hiroba
- Subway
- Icy's
- Baadshah Café
- U of L Bookstore
- Rockerman's Service Centre

ULSU Food Bank

ULSU CAR WASH

We held our annual car wash this year on July 16th. Unfortunately it was raining periodically throughout the day, however, this did not deter from the success of our event. We were able to raise \$631.00 towards our food bank by donations from washing cars and selling hot dogs. This was our most successful car wash to date! A big thank you to all volunteers for taking time out of your weekend for a great cause, to everyone who came and donated towards our food bank (and ignored the water marks on their cars) and to Murray Chevrolet car dealership for their support and providing the venue for the event. *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*

ULSU FOOD BANK TAX RECEIPT CAPABILITY

Before this year the ULSU was unable to provide tax receipts to donators who made food bank donations. Through working with the Advancement Department, and specifically Chris Horbachewski and Nancy Walker, we are now able to provide tax receipts for any donations over \$50.00. A big thank you to the University and all those involved in making this happen. A direct result of this change was the fact that we raised the most money for our food bank this year in donations to date. It has enabled us to collect more resources to be put towards helping our students with food insecurities. To donate to our food bank and receive a tax receipt, write a cheque to the University of Lethbridge and put "ULSU Food Bank" in the memo. *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*

FEED OR FAMINE

Clubs, Greek life, and student groups came together to collect a whopping 3615 food donation items for Feed or Famine from October 10th to October 21st. I am so proud of every club that participated in Feed or Famine this year. It's no secret that students don't have a ton of money. However, one thing that students have is the passion to dedicate time for amazing initiatives like Feed or Famine. The three student groups that rocked Feed or Famine 2017 were the Board, Ski, and Surf Club with 603 food donation items, the Kappa Beta Gamma Sorority with 598 food donation items, and the Wildrose on Campus Club with 527 food donation items. *Royal Adkin - Social Responsibility & Supply Chain*

FOOD HAMPERS GIVEN OUT 2016-2017

		Single	Family
2016	May	6	11
	June	14	5
	July	4	2
	August	4	4
	September	15	9
	October	13	11
	November	25	13
	December	22	10
2017	January	9	8
	February	14	12
	March	34	8
	April	19	11
	TOTAL	179	104
			283



ULSU FOOD BANK DONATION LIST

- Galt School of Nursing Alumnae Society
- Bayer CropScience
- H H Smith
- Lethbridge Community Health Centre
- Muslim Association of Alberta
- SACPA
- PCL
- AUPE
- U of L Senate
- U of L Board of Governors
- General Faculties Council
- U of L Facilities
- U of L Security
- U of L IT Department
- U of L Financial Services
- U of L Art Gallery
- U of L Bookstore
- U of L Health Centre
- U of L Starbucks
- And many other individuals and clubs who donated cash or food to the ULSU food bank.



Registrar's Office Food Bank Donation
Cameron Howey, Susie Kennedy



Greek Life Food Bank Donation
Jaden McDermott, Cameron Howey



THANK YOU SPONSORS

ULSU FOOD BANK

Financial

Sponsorship

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Sponsorship from the ULSU

- Chancellor's Dinner
- Club and Student QIP Applications
- Summer Colour Fun Run
- Final Re-fresh
- 5 Days for the Homeless
- Founders Day Weekend
- Global Medical Brigades Dinner
- Hokkai Gakuen Exchange
- International Dinner
- John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament
- LethCamp 2017
- Let There Be Light Night
- L.P.I.R.G. - Student Speaker Challenge
- MSS Year End Banquet - Calgary Campus
- MSS Etiquette Dinner
- Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast
- Sasha Silent Auction
- Student Art Award
- U of L Library Stress Free Zone
- U of L Tartan Competition
- U of L Voice Drive
- Volunteer Fair
- Windy City Canine Rescue Auction

External

Sponsorship to the ULSU

Bursaries/Scholarships/Awards

- Bill Chapman
- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- C & C Insurance Consultants
- Cardtronics
- Recycling
- University of Lethbridge - QIP
- U of L Security (lost & found sale)

General Sponsorship

- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- University of Lethbridge
- Fresh Fest Sponsors - page 23
- Frost Fest Sponsors - page 24

Food Bank Donations

- See page 35 for list of donors

QIP FUNDING HIGHLIGHT

Quality Initiative Program is a funding line created through a partnership between the University and the Students' Union. This budget line has been drastically reduced several times since its inception in 2005. This year we were able to reallocate an underutilized budget line within QIP to make it more accessible to students. This year student clubs, groups, and individuals were able to accomplish some amazing events with the funding. U of L Singers were able to attend the Calgary Choral Fest, perform, and work with world renown performers and conductors. The First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Representative put on a Blackfoot Academic Conference during Native Awareness Week. The Organization of Residence Students Club in conjunction with the University and Housing Services will be constructing a soccer field near the residence buildings along with a large upgrade to the outdoor Aperture Park Common Space. This will create more student space where they can feel more at home and remain active during their time at University. *Michael Gale - Neuroscience, Biology & Geography.*



Signing of the QIP Letter of Understanding
Cameron Howey, Michael Gale

QIP EXPENDITURES FOR 2016-2017	AMOUNT
Undergraduate Research	\$75,000
Scholarships and Bursaries	\$210,000
Tutoring	\$5,000
Fresh Fest	\$45,500
Academic Speaker	\$25,000
NASA Food Cupboard	\$1,000
Sisters in Spirit Vigil Speaker	\$1,000
Model United Nations Club	\$2,500
Aperture Park Common Space	\$15,000
Frost Fest	\$11,662
U of L Singers	\$4,000
Panoptic Religious Studies Club	\$900
Blackfoot Academic Conference	\$4,220
Last Class Bash	\$8,083
Spanish Club	\$4,000
Tartan Day Free Lunch	\$3,500
Total	\$416,365

NAME	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
Travel & Conference Grants	39	\$15,784
Club & Start-up Grants	56	\$13,800
Emergency Grants	15	\$4,400
TOTAL	110	\$33,984

TOTAL APPROVED GRANT APPLICATIONS T & C, Club, Start-up, & Emergency	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
2007-2008	70	\$15,520
2008-2009	96	\$21,518
2009-2010	48	\$16,583
2010-2011	62	\$23,071
2011-2012	92	\$24,561
2012-2013	104	\$32,860
2013-2014	99	\$32,752
2014-2015	104	\$43,765
2015-2016	130	\$38,385
2016-2017	110	\$33,984

NAME	NUMBER AWARDED	SINGLE AWARD VALUE	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS			
Community Service Award Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Part-time Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU International Travel Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Coca-Cola Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola North Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
QIP Scholarships	106	\$1,000	\$106,000

BURSARIES			
ULSU Bursary	3	\$500	\$1,500
ULSU Emergency Bursary	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Placement Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
Student Wise Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
Cardtronics Bursary	3	\$500	\$1,500
QIP Bursaries	104	\$1,000	\$104,000

AWARDS			
Sustainability Award Campus Recycling	6	\$1,000	\$ 6,000
TOTAL			\$226,500

Elections & Referendums

Spring 2017 Elections & Referendum



World University Service Canada (WUSC) Referendum

QUESTION

Are you in favour of a student levy of \$2.00 assessed per student each semester to sponsor the University of Lethbridge Student Refugee Program, through the World University Service of Canada? This program enables a qualified United Nations refugee to resettle and study at the University of Lethbridge.

RESULTS:

YES votes: 1190 votes - 59.77%
 NO votes: 801 votes - 40.23%

The Women's Centre Referendum

QUESTION

Are you in favour of an increase from \$1.00 to \$3.00 assessed per student, each semester towards the Women's Centre student levy? This levy increase would support and help expand the services offered by the Women's Centre and any student may obtain a refund through the Women's Centre.

RESULTS:

YES votes: 1480 votes - 74.22%
 NO votes: 514 votes - 25.78%



General Election Voter Turn-out

Spring 2017: 28.36%	Spring 2011: 24.67%	Spring 2005: 10.08%
Spring 2016: 15.92%	Spring 2010: 21.18%	Spring 2004: 7%
Spring 2015: 19.28%	Spring 2009: 30.27%	Spring 2003: 12%
Spring 2014: 19.4%	Spring 2008: 27%	Spring 2002: 15%
Spring 2013: 18.65%	Spring 2007: 30.54%	
Spring 2012: 17.84%	Spring 2006: 26.89% e-voting	



Incoming Council

Incoming Council for 2017-2018



Incoming Executive Council



Incoming General Assembly



Incoming President - Hailey Babb

Executive Council

President - Hailey Babb
VP Operations & Finance - Royal Adkin
VP Academic - Sandeep Parmar
VP Student Affairs - Ameet Kumar
VP External - Conner Peta

General Assembly

Arts & Science Reps - Jaren Robinson
- Riley Desrochers
- Jessica Jones
- Laura Bryan
- Cody Ciona
- Alaina Pyde

Residence Rep - Brady Hornung

Management Rep - Daan Smit

Fine Arts Rep - Monica Collins

Calgary Campus Rep - Gareth Jones

Education Rep - Jillian McGinley

Health Science Rep - Kelsey Hallett

International Rep - Darren Armah

FNMI Rep - Maya Many Grey Horses

1st Year Student Rep - No candidate

Past Presidents

List of Past Presidents



Cameron Howey



Brenna Scott



Sean Glydon



Shuna Talbot



Armin Escher



Zack Moline



Taz Kassam



Jeremy Girard



Adam Vossepoel

2016/2017 - Cameron Howey (50th)
 2015/2016 - Brenna Scott (49th)
 2014/2015 - Sean Glydon (48th)
 2013/2014 - Shuna Talbot (47th)
 2012/2013 - Armin Escher (46th)
 2011/2012 - Zack Moline (45th)
 2010/2011 - Taz Kassam (44th)
 2009/2010 - Jeremy Girard (43rd)
 2008/2009 - Adam Vossepoel (42nd)
 2007/2008 - Kelly Kennedy (41st)
 2006/2007 - Dustin Fuller (40th)
 2005/2006 - Tyler Tanner (39th)
 2004/2005 - Lorelee Edwards (38th)
 2003/2004 - Paul Daniels (37th)
 2002/2003 - Melanee Thomas (36th)
 2001/2002 - Matthew McHugh (35th)
 2000/2001 - Dezmond Belzeck (34th)

1999/2000 - Bonnie Androkovich (33rd)
 1998/1999 - Ryan Dunford (32nd)
 1997/1998 - Jon Wescott (31st)
 1996/1997 - Jason Shriner (30th)
 1995/1996 - Arthur Wong (29th)
 1994/1995 - Humberto Aspillaga (28th)
 1993/1994 - Poul Mark (27th)
 1992/1993 - Justin Penny (26th)
 1991/1992 - David Legg (25th)
 1990/1991 - Terry Whitehead (24th)
 1989/1990 - Jon Oxley (23rd)
 1988/1989 - Jon Oxley (22nd)
 1987/1988 - Jason Slemko (21st)
 1986/1987 - Dan Laplante (20th)
 1985/1986 - Aaron Engen (19th)
 1984/1985 - Tracy Hembroff (18th)
 1983 - Mike McPhail (17th a)

-----1984 - Larry Glazer (17th b)
 1982/1983 - Chuck Cosgrove (16th)
 1981/1982 - Barry Weintraub (15th)
 1980/1981 - Rudy Peters (14th)
 1979/1980 - Alan Murray (13th)
 1978/1979 - Pat Dortch (12th)
 1977/1978 - Howard Reid (11th)
 1976/1977 - Wayne MacKay (10th)
 1975/1976 - Lee Ens (9th)
 1974/1975 - Darryl Ross (8th)
 1973/1974 - Khym Goslin (7th)
 1972/1973 - Jesse Snow (6th)
 1971/1972 - Ken Runge (5th)
 1970/1971 - Robin Dann (4th)
 1969/1970 - Lamont Nielson (3rd)
 1968/1969 - Richard Wutzke (2nd)
 1967/1968 - John Brocklesby (1st)



Kelly Kennedy



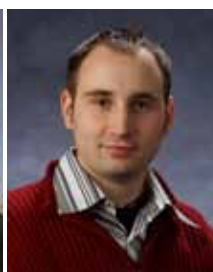
Dustin Fuller



Tyler Tanner



Lorelee Edwards



Paul Daniels



Melanee Thomas

MISSION

The mission of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union is to provide our students, as well as faculty, staff, and alumni a portal to the unique University of Lethbridge experience. The Students' Union complements the academic programs and enhances the overall educational experience and quality of campus life for students and other members of the U of L family.

As the heart of the student community, we are committed to student success by delivering a diverse program of cultural, educational, social and recreational services. We strive to surpass the needs of our multi-cultural student community, create a positive learning experience, and maintain a healthy balance between academic and leisure activities.

VISION

The ULSU and the University of Lethbridge will deliver extraordinary service, facilities, programs and opportunities that exceed the expectations of our students. The Students' Union will be recognized locally, provincially and nationally as a dynamic and innovative leader in the Canadian university community.



Matthew McHugh



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