



A Year in Review
of 2009/2010

University of Lethbridge
Students' Union



2009-2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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WELCOME

Jeremy Girard
ULSU President of 2009-2010



President's Address

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The University of Lethbridge Students' Union (ULSU) has a great deal to be proud of for the 2009-2010 academic year. This year was a high-water mark for undergraduate student enrolment at the University, and so the ULSU represented the largest student body in its history. In this document you'll read about the work that the ULSU has done to represent students, the events that were held over the past year, the services that were administered, and more.

The ULSU is a non-profit corporation established under the Province of Alberta's Post-Secondary Learning Act (2004) to represent the students of the University of Lethbridge to the University, the City of Lethbridge, the Province of Alberta, and the Government of Canada. Its primary mandate is to be a voice for students, but also the ULSU has a host of operations, including managing the Students' Union Building, managing investments, running several businesses on campus, and providing services for students.

The past year saw such great success with the continuation of Fresh Fest, a complete overhaul of the constitution, bylaws and policies, a greater involvement with student clubs led by our VP Internal, a more engaged and accountable General Assembly, increased municipal advocacy, our VP Administration holding the elected title of Treasurer in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, a commendable performance of our VP Academic in CAUS and with media events, and many other accomplishments that you will read about.

As this is a publication largely on the dealings of the elected student officials, you may not know of



Executive Council
of 2009-2010



the successes of the ULSU staff which include moving to an online opt-out for our Health and Dental Plan, taking over Students' Union Building bookings, and many more behind the scenes changes to our organization which increases our efficiency and may go unnoticed but for a short mention in a year-in-review. The ULSU would not be as valuable as it is without the hard work and dedication of its staff members.

The 2009-2010 General Assembly was an excellent governing body, not only bringing up pertinent information relevant to their constituencies during key discussions, but utilizing their skills and motivation to better the ULSU by presenting unique initiatives, participating on important committees, and keeping the Executive Council accountable at all times. This document would not be such a highlight of success if not for an engaged, critical, and thoughtful General Assembly.

This document would also not be such a highlight of success without the support of the community donors, University faculty, staff, administration, and others who were pivotal in the continuity of progress and value that the ULSU exemplifies, and the history of the ULSU that has led us to this point. As our alumni body passes 30,000, and with our student enrolment levels at around 8,250, the community surrounding the University and the ULSU will continue to grow each year.

This past year has been such a phenomenal experience for myself; having been so involved that I could feel the heartbeat and see the actions of the ULSU from the inside, I could truly see the value that lies within the ULSU. It is certain that current and future students will be better off due to the hard work of this year's ULSU team, so do enjoy reading this Year in Review. *Written by Jeremy Girard - 4th year Neuroscience major.*



WELCOME - A STUDENT'S REFLECTION

Alecia Fraser
Arts & Science Representative of 2009-2010



During my first year of university I met many people who were involved with the ULSU, although at the time I didn't know what that entailed. Regardless, I voted in the ULSU General Election in February of 2007, and by September of the same year my knowledge of the organization had increased. I worked at the Zoo for a year where I met many students, staff and faculty, who were actively involved with the ULSU. Their dedication to the organization had such a positive influence on me that I volunteered for Fresh Fest. Shortly after that, I decided to run in the ULSU General Election where I won a seat as an Arts and Science Representative.

My year as a General Assembly member was different than what I had anticipated. Although my expectations of the function, organization and importance of the ULSU were met, I found it difficult to maintain the level of involvement I desired, and sometimes felt as though I was unable to complete my duties to the fullest extent. Looking back, however, I realized that the skills I learned and the experiences gained over the year were monumental in my personal growth. I also believe that my participation was a valuable contribution to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union community.

I enjoyed being the commissioner to the VP Academic for the first half of my term. I not only learned a lot, but it was a great opportunity to keep current on ULSU initiatives. After resigning as commissioner, my commitment to the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) became apparent as we met for many hours each week revising the contents of the ULSU Operation Manual. Although tedious at times, I am so grateful to have sat on that committee because the revised document will ensure that the ULSU moves forward with meeting students needs, while at the same time streamlining operations. This was a huge accomplishment in just one short year.

I am also grateful for my experience as I sat on other committees with faculty and staff of the University. This is an interesting space for a student; a room of faculty and staff who are highly regarded in the institution and community and who look to you, the student, with the same expectations and respect as they look to each other. Robert's Rules of Order were followed by the General Assembly and learning to behave in a boardroom was incredibly important and interesting during the year, as well as a skill I will surely use again.

Being a part of the ULSU gave me an opportunity to apply what I have learned in the classroom to real life situations, and to better understand the scope of what my undergraduate education was all about. My activity in the ULSU answered questions I didn't know I had, and taught me many practical and invaluable life skills. As a member of an organization with a voice, my experience also provided me with the knowledge to help others. *Written by Alecia Fraser, 4th year, BA - French*



Permanent Staff Incoming & Outgoing Staff

Permanent Staff

General Manager - *Cheri Pokarney*
Bookkeeper/Service Centre Manager - *Randy Ockerman*
Operations Coordinator - *David Green/Tracy Merrifield*
Executive Assistant - *Susan Curtis*
Administrative Assistant - *Tracy Merrifield*
Communications Coordinator - *Abby Allen*
Health Plan Administrator - *Shelley Tuff*
The Zoo Manager - *Ben Giesbrecht*
Kitchen Supervisor - *Gary Ouellette*

Incoming & Outgoing Staff

Abby Allen - Communications Coordinator

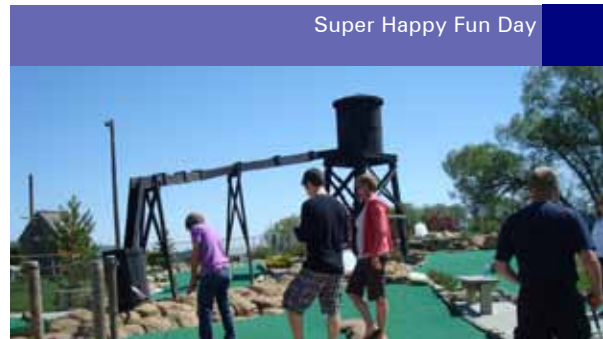
Abby grew up in Fort Macleod and after attending College in Victoria, BC for two years she returned to Southern Alberta to finish her schooling at the University of Lethbridge. She completed a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in the Spring of 2006. In 2007 she attended Lethbridge College and obtained a Communication Arts Diploma with Honours. Abby completed a practicum with the Sunny South News and then worked as a Reporter for the Taber Times and the Vauxhall Advance before moving into communications with Lethbridge Lifelong Learning, and then finally the ULSU. Abby was hired on June 22, 2009 and her expertise, exemplary writing skills and dedication are a few of her qualities that have proven her to be a valuable asset to the ULSU.

David Green - Operations Coordinator

David Green was the Operations Coordinator from January 2008 to March 2010. During that time he assisted with transferring the room bookings from Conference & Event Services to the ULSU, had a Smartboard installed in the Council Chambers, and spearheaded initiatives that generated revenue for the ULSU. The ATM machine (Mr. Cash) has allowed the ULSU to offer three \$500 student bursaries. We were sorry to see him leave and wish him the very best with his future endeavours.

Tracy Merrifield - Operations Coordinator

Tracy was promoted from the ULSU Administrative Assistant position to Operations Coordinator in March 2010. Tracy has a BAsC from the University of Lethbridge with both a Sociology and Psychology major. She has been an employee of the ULSU for 5 years and has always been a dedicated worker with exceptional customer and interpersonal skills. Even though these are not her only strengths, they are certainly noteworthy and valuable assets to have in her new position. Her extensive knowledge of the University and the Students' Union will be well served as she advances the operations of the ULSU. In just two short months she has already begun the process of streamlining the ballroom booking procedures and has plans to implement other initiatives.





Jeremy Girard
President



Alex Massé
VP Academic



Allan Hall
VP Administration



Cole Lehto
VP Internal Affairs



Chris Mottershead
Edmonton Campus Rep



Fwanyanga Mate
International Rep



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Education Rep



Tyrell DaSilva
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Michael Persinger
Residence Rep



Atallia Burke
Fine Arts Rep

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Justine Foy
Arts & Science Rep
(May 2009 - March 2010)

Jared Byrne
Calgary Campus Rep
(Sept. 2009 - Jan. 2010)



STUDENT COUNCIL & STAFF



Eric Hawthorne
Arts & Science Rep



Zack Moline
Arts & Science Rep



Cayley Rauw
Arts & Science Rep



Avi Scheibner
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Rep



Alecia Fraser
Arts & Science Rep



Willis Norrie
Arts & Science Rep



Jenn Prosser
Board of Governors Rep



Bill Chapman - Chair of
the General Assembly

Commissioners

Commissioner to the President - Cayley Rauw

Commissioner to the VP Academic - Alecia Fraser, Zack Moline

Commissioner to the VP Internal - Willis Norrie

Commissioner to the VP Administration - Justine Foy



A YEAR IN REVIEW OF 2009/2010

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Quality Initiatives Program (QIP)

The QIP is a proposal based funding system used to benefit and enhance the students' overall experience at the U of L. The U of L allocates 12% of the annual tuition fee increases to the ULSU, to be used to develop quality initiatives. These funds are provided on a continuing basis, with a three year term of notice, should the allocation be discontinued.

	Amount Spent
QIP - ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT	
1. Thomas Homer Dixon	\$14,367
2. Virginia Vitzthum	\$ 500
3. Ben Barry	\$ 7,033
4. Peak Week	\$ 1,959
5. GALIA OutSpoken	\$ 8,000
QIP - STUDENT COMMON FUND	
1. Pocket Lounges	\$90,104
2. Global Drums	\$ 6,000
3. Laundry Services - Residence	\$23,074
QIP - TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	
1. JDC West	\$10,800
2. Model UN	\$ 4,000
3. Travel & Conference Transfer	\$ 5,000
QIP - STUDENT EXPERIENCE	
1. Fresh Fest	\$50,000
2. Rookie Camp	\$16,281
QIP - NEEDS BASED FUNDING	
1. Food Bank Transfer	\$ 7,500
2. NASA/ULSU Food Cupboard	\$ 2,445
QIP - SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES	
1. Scholarships & Bursaries	\$210,000
2. Chinook Summer Research Award	\$ 80,000
TOTAL	\$537,353



External Sponsorship to the ULSU Sponsorship From the ULSU

West Village Mall
Donation to the ULSU



External Sponsorship to the ULSU

Bursaries/Scholarships/Awards

- University of Lethbridge - QIP
- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Campbell and Company
- Bill Chapman
- Zoom Media

General Sponsorship

- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Old Dutch
- Donation from West Village Mall

Food Bank Donations

- Canadian Wheat Board
- Anonymous donations
- Columbia Assisted Living
- Christmas in the Park
- H & H Smith
- Sodexo
- Alberta Faculty Association
- James Berezan

- Jamie Varzari
- Jennifer Mather
- Alberta Growers
- Individuals - Students, Faculty, Staff, & Community
- Physical Plant
- University of Lethbridge - QIP

Fresh Fest

- Many community and university sponsorships

Sponsorship From the ULSU

- \$100 - U of L Library Stress Free Zone
- \$320 - 8 Seats at the MSS Etiquette Dinner
- \$50 - 2 Tickets to the Celebration of Graduate Studies event.
- Waived room rental - Hip Hop for Hunger, break dancing event.
- \$200 - Residence Coulee Clean-up.
- \$200 - 5 Days for the Homeless
- \$320 - Tickets for MSS Grad Gala
- \$432 - Wetstone magazine



FINANCIAL MATTERS

Student Funding For May 1, 2009 - April 30, 2010

Total Approved Funding Applications:

NAME	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
Travel & Conference Grants	23	\$7,975
Club Matching Grants	10	\$2,147
Club Start-up Grants	3	\$ 600
Emergency Assistance Grants	12	\$5,861
TOTAL	48	16,583

Travel & Conference Grant Breakdown:

NAME	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
Overseas Applications	6	\$1,900
USA Applications	4	\$2,000
Canadian Applications	11	\$3,164
Individual Applications	12	\$2,446
Student Group Applications	6	\$2,329
Ratified Club Applications	5	\$3,000
Amount Transferred from QIP		\$5,000

Previous Year's Funding Comparison:

TOTAL APPROVED GRANT APPLICATIONS T & C, Matching, Start-up, & Emergency	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
2007-2008	70	\$15,520
2008-2009	96	\$21,518
2009-2010	48	\$16,583



ULSU Scholarships, Bursaries & Award Summary
For May 1, 2009 - April 30, 2010

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
Mr. Cash Bursary	3	\$500	\$1,500
QIP Bursaries	104	\$1,000	\$104,000
AWARDS			
Campus Sustainability Recycling Award	9	\$1,000	\$ 9,000
Emerging Teacher's Award	1	\$500	\$500
TOTAL			\$230,000

NOTE: QIP = Quality Initiative Program



STUDENTS' UNION OPERATIONS

Health & Dental Plan

ENROLMENT BREAKDOWN FOR THE HEALTH & DENTAL PLAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 - AUGUST 31, 2010

Total Health Plan Enrolment = **3808** --- Total Dental Plan Enrolment = **3840**

SEMESTER ADD-ON SUMMARY

HP = Health Plan --- DP = Dental Plan

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Total Add-ons
HP Family Add-on	47	HP Family Add-on	10	HP Add-on 91
HP Single Add-on	17	HP Single Add-on	17	DP Add-on 87
DP Family Add-on	42	DP Family Add-on	12	
DP Single Add-on	21	DP Single Add-on	12	

TOP PRESCRIPTION DRUG CATEGORY

1. Oral Contraceptives
2. Antidepressants
3. Acne medication
4. Bronchodilators - (treat Asthma)
5. Other Contraceptives
6. CNS Stimulant Agent - (treat ADD)
7. Antiviral Agents
8. Adrenergic Agents
9. Erythromycins
10. Anticonvulsant Agents



RWAM Insurance
Administrators INC.

Accident Coverage underwritten by Co-Operators Life Insurance Co.
Travel Assist serviced & administered by World Access Canada Inc.
Plan arranged by Campbell & Co. Insurance Consultants Ltd.



STUDENTS' UNION OPERATIONS

ULSU Food Bank Statistics Room Bookings



ULSU Food Bank Statistics

# OF NEW FAMILIES	# OF NEW SINGLES	# OF FAMILY HAMPERS GIVEN OUT	# OF SINGLE HAMPERS GIVEN OUT
11	59	26	177

With each hamper a \$25 gift card to Safeway was given out when available.

Food Bank cash donations = \$6,627.65

Thanks to all our donors, your generosity is very much appreciated!
(please see donation list on the sponsorship page)

The administration of the Campus Food Bank was moved from the VP Internal's portfolio to the Health and Dental Administrator, Shelley Tuff, in part to support the confidentiality. Shelley did a great job with the Food Bank this year and having someone who can provide continuity from year to year will lead to an overall improvement during the years to come.

Room Bookings

ROOM	ULSU & U of L BOOKINGS	CLUB BOOKINGS	EXTERNAL BOOKINGS	TOTAL BOOKINGS
Galileo's	46	40	5	91
Ballrooms	68	56	29	153
Council Chambers	110	4	19	133
Table Space	78	39	84	201



STUDENTS' UNION OPERATIONS

Cole Lehto
VP Internal Affairs



Club Policy & Alcohol

Club Policy & Alcohol

Before I began my term as VP Internal, I was aware of issues among student clubs regarding the ULSU club policies in relation to off campus events. Most of the concern was with the consumption and promotion of alcohol, as the ULSU legislation did not allow these activities to take place off campus.

Even though clubs have had many off-campus alcohol related events over the years, there was great concern with liability. As some clubs were adhering to the current policies and others were not, it became problematic. In reality, the events taking place were very reasonable, many of which were similar to that of a cabaret. I wanted to resolve the issues between off-campus events involving the service and consumption of alcohol and what I saw as the intention of the policy to disallow this type of event.

I reviewed the University of Lethbridge's advertising policy to find that it covered the issue quite extensively; nevertheless, there were still major concerns with opening up the ULSU to liability. After extensive consultation with the U of L Risk and Safety department (Toby Clark) and the ULSU insurer and legal council, it was determined the policy could be changed. David Green, the ULSU Operations Coordinator at the time, and I, researched how other universities handle events hosted by student clubs. We discovered that many of them had extensive requirements and procedures in place to assess and mitigate risk but still allowed events of this nature to take place. After continued discussion with Toby Clark to develop the details of a new policy, the new clubs policy was implemented. The new policy is largely modeled after Ryerson University, and will prove to be of great benefit to both the ULSU and clubs. *Written by Cole Lehto, 4th year Philosophy major*



STUDENTS' UNION OPERATIONS

Ratified Clubs List of 2009-2010



Ratified Clubs List of 2009-2010

- 1 Agriculture Students' Society
- 2 Amnesty International
- 3 Anthropology Club
- 4 Arts Society
- 5 Campus Conservative Association
- 6 Catholic Community
- 7 Chemistry Biochemistry Club
- 8 Cheerleading Club
- 9 Chess Club
- 10 Climbing Club
- 11 Education Undergraduate Society
- 12 English Student Society of Lethbridge
- 13 Film Club
- 14 Finance Club
- 15 Firespinning Club
- 16 Food and Beverage Club
- 17 French Club
- 18 Garden Club
- 19 Gay & Lesbian Integrity Association
- 20 Geography Club
- 21 Global Drums Club
- 22 Greek Life Club
- 23 Headbangers Club
- 24 Heads of Hip Hop
- 25 Health Sciences Undergraduate Association
- 26 Historical Society
- 27 Hope Student Ministries
- 28 Improv Club
- 29 International Student Association
- 30 Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF)
- 31 Japanese Anime & Manga Society
- 32 Kids Help Phone Lethbridge Campus
- 33 KinPhyEd
- 34 Latter-Day Saints Student Association
- 35 Lethbridge Environmental Society
- 36 Lethbridge Students for Life
- 37 Liberal Association
- 38 Literature Club
- 39 Management Student Society (MSS)
- 40 Medieval Club
- 41 Mixed Curling Club
- 42 Model United Nations (MUN)
- 43 Music Society
- 44 Musical Theatre Society
- 45 Muslim Students' Association
- 46 Native American Students' Association
- 47 Organization of Residence Students
- 48 Philosophy Club
- 49 Pre Med Club
- 50 Pro Choice Society
- 51 Psych & Neuroscience (PANiC)
- 52 Rotaract Club
- 53 Singers Club
- 54 Social Mathematicians
- 55 Social Work Student Society
- 56 Sociology Club
- 57 Speech & Debate Society
- 58 Surf Club
- 59 Tennis Club
- 60 Theatre Arts Society
- 61 Trolls Rugby
- 62 Ultimate Club
- 63 Wind Orchestra Club
- 64 Yoga Club



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Eric Hawthorne
Fresh Fest



Fresh Fest Public Interest Alberta Club Rush Week

Attendance Legend

Invitation only:	<i>limited</i>
0 - 100 people:	<i>Low</i>
100 - 250 people:	<i>Medium</i>
250 - 550 people:	<i>High</i>
550 plus people:	<i>Campus Wide</i>

1. Fresh Fest

September 9-11, 2009 - Type: Welcome Bash/Frosh Week - Location: U of L Campus
Cost: \$50.00 (Package), \$25.00 (Fresh U Jamboree) - Attendance: Campus Wide

Fresh Fest was designed to bring new students together during the first week of school and to expose them to residence, academics, the campus, friendship, partying and just plain fun. The four day event kicked off its first day with a barbeque, co-hosted by the Organization of Residence Students. On the second day of Fresh Fest, participants were treated to an outdoor movie. On the third day participants engaged in a Mexican-themed party called Fresh Fiesta in the campus pub. Frisbee Golf and Fresh U Jamboree were the events that capped off the week and were surely the highlight for all of the week's 400 Fresh Fest participants, and the other 687 students who attended the live outdoor music festival.

2. Public Interest Alberta

September 15, 2009 - Type: Press Conference - Location: ULSU Office - Cost: \$0 - Attendance: Low

Public Interest Alberta launched "Don't Cut Us Out," a province-wide campaign which visited the University of Lethbridge Students' Union Office on September 15, 2009. Although the need for post-secondary education was greater than ever, provincial funding for the University of Lethbridge will see, a zero per cent increase in 2010 to 2012. This has been felt all around the institution because it has forced the University to eliminate staff, faculty and services. Speakers representing the Students' Union, the University of Lethbridge Faculty Association, the Graduate Students' Association and the University of Lethbridge, all spoke about the importance of post-secondary education.

3. Club Rush Week

September 14-18, 2009 and January 11-15, 2010 Type: Rush Week - Location: U of L Atrium - Cost: \$0 - Attendance: Medium



ULSU/IVCF Used Book Sale Rez Wars ORS/ULSU Global Justice Week



Club Rush week is a chance for new and returning students to learn about the 60 plus clubs that exist on campus. Tables were set up in the Atrium with club representatives on hand to answer any questions prospective members may have. It was also an opportunity for students to join clubs they are interested in becoming a part of.

4. ULSU/IVCF Used Book Sale

September 9-23, 2009 & January 6-15, 2010 - Type: Used Book Sale - Location: Galileo's - Cost: Purchases - Attendance: Medium

The ULSU partnered with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship club this year to provide students with a much needed service, a used book sale. Books for the sale were collected in September, again during finals week in December of 2009, and during finals week in April of 2010 for sale in September 2010. The partnership has proven successful thus far with an increase in awareness among new and returning students resulting in an increase in sales.

5. Rez Wars ORS/ULSU

September 26, 2009 - Type: Coulee Clean Up - Location: U of L Breezeway - Cost: \$0 - Attendance: Low

Rez Wars was a competition among residence students that stimulated a good hearted match and engaged students in social activities. The event ran on a Saturday afternoon where participants were given 45 minutes to go into the Coulees, starting at the U of L Breezeway and pick up as much debris as possible. Debris collected by the participants was then divided into recycling and waste. A winning team was selected by having the greatest volume collected. The ULSU supported ORS in an attempt to clean up the community, not just for the students but for everyone.

6. Global Justice Week

September 30, 2009 - October 2, 2009 - Type: Academic Speakers - Location: Galileo's, SU Ballroom B and PE250 - Cost: \$0
Attendance: Low



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

K-OS



Calgary Flames Games in the Zoo Movie in the Zoo Imaginus Print Show

The three-day event, hosted by the ULSU in collaboration with Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group, the University of Lethbridge Graduate Students' Association and Amnesty International, featured many of the University's very own distinguished faculty, who spoke on a variety of issues that targeted Global Justice. A screening of the film "Our Land, My People," a documentary about the Lubicon Cree, was also shown. Iraq war resister, refugee claimant and co-author of "A Deserter's Tale," Joshua Key delivered a discourse about his experiences. Alex Neve, Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada delivered a lecture entitled, "Economic Insecurity, National Insecurity: Don't Lose Sight of Human Rights."

7. Calgary Flames Games in the Zoo

October 2009 – May 2010 - Type: Flames Games - Location: The Zoo – Cost: \$0 – Attendance: Low

All weekday Calgary Flames Games were featured in the Zoo, as well as all Pay-Per View games. The Zoo is a proud fan of the Calgary Flames and featured many food and drink specials during at all weekday Flames games.

8. Movie in the Zoo

October 15, 2009 - Type: Movie – Location: The Zoo - Cost: \$0 – Attendance: Low

The Hangover was shown on a large screen in the Zoo for anyone who wished to attend.

9. Imaginus Print Show

October 21-23, 2009 and February 8-10, 2010 - Type: Poster & Fine Print Sale – Location: U of L Atrium – Cost: Purchases
Attendance: Campus Wide

Imaginus was an exhibition and sale of fine art reproductions and posters. Imaginus comes to the University twice a year and typically has a large turnout of students, staff, faculty and even Lethbridge community customers.

Robin Wiszowaty Halloween Cabaret ULSU Fashion & Food Drive



10. Robin Wiszowaty

October 31, 2009 - Type: Speaker - Location: Galileo's - Cost: \$0 - Attendance: Low

It's often hard to imagine what life is like in developing countries, but Robin Wiszowaty gave a detailed account of her experiences while living in Kenya. Wiszowaty who was born and raised in Illinois has devoted her life to helping others. She has done this by immersing herself into Maasai life; she lived in a small Maasai village in Kenya with an adoptive family in a hut. She spoke solely in Swahili, and was forced to confront issues like extreme poverty, drought, corruption and female circumcision. Kenya is now home for this fearless young woman. She splits her time between her adoptive family in Kenya and her Toronto residence. Wiszowaty is an author, a motivational speaker, and she is serving as the Kenya Program Director for Free The Children in Kenya. Wiszowaty has written a memoir that details her experiences and struggles while living in Kenya entitled: *My Maasai Life: From Suburbia to Savannah*.

11. Halloween Cabaret

October 31, 2009 - Type: Cabaret - Location: The Zoo - Cost: \$0 - Attendance: High

The ULSU hosted their annual Halloween cabaret in the Zoo where students were invited to dress up in their halloween costumes and socialize with friends, old and new.

12. ULSU Fashion & Food Drive

October 26 – November 6, 2009 and November 9, 10, 12, 13, 2009

Type: Used Clothing Sale and Food Drive - Location: SU Ballroom A - Cost: Non-perishable Food Item - Attendance: Medium

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union and Faculty of Education students hosted the first ever "ULSU Fashion & Food Drive" in November. From October 26th to November 6th gently-used clothing, along with food and cash donations, were collected on campus and the community. Clothing collection sites were set up around campus, as well as various locations in the community. Once the donations were in and sorted, the clothing sale and food drive began, and



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Fresh-U Jamboree



deJourdan's Photo Graphics
Hooray to Poo Day
Ender Bender
Student Speaker Challenge

ran from November 9th to the 13th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entrance into the sale was granted to individuals who donated a non-perishable food item, once inside clothing could be purchased for \$2-\$5 per item. All proceeds raised went to establish a scholarship to assist future teachers during their internship and first year in the profession, all food donations went to the ULSU Food Bank, which assists students in need throughout the year.

13. deJourdan's Photographics

November 10, 12, 13, 2009 and February 1-12, 2010

Type: Graduation Photos – Location: Students' Union Office – Cost: Purchases – Attendance: Medium

de Jourdan's was at the University of Lethbridge campus twice over the past year to take graduation photos for students. In addition to booking formal appointments, de Jourdan's was also on campus during convocation to help commemorate the special day.

14. Hooray to Poo Day

November 5, 2009 - Type: Live Music – Location: The Zoo – Cost: \$0 – Attendance: Low

Goodbye Beatdown played live in the Zoo as a commemorative concert to mark the one year anniversary of Poo Day, the day the University was shut down due to a sewer backup.

15. Ender Bender

Ender Bender – December 11, 2009 - Type: Cabaret – Location: The Zoo – Cost: \$0 – Attendance: High

Ender Bender is an annual cabaret in the Zoo that marks the end of classes for the Fall semester. This event is always very popular among students.

16. Student Speaker Challenge

January 19, 27, February 2, 23, & March 2, 9, 2010 - Type: Speaker Challenge – Location: SU Ballroom A & Andy's Place – Cost: \$0 – Attendance: Low



Michael Bernard Fitzgerald ULSU General Election Peak Week

Michael Bernard Fitzgerald



SACPA on Campus, LPIRG and the ULSU invited students to a competition which answered the question “What is the value of post-secondary education to the world?”

17. Michael Bernard Fitzgerald

February 2, 2010 - Type: Live Music – Location: The Zoo – Cost: \$15.00 – Attendance: Medium

Michael Bernard Fitzgerald and the Loud Love Choir + Shayla Miller and Sidney York performed live in the Zoo. MBF is no stranger to playing for the University of Lethbridge students; he is a popular act on campus.

18. ULSU General Election

February 8 - March 4, 2010 - Type: General Election – Location: Students’ Union – Cost: \$0 – Attendance: Medium

All student council positions were available in the ULSU General Election. Students were invited to participate in a lively Town Hall speech and debate session by asking candidate’s questions and listening to what candidates hope to accomplish if elected. Once online voting closed, results were announced to a packed crowd at the Zoo.

19. Peak Week

February 22-26, 2010 - Type: Academic Speakers – Location: U of L Campus – Cost: \$0 – Attendance: Low

Some of Canada’s most important authors and commentators spoke at the University of Lethbridge during Peak Week, which was a week of educational events exploring peak oil and related issues. Peak oil is the point in time when the rate of oil production reaches its highest level and begins an immutable reduction. Peak Week’s keynote speaker was Dr. Thomas Homer-Dixon, a Governor General award-winning author and one of Canada’s top academics. Other presenters included award-winning Alberta author and journalist Andrew Nikiforuk, as well as some of the University of Lethbridge’s finest faculty. An educational display was set up in the U of L atrium in an attempt to draw attention to this growing problem.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Michael Nolan Event



Michael Nolan Launch Hey Ocean Concert ULSU By-Election

20. Michael Nolan Launch

February 22, 2010 - Type: Raffle Launch – Location: Atrium – Cost: \$0 – Attendance: Low

President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Bill Cade, announced the donation of his 1984 BMW 325e, affectionately named Michael Nolan, to the ULSU. The car was raffled off with all the proceeds going toward student scholarships.

21. Hey Ocean Concert

Hey Ocean Concert – March 4, 2010 - Type: Live Music – Location: The Zoo – Cost: \$12.00 – Attendance: Medium

The ULSU brought Hey Ocean back to Lethbridge. Hey Ocean is a fun infectious four member group from Vancouver that weaves catchy pop/rock with jazz and funk. Over the past two years, the group has been touring constantly throughout Canada and has been rapidly growing a steady fan base. They have been receiving constant praise for their live shows and are often described as one of Canada's best up-and-coming bands.

22. ULSU By-Election

March 8-25, 2010 - Type: By-Election – Location: Students' Union – Cost: \$0 – Attendance: Medium

Due to the lack of nominations in the ULSU General Election, a by-election was held immediately following the General Election to fill the remaining vacant positions. Vice-President Internal Affairs and the following General Assembly positions were filled in the by-election: Fine Arts Rep, Education Faculty Rep, International Rep and Edmonton Campus Rep. The remaining positions of Calgary Campus Rep, First Nations, Inuit, Métis Rep, Board of Governors Rep and Management Rep will be voted upon in September 2010.

The Last Lecture Michael Nolan Draw Last Class Bash



23. The Last Lecture

April 8, 2010 - Type: Lecture – Location: PE250 – Cost: \$0 – Attendance: High

The 2009-2010 Last Lecture was the third annual tradition here at the University of Lethbridge. This was an opportunity for University of Lethbridge professors to share life lessons with students that cannot be learned in a classroom. This year's speakers were: Dr. Jan Newberry, (Anthropology), Dr. Jay Gamble, (English), and Dr. Louise Barrett, (Psychology). These distinguished members of the University of Lethbridge faculty delivered a hypothetical "Last Lecture" about life, love, and success.

24. Michael Nolan Draw

April 16, 2010 - Type: Raffle Draw – Location: SU South Patio – Cost: \$0 – Attendance: High

Joshua Og, a University of Lethbridge student, was the winner of President and Vice-Chancellor Bill Cade's prized 1984 BMW 325e. President Cade donated the car to the ULSU to raffle off with all the proceeds going toward student scholarships. Raffle tickets were sold on and off campus from February 22nd to April 16th when the draw was made. Over 70 per cent of the tickets were sold raising well over \$7,000 that will be used to establish a student scholarship.

25. Last Class Bash

April 16, 2010 - Type: Cabaret – Location: The Zoo – Cost: \$0 – Attendance: High

Last Class Bash was a popular student cabaret to mark the end of the spring semester. This event was the perfect opportunity for students to mingle with others and to celebrate the end of the year.

Written by Abby Allen, Communications Coordinator



NOTABLE EVENT

Alex Massé & Jenn Prosser
Student Speaker Challenge



Student Speaker Challenge

Student Speaker Challenge

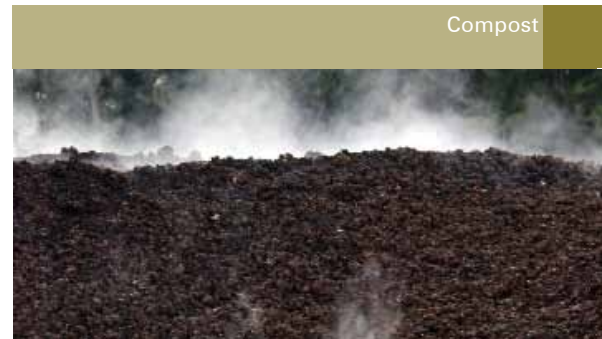
In 2009-2010, the ULSU remained a strong contributor to Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs (SACPA) on Campus. This was a partnership between SACPA, the ULSU and the Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group (LPIRG). Among other events, SACPA on Campus hosted the second annual Student Speaker Challenge.

The idea of the Student Speaker Challenge was to promote dialogue by offering students an opportunity to give oral presentations on a broad, socially relevant topic. This year, students were asked to speak on the value of post-secondary education to the world.

Each round consisted of talks by two students, only one of which would advance to the next round. The event attracted some excellent presenters and maintained a healthy audience throughout all seven rounds. It provided excellent academic programming and a venue for great dialogue between and among students and other community members. It also gave an opportunity for students to develop important speaking skills.

The event was generously supported by SACPA and the U of L, enabling the winners to receive large cash prizes. The winner of the challenge was incoming ULSU VP Academic Keith McLaughlin. Second place went to Kate Nesbitt while James Falconer and Keith Gardner tied for third. *Written by Alex Massé, 5th year Political Science major*

Green Initiatives - Campus Composting



Green Initiatives - Campus Composting

The 2009-2010 ULSU General Election was full of candidates who showed an interest in “greening” our campus through a wide variety of progressive initiatives. Out of the many simple and cost effective ways in which the ULSU has the potential to greatly increase the sustainability of its operations, a campus wide composting project was seen as an excellent place to begin.

Following up on the energy produced during the campaign, a committee was quickly struck over the summer consisting of Jenn Prosser, Alex Massé, Allan Hall, Georgia Dale, Tiffany Muller Myrdahl, Stephen McGlenn, and Zack Moline. The first task of the committee was to research the different composting techniques in practice and to explore the existing composting systems in place at other university campuses. From this base of research, Jenn and Georgia drafted the committee’s original composting proposal.

The proposal advocated the creation of a cheap enclosed bin system to be administered jointly by Waste Management and the Campus Community Garden Club (CCG). While the proposal seemed to be the most simple and manageable way to begin campus wide composting, it hit some initial snags in late December and early January. They felt that as their gardeners had to pay for their use of the garden, it would be unfair to impose extra work on them, work which they were worried would be too much for the club to handle in the first place. Additionally, they believed that the University needed to exert a greater effort to align itself within the sustainability goals of the Strategic plan, rather than simply giving student volunteer groups permission to pursue their own initiatives. After the proposal was updated with the concerns of the CCG, it was presented to the University of Lethbridge’s Sustainability Committee. Unsurprisingly, the committee had some concerns of their own. The committee re-stressed some of the issues that were raised in the proposal such as the need to educate the student body on what types of organic material is compostable, and the need to empty the bins daily (to avoid pests and smell). After communicating that the bins needed to be emptied everyday, the committee stated that Waste Management would not be able to do this due to the budget cuts the department was facing. However, the committee did think it was reasonable for Waste Management to transport the compostable waste from level 1 of the SUB and level 4 of U-Hall to the com-



NOTABLE INITIATIVES

Fashion Drive Volunteers



Fashion & Food Drive

post bin site. This left the committee with the difficult task of having to either find another labour source to administer the bins or to create a new volunteer force to do so.

With the concerns of the CCG and the Sustainability Committee in mind, the committee met with General Manager of the ULSU Cheri Pokarney to discuss the prospect of getting the ULSU vendors on board with the composting project. As the vendors already transport their own waste to level 1 of the SUB, they were chosen as the next step in the composting program. Jenn and Zack are scheduled to attend the next vendor meeting later in April to discuss the prospect of vendor composting.

Since Allan Hall and Zack Moline were both re-elected, it will give this project some continuity. With continued hard work, and some better luck, this project should be completed within the next year. *Written by Zack Moline 2nd year Political Science/Economics Major*

Fashion & Food Drive

The first ever Fashion & Food Drive was held in the fall of 2009 and was deemed a huge success. The premise of the drive was to collect clothing donations of both campus and city wide, in order to sell them for a profit, which was in turn was gifted to the ULSU Emerging Teacher's Award. The food bank portion of the event was incorporated as an entrance fee as "shoppers" were to give a non-perishable food item or a \$2 donation which all went to the ULSU Food Bank. We raised \$1,500 to go towards Education student scholarships and \$150 in addition to nearly 100 food items that were donated to the on-campus food bank.

The event was put together rather quickly and was sent off the ground with a lot of effort from a small number of people. A team of 4 education students was formed, each of whom donated a minimum of 50 hours. I personally donated at least 100 hours to this project over the span of two months during the full start to finish process of this project. We were also able to gain volunteer hours of approximately 45 U of L

IVCF/ULSU Used Book Sale

Piles of Fashion Drive Clothes



students in order to staff the actual sale. This project would not have been possible without the assistance of so many willing volunteers.

Overall, there were a lot of hours donated to the event and it was felt by all to be worth the effort given. I attempted to spark the interest of other education students and GA members to continue this initiative during the Spring semester, however, this was not proven successful and with my recent relocation to Calgary, I was unable to host the event myself. I hope that this initiative is carried on in the following years by the Education representative who is elected for this upcoming term. If anyone has questions in regards to the Fashion & Food Drive in coming years they are more than welcome to contact me. *Written by Sara Ritchie, 5th year Education, with a combined BA/BEd*

IVCF/ULSU Used Book Sale

The 2009-2010 year marked the first year that the ULSU worked with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) to promote their used book sale, which IVCF solely operated in the past for over a decade. The used book sale worked on consignment, which was complimentary to the used book buy-back that the bookstore offered. While the buy-back offered up to 50% on your books in cash, which is desirable for some students, the consignment nature of the IVCF/ULSU Used Book Sale allowed students to set their own price, which was desirable by other students. Since the IVCF/ULSU Used Book Sale was run by volunteers, overhead costs are much lower, causing the typical textbook to be cheaper than offered elsewhere. Small amounts of proceeds went towards overhead paid for by the ULSU, the operational costs of the IVCF club, and some towards charity. The IVCF/ULSU Used Book Sale was a valuable service offered by the two bodies for students, keeping money in student pockets, while promoting the used textbook exchange at the University of Lethbridge. *Written by Jeremy Girard - 4th year Neuroscience major*



NOTABLE INITIATIVES

Speak Out! For Your Education
Alberta's Tuition Cap



National Student Survey Speak Out

National Student Survey

In 2009, the ULSU took part in Canada's first national, student-driven, student-run survey. This project was proposed by the Canadian Education Project, a think-tank focusing on post-secondary education. With help from student unions and advocacy groups across the country, the survey reached over thirteen thousand students. The Canadian Education Project has already released several reports on the findings, and has handed the data to participating groups to use for their own lobbying and advocacy efforts. *Written by Alex Massé, 5th year Political Science major*

Speak Out!

In February the ULSU hosted an event called Speak Out! For Your Education. That event was aimed at informing students about financial threats to students due to the Alberta government's plan to cut university funding and to suspend Alberta's tuition cap in order to pass on universities' costs to students.

The event encouraged students to write messages to the Government of Alberta in a speech bubble posted on a whiteboard, and to have their photos taken next to that speech bubble. The event collected hundreds of photos and an even larger number of letters to send to the Alberta government.

Through this event, ULSU volunteers were able to inform many U of L students about harmful decisions being made by the Province. The event also got media attention in Lethbridge, which brought the concerns of students to the public. *Written by Alex Massé, 5th year Political Science major*

Property Tax on Student Dormitories

Residence Village
the University of Lethbridge



An effort had been made by the Executives, namely Jennifer Prosser, in discussion with the city, during the 2008-2009 year, to have property taxes on student dormitories forgiven. This effort was taken up on the municipal lobbying front by the 2009-2010 council but was also set as a lobby point by CAUS (the Council of Alberta University Students, which is the provincial lobby group consisting of the U of L, U of C, and U of A) at the CAUS change over retreat of 2009. The reason for this is that finding affordable housing is an issue for students at most institutions. Living on campus has great benefits to students because it aids in retaining students beyond their first year. Guaranteed residence is very helpful to both new and international students, and Alberta is one of the only Provinces without legislation addressing the matter.

After meeting with Lethbridge's Mayor, Bob Tarleck, it was clear to us that we needed to seek a joint effort with the University, primarily with the senior administration. Although most of our collaboration was done with Nancy Walker, U of L VP Finance & Administration, we also had support from Heather Mirau the head of Ancillary Services who provided greater detail about the benefit of living on campus. The task of creating a power point presentation was taken on by Nancy Walker's office, while both Alex Massé and I researched into other aspects of the argument. In November of 2009 City Council was addressed by Nancy Walker, Alex Masse', Jeremy Girard, and myself; the address was well executed and well received as the alderman debated heavily before voting on the issue. While I don't recall any alderman who directly opposed the resolution, most of the opposition was a desire to see the matter brought back in 2 years time, during the approval of the next 3 year budget.

The submission was approved to be filed as information and the city administration was instructed to look deeper into the matter and its budgetary feasibility. In February 2010 City administration brought back a recommendation to council that the City of Lethbridge continue to tax dormitories at the full multi-family rate. The argument was primarily that the mill rate would have to be raised to make up for the lost revenue and Council was not willing to do that. I feel the budget cycle was certainly a factor in the resolutions defeat but also given the current economic conditions a mill rate increase would be politically unfavourable. I believe these are the main factors, and because the University is committed to using the saved money to building new residencies, I hope future councils will pursue this issue again. *Written by Cole Lehto, 4th year Philosophy major*



ADVOCACY

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Fresh Fest 2009



Zoo Management Liaison Committee
Constitutional Review Committee
Fresh Fest Committee
ULSU Awards Committee
Executive Accountability Committee
Hiring Committee

Zoo Management Liaison Committee

Over the past year this committee worked to define itself and to develop an understanding of how it should proceed in the coming years. Progress was made as the committee formalized some of the details of how the Executive Council will relate with the Zoo management.

Constitutional Review Committee

The members of this committee worked tirelessly all year long, holding 3 hour weekly meetings at times. But largely thanks to the drive of Jeremy Girard (ULSU President) the entire ULSU legislation was revised.

Fresh Fest Committee

The structure of this committee was split into hiring two positions under the Fresh Fest Chair and the honoraria budget was increased. They did an excellent job to expand Fresh Fest, taking another step toward a landmark event for the U of L. However, there was a realization that the Fresh Fest Committee must not lean so heavily on the Executives because there time is needed else where.

ULSU Awards Committee

Awards for this year were selected by an excellent group with diverse opinions. It was not an easy decision and some award candidates were hotly debated. The final presentation took place during the annual Change Over Reception by Tyrell DaSilva and Cole Lehto.

Executive Accountability Committee

Lead by Michael Persinger, the Executive Accountability Committee made a thorough assessment of the Executive Council. The process presented earlier in the year than in previous years, which gave ample time for Council to apply the suggestions and guidance that were collected in the survey.

Hiring Committee

This year saw the moving on of our Operations Coordinator, David Green, but because a current employee,



Compost Committee
 Event Planning Committee
 Changeover Retreat Committee
 Community Committee



Tracy Merrifield (Administrative Assistant), was qualified to take over the position, the committee did not formally meet. The committee did however meet formally to hire a new Administrative Assistant.

Compost Committee

The Compost Committee made excellent strides this year and had some workable ideas on the table. They will also be looking into funding for the upcoming year.

Event Planning Committee

Event planning meetings focused mainly on establishing timelines for events planned by Alex Massé, Cole Lehto and promoted by Abby Allen. The primary objective was to create a plan that would ensure marketing materials were ready to be distributed on time.

Changeover Retreat Committee

It was decided by the committee this year, after some debate, that going off campus for this event was a worthwhile expenditure. The justification was, it adds a lot to the importance of the event to both GA, staff, and U of L community members.

Plan Your City Community Advisory Group - Community Committee

The City of Lethbridge had begun the process of creating a 40 year Urban Development Plan (UDP) and wanted extensive citizen input into its creation. The City brought together members from key stake holder groups around the city to make up the Advisory Group. The job of this group was to work with professional city planners to conceptualize and create all the policy that would go into the UDP. Jeremy Girard and Cole Lehto sat on this committee and it was very interesting to hear opinions from such diverse interests. It was also an opportunity to make sure student issues within the city were on the table for the next 40 years of Lethbridge's development. We brought forth issues that affect student life, e.g. student housing and transit systems, as well as issues students are concerned about (may even affect their future in Lethbridge) such as water use and urban density.



ADVOCACY



Social Housing and Action Committee Presidential Search Committee

Social Housing and Action Committee - Community Committee

Alex Massé had the pleasure of being involved on this committee as it provided an avenue to not only advocate the importance of student housing but also to gather information regarding the City's affordable housing. This allowed for the City's existing housing concerns to be a part of our argument about student housing (read: Property taxes on Student Residents). *Written by Cole Lehto, 4th year Philosophy major*

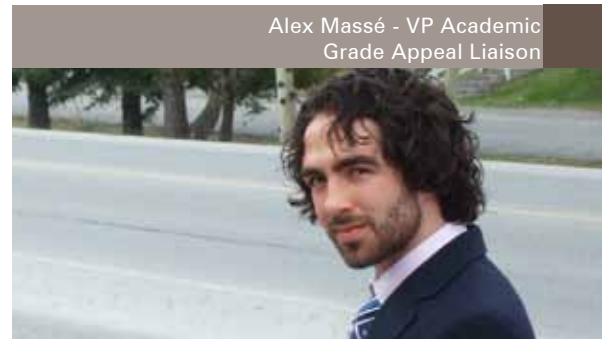
Presidential Search Committee - Most Notable University Committee

Over the past year, the Board of Governors struck a Presidential Search Committee tasked with finding the new President of the University by early 2010. Jeremy Girard, as the President of the Students' Union and member of the Board of Governors, was nominated to sit on this committee to ensure the student perspective was taken into consideration when making this decision. The committee started meeting in May 2009, and over the first few meetings wrote the Roles and Job Profile, which was widely distributed as advertising started for the position in media venues across Canada. During the Fall, the workload of the committee consisted of reviewing, short-listing, and interviewing candidates. The nature of this position as well as the confidentiality many candidates required, caused the Board of Governors to strike this as a confidential search, so while the University community was requested to input into the Role Profile, the interviews and short-lists were not public. In late December, 2009, the Presidential Search Committee forwarded a recommendation onto the Board of Governors, and the Board voted in Dr. Michael Mahon as the new President of the University of Lethbridge, effective July 2010.

Dr. Michael Mahon was the previous Dean of Physical Education at the University of Alberta. He was recommended by the committee for his outstanding contribution to community endeavours - showing his ability to connect with the City of Lethbridge - for his outstanding academic achievements, for his demonstrated ability to manage finances, for his student-oriented demeanour, and many more reasons for which the President Search Committee recommended him unanimously. He not only has the capacity to lead the University operationally and politically, but his personality is complimentary



Presidential Search Committee Grade Appeals



Alex Massé - VP Academic
Grade Appeal Liaison

to how the community described the role of the President throughout consultation. His wife Maureen Mahon will likely provide great support to the community and University as well. Both Dr. Michael and Maureen Mahon are supporters of athletics and it will be interesting to see where they take Pronghorn Athletics.

After the selection was announced, it is notable to say that many student leaders from the University of Lethbridge acknowledged their support of the decision, as many had worked with Dr. Mahon and had seen his student-friendly demeanour, which is encouraging for the future of senior administration/student relations.

Congratulations to Dr. Michael and Maureen Mahon in the appointment, and good luck from the University of Lethbridge Students' Union. *Written by Jeremy Girard - 4th year Neuroscience major*

Grade Appeals

This year, the VP Academic's office advised a large number of students on a individual level in order to help them navigate the complexities of the University of Lethbridge. The ULSU was able to help students appeal unfair grades and policies, challenge discriminatory behaviour by professors and otherwise assert their rights as students.

The VP Academic is an excellent resource for students who have issues with the way they have been treated or assessed by staff and faculty of the University. The ULSU will continue to strive to get the word out about this resource that is available to students, and that students have rights they should stand up for. *Written by Alex Massé, 5th year Political Science major*



Cole Lehto & Jenn Prosser
CAUS Changeover Retreat



CAUS Involvement

Although it remained invisible to most students in 2009-2010, the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) demonstrated more than even its value as a defender of student interests in Alberta. The advocacy group representing the Universities of Lethbridge, Calgary and Alberta had to deal with a number of major threats to its constituents.

After experiencing a decline in revenues, the Government of Alberta made it clear early in 2009 that post-secondary in Alberta could expect, at best, a freeze to operating funding, the biggest source of support for Alberta's universities.

This news prompted Alberta's universities to find creative ways of taking more money from students. First, all of the universities whose students are represented by CAUS started lobbying the government to suspend Alberta's tuition cap – which limits tuition hikes to the rate of inflation – so that they could raise tuition, in some cases quite dramatically.

CAUS fought hard to keep the tuition cap in place. Our outspoken campaign helped turn these tuition hikes into a major news story in Alberta. Public pressure led the government to place strict limits on the types of tuition increases they would consider. The campaign wasn't a complete success; a few increases were allowed in specific programs at the U of A and U of C. Nevertheless, CAUS was the most important player in preventing massive hikes from striking a wide range of programs, which would have hurt thousands of struggling students.

Unfortunately, CAUS' success in blocking tuition hikes caused the universities to try another route. The U of A and U of C announced that they would be implementing massive and unprecedented hikes to non-instructional fees, which are not capped. These fees provoked a huge protest in which hundreds of students from all of CAUS' member schools marched to the Alberta Legislature in Edmonton. Since then, CAUS has been working tirelessly to ensure that non-instructional fees are regulated in a way that protects students from unreasonable charges.

Aside from those two major issues, CAUS lobbied the Government of Alberta on a huge number of initiatives over the 2009–2010 year. CAUS has pushed for greater investment in Alberta's future

CASA Involvement



through increases to operating funding for universities, improvements to student financial aid, student-friendly changes to the elections act, among other things.

Incoming ULSU Vice President Academic Keith McLaughlin and incoming President Taz Kassam have pledged to make CAUS a priority, which will help the organization to continue fighting effectively for students at the U of L and across Alberta. *Written by Alex Massé, 5th year Political Science major*

CASA Involvement

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union was actively engaged in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) in 2009-2010, ensuring that students received value for the cost of membership in the group. Allan Hall, ULSU VP Administration, ran for and won the Governance Officer position of Treasurer, and Jeremy Girard, ULSU President, sat on three committees of the group: the Pan-Canadian Accord Sub-Committee, the FNMI Issue Working Group Sub-Committee, and the Policy Committee.

The input that the ULSU had in the processes of drafting both the 'Pan-Canadian Strategy for Higher Education' and the policy on the Post-Secondary Student Support Program, which administers the funding for aboriginal students was high. In particular, the ULSU, via myself, was the member who recommended the FNMI student issue policy area to CASA at the Policy and Strategy Conference, and was the member who spoke to the policy when it was passed at the Open Plenary of the Lobby Conference. In between those two conferences, I researched and collaborated with a few other members in order to write this policy to be presented at the Lobby Conference. The policy was then lobbied on during the Lobby Conference. The policy was referred to by the Liberal party leader Michael Ignatieff at the Canada at 150 conference in Montreal, following.

The high involvement of the ULSU in CASA this year was cause for the University of Lethbridge students to feel comfortable that their specific issues are being represented to the Government of Canada, an important body which administers many programs and money transfers which directly affect students on campus. *Written by Jeremy Girard - 4th year Neuroscience major*



ADVOCACY



Conferences

TYPE	DATE	PLACE
Board of Governors Retreat	May 2009	U of L Residence
CASA Western Transition	May 2009	Canmore, AB
CAUS Changeover Retreat	May 2009	Canmore, AB
AMICCUS	May 2009	Charlottetown, PEI
CASA Policy & Strategy Conference	June 2009	Calgary, AB
CAUS Conference	June 2009	Calgary, AB
Partners Conference	August 2009	Calgary, AB
Canadian University Press Conference	January, 2010	Edmonton, AB
CASA Lobby Con	March 2010	Ottawa, ON
CAUS Lobby Con	March 2010	Edmonton, AB

NOTABLE CONFERENCE

CASA Policy & Strategy Conference

This conference was attended by Allan Hall and Jeremy Girard in Calgary, AB in June 2009. The conference brought together all the delegates of CASA, from all over Canada, to develop the lobbying goals and strategy that would guide the organization's actions for the year. At this conference, Allan Hall, was nominated for the position of treasurer and was subsequently elected. This marks a major step for the ULSU as we have never been as active on the national level.



CONTINUED PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

University of Lethbridge Daycare



University of Lethbridge Daycare

In 2004, the Daycare Action Committee was formed. The Committee held its first few meetings in the ULSU building where it increased in momentum over the next couple years. In a rare form of continuity in student advocacy, the committee continued its mandate, lobbying the University to create a daycare on campus in order to allow students, faculty, and staff the flexibility and affordability needed for them to complete their studies, research and teaching. The Daycare would also allow those holding staff positions to enjoy greater support from the University and more time in their daily preparations. For students in particular, having daycare on campus will be a huge asset, something that the University of Lethbridge hasn't offered since the 90's.

In 2007, the undergraduate students "put their money where their mouth was" and passed a referendum approving the expenditure of \$200,000 for the support of the construction of the daycare, and guaranteeing them 25 of the 51 spots the proposed daycare would have. Shortly following the referendum, other groups including the Graduate Student Association and the University of Lethbridge Faculty Association (ULFA) approved funds to support the daycare as well. The Board of Governors then granted approval for the daycare in June 2008.

In January 2010, the daycare doors opened for the first time to the University community, in its own stand-alone building close to student residences. The University of Lethbridge Students' Union has a seat on the daycare Advisory Committee – which provides operational advice and support to the Daycare operators – A Child's Second Look. Through this committee, students will continue to have a voice in how the Daycare is run.

This initiative is a prime example of the importance and value of student involvement in the University of Lethbridge community. From start to finish, students have been a major player in forwarding this initiative, and for this students can be proud. *Written by Jeremy Girard - 4th year Neuroscience major*



CONTINUED PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

General Assembly Meeting
January 2010



Room Proposal

Room Proposal

In 2009 the ULSU received a proposal from the U of L Graduate Students' Association (GSA) to renovate locker rooms on Level 0 of the Students' Union Building for use as GSA office space. The Executive Council brought this proposal forward to the ULSU General Assembly, who directed the Executives to seek out other uses for the space.

After posting a request for proposals in the Meliorist, the ULSU received two more proposals for the use of the space, both from ULSU clubs; one proposal came from the Gay and Lesbian Integrity Association (GALIA) and the other from the Muslim Students' Association (MSA).

After much debate, the General Assembly decided to give the space to GALIA to renovate space in Level 0 to establish a Queer Resource Centre, which will serve as a welcoming and supportive environment, as well as a source of information for all. *Written by Alex Massé, 5th year Political Science major*

Faculty of Education Report

During my term as the Education Representative for the ULSU, I wanted to accomplish some main goals in order to improve the quality of life for education students and the general U of L student population. One of my goals during this term was to raise money in order to create an additional scholarship for Education students entering their final year or practicum.



The goal of this scholarship was to alleviate some of the final stress that PSIII students experience as they are often too busy teaching full time to hold down a part time job and support themselves. In the search for a cost effective event, the ULSU Fashion & Food Drive came about. This charity project was the biggest I had ever attempted to do and I was quite pleased with the outcome. With a total donation of over 100 hours from myself and at least 250+ hours from over 50 volunteers, the event brought in \$1,500 for the ULSU Emerging Teachers' Award, which was matched by the University to generate a total of three scholarships, each with a value of \$1,000. These will be distributed this Spring to deserving continuing Education students. We were also able to raise \$150 and over 100 food bank items which were donated to the ULSU Food Bank. Overall the sale was viewed as a great success, and I hope that it is carried on by the future Education Representative.

I later realized with regards to lowering the cost of PSIII for all internship students, which was another one of my goals, that with the provincial government budget cuts, this was unattainable. I attempted to gain bursaries from other Education supporters only to realize that they too had been hit by a tough fiscal year. I do hope, however; that the scholarship money we raised will help out a few deserving students.

With regards to improving the overall quality of life for the general U of L student population, I believe I contributed a large portion of my time, efforts and knowledge to our General Assembly meetings. I came prepared with questions and in following my goal of keeping within our financial means, was able to make decisions on how monies would best be spent. I made myself readily available for students with questions in regards to my position or the ULSU and hope that I was of use to those in need.

Overall I am glad to have been given the opportunity to work as a part of the ULSU General Assembly and was grateful for all the support I was given by the Executive Council and other GA members. I hope that the team found me to be a valuable asset to them as well. *Written by Sara Ritchie, 5th year Education with a combined BA/BEd.*



REPORTS

Tyrell DaSilva
Management Representative of 2009-2010



Faculty of Management Report

Faculty of Management Report

This year was one to be remembered. The Faculty of Management has seen the completion of our new building, the transition from one dean to another, and another successful year for the Management Students Society (MSS). With the opening of Markin Hall this summer, it is an exciting time for Management students as we are about to get our very own space, to work, to play, and to share ideas. Dean Murray Lindsay did an excellent job this year, and with his continued support of student run initiatives it was a great year to be involved with the MSS. The MSS hosted a slew of fun and value filled events this year, including raising over \$40,000 for charity. The Associate Dean, Rich Perlow, lead a team including myself and two other engaged Management students in the project of developing a student code of honor, and a professional development program with the goal of making Management students more employable upon graduating.

Last summer and the beginning of this year, was dedicated to the successful execution of Fresh Fest, and I look forward to seeing another year's event brought forward successfully. Many hours were spent doing constitutional review, and while it may not seem important to the average observer, the strength and legitimacy of our organization has improved greatly by improving this document. We have had mild attendance at events this year, and I hope that with next years committee and with stronger promotion we can make the ULSU and its services more attractive. I had tried my best throughout the year to lend advice in marketing and promotion, and I hope that some of my efforts were well received.

It was a pleasure meeting everyone on council and within the University community, and I expect nothing but great things for this organization in the future. *Written by Tyrell DaSilva, 3rd year Management with a Marketing major.*



Residence Report



Residence Report

The 2009-2010 was a great year within residence. There was more social programming than ever before with the introduction of Rez Wars. This event was an overwhelming success as it brought residence students together for seven events, with some friendly competition that provided social networking opportunities for all those involved. There were also several new events that were hosted for residence students including tubing down the Oldman River, Calgary Flames games, mini-golf around residence and a U of L amazing race. There were also events that returned with continued success such as: the Christmas cabaret, concerts, plays, movie nights, and pot lucks. There were also events hosted by residence students for all university students such as, the Fresh and Breezy Luau, Underwear Affair 2K (a cancer fundraiser), Kumoniwannalaya, as well as involvement in Fresh Fest and other large events hosted by the ULSU and the University throughout the year. Academics and professional development continued to be a strong focus as guest lecturers and students were invited to speak on a wide range of issues from living in residence and the benefits of university, to a philosophy lecture on personal identity.

There were also physical improvements in the social spaces within residence such as, 40' LCD HD TV's (with laptop hook-ups) were installed in the common rooms in University Hall. Improvements and equipment were added to the "Den" in order to provide a social space in University Hall for those who are under the age of 18. The workout facility in Piikani house saw upgrades, the basketball courts received new backboards that will be secure in Lethbridge winds, and a volleyball court was installed.

A strong indicator of the success in residence this year was the number of residence students that ran successfully for positions within the ULSU, and the substantial voter turnout of residence students in those elections. In addition to this, there were more applications to become a student leader through the position of Residence Assistant than ever before. Residence students were engaged through hard work of the student leaders within residence, and in turn want to become involved in the greater university community.

There was a strong sense of direction that was established for residence and it is important for the incoming Residence Representative to continue to build and improve upon the groundwork that was put in place this year. *Written by Michael Persinger, 5th year Urban & Regional Studies Major*



REPORTS

Jenn Prosser
Board of Governors Representative



Board of Governors Report

Board of Governors Report

The 2009–2010 year was a challenging one for the post-secondary institutions of Alberta. Both the administration and the Board of Governors of the University of Lethbridge (U of L) have dealt with losses in the endowment funds, minimal growth in student enrolment, and the massive blow dealt by the Government of Alberta in the 2010 provincial budget.

Despite some of the difficulties faced, there was cause to celebrate in the 2009-2010 academic year. The opening of the Daycare was a significant achievement for both the Board of Governors and for the University itself. It demonstrated a commitment to creating an equitable environment, as well as a concerted effort to become an inclusive space for students and staff with families. The Daycare made U of L much more accommodating for staff and students who may need to take a break for maternity reasons, but wish to continue their studies or their academic pursuits at the U of L.

The U of L also celebrated the success of the top notch academics that these buildings attracted; the Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience and the Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building, and Markin Hall, which is due to open in early 2011.

Of course, the University has faced significant challenges due to the financial crisis the world experienced during 2009 and into 2010. While the U of L did not lose as much in its investments as the other two research institutions in Alberta, the impact was still significant. Coupled with the cuts made to post-secondary education in the 2010 Alberta budget, the U of L has had to and will continue to face serious decisions about its financial future.

The Board of Governors has been careful with its decisions in cuts made, and revenue increase models. With strong student representation, students were put at the forefront of every decision and the student voice came forward strongly and clearly regarding tuition increases, and the possibility of arbitrary fees. The next few years may be filled with challenges for post-secondary education in Alberta, and it is crucial to remember the challenges students have already faced in accessing quality and affordable education. The principles of accessibility, affordability, and of high quality should continue to guide the U of L in the academic and financial decisions made in the future. *Written by Jenn Prosser, 6th year, Political Science*



CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Closing Remarks from Bill Chapman, Chair of the ULSU General Assembly

Willis Norrie, Jeremy Girard, Cole Lehto,
Bill Chapman - General Assembly Chair



Closing Remarks from Bill Chapman

First of all, I want to thank each and every one of you – the Executive and General Assembly for making this a positive and rewarding year. You have brought a true sense of professionalism and collaboration to the boardroom, and every meeting ensured that outlook and demeanor. I want to thank President Jeremy Girard for giving me the privilege to be your Chair. Jeremy – you have also tied me for the consecutive number of years that a student has sat on the Board of Governors!

As I look back over the past year, the experience has been rewarding for me as well. I found each and every board member to be mature, genuine, and responsible. The ground rules were respected and followed, and it has brought appreciation for the boardroom environment. Technology through Skype has been a real challenge but it does ensure participation regardless of where the board member might be located.

Over the past eight months, the experiences of dealing with issues large and small have taught us all that working together will ultimately offer constructive results. The issues stretched us all; work ethic was strong, and you looked for innovative solutions to problems. Everyone acted professionally and was committed to the tasks. Furthermore, I truly appreciated each and everyone's genuineness and openness. You were honest about where you might have fallen short of your goals and you were not hesitant to communicate your plans to resolve those issues. There was a confidence about decisions made. In certain areas of governance when the process seemed rather unclear, you were quick to convey your concerns and offer solutions. You treated your delegations and each other with great respect. Everyone shared a true appreciation for each other and for staff!

The Executive, General Assembly, and staff have all made everyone feel most welcome including me, and the meetings were fun! Every board member has felt that their time and input was valued; your efforts were worth it all. I sense that each of you were satisfied with your participation and overall performance. It is so rewarding to see those of you return for another year with the ULSU.

In conclusion, I thank each and every one of you for your hard work and diligence. Thank you to those of you who have served for the past one or two years, you have truly made the ULSU proud. It has been a real honor to work with all! Lastly I congratulate all those of you who put your names on a ballot to be elected or re-elected to the General Assembly. To President Taz Kassam, congratulations on winning your election – I am most confident you will do very well! *Written by Bill Chapman, Chair of the ULSU General Assembly*



STUDENTS' UNION AWARDS

JOHN BROCKLESBY STUDENTS' UNION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

This is a prestigious award presented to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union General Assembly member who has made the most significant contribution to the Students' Union, the students, and the university community.

Awarded to: Jenn Prosser - Board of Governors Representative

BILL CHAPMAN STUDENTS' UNION CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION

This is an annual award presented to the University of Lethbridge student, or students, who have shown the most innovation in the area of student affairs, wellness, or another notable field, over the past year.

Awarded to: Tyson Skriver

STUDENTS' UNION EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union employee who has demonstrated the most outstanding contribution and ethics to our Students' Union over the past year.

Awarded to: Randy Ockerman - ULSU Bookkeeper/Service Centre Manager

STUDENTS' UNION STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union student employee who has demonstrated the most outstanding contribution and ethics to the Students' Union over the past year. This full-time student personified the values of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union in all his/her endeavours.

Awarded to: Russel Hossain - Zoo Kitchen Evening Supervisor

LAURENCE DECORE AWARDS

Laurence Decore Awards were established in 2001 by the Government of Alberta, in honor of the Liberal Provincial leader Laurence Decore. The Laurence Decore award recognizes post-secondary students who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and leadership in student clubs, student government, college & university life, and community involvement.

Awarded to:

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| 1. Thomas Fox | 3. Joseph Baranyay | 5. Stephen McGlen |
| 2. Kristina Larkin | 4. Vanessa Lodermeier | 6. Christine Graf |



STUDENTS' UNION AWARDS

THE STUDENTS' UNION CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is an annual award presented to a Students' Union ratified club that has demonstrated the most outstanding effort and dedication in their endeavours over the past year.

Awarded to: The Headbangers Society

STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is a new annual award presented to the student(s) 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 &/or student organizations, community, and volunteerism.

Awarded to: Steve Mandoli

STUDENTS' UNION LEGACY AWARD

This is an annual award presented to the Students' Union President at the close of his/her term pending successful completion.

Awarded to: Jeremy Girard - President of the Students' Union

OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AWARD

This is an annual award presented to a University of Lethbridge faculty or employee in special recognition for outstanding dedication to the students of the University of Lethbridge.

Awarded to: Sheila Rogers - Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group (LPIRG)

CONTINUED SUPPORT AWARD

This is an annual award presented to a University or community member for continued support to the Students' Union of the University of Lethbridge.

Awarded to: Dr. Bill Cade - President of the University of Lethbridge

STUDENTS' UNION HELPING HAND AWARD

This is an annual award presented to a University of Lethbridge faculty or employee who has made the most significant and lasting contribution to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union and their members over the past academic year.

Awarded to: Stephenie Karsten - Designer, University Advancement



ELECTIONS & REFERENDUM

Allan, Taz, Keith, Mike
General Election - Town Hall Speeches



Constitutional Changes Referendum General Election By-Election

1. Constitutional Changes Referendum

QUESTION

Do you approve of replacing the current Constitution of "the Students' Union, the University of Lethbridge", with the Constitution of "the Students' Union, the University of Lethbridge", as follows:?

RESULTS:

YES votes: 816
NO votes: 372

The ULSU held a "Constitutional Changes Referendum" in conjunction with the annual General Election. When voting opened, some candidates expressed concern that many students were unaware of the referendum and what it meant. The ULSU's Constitution was amended, and for future Councils to make any changes to the document, it will have to go to referendum in order to do so. 68.69% of the students voted in favour of the motion.

2. General Election

The General Election had a very low candidate participation this year. Only three out of four Executive Council positions, the Residence Representative and the six Arts and Science Representative positions held candidacy. The other ten positions remained vacant. However, even though participation was low, there was still a voter turnout of 21.08%.

3. By-Election

As the General Election had numerous vacant positions, one being an Executive Council position, a by-election was immediately held upon completion of the General Election. There were candidates for seven of the ten vacant positions, all of which were acclaimed with the exception of the VP Internal position. This left three vacant positions for the fall by-election. Voter turnout was only at 14.03% and part of the reason was due to the last minute venue change for the Town Hall speeches and debate.

A by-election will be held in September of 2010 to elect a Board of Governors Representative, a Management Representative, a Calgary Campus Representative, and a FNMI Representative.



Incoming Council Members



Incoming Council Members

Executive Council

President
Vice President Academic
Vice President Operations & Finance
Vice President Internal Affairs

Taz Kassam
Keith McLaughlin
Allan Hall
Nathan McCowan

General Assembly

Arts and Sciences Representatives

Lisa Rodych
Zack Moline
Cole Schneider
Shane Groarke
Andrew Williams
Tyrell DaSilva

Management Representative
Residence Representative
International Representative
Board of Governors Representative

Vacant
Kyle Hammond
Dominic Mudiayi
Vacant

March 2010 By-election

First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Representative
Education Representative
Fine Arts Representative
Edmonton Campus Representative
Calgary Campus Representative
Health Science Representative

Vacant
Armin Escher
Rachelle Thompson
Stephanie Kiraly
Vacant
Ryan Phillips



PAST PRESIDENTS

Left to Right: Taz Kassam, Jeremy Girard, Adam Vossepoel, Kelly Kennedy, Dustin Fuller



Past Presidents of The ULSU

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The years have seen many student leaders eager to make a difference at the University of Lethbridge. Times change, people change, initiatives change, but what remains the same is the dedication to student issues that makes each Council unique in their endeavours to bring quality to student life.

The following is a list of past Students' Union Presidents since the beginning of the Students' Union at the University of Lethbridge.

2009/2010	Jeremy Girard	1987/1988	Jason Slemko
2008/2009	Adam Vossepoel	1986/1987	Dan Laplante
2007/2008	Kelly Kennedy	1985/1986	Aaron Engen
2006/2007	Dustin Fuller	1984/1985	Tracy Hembroff
2005/2006	Tyler Tanner	1983/1984	Mike McPhail
2004/2005	Loralee Edwards	1984	Larry Glazer
2003/2004	Paul Daniels	1982/1983	Chuck Cosgrove
2002/2003	Melanee Thomas	1981/1982	Barry Weintraub
2001/2002	Matthew McHugh	1980/1981	Rudy Peters
2000/2001	Dezmond Belzeck	1979/1980	Alan Murray
1999/2000	Bonnie Androkovich	1978/1979	Pat Dortch
1998/1999	Ryan Dunford	1977/1978	Howard Reid
1997/1998	Jon Wescott	1976/1977	Wayne MacKay
1996/1997	Jason Shriner	1975/1976	Lee Ens
1995/1996	Arthur Wong	1974/1975	Darryl Ross
1994/1995	Humberto Aspillaga	1973/1974	Khym Goslin
1993/1994	Poul Mark	1972/1973	Jesse Snow
1992/1993	Justin Penny	1971/1972	Ken Runge
1991/1992	David Legg	1970/1971	Robin Dann
1990/1991	Terry Whitehead	1969/1970	Lamont Nielson
1989/1990	Jon Oxley	1968/1969	Richard Wutzke
1988/1989	Jon Oxley	1967/1968	John Brocklesby



VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Vision Mission



Left to Right: Jeremy Girard,
Alex Massé, Cole Lehto, Allan Hall

VISION

The Students' Union, 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.

MISSION

The mission of The 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 compliments 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.



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