

ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 2025 | 5PM MST

MEETING NO. 2 | 2025-2026

IN-PERSON: RM SU 180 - 4401 University Dr. W, Lethbridge AB T1K 3M4

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VOTING MEMBERS: PRESIDENT - **ALEJANDRO FIGUEROA** | VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – **MOYOSOREOLUWA OLADOYE** | VP STUDENT LIFE - **JESSICA SUMBERA** | VP ACADEMIC - **KIMOYA EDWARDS** | VP EXTERNAL - **BRADLEY PIKE** | ARTSCI REP - **BRANNON SUMNER** | ARTSCI REP – **RYLEE WEVERS** | ARTSCI REP - **EMI MUNDELL** | ARTSCI REP - **KATE BROWN** | ARTSCI REP - **NNENNA AGIDI** | ARTSCI REP - **ORION LEGG** | FINE ARTS REP – **VACANT** | HEALTH SCI REP - **NIOSHA ATTARIFARD** | EDUCATION REP - **VACANT** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - **CLAY BRYDEN** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - **RIKIN PATEL** | CALGARY CAMPUS REP – **KHUSHPREET** | INDIGENOUS REP - **VACANT** | INTERNATIONAL REP – **YASH DIXIT** | RESIDENCE REP - **NATASHA MATEMERA** | FIRST-YEAR REP - **VACANT**

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: GENERAL MANAGER - **CHERI POKARNEY** | OPERATIONS COORDINATOR - **VACANT** | COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - **MASON HILL** | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - **MAIKO OGITA** | GOVERNANCE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS OFFICER – **MARK SEREBRYANSKY**

ABSENT: MOYOSOREOLUWA OLADOYE, CLAY BRYDEN, NATASHA MATEMERA

GUESTS: **KATHY GREENWOOD** – VP External Relations, University of Lethbridge | **NEIL LANGEVIN** – Executive Director, Athletics and Recreation Services, University of Lethbridge | **ROBERTO BELLO** – Student Engagement & Research Coordinator - Career Bridge, University of Lethbridge | **KAVINDU SUMANASENA** – Undergraduate Student | **NOLAN LILICO** – Undergraduate Student

CHAIR: JON OXLEY | **SCRIBE:** MARK SEREBRYANSKY

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:01pm

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (2 minutes) - *Alejandro*

Oki and welcome to the 2nd meeting of the ULSU General Assembly. Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University is located in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing and caring for this land, as well as all Indigenous peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our university community.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (1 minute)

2.1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BIMT the General Assembly approves the agenda for August 27, 2025.

MOTION [GA252613] MSC: Bradley, Jessica
CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (1 minute)

3.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

No minutes to approve at this time; May minutes will be ready for approval at the September meeting.

4. CHAIR REMARKS (2 minutes) – Jon

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL (10 minutes)

5.1 MYEXPERIENCE & ULSU CLUB DATA REPORTING – Roberto Bello

5.2 MULTI-SPORTS DOME – Kathy Greenwood & Neil Langevin

6. REPORTS (30 minutes)

The chair waived reports for the meeting.

6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Moyo

6.2 VP STUDENT LIFE – Jessica

6.3 VP ACADEMIC – Kimoya

6.4 VP EXTERNAL – Bradley

6.5 PRESIDENT – Alejandro

6.6 CALGARY CAMPUS REP – Khushpreet

6.7 ARTS AND SCIENCE REPS – Brannon, Emi, Kate, Nnenna, Orion

6.8 FINE ARTS REP – VACANT

6.9 HEALTH SCIENCE REP – Niosha

6.10 EDUCATION REP – VACANT

6.11 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP – Clay, Rikin

6.12 INDIGENOUS REP – Vacant

6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP – Yash

6.14 RESIDENCE REP – Natasha

6.15 FIRST-YEAR REP – Vacant

6.16 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS (10 minutes)

7.1 ELECTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING CHAIR – Alejandro

BIMT the General Assembly approve Jon Oxley as Chair to preside over the General Assembly meetings of the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

MOTION [GA252614] MSC: Bradley, Brannon
CARRIED

- Jon's connection to the ULSU go back to his term as president and when he was GM of the ULSU, and then worked as director of the U of L Art Gallery until he retired last year
- Currently the president of the Allied Arts Council, not an authority on Roberts' Rules of Order, but does utilize it in his chairing
- Honoured to be asked to chair, and sees the ULSU as a critical component of the U of L

7.2 AUTHORIZATION OF SEPTEMBER 2025 GA BY-ELECTION

BIMT the General Assembly authorize an internal by-election, as per Bylaw 26, Item 2, to be held at the next meeting of the General Assembly between the dates of September 22–26, 2025, at a time determined by the Governance and External Relations Officer.

The vacant positions of Fine Arts Representative, Indigenous Representative, Education Faculty Representative, and First Year Representative shall be included in this by-election.

MOTION [GA252615] MSC: Bradley, Brennan
CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS (10 minutes)

8.1 U OF L ZOO POINT OF SALE SYSTEM PURCHASE – Cheri

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$3,957.98 for the purchase of a portable POS system for the U of L Zoo. Funding to come from the Capital Replacement Fund budget line.

MOTION [GA252616] MSC: Bradley, Kate

CARRIED

1 abstention

- Jon mentioned that at a point of sale was one of the first purchases
- The need to have a portable POS system has precipitated, which means that servers can go to a central serving station
- This purchase will create efficiencies
- Amended motion to have GST included

8.2 CALGARY CAMPUS SEMESTER START-UP PARTY FUNDING REQUEST

– *Khushpreet*

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$2,549.64 funding for the Calgary Campus Semester Start-Up Party to be held on September 9, 2025. Funding to come from Special Funding budget line.

MOTION [GA252617] MSC: Alejandro, Jessica

2 Abstentions

1 Opposed

CARRIED

- Khushpreet presented on her start of year event, see attached
- Have the vendors/DJ's been contacted? Yes, quotes have already been provided to Khushpreet
- Jessica, asked if we could bring a bus to the Calgary Campus to gather people for Fresh Fest—It has been investigated before, but it's not cost effective for only 40 students from the Calgary Campus to attend Fresh Fest at the U of L Lethbridge Campus.
- Not familiar with the Bow Valley College, how will the event be set up? Can program the space with each type of activity, the space is amenable to hosting
- 1000 students are currently attending the Calgary Campus, with an anticipated 150-250 students attending
- If this event is meant to be like Fresh Fest, will this event be licensed for liquor sales?
- How will the food be distributed? Through the official caterer of the
- Are there any concerns about doing this event in the daytime? Usually, 2pm to 6pm is a great time slot for the Calgary Campus students to
- Is Tuesday the best day to be doing this? Tuesdays and Wednesdays are the days Bow Valley is most populated with students attending their classes

-If this event is meant to look like Fresh Fest, why wouldn't we do it on a Saturday instead? Events perform better on weekdays and Bow Valley's campus is closed on the weekends and days that they will likely be working
-Would it be beneficial to move it to a Friday? See above.

8.3 SPORTSDOME CONTRIBUTION

BIMT the General Assembly authorize the Executive Council and General Manager to continue negotiations for Multi-Sport Dome partnership with the University of Lethbridge, for a contribution amount not to exceed \$1,150,000 from the ULSU, contingent upon the University providing satisfactory written commitments, to be finalized by the ULSU negotiating team, with final approval subject to the General Assembly by end of September 2025.

MOTION [GA252618] MSC: Bradley, Kate

CARRIED

1 abstention

BIMT the General Assembly unrestrict a maximum of \$500,000 of the health & dental plan reserve funds to be earmarked for the contribution to the Multi-Sport Dome.

MOTION [GA252619] MSC: Bradley, Jessica

CARRIED

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (10 minutes)

9.1 ULSU FOOD KIOSK STANDING UPDATE – Cheri

- Close to launch but some delays have occurred
- Black mold was found and flooring had to be removed and resurfaced
- Water damage from the ice machine
- New freezer must be ordered, and then health inspector can come in
- Fire department assessment has given approval
- Happy to provide tours of the kiosk for those on GA who are interested
- New soft launch target is end of September target

9.2 INPUT ON EC ACTION PLAN 2025-2026 – Alejandro

-Executive have been working on action plan, with hopes of launching organizational wide strategic plan

- Follows the formatting of the last executive action plan published from 2021-2022
- Each executive briefly went over their action plan priorities, then Alejandro went over the team initiatives at the end of the document
- This draft has been shared with the General Assembly to provide their input on the copy directly
- A question that was raised for Kimoya's section, was what does OER stand for? Open Educational Resources, see MIT's OpenCourseWare as an example.
- Some input that was provided to Jessica, post-event feedback emails may fall to the wayside or might only encourage responses from those who feel strongly either positively or negatively, and an alternative approach to think about would be to facilitate the feedback form live during the event. Jessica will take that under advisement.

10. ADVOCACY UPDATES (0-10 minutes)

11. IN-CAMERA - (0-30 minutes)

BIMT the General Assembly extend the meeting time to 9pm.
CARRIED

[THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECESSED TO 7pm]

Any business discussed while in-camera is privileged and confidential. Any discussion will not be recorded, however motions made in-camera will be noted. If you are attending virtually, please ensure you are in a private location or that you are using a headset that ensures privacy and confidentiality are maintained. No business discussed in-camera is to be discussed once the motion is passed to move ex-camera.

BIMT the executive council move in-camera:

MOTION [GA252620] In camera: Kimoya, Bradley
CARRIED

BIMT the executive council move ex-camera:

MOTION [GA252621] Bradley, Kimoya
CARRIED

12. OTHER BUSINESS (0-10 minutes)

12.1 CLASS SCHEDULE REQUIREMENT FOR FALL GA MEETINGS – Mark

-Please provide your fall class schedules prior to the deadline next Tuesday.

12.2 CASA ON THE ROAD VIDEO SEPTEMBER 11th PARTICIPANTS – *Alejandro*

-Requesting support and participants in CASA Campus Visit

12.3 START OF YEAR EVENTS FRESH FEST CALL OUT

-Call out for volunteers for Fresh Fest programming

13. NEXT MEETING (*1 minute*)

The next meeting of the General Assembly is September 24th, 2025.

14. ADJOURNMENT (*1 minute*)

14.1 ADJOURNMENT

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of August 27, 2025.

CARRIED