



GA Meeting - Winter 2026 - Jan 21

University of Lethbridge Students' Union
W646
2026-01-21 17:00 - 20:00 MST

Table of Contents

1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

Oki and welcome to this 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.

3. Approval of the Agenda

BIMT the General Assembly approve the agenda for January 21st, 2025.

4. Approval of Minutes.....4

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes for December 8th, 2025.

Minutes still pending for:

- January 7th
- November 24th
- October 27th

GA Meeting - Fall 2025 - Dec 8 Minutes [DRAFT].pdf.....4

5. Winter 2026 - By-Election

Order of Speeches:

Arts & Science Representative:

1. Summer Crosson
2. Charis Blythe Legg
3. Olivia Halverson
4. Abigail Rigaux
5. Nana Yaw Okyere-Aduach
6. Tessa Muirhead

Health Science Representative:

1. Imiekelioghene Nora Imie
2. Esther Usen

6. Chair Remarks

7. Presentations to Council

8. Reports

Reports from GA members are due by the end of the 5th business day of every month, and can be submitted at the link here:

2025-2026 Report Deadlines:

- January 9, 2026
- February 6, 2026
- March 6, 2026
- April 8, 2026

8.1. VP Operations & Finance

8.2. VP Student Life

8.3. VP Academic

8.4. VP External

8.5. President

8.6. Calgary Campus Rep

8.7. Arts & Science Reps

8.8. Fine Arts Rep

8.9. Health Sciences Rep

Vacant

8.10. Education Rep

8.11. Dhillon School of Business Reps

8.12. Indigenous Rep

8.13. International Rep

8.14. Residence Rep

8.15. First-Year Rep

9. Items for Action: ULSU Business

9.1. Reallocating CAUS Budget Line to ASEC Budget Line

BIMT the General Assembly approve the reallocation of the previously established budget line designated for the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) to instead support membership in the Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC).

10. Items for Action: Clubs, Groups, Individuals

11. Items for Information

11.1. Letter of Intent for ASEC.....13

Official Statement of Interest to Join ASEC.docx.....13

11.2. FLARE Update

11.3. Standing Update re: Students' Union Food Kiosk

11.4. CAUS Minutes.....14

Board Meeting #1 - June 12th, 2025.pdf.....	14
Board Meeting #2 - June 26th, 2025.pdf.....	18
Board Meeting #3 - July 18th, 2025.pdf.....	23
Board Meeting #4 - August 7th, 2025.pdf.....	29
Board Meeting #5 - September 4th, 2025.pdf.....	35
Board Meeting #6 - October 2nd, 2025.pdf.....	39
CAUS Annual General Meeting 2025 - December 19th.pdf.....	43

11.5. ULSU Website Standing Update

12. Advocacy Updates

12.1. Advocacy Updates.....	49
------------------------------------	-----------

Strategy for Canada Student Grant Advocacy - Membership Copy.pdf.....	49
-----------------------------------------------------------------------	----

13. In-Camera

Reminder: 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.

14. Other Business

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the General Assembly is a special meeting occurring on Tuesday January 27th 4:30pm in SU180J.

16. Adjournment



GA Meeting - Fall 2025 - Dec 8 Minutes

University of Lethbridge Students' Union

12/8/2025 5:00 PM MST

@ SU-180

Attendance

Present:

Members: Nnenna Agidi, Niosha Attarifard (remote), Kate Brown (remote), Clay Bryden, Kimoya Edwards, Alejandro Figueroa, Mason Hill (remote), Emily Kozun, Orion Legg, Keiara Lewis, Natasha Matemera (remote), Lauryn Morris, Emi Mundell, Maiko Ogita, Moyosoreoluwa Oladoye, Jon Oxley, Marla Pasolli, Rikin Patel (remote), Bradley Pike, Cheri Pokarney (remote), Mark Serebryansky, Kavindu Sumanasena, Jessica Sumbera (remote), Brannon Sumner, Rylee Wevers

Guests: Abdul Abbasi (remote), Pedro Almeida (remote), Anna Dau (remote), Joe Mooney (remote)

Absent:

Members: Yash Dixit, Khushpreet Null

1. Call to Order (Presenters: Jon Oxley)
2. Land Acknowledgement (Presenters: Jon Oxley)

Oki and welcome to this 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.

3. Approval of the Agenda (Presenters: Jon Oxley)

Motion:

BIMT the General Assembly approve the meeting agenda for December 8th, 2025.

Motion moved by Kavindu Sumanasena and motion seconded by Bradley Pike.
Carried

4. Approval of Minutes (Presenters: Jon Oxley)
Minutes will be updated for first meeting of the GA in 2026.
5. Chair Remarks (Presenters: Jon Oxley)
 - 5.1. Status of GA Reports (Presenters: Jon Oxley, Mark Serebryansky)

6. Presentations to Council

6.1. Presentation from Alberta Students' Executives Council (Presenters: Joe Mooney, Anna Dau)

- Presentation was provided, see attached
- Q: Could ULSU be an observer from now till April 30th and not pay fees till May 2026?
 - A: Late December/Early January is when next board meeting is set - would have to discuss with board about a potential observer status
- Q: How are we going to ensure alignment between colleges and universities?
 - A: At the end of the day, advocating for students - even within trade schools and colleges there are differences - voting needs to be done by membership to equalize those differences

6.2. Provincial Advocacy Presentation (Presenters: Abdul Abbasi, Pedro Almeida)

- Presentation was provided, see attached
- Q: Rationale for paying higher fees?
 - A: Can generate economies of scale by paying to a pool of money rather than incurring expenses directly to the ULSU
- Q: CAUS and ASEC - ASEC is higher - is it viable that due to the money, the SA's that are joining, the FLE rate can be negotiated or lowered?
 - A: Would have to talk to Alejandro about this
- Q: Federation of Alberta Students back in the day - what are the worries with University opinions diluting the share of college/polytechnics?
 - A: Good question, harkens back to the 1981 schism - student advocacy ebbs and flows. What's different today is that there is alignment between what all students need
- Q: Question re: student input about CAUS not representing them well in 2024. Any examples of ASEC representing students better?
 - A: UASU student council has not been warm towards CAUS in the last few years

7. Executive Accountability Committee Report [POST-AGENDA] (Presenters: Brannon Sumner)

Motion:

BIMT The General Assembly move in-camera.

Motion moved by Clay Bryden and motion seconded by Bradley Pike. Carried

Motion:

BIMT the General Assembly move ex-camera

Motion moved by Orion Legg and motion seconded by Brannon Sumner. Carried

Motion:

BIMT the General Assembly accept the Executive Accountability Committee Report as a draft for the 2025-2026 academic year and circulate this draft with the Executive Council.

Be it further resolved this circulation be an opportunity for any final comments or suggestions from the Executive Council, with all comments and suggestions submitted by Dec 29th, 2025, with the final report being accepted at the January 2026 General Assembly Meeting, as information.

Motion moved by Brannon Sumner and motion seconded by Marla Pasolli. Carried, 2 opposed

- Comments to be submitted to Rylee Wevers by December 29th, 2025
- Final report will be presented at January 2026 GA meeting

8. Reports

Motion:

Motion to table reports except for budget updates.

Motion moved by Kimoya Edwards and motion seconded by Moyosoreoluwa Oladoye. Carried

8.1. VP Operations & Finance (Presenters: Moyosoreoluwa Oladoye)

 [Moyosoreoluwa Nov 2025.pdf](#)

8.1.1. Budget Update (Presenters: Moyosoreoluwa Oladoye)

 [Budget update 2025-26.xlsx](#)

- Clubs Funding & Grants: Started \$10,000 → Remaining \$7,575 (for entire academic year)
- Student Travel Grants: Started \$10,000 → Remaining \$3,523.70
- Student Emergency Grants: Started \$15,000 → Remaining \$7,618 (students can apply for max \$600)
- Council Events: Started \$26,500 → Remaining \$17,318.20
- Special Funding: Started \$30,000 → Remaining \$15,525
- Note: Some figures may not reflect all approvals as minutes from recent meetings are not yet finalized.
- Emergency grant showing good usage in line with growing reach to students

- Travel grant usage varies by semester; winter typically sees more conference attendance
- Budget lines are being monitored closely given remaining months in academic year

8.2. VP Student Life (Presenters: Jessica Sumbera)

8.3. VP Academic (Presenters: Kimoya Edwards)

 [Kimoya November 2025.pdf](#)

8.4. VP External (Presenters: Bradley Pike)

8.5. President (Presenters: Alejandro Figueroa)

8.6. Calgary Campus Rep (Presenters: Khushpreet Null)

8.7. Arts & Science Reps (Presenters: Brannon Sumner, Emi Mundell, Kate Brown, Nnenna Agidi, Orion Legg, Rylee Wevers)

 [Brannon November 2025.pdf](#)

 [EMI NOVEMBER 2025.pdf](#)

 [Kate Nov 2025.pdf](#)

 [Nnenna Nov 2025.pdf](#)

 [RYLEEWEVERS NOV 2025.docx.pdf](#)

 [Orion November 2025.pdf](#)

8.8. Fine Arts Rep (Presenters: Kavindu Sumanasena)

 [KAVINDUSUMANASENA NOV 2025.pdf](#)

8.9. Health Sciences Rep (Presenters: Niosha Attarifard)

 [Niosha Council report Nov.pdf](#)

8.10. Education Rep (Presenters: Marla Pasolli)

 [Marla Novmber 2025.pdf](#)

8.11. Dhillon School of Business Reps (Presenters: Clay Bryden, Rikin Patel)

8.12. Indigenous Rep (Presenters: Lauryn Morris)

 [Lauryn ReportNovember 2025-2.pdf](#)

8.13. International Rep (Presenters: Yash Dixit)

 [Yash Nov 2025.pdf](#)

8.14. Residence Rep (Presenters: Natasha Matemera)

 [NATASHA MATEMERA NOVEMBER 2025.pdf](#)

8.15. First Year Rep (Presenters: Keiara Lewis)

 [KEIARA_REPORTNOV_2025.pdf](#)

8.16. Executive Council Meeting Summary

Note: EC minutes not approved yet for November, due to timing of reading week and business travel. Will be updated for first GA meeting of 2026.

9. Items for Action: ULSU Business

9.1. Exceptional Fee Increase for Pre-engineering Program [POST AGENDA]
(Presenters: Alejandro Figueroa)

Please see pages 10-11 of AE Alberta Tuition Framework for further details about this process

 [Exceptional Fee Increase proposal for pre-engineering.pdf](#)

 [Pre-Engineering Transfer Program Exceptional Tuition Fee proposal.pdf](#)

 [ae-alberta-tuition-framework-version-2-2-2024-02.pdf](#)

- Alejandro provided context: ULSU representatives sit on University Fee Review Committee
- Proposal is for ~\$330 increase per class for pre-engineering program
- Total increase would be approximately \$3,723.15 for first year
- Increase would apply to both current transfer program and proposed new engineering program starting 2027
- No detailed allocation breakdown was provided for where funds would be directed
- Graduate Student Association has passed letter of support
- Cost is the #1 reason students attend U of L for engineering; increase could undermine this competitive advantage
- Proposal would make first-year at U of L more expensive than U of A, though four-year total would remain cheaper
- Concerns raised about transparency and lack of detailed budget allocation

Motion:

BIMT the General Assembly sign off on a letter of support requesting an Exceptional Fee Increase for the Pre-engineering program.

Motion moved by Bradley Pike and motion seconded by Marla Pasolli. Defeated

Motion:

BIMT the meeting is extended to 10:00pm

Motion moved by Bradley Pike and motion seconded by Kavindu Sumanasena.
Carried

9.2. ULSU Audit Updates (Presenters: Cheri Pokarney)

 [TO BE SIGNED - Statement of Financial Position..pdf](#)

 [2024-04-30 U of L Students' Union - 360 AFR.pdf](#)

 [TO BE SIGNED - 2025-12-08 U of L Students' Union - MRL.pdf](#)

Audit Highlights:

- Overall surplus: \$583,807 (increase from \$177,000 previous year)
- Net assets increased to \$11.7 million
- Strong investment performance and building revenue (nearly doubled)
- Pub and Cabaret continue to operate at a loss (common for student unions)
- Sales at The Zoo are up
- No significant risks or concerns identified
- Auditors found sufficient evidence to issue a clean financial bill of health and no material misstatements

- Q: Feedback from auditors?
 - A: New suggestions will take effect ASAP
- Q: Can we reinvest this surplus?
 - A: Stays in operational account - will reinvest as much as possible with financial advisors

Motion:

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the 2023-2024 Audit

Motion moved by Bradley Pike and motion seconded by Marla Pasolli. Carried

10. Items for Action: Clubs, Groups, Individuals

11. Items for Information

11.1. Drafting a stance for the ULSU on Labour Solidarity with Alberta Teachers
(Presenters: Alejandro Figueroa)

- Discussion of potential stance on ongoing ATA/Government situation
- Noted that both U of A and U of C Student Unions are not taking partisan stances
- Proposed approach: Acknowledge discussions while remaining neutral in political conflicts

- Motion to be drafted by Executive Council and brought as mailbox ballot to avoid waiting until January
- Draft language shared: Statement would emphasize responsibility to remain neutral while empowering students with information

11.2. Standing Update re: Food Kiosk (Presenters: Cheri Pokarney)

- Hiring Chef for early interviews in 2026
- Refrigeration was replaced
- Commercial cleaning underway
- Target: Open in January 2026
- Q: Why delay in posting job ad?
 - A: Multiple competing priorities including HR issues, EC matters, GA preparation, and Emily's transition

12. Advocacy Updates

- CAUS Advocacy Week (November 2025):
 - Three meetings with two priorities: Operating Grant Funding and Digitizing Part-Time Student Aid
 - Meeting with Jason Stefan (MLA): Strong support for digitizing part-time student aid; hesitation on operating grant funding
 - Meeting with Minister Nathan Neudorf and Bridge MLA: Very supportive of digitizing part-time student aid; will bring to Minister McDougall
 - Third meeting accompanied by several MLAs from Calgary area: Discussed urgency of digitizing applications and immense panel funding model adoption
 - Attended NDP and UCP caucus lunches hosted by ASEC

13. In-Camera

Reminder: *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.*

Motion:

BIMT the meeting of the General Assembly be extend to 11pm.

Motion moved by Clay Bryden and motion seconded by Bradley Pike. Carried

Motion:

BIMT the GA move in-camera

Motion moved by Rylee Wevers and motion seconded by Bradley Pike.

Motion:

BIMT the General Assembly move ex-camera.

Motion moved by Orion Legg and motion seconded by Brannon Sumner. carried

Motion:

BIMT to extend the meeting to 11:35pm.

Motion moved by Marla Pasolli and motion seconded by Clay Bryden. Carried

Motion:

BIMT the General Assembly Table the motion on the floor, until the next General Assembly meeting re: standing updates regarding work required to the ULSU website.

Motion moved by Brannon Sumner and motion seconded by Bradley Pike. Carried, Emi voted to table wanted noted

Motion:

BIMT the General Assembly recommend the ULSU delegates of Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) vote in favour of dissolving CAUS as per the CAUS bylaws. Motion to entertain further conversation with CAUS: BIMT the General Assembly approve that the University of Lethbridge Students' Union become a member of the Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC), pending completion of membership requirements, and the Executive Council's exploration of negotiation options with ASEC's Board of Directors

Be it further resolved any further monetary expenses relating to ASEC membership be presented at a subsequent meeting of the General Assembly.

Motion moved by Clay Bryden and motion seconded by Kimoya Edwards. Carried

Motion:

BIMT the General Assembly Table the motion on the floor, until the next General Assembly meeting re: engaging a qualified third party to conduct an independent review of ULSU Executive and Staff operational practices, and to provide a report of findings and recommendations to the General Assembly for consideration

Motion moved by Bradley Pike and motion seconded by Clay Bryden. Carried

14. Other Business

- Final sports dome contract is with legal counsel
- Expected to be finalized within 48 hours (by December 10th)
- Legal counsel has been reviewing contract language
- Multiple requests to legal have impacted timeline

15. Next Meeting (Presenters: Jon Oxley)

The next meeting of the General Assembly is TBD:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/fbd4d48dfa7f4808b879f19b69fe2c2c>

Please submit your details for availability by December 10th so that we can get our meetings set for the Winter 2026 semester ASAP.

16. Adjournment (Presenters: Jon Oxley)

Motion:

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting for December 8th, 2025.

Motion moved by Marla Pasolli and motion seconded by Natasha Matemera. Carried

DRAFT

January 21, 2026

Subject: Official Statement of Interest to Join ASEC

Dear ASEC Board of Directors,

On behalf of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union (ULSU), we are writing to formally express our interest in joining the Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC).

The ULSU is the elected representative body for over 7,500 undergraduate students at the University of Lethbridge, serving students at both the Lethbridge main campus and the Calgary campus. Through this letter, the ULSU affirms its commitment to fully adhere to all ASEC governing documents, policies, and membership requirements, including the payment of applicable membership fees upon acceptance.

The ULSU engages in student advocacy through direct institutional representation and broader inter-organizational collaboration, recognizing the value of coordinated engagement among student associations across Alberta. Participation in a provincial group such as ASEC provides an opportunity to contribute to shared advocacy efforts while learning from the perspectives and practices of peer institutions.

By seeking membership in ASEC, the ULSU aims to contribute constructively to collective advocacy efforts that reflect the diversity of Alberta's post-secondary institutions and student experiences. ASEC's emphasis on collaboration, sound governance, and year-round advocacy aligns closely with the ULSU's approach to student representation.

Authorization to pursue membership was granted through a formal motion passed by the ULSU General Assembly at its meeting on December 8. The General Assembly has since authorized the allocation of a dedicated budget line for ASEC membership through the ULSU's internal governance and budgeting processes.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration throughout this process. We look forward to the opportunity to work together with ASEC and its member organizations to advance the interests of students across Alberta.

Sincerely,

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union



Council of Alberta University Students

Board Meeting #1

June 12th, 2025

Date: June 12th, 2025

Scheduled Time: 11AM to 1PM

Attendance:

Neenah Brown, AUSU VPX	(Present)
Jan Lehmann, AUSU President	(/Absent)
Mariana Mejia Salazar, SAMRU VPX	(Present/)
Tala Abu Hayyaneh, SAMRU President	(Absent)
Abdul Abbasi, UASU VPX	(Absent)
Pedro Almeida, UASU President	(Present)
Bradley Pike, ULSU VPX	(Present)
Alejandro Figueroa, ULSU President	(Absent)

Support Staff in Attendance:

Rachel (SAMRU)

Mark (ULSU)

Kristina (UASU)

1. Call to order

- a. Called to order at 11:05 AM Mountain Time

2. Land Recognition

a. Presented by Bradley Pike, Chair

- i. *These lands, waters, and living beings in the Treaty lands within the colonial borders of Alberta have been cared for by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. We condemn the genocide that has been done and continues to be done against Indigenous Peoples through colonialism. We celebrate the strength and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their cultures.*

We acknowledge that, in addition to being denied access to physical spaces, colonialism also sought and seeks to restrict Indigenous peoples' access to cultural, spiritual, educational, and governmental spaces. We acknowledge the expertise First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, cultures, and knowledge keepers have and respect their leadership. We commit to reconciliation and acknowledge that this commitment cannot be made in word only but must be lived out in the actions, processes, and procedures of the organization year after year.

3. Approval of agenda

- a. SAMRU/AUSU move to approve the meeting agenda as presented below.
4/0/0, motion CARRIED

4. Approval of minutes

- a. SAMRU/ULSU move to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented

- i. The [draft minutes](#) of the previous meeting are reviewed for accuracy.

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

5. New Business

- a. SAMRU/AUSU move to discuss the University of Alberta Students' Union's [Summer Temporary Employment Program Proposal](#).

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

Discussion:

- Reviewed the project and UASU will send final draft on Friday, June 13th to be signed by Wednesday, June 18th
- SAMRU will bring it up at the Calgary Student Association meeting on Friday, June 13th as well

b. *SAMRU/ULSU move to discuss CAUS committee structure for 2025/26.*

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

Discussion:

- Suggestion to circulate draft ToRs around to all Member Organizations
- General lack of opposition to the idea of a single committee (IOC) meeting in alternating weeks to CAUS meetings and time serving as a general CAUS chat time in the absence of committee business

6. In-Camera

The board may move "in camera" to start a confidential discussion with only board members. The board can vote to invite staff and guests. These confidential discussions are meant to cover sensitive matters that the board determines should be considered confidentially. Items discussed In-Camera are not recorded in the minutes; but any motions done in Camera are.

a. *SAMRU/ULSU move to go in-camera*

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

b. *SAMRU/ULSU move to go out of camera*

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

7. Reports

a. Chair

- i. Working to clear up financials
- ii. Met with Alberta Post-Secondary Network
- iii. Met with Public Interest Alberta
 - Identified how to address campaign
 - Identified advice for financing campaign
- iv. Administrative steps
- v. Identifying advocacy steps for the year

b. Vice-Chair

- i. Draft of IOC ToR

- ii. Draft of the long-term strategic planning process
 - iii. Draft of the bylaws with a few suggested changes
- c. AUSU
 - i. Just finished convocation
 - ii. Brought a photo and 360° booths to convocation
- d. SAMRU
 - i. EDI Office is being reconstructed
 - Working with SAMRU for the restructuring
 - ii. Participated in electoral boundary submission
 - iii. Working on Suicide Prevention Committee Strategic planning work
 - iv. Preparing for Stampede
- e. UASU
 - i. STEP Proposal
 - ii. Preparing for Stampede
 - iii. Presented to Electoral Commission
- f. ULSU
 - i. Finished up convocation at the end of May
 - ii. Working on undergraduate journal for the UofL
 - iii. Assisting CASA

8. Question Period

- a. Mark: question about Stampede advocacy efforts, ULSU in the past may not have been a huge part of this efforts

9. Announcements

- a. n/a

10. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 12:28PM MT

11. Information items

- a. [CAUS 2017 Bylaws](#)
- b. [CAUS 2019 Bylaws](#)

NOTE: For future agendas please email the CAUS Chair, deadline for submissions will be the day before the board meeting.



Council of Alberta University Students

Board Meeting #2

June 26th, 2025

Date: June 26th, 2025

Scheduled Time: 11AM to 1PM

Attendance:

Neenah Brown, AUSU VPX	(Absent)
Jan Lehmann, AUSU President	(Absent) - UASU Proxying
Mariana Mejia Salazar, SAMRU VPX	(Absent)
Tala Abu Hayyaneh, SAMRU President	(Present)
Abdul Abbasi, UASU VPX	(Present)
Pedro Almeida, UASU President	(Present)
Bradley Pike, ULSU VPX	(Present)
Alejandro Figueroa, ULSU President	(Present)

Support Staff in Attendance:

Rachel (SAMRU)

Mark (ULSU)

Kristina (UASU)

1. Call to order

- a. Called to order at 11:10 AM Mountain Time

2. Land Recognition

a. Presented by Bradley Pike, Chair

- i. *These lands, waters, and living beings in the Treaty lands within the colonial borders of Alberta have been cared for by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. We condemn the genocide that has been done and continues to be done against Indigenous Peoples through colonialism. We celebrate the strength and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their cultures.*

We acknowledge that, in addition to being denied access to physical spaces, colonialism also sought and seeks to restrict Indigenous peoples' access to cultural, spiritual, educational, and governmental spaces. We acknowledge the expertise First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, cultures, and knowledge keepers have and respect their leadership. We commit to reconciliation and acknowledge that this commitment cannot be made in word only but must be lived out in the actions, processes, and procedures of the organization year after year.

3. Approval of agenda

- a. *SAMRU/ULSU move to approve the meeting agenda as presented below.*

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

4. Approval of minutes

- a. *SAMRU/ULSU move to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented*

- i. The [draft minutes](#) of the previous meeting are reviewed for accuracy.

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

5. Action Items

- a. *UASU/ULSU move to set the membership fee for all Member Organizations of CAUS at \$0 for the 2025/26 fiscal year beginning on July 1st 2025 and ending on June 30th 2026.*

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

- b. SAMRU/ULSU move to approve the [DRAFT 2025 Bylaws](#) as the Bylaws for the Council of Alberta University Students pending non-substantive editorial changes.

Please note:

- Highlighted areas were indicated by the lawyers
 - Appears to be the creation of new sections/points.
- Red indicates the addition of graduate student associations as eligible for CAUS membership
- Blue are identified areas of concern that can be addressed as indicated if the Board decides that is best

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

- c. SAMRU/ULSU move to approve the 2025/26 proposed budget as outlined in [CAUS 2025/2026 Proposed Budget](#) .

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

- d. UASU/ULSU move to approve the [Long-Term Planning Process \(2025\)](#) .

- i. Tala has volunteered to serve as the Strategic Plan Coordinator.

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

- e. SAMRU/ULSU move to approve the [Internal Oversight Committee ToR \(2025\)](#) .

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

- f. SAMRU/UASU move to approve the [Priority Setting - 2025](#) .

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

- g. UASU/ULSU move to extend the meeting by 5 minutes

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

6. Discussion Items

- a. Discussion brought forward by the Chair for the plan for the year ahead, outlining engagement with other student associations, key advocacy priorities and strategic planning.
- i. SAMRU asked about Alberta Counsel event, information was sent over by ULSU

- ii. UASU asked about budget submission
- iii. ULSU clarified attendance expectations for Stampede events
- iv. Discussion covered different Stampede events that are expected for attendance and implications of nonpartisanship
- v. Consideration of different strategies for the year, including
 - Budget submission
 - October Advocacy Week
 - March Advocacy Week
 - Provincial campaign
- vi. Discussion over the provincial campaign helped to clarify direction

7. In-Camera

The board may move "in camera" to start a confidential discussion with only board members. The board can vote to invite staff and guests. These confidential discussions are meant to cover sensitive matters that the board determines should be considered confidentially. Items discussed In-Camera are not recorded in the minutes; but any motions done in Camera are.

n/a

8. Reports

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair
- c. AUSU
- d. SAMRU
- e. UASU
- f. ULSU

9. Question Period

- a.

10. Announcements

- a.

11. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 1:05 (PM) MT

12. Information items

- a. [CAUS 2017 Bylaws](#)

b. [CAUS 2019 Bylaws](#)

NOTE: For future agendas please email the CAUS Chair, deadline for submissions will be the day before the board meeting.



Council of Alberta University Students

Board Meeting #3

July 18th, 2025

Date: July 18th, 2025

Scheduled Time: 11AM to 1PM

Attendance:

Neenah Brown, AUSU VPX	(Present)
Jan Lehmann, AUSU President	(Absent)
Mariana Mejia Salazar, SAMRU VPX	(Present)
Tala Abu Hayyaneh, SAMRU President	(Present)
Abdul Abbasi, UASU VPX	(Absent)
Pedro Almeida, UASU President	(Present)
Bradley Pike, ULSU VPX	(Present)
Alejandro Figueroa, ULSU President	(Present)

Support Staff in Attendance:

Rachel (SAMRU)

1. Call to order

- a. Called to order at 12:06 PM Mountain Time

2. Land Recognition

a. Presented by Bradley Pike, Chair

- i. *These lands, waters, and living beings in the Treaty lands within the colonial borders of Alberta have been cared for by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. We condemn the genocide that has been done and continues to be done against Indigenous Peoples through colonialism. We celebrate the strength and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their cultures.*

We acknowledge that, in addition to being denied access to physical spaces, colonialism also sought and seeks to restrict Indigenous peoples' access to cultural, spiritual, educational, and governmental spaces. We acknowledge the expertise First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, cultures, and knowledge keepers have and respect their leadership. We commit to reconciliation and acknowledge that this commitment cannot be made in word only but must be lived out in the actions, processes, and procedures of the organization year after year.

3. Approval of agenda

- a. *AUSU/SAMRU move to approve the meeting agenda as presented below.*
4/0/0, motion CARRIED

4. Approval of minutes

- a. *AUSU/SAMRU move to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented*

- i. The [draft minutes](#) of the previous meeting are reviewed for accuracy.

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

5. Action Items

- a. *n/a*

6. Discussion Items

- a. *Chair feedback*

- i. Chair has expressed the time taken to work on the referendum campaign, which has taken significant time and cannot be reported on every week.
 - ii. Vice-Chair has to complete action items to gain access to bank account.
 - iii. SAMRU President met with the Vice-Chair and discussed the referendum campaign, so will be addressing it now.
 - Expressed concern over lack of prior approval before engaging in work for Referendum Campaign
 - Risks relationship with Board and relationship with other interest holders
 - Concern over referendum process in general
 - Would like activities with interest holders to be put on pause until the Board is in agreement with idea
 - iv. SAMRU VPX brought up the feeling of unpreparedness over last week's meeting
 - Suggested communications could have been better
 - In future, CAUS may want to postpone meeting immediately after Stampede
 - v. SAMRU Staff suggested letting everyone know if you are either late or absent
 - Chair expressed that in the previous meeting, personal circumstances arose that stood in the way of attending the previous meeting
 - vi. Chair expressed appreciation for feedback
 - vii. SAMRU President suggested putting all stakeholder engagement on pause until Board provides approval
 - ULSU President agreed and would also like a detailed presentation
 - viii. AUSU supports a referendum through university-first, non-partisan manner
 - Engages with individuals in university-first manner
 - Did this for Alberta Next Panel
 - ix. SAMRU President reaffirmed need to formerly pause work on Referendum campaign until priorities are set and work is further discussed
- b. Debrief of Stampede*
- i. ULSU President talked about how this was their first time attending

Stampede (same for VPX and staff)

- Expressed how collaboration between Member Organizations was very helpful
 - Expressed how coordination between Member Organizations could have been helpful
 - Suggested having a presentation about what to get out of Stampede
- ii. SAMRU Staff suggested having a plan of what to expect from advocacy steps and when we want to have different things ready
 - iii. SAMRU President expressed they will be working on summary document and would expect CAUS officers to represent CAUS
 - iv. Discussion over responsibility of CAUS Officers to push CAUS at the forefront of conversations
 - v. UASU VPX talked about benefit of Stampede to talk with municipal, provincial and federal leaders
 - vi. AUSU VPX did not attend Stampede
- c. *Discussion about [CAUS Priorities](#)*
- i. AUSU VPX suggested top theme is equity, accessibility and disability supports
 - Automatic renewal for disability supports
 - Budgetary ask is to find a Universal Design for Learning for asynchronous learning
 - There are thousands of outdated accessibility models online
 - Talked about how Student Financial Aid is not based on mature learners
 - ii. SAMRU President cares about themes being covered
 - Affordability
 - Work Integrated Learning - focusing on keeping students in the province
 - a. This is top priority
 - Financial aid
 - Physical and Mental Health
 - iii. UASU VPX talked about biggest one being Operating Grant
 - iv. ULSU President talked about affordability being a big area of student challenges, talked about STEP
 - v. SAMRU President talked about link between employment and affordability, talked about how students are the ones to bring value to the province

- To highlight value of STEP, school-aged kids lose skills over time if they don't practice it which is why it is important we help people retain knowledge
- vi. Final priorities:
- STEP
 - Operating Grant
 - Digitizing part-time student aid applications

Note: meeting was adjourned, tabling a few items for the next meeting.

7. In-Camera

The board may move "in camera" to start a confidential discussion with only board members. The board can vote to invite staff and guests. These confidential discussions are meant to cover sensitive matters that the board determines should be considered confidentially. Items discussed In-Camera are not recorded in the minutes; but any motions done in Camera are.

n/a

8. Reports

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair
- c. AUSU
- d. SAMRU
- e. UASU
- f. ULSU

9. Question Period

- a.

10. Announcements

- a.

11. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 12:20 PM MT

12. Information items

- a. [CAUS Bylaws](#) (last updated June 26th, 2025)

- b. [CAUS 2017 Bylaws](#)
- c. [CAUS 2019 Bylaws](#)

NOTE: For future agendas please email the CAUS Chair, deadline for submissions will be the day before the board meeting.



Council of Alberta University Students

Board Meeting #4

August 7th, 2025

Date: August 7th, 2025

Scheduled Time: 11AM to 1PM

Attendance:

Neenah Brown, AUSU VPX	(Present)
Jan Lehmann, AUSU President	(Present)
Mariana Mejia Salazar, SAMRU VPX	(Present)
Tala Abu Hayyaneh, SAMRU President	(Absent)
Abdul Abbasi, UASU VPX	(Present)
Pedro Almeida, UASU President	(Absent)
Bradley Pike, ULSU VPX	(Present)
Alejandro Figueroa, ULSU President	(Present)
Kimoya Edwards, ULSU VPA	(Present)

Support Staff in Attendance:

Rachel (SAMRU)

Mark (ULSU)

1. Call to order

- a. Called to order at __11:02_ AM Mountain Time

2. Land Recognition

a. Presented by Bradley Pike, Chair

- i. *These lands, waters, and living beings in the Treaty lands within the colonial borders of Alberta have been cared for by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. We condemn the genocide that has been done and continues to be done against Indigenous Peoples through colonialism. We celebrate the strength and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their cultures.*

We acknowledge that, in addition to being denied access to physical spaces, colonialism also sought and seeks to restrict Indigenous peoples' access to cultural, spiritual, educational, and governmental spaces. We acknowledge the expertise First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, cultures, and knowledge keepers have and respect their leadership. We commit to reconciliation and acknowledge that this commitment cannot be made in word only but must be lived out in the actions, processes, and procedures of the organization year after year.

3. Approval of agenda

- a. *Mariana/Abdul move to approve the meeting agenda as presented below.*

###, motion CARRIED

4-0

4. Approval of minutes

- a. *Mariana/Abdul move to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented*

- i. The [draft minutes](#) of the previous meeting are reviewed for accuracy.

###, motion CARRIED

4-0

5. Action Items

- a. *Neenah/Mariana move to appoint __Abdul_____, __Alejandro_____, __Neenah_____, and __SAMRU_____ as representative to the Internal Oversight Committee.*

Nominees provided and at the next agenda meeting will officially appoint individuals in the role.

###, motion CARRIED

4-0

- b. *Neenah/Mariana move to approve \$12,738.68 amount from the CAUS reserve fund to pay for outstanding invoices owed to McLennan Ross.*

Invoices were asked for to provide exact numbers and the documents were shared in meeting chat.

###, motion CARRIED

3-0-0

6. Discussion Items

- a. Presentation from Public Interest Alberta (PIA) **Item struck due to absence of presenter**
- i. PSE Campaign
- Presenter: Bradley Lafortune
- b. *What is CAUS?*
- i. This is designed to be a discussion exercise about what each Member Organization envisions CAUS being.
- Are we a collective that comes together to do advocacy on major areas of agreement, but we each also do our own provincial advocacy?
 - Are we the main source of provincial advocacy for Member Organizations?
 - How should we operate?
 - Any other thoughts are welcome!
- c. *Next key advocacy/project timelines*
- i. Budget submission (deadline: August 31, 2025)
- What will our process for this look like?
 - a. Consultation suggestions
 - i. Thursday August 14th, 2025
 - [Informational item provided by CAUS alum](#)
 - [Draft copy](#)
- Open up for more submissions and input
- More discussion on whether the budget be only CAUS or a joint submission based on whether there are overlapping priorities.

- Proposing that if no joint budget submission then perhaps suggesting that each school have one priority that is included in everyone's budget
- Possibility of inviting everyone to an agenda meeting to have more discussions regarding budget submissions if every school is open to the idea.
 - ii. October Advo Week (deadline: _____). TABLED until IOC on August 14, 2025
 - Do we want to collaborate with other post-secondary student associations?
 - a. If so, which ones?
 - b. If so, what does that look like?
- Having a team of 2-3 to tackle all the aspects involved and to delegate tasks.
- Having SU delegates for each meeting.
- Recommendation: Based on school's priority would impact which sessions they go to.
- Another avenue would be to book meetings with Alberta legislative representatives when they are not in-session and then meet them where they are and the representatives that are present in those cities can go to that member with the set of priorities.
 - iii. Long-term strategic planning process ([document](#))
 - Reminder about this process and deadlines outlined in the document
- Request to extend questions deadline until Tala return to offer members more time to answer the questions brought forward.
- Request for calendar deadline invites to be sent to individuals
 - iv. Internal Oversight Committee ([ToR](#)) meetings
 - Does every other Thursday, for days we don't currently have CAUS meetings, work (11AM to 1PM)?
- Suggestion to have an initial IOC meeting next Thursday, August 14, 2025 to discuss meeting times going forward for the committee when everyone's availability is updated.
 - d. *Priorities wording*
 - i. This is an exercise to try and find the appropriate wording for our identified priorities:
 - Summer Temporary Employment Program
 - Operating Grant
 - Digitizing part-time student aid applications
- Adding a question mark at the end of the ask may make it more of an official ask.
- Operating Grant- Government increase Operating Grant based on demographic

Changes and aligning it with CPI. Co-Op tax credit is no longer going to be involved with our ask.

e. Housing Our University Students Equitably (HOUSE)

- i. How do we feel about the proposal?
- ii. Is this something CAUS should support?

- [Supporting document](#)

- City of Edmonton has announced a 15 million dollar grant for student housing
- Most university SU aren't interested in taking on housing due to past issues and costs but possibilities of talking with institutions as a whole to see if increased student housing is a possibility.

f. *Alberta Next Panel*

- *Due to separatist stuff occurring, school SU are wary of attending the panels*
- *The Alberta Next Panel 6 main topics that they are looking for discussion on are available online however, out of their 6 topics, there is only one that aligns with CAUS priorities*
- *Areas where our board could have the most impact is in the discussion after the main 6 topics are discussed*
- *- Is the want for CAUS to be represented or individual schools to be on their own? All in agreement that CASU won't go there as CAUS but individual schools will go there as representatives of their individual schools rather than CAUS organization as a whole.*

g. *Student Leadership Orientation CAUS presentation touchpoint*

- *No agenda has being sent out yet BY the orientation*
- *Explanation of Student Leadership Orientation and what it involves was given.*

BIO BREAK at 12:34-12:40 MST.

Meeting called at 12:42 MST

7. In-Camera

Mariana/ Alejandro move to take the board to In-Camera

The board may move "in camera" to start a confidential discussion with only board members. The board can vote to invite staff and guests. These confidential discussions are meant to cover sensitive matters that the board determines should be considered confidentially. Items discussed In-Camera are not recorded in the minutes; but any motions done in Camera are.

###, motion CARRIED

3-0

8. Reports

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair
- c. AUSU
- d. SAMRU
- e. UASU
- f. ULSU

9. Question Period

- a.

10. Announcements

- a. Meeting invite will be sent out in regards to IOC meeting next Thursday, August 14, 2025.

11. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at _1_: _10_ (PM) MT

12. Information items

- a. [CAUS Bylaws](#) (last updated June 26th, 2025)
- b. [CAUS 2017 Bylaws](#)
- c. [CAUS 2019 Bylaws](#)
- d. [Presentation for engaging with GSAs](#)

NOTE: For future agendas please email the CAUS Chair, deadline for submissions will be the day before the board meeting.



Council of Alberta University Students

Board Meeting #5

September 4th, 2025

Date: August 7th, 2025

Scheduled Time: 11:30AM to 1:30PM

Attendance:

Neenah Brown, AUSU VPX	Present
Jan Lehmann, AUSU President	Absent
Mariana Mejia Salazar, SAMRU VPX	Absent
Tala Abu Hayyaneh, SAMRU President	Absent
Abdul Abbasi, UASU VPX	Present
Pedro Almeida, UASU President	Present
Bradley Pike, ULSU VPX	Present
Alejandro Figueroa, ULSU President	Present
Kimoya Edwards, ULSU VPA	Present

Support Staff in Attendance:

Mark (ULSU)

1. Call to order

- a. Called to order at 11:36 AM Mountain Time

2. Land Recognition

a. Presented by Bradley Pike, Chair

- i. *These lands, waters, and living beings in the Treaty lands within the colonial borders of Alberta have been cared for by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. We condemn the genocide that has been done and continues to be done against Indigenous Peoples through colonialism. We celebrate the strength and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their cultures.*

We acknowledge that, in addition to being denied access to physical spaces, colonialism also sought and seeks to restrict Indigenous peoples' access to cultural, spiritual, educational, and governmental spaces. We acknowledge the expertise First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, cultures, and knowledge keepers have and respect their leadership. We commit to reconciliation and acknowledge that this commitment cannot be made in word only but must be lived out in the actions, processes, and procedures of the organization year after year.

3. Approval of agenda

- a. *UASU/ULSU move to approve the meeting agenda as presented below.*

3/0/0, motion CARRIED

4. Approval of minutes

- a. *ULSU/UASU move to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented*

- i. The [draft minutes](#) of the previous meeting are reviewed for accuracy.

3/0/0 motion CARRIED

5. Action Items

- a. *AUSU/ULSU move to approve the [Joint Budget Submission parameters](#) as proposed by CAUS and ASEC executive deliberation.*

- i. *UASU asked about other student associations signing on*
- ii. *ULSU expressed agreement to perspective expressed in the parameters of allowing individual organizations signing on*

- iii. *UASU asked about the impact on membership value by allowing individual associations to sign on*
 - *Vice Chair clarified competing perspectives on this*
 - *UASU further clarified that individual associations may have benefit from signing on without being members*
- iv. *AUSU asked about the process of beginning these negotiations*
 - *Chair clarified mutual interest, potential benefit of large representative numbers and overlapping priorities*
 - *Chair further explained the value of exclusive partnership*
- v. *UASU discussed importance of only having provincial groups being a part of the submission*

3/0/0, motion CARRIED

6. Discussion Items

- a. Off-Site CAUS meetings
 - i. *Chair brought up idea of having each school host a CAUS meeting in person on their campus.*
 - ii. *Chair clarified that they spoke with one individual member about it*
 - iii. *ULSU expressed the idea may be good for collaboration*
 - iv. *UASU expressed budgetary concerns and support for Chair and Vice Chair to go to different cities to work with members*
 - v. *AUSU expressed they are near capacity*
 - vi. *ULSU expressed support for doing off-site meetings. If a school is unable to make it for financial reasons CAUS can look into helping financially otherwise individual schools can fund for this year*
 - vii. *UASU expressed support for CAUS leadership visiting different member organizations' Council and pursuing in-person meetings in the Winter*
- b. New meeting schedules
 - i. *I want to find new times for us to meet to accommodate for new class schedules.*
 - ii. <https://www.when2meet.com/?32078567-KalUO>

7. In-Camera

UASU/ULSU move to take the board to In-Camera

The board may move "in camera" to start a confidential discussion with only board members. The board can vote to invite staff and guests. These confidential discussions are meant to cover

sensitive matters that the board determines should be considered confidentially. Items discussed In-Camera are not recorded in the minutes; but any motions done in Camera are.

3/0/0, motion CARRIED

8. Reports

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair
- c. AUSU
- d. SAMRU
- e. UASU
- f. ULSU

9. Question Period

- a.

10. Announcements

- a.

11. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at _12_: _07_ (PM) MT

12. Information items

- a. [CAUS Bylaws](#) (last updated June 26th, 2025)
- b. [CAUS 2017 Bylaws](#)
- c. [CAUS 2019 Bylaws](#)
- d. [Presentation for engaging with GSAs](#)

NOTE: For future agendas please email the CAUS Chair, deadline for submissions will be the day before the board meeting.



Council of Alberta University Students

Board Meeting #6

October 2nd, 2025

Date: October 2nd, 2025

Scheduled Time: 11:00AM to 1:00PM

Attendance:

Neenah Brown, AUSU VPX	Present
Jan Lehmann, AUSU President	Absent
Mariana Mejia Salazar, SAMRU VPX	Present
Tala Abu Hayyaneh, SAMRU President	Absent
Abdul Abbasi, UASU VPX	Present
Pedro Almeida, UASU President	Absent
Bradley Pike, ULSU VPX	Present
Alejandro Figueroa, ULSU President	Present
Kimoya Edwards, ULSU VPA	Present

Support Staff in Attendance:

Rachel (SAMRU)

Mark (ULSU)

1. Call to order

- a. Called to order at _11_:06_AM Mountain Time

2. Land Recognition

a. Presented by Bradley Pike, Chair

- i. *These lands, waters, and living beings in the Treaty lands within the colonial borders of Alberta have been cared for by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. We condemn the genocide that has been done and continues to be done against Indigenous Peoples through colonialism. We celebrate the strength and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their cultures.*

We acknowledge that, in addition to being denied access to physical spaces, colonialism also sought and seeks to restrict Indigenous peoples' access to cultural, spiritual, educational, and governmental spaces. We acknowledge the expertise First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, cultures, and knowledge keepers have and respect their leadership. We commit to reconciliation and acknowledge that this commitment cannot be made in word only but must be lived out in the actions, processes, and procedures of the organization year after year.

3. Approval of agenda

- a. *ULSU/SAMRU move to approve the meeting agenda as presented below.*

3/0/0, motion CARRIED

4. Approval of minutes

- a. *ULSU/SAMRU move to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented*

- i. The [draft minutes](#) of the previous meeting are reviewed for accuracy.

4/0/0 motion CARRIED

5. Action Items

- a. *SAMRU/AUSU move to ratify Athabasca University of Graduate Students' Association (AUGSA) as a member of the Council of Alberta University Students until June 30th, 2026*

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

- b. *SAMRU/AUSU move to approve \$436.72 + \$15.75 from reserves for Chair/Vice-Chair travel expenses to The Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations (CAFA) Distinguished Academic Awards*
 - i. Chair committed to seeking approval ahead of travel for use of reserve funds and for feedback on key messaging.
 - ii. General disagreement with this travel from the Board of CAUS, agreement on improvement moving forward.

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

- c. *SAMRU/UASU move to approve \$152.16 from reserves for Chair travel expenses to Edmonton for banking matters*

4/0/0, motion TABLED

6. Discussion Items

- a. New meeting schedules
 - i. New regularly scheduled meetings will be set to **Thursdays from 11:00AM to 1:00PM MST**
- b. Advo Week: CAUS/ASEC
 - i. Email with options to be distributed by CAUS chair to membership

7. In-Camera

MOVER/SECONDER move to take the board to In-Camera

The board may move "in camera" to start a confidential discussion with only board members. The board can vote to invite staff and guests. These confidential discussions are meant to cover sensitive matters that the board determines should be considered confidentially. Items discussed In-Camera are not recorded in the minutes; but any motions done in Camera are.

0/0/0, motion CARRIED/FAILED/TABLED

8. Reports

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair
- c. AUSU
- d. SAMRU
- e. UASU

f. ULSU

9. Question Period

a.

10. Announcements

a.

11. Adjournment

a. Adjourned at _12_:_17_ (PM) MST

12. Information items

- a. [CAUS Bylaws](#) (last updated June 26th, 2025)
- b. [CAUS 2017 Bylaws](#)
- c. [CAUS 2019 Bylaws](#)
- d. [Presentation for engaging with GSAs](#)

NOTE: For future agendas please email the CAUS Chair, deadline for submissions will be the day before the board meeting.



Council of Alberta University Students

Annual General Meeting

December 19th, 2025

Date: December 19th, 2025

Scheduled Time: 11AM - 1PM MT

Attendance:

Neenah Brown, AUSU VPX	Absent
Jan Lehmann, AUSU President	Present
Judy Parnell, AUGSA VPX	Present
Paul Ackah, AUGSA Councillor	Absent
Abdul Abbasi, UASU VPX	Present
Pedro Almeida, UASU President	Present
Bradley Pike, ULSU VPX	Present
Alejandro Figueroa, ULSU President	Present
Paul Ackah, AUGSA Councillor	(Present/Absent)
Aliya Karmali, AUGSA Councillor	(Present/Absent)
Kimoya Edwards, ULSU VPA	(Present/Absent)

1. Call to order

- a. Called to order at 11:04 AM Mountain Time

2. Land Recognition

a. Presented by the Chair

- i. *These lands, waters, and living beings in the Treaty lands within the colonial borders of Alberta have been cared for by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. We condemn the genocide that has been done and continues to be done against Indigenous Peoples through colonialism. We celebrate the strength and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their cultures. We acknowledge that, in addition to being denied access to physical spaces, colonialism also sought and seeks to restrict Indigenous peoples' access to cultural, spiritual, educational, and governmental spaces. We acknowledge the expertise of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, cultures, and knowledge keepers, and respect their leadership. We commit to reconciliation and recognize that this commitment cannot be made in word only but must be lived out in the actions, processes, and procedures of the organization year after year.*

3. Approval of agenda

- a. *ULSU/AUSU move to approve the Annual General Meeting agenda as presented below.*

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

4. Approval of minutes

- a. *ULSU/UASU move to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting #6 as presented*
 - i. The [draft minutes](#) of the previous meeting are reviewed for accuracy.
 - ii. ULSU identified a concern with the absence of a written discussion in these minutes.
 - iii. The transcript from the meeting provided by AUSU is available [here](#).

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

- b. *UASU/ULSU move to approve the minutes of the previous Board meeting as presented*
- i. The [draft minutes](#) of the previous meeting are reviewed for accuracy.

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

5. Action Items

- a. *AUSU/AUGSA move to appoint the auditors.*
 - i. *UASU/ULSU move to table this motion.*
 - *4/0/0, motion CARRIED*

TABLED

- b. *UASU/AUSU moves as a Special Resolution that the Council of Alberta University Students approve its intention to surrender its certificate of incorporation to the Registrar (pursuant to subsection [34\(1-2\)](#) of the Societies Act) once all outstanding debt and liabilities are resolved.*

- i. UASU suggested an amendment for specific responsibilities to be outlined for those who pursue dissolution

- Vice-Chair suggested an additional motion, added below

3/0/1, motion CARRIED, AUGSA ABSTAINS

- c. *AUSU/ULSU moved to exchange ownership of CAUS furniture currently in the Students' Union Building at the University of Alberta for half of the outstanding rent, totalling \$3,375.60.*

3/0/1, motion CARRIED, UASU ABSTAINS

- d. *ULSU/UASU move as a Special Resolution to select the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation as the qualified donee or donees (as defined in subsection 149.1(1) of the Income Tax Act) to receive the remaining funds and assets of CAUS after all outstanding debts are resolved. This motion shall come into effect following consultation with legal counsel to ensure the donation meets legal requirements. If this is not the case, the Board directs the Chair and Vice-Chair to offer an alternative motion for an electronic vote to the CAUS Board via email.*

- i. AUSU clarified which Bylaws were in effect
 - The chair indicated they are being worked on
- ii. UASU asked if we have received confirmation that the updated Bylaws
- iii. AUSU suggested tabling this motion until we have Bylaw

- compliance
- iv. AUSU suggested consulting with lawyers to ensure we can complete this and/or elect to release funds
 - v. AUGSA suggested tabling and considering a return to the original communities
 - vi. Vice-Chair expressed concern about the consideration of returning money to member organizations.
 - vii. Vice-Chair proposed the addition of the following to the motion:
 - This motion shall come into effect following consultation with legal counsel to ensure the donation meets legal requirements. If this is not the case, the Board directs the Chair and Vice-Chair to offer an alternative motion for an electronic vote to the CAUS Board via email.
 - ULSU indicates acceptance of the suggestion as a friendly amendment
 - UASU indicates acceptance of the suggestion as a friendly amendment
 - Added to motion
 - viii. UASU asked if the CAUS Board would be comfortable exchanging ownership of CAUS furniture currently in the Students' Union Building at the University of Alberta for half of the outstanding rent, totalling \$3,375.60.
 - Motion was added to precede this motion.

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

- e. *UASU/AUSU move to direct the CAUS Chair and Vice-Chair to pursue all necessary steps for dissolution.*

- i. AUSU expressed gratitude over the process and the need for the expedited nature of these steps, and for folks to keep in touch despite dissolution
- ii. ULSU expressed gratitude

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

- f. *UASU/AUSU moves to allow any outstanding necessary votes to be conducted by email, including the approval of this meeting's minutes.*

- i. ULSU clarified a procedural question from the earlier discussion, and Vice-Chair addressed it.

4/0/0, motion CARRIED

6. Discussion Items

- a. Report of the Board
- b. Presentation of the audited financial statements and auditors' report of the previous Fiscal Year
 - i. CAUS leadership indicated they do not have these available.

7. In-Camera

The board may move "in camera" to start a confidential discussion with only board members. The board can vote to invite staff and guests. These confidential discussions are intended to cover sensitive matters that the board determines should be kept confidential. Items discussed In-Camera are not recorded in the minutes, but any motions made In-Camera are.

N/A

8. Reports

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair
- c. AUSU
- d. AUGSA
- e. UASU
- f. ULSU

9. Question Period

- a.

10. Announcements

- a.

11. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 12:06 PM MT

12. Information items

- a. [CAUS Bylaws](#) (last updated June 26th, 2025)
- b. [CAUS 2017 Bylaws](#)
- c. [CAUS 2019 Bylaws](#)
- d. [Presentation for engaging with GSAs](#)

NOTE: For future agendas, please email the CAUS Chair; the submission deadline

will be the day before the board meeting.



Canada Student Grant Advocacy

Brief to Members

This brief is intended for internal coordination among CASA members and should be treated as confidential until public launch materials are released.

Table of Contents

1. [Issue Overview](#)
2. [Why this matters](#)
3. [Strategic Context](#)
4. [Advocacy Strategy Overview](#)
5. [Political Engagement](#)
6. [Role of CASA Members](#)
7. [Indicative Timeline](#)
8. [Key Message Frame](#)

Purpose of this document

This document provides CASA member associations with an overview of the current risk to the Canada Student Grant (CSG), the strategic context, and the proposed collective advocacy approach.

1. Issue Overview

What is at Risk

The federal government has not yet confirmed whether the temporary expansion of the CSG from \$3000 to \$4200, will be extended beyond its current expiry in July 2026. With the academic year starting in September 2026 and the fall federal budget being tabled after September 2026, if the program is allowed to expire with no commitment from the government in the Spring Economic Statement 2026,

- Funding would return to baseline levels at \$3000 (a decrease of \$1200) at the start of the next academic year
- Over **700,000 students** would be affected nationwide – 700,000 young Canadians would wake up in summer 2026 to find that they are getting a significant cut in financial support during a time of cost-of-living crisis¹

¹ According to the Government of Canada's Canada Student Financial Assistance Program annual report, in the 2023–2024 academic year approximately 728,000 post-secondary students received financial assistance through the federal program (including grants and loans).

Timing

- Internal government decisions are expected by late January for the Spring Economic Statement
- The next 6–8 weeks represent the critical advocacy window
- Given the government’s decision-making timeline, it is imperative that any CASA-led advocacy push begin immediately. To avoid missing the limited window for impact, execution of this strategy will require leadership from CASA’s Executive Director, Chair, Senior Government Relations, Director of Advocacy, and Communications & Public Relations Officer, enabling rapid coordination and deployment of activities

2. Why This Matters

Impact on students and access²

- The CSG is one of the most effective tools for reducing financial barriers to post-secondary education
- Cuts would disproportionately impact:
 - Low-income students
 - Students with disabilities
 - Indigenous students
 - Students in their final year of study

Public return on investment

- Every \$1 invested in student grants delivers approximately \$1.70 in public benefit³
- Graduating students earn more over their lifetimes and contribute more in income tax
- Students are responsible borrowers and co-invest in their education through loans, work, and family contributions

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/student-financial-assistance/reports/annual.html>

² <https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2025/2025-04-09/html/sor-dors113-eng.html>

³ Economic research indicates that public investment in post-secondary education in Canada generates substantial returns in the form of higher tax revenues and reduced social transfers, demonstrating significant public benefit relative to costs. See: The Conference Board of Canada, “The Value of Tertiary Education in Canada,” 2020, <https://www.conferenceboard.ca/hcp/tertiary.aspx>

3. Strategic context

Government Sensitivities

- The program affects a smaller and younger population, traditionally viewed as less electorally influential
- However, cuts risk:
 - Alienating young voters
 - Creating reputational damage around affordability and fairness

Public Narrative Opportunity

- Student aid is widely understood as a fairness and opportunity issue
- There is strong public concern about the cost of living, housing and access to education
- High school students and families are particularly receptive audiences

4. Advocacy Strategy Overview

This proposed approach combines public-facing advocacy with targeted political engagement.

Core Components

The following outlines a non-exhaustive set of potential tactics available to CASA. The selection and deployment of these tactics will be guided by timing, capacity, and strategic considerations.

A. Public Information Hub

- CASA-hosted webpage or standalone branded website
- Clear, accessible facts including
 - Number of students affected
 - Return on investment data
 - Housing and cost-of-living pressures
 - Access gaps between low-and high-income students
- Tools to:
 - Sign a federal e-petition
 - Contact MPs and the Minister of Finance

B. Federal E-Petition

- Sponsored by a supportive MP
- Framed across multiple voices
 - Current students

- Prospective students
- Parents
- General public
- Broad distribution:
 - CASA member schools
 - Non-member institutions
 - Stakeholders (ex: provincial advo groups)
 - Allies
- Target collection period: ~30 days

C. Public Opinion Research

- Omnibus polling to:
 - View public support for extending student aid
 - Identify more persuasive arguments
 - Measure political risk of cuts
- Results to inform:
 - Media outreach
 - Advertising
 - Direct advocacy with government and parliamentarians

D. Communications & Media

- Campus media outreach with research packages and primary sources
- Press Release template and press toolkit for student associations
- Broader media strategy focused on:
 - Launch of website hub
 - Human impact stories
 - Regionalized op-eds
- Social media content featuring student voices and lived experience

E. Collaboration with Allies

- Allies can include but not limited to:
 - Provincial Advocacy Groups
 - PSE Stakeholders and Allies
- Collaboration can take effect

- Open letter signed by supporting partners and stakeholders
- Post-secondary access coalition

5. Political Engagement

Priority Federal Targets

- Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)
- Department of Finance
- Prime Minister's Office

Liberal Caucus Engagement

- Regionally distributed outreach to supportive or persuadable MPs

Opposition Engagement

- Engagement with MPs who have previously raised student aid issues in committee or public forums

6. Role of CASA Members

Member organizations are asked to consider supporting the following:

- Sharing and amplifying the petition and website
- Encouraging student participation and testimonials (ex: looking for champions on your council or network)
- Supporting campus media engagement
- Regional and local outreach to MPs

Member organizations with the capacity to participate in grassroots activities (e.g., tabling, story collection) can receive support from CASA in the form of press kits, key messages, and digital materials. Any in-person or physical components are the responsibility of the member organization.

Further guidance and materials will be shared as the advocacy initiative launches.

7. Indicative Timeline

- **December:** presentation to board, presentation to membership, website development, petition drafting, coalition discussions
- **Early January:** Public polling, public launch, media outreach, social media push

- **Mid-late January:** Peak advocacy, lobby meetings, petition push
- **End of January:** Anticipated government decision done internally

8. Key Message Frame

Canada Student Grants (CSG) are one of the most effective investments the federal government makes – supporting access to education, strengthening the workforce, and delivering a strong return for the public. Cutting student financial aid now would deepen inequality and undermine Canada’s future prosperity.