

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES

1st MEETING OF 2021-2022



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS - 17 VOTING MEMBERS (QUORUM IS 10 VOTING MEMBERS)

VACANT – CHAIR, **HOLLY KLETKE** - PRESIDENT, **MARK SEREBYANSKY** – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, **AMY MENDENHALL** - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, **BECCA PARKKARI** - VP ACADEMIC, **RYAN LINDBLAD** – VP EXTERNAL, **MADI ING** - A & S REP, **ELISHA WONG** - A & S REP, **SHAE DAUNCEY** - A & S REP, **CAYLEY FLEISCHMAN** - A & S REP, **JENNIFER ESEONU** – A & S REP, **MADINA ALI** - A & S REP, **JOHN CARTER** - RESIDENCE REP, **ALEXANDRA DODD** – FINE ARTS REP, **MITCHELL NIXON** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, **MICHELLE KILDAW** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **LIONEL MIGRINO** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **ARABA ADEMU-MENSAH** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **VACANT** – 1ST YEAR REP, **VACANT**– HEALTH SCIENCES REP, **VACANT** – EDUCATION REP, **VACANT** - INDIGENOUS REP.

ATTENDANCE: **JONATHAN DIAZ** – CHAIR, **HOLLY KLETKE** - PRESIDENT, **MARK SEREBYANSKY** – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, **AMY MENDENHALL** - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, **BECCA PARKKARI** - VP ACADEMIC, **RYAN LINDBLAD** – VP EXTERNAL, **MADI ING** - A & S REP, **ELISHA WONG** - A & S REP, **SHAE DAUNCEY** - A & S REP, **CAYLEY FLEISCHMAN** - A & S REP, **MADINA ALI** - A & S REP, **JOHN CARTER** - RESIDENCE REP, **ALEXANDRA DODD** – FINE ARTS REP, **MICHELLE KILDAW** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **LIONEL MIGRINO** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **VACANT** – 1ST YEAR REP, **VACANT**– HEALTH SCIENCES REP, **VACANT** – EDUCATION REP, **VACANT** - INDIGENOUS REP.

ABSENT: SUSAN CURTIS – EA, **JENNIFER ESEONU** – A & S REP, **ARABA ADEMU-MENSAH** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **MITCHELL NIXON** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS,

GUESTS: MAX BARTLETT – CC, CHERI POKARNEY – GM (RECORDER).

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - *Jonathan*
Jonathan gave Blackfoot land acknowledgement.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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MOTION [22791GA]	<u>MSC: S. Dauncey/M. Ing</u> BIMT the General Assembly adopts the agenda of May 19, 2021. Carried
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3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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None at this time - 1st meeting of the term.

4. CHAIR REMARKS - Jonathan

Jon introduced himself. Thank you to Holly for bringing me back as your Chair. Congrats on being elected on your respective positions and I look forward to seeing what you will achieve this year.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None at this time.

6. REPORTS (Insert 6)

Please read each report as posted on the ULSU website. Reports are due by the 5th of each month.

6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE (Insert 6.1) – Mark

A. Report

- Welcome to our first GA meeting of the term.
- I prepared the initial FF budget that only includes the committee team. We will pass the rest of the budget by mailbox ballot.
- We are expanding our grant budget line for more emergency money.
- Working on the Terms of Reference for the Business Revitalization Committee – our plan is to revitalize the whole building.
- We will be having Business Liaison Committee meetings this year.
- The u of L is getting a frisbee golf course and we sponsored one of the holes.
- Worked on FF sponsorship packages.
- I attended GFC.
- CAUS media training.
- I attended the ULFA and GSA meet and greet.

B. Financial Update

No real financial update because we haven't approved a budget yet.

6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Amy

- Spent the last few weeks planning FF, planning 3 different FF based on in person or virtual. We need people to apply to work for FF, we need more applications.
- We did the Red Dress Day and it went really well.
- Please send me the sexual violence certificates after you have completed your training.

6.3 VP ACADEMIC – Becca

- Good evening folks! I'm excited you are all here for our first GA meeting of the term.
- Over the past couple of weeks, I have attended quite a few external committee meetings, including General Faculties Council, GFC Committee of the Whole where we discussed the student advising, the administrative supports, and the assignment of duties taskforce reports. I also attended Curriculum Coordinating Committee, Library Curriculum Coordinating Committee, Arts and Science Degrees Committee, Student Awards Committee Gold medal meeting, Academic Timetable Committee, and the Admissions Standards Committee.

- I have gotten a few emails from students requesting support with their grade appeals and academic appeals. I wanted to also remind you all that the deadline for grade appeals is June 7th and if you have any questions or you or your constituents need any support, please reach out to me and I would be happy to help wherever possible.
- We had some introductory meetings with the Faculty Association and the Graduate Student Association, and it was great to hear that they are on the same page as we are with some of the issues facing the university (Navitas, BAC). I also attended the Media Basics Training that was offered through CAUS.
- I have begun to work on planning Mental Health Week which will be during the fall semester to promote mental wellness and provide educational opportunities to students on ways they can take care of themselves. If any of you are interested in mental health advocacy or have ideas on how we can make mental health week as beneficial as possible for our student body I would love to include you in this initiative.
- I'm interested in rebooting the ULSU at home series that was introduced last year to continue to engage students throughout the summer. I would love for GA members to be involved so if you have any ideas for events or would like to host something either passive or active, please reach out!
- I also wanted to remind everyone that you are not required to attend external committee meetings throughout the summer if you have already been included on the list serves for the committees and you will not be in attendance, please let the administrative support know that you will not be attending these committee meetings until September.
- And that's about it from me!

6.4 VP EXTERNAL – *Ryan*

- Alberta 2030 review is out – I'm a little disappointed on how vague the report is. There is very little concrete information in it. There is a strategic plan laying out a general plan but I was expecting more things. The positive things are that tuition is going to be tied to the consumer price index in 2 years. Increase funding towards student financial aid but with some caveats. I was hoping for more on campus sexual violence
- Upcoming election with CAUS – I'm planning on running for the Chair of the policy committee.
- Attended an immunization town hall with Deena Henshaw.
- Attended other meetings throughout the month.
- Disclosure of conflict of interest – I wanted to be transparent that Holly and I are in a romantic relationship, and wanted to make everyone aware of it.

6.5 PRESIDENT – *Holly*

- We started daily scrum meetings.
- We will be drafting an executive action plan outlining our individual and team goals.
- Started a liaison program where members of the GA will be matched up with one EC member with ideas and initiatives, and questions.
- Next week the EC will meet with President's executive to discuss priorities of the year.
- Working with Mark on the renovation plan for the SU.

- Meeting with Amy and Q-space.
- If you plan on doing SU work over the summer, please let Mark and I know. If you work 10 hours or more, you will receive honoraria.
- I wanted to make the GA know that the relationship with Ryan and I was disclosed to Cheri. We have set professional boundaries.
- I attended GFC, Fall 2021 task force.
- Media for the vaccine context.
- I attended the Changeover and CAUS media training.

6.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES - GA Reps

Madi -Elisha: We want to bring speakers with different expertise's to talk about how students can access resources.

Lionel: Calgary students are concerned about whether classes will be in person. Concerned that it would be in the best interest of our students to have in-person classes, due to isolation.

6.7 COMMITTEES

Nothing to report

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 STUDENT MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE - Cayley

I'm running an internship initiative with the Arts and Science Deans office, it's important to have good relations with the faculty and receive feedback for all the A & S Reps.

7.2 ARTS & SCIENCE INCLUSIVE PRACTICES WORKING GROUP FEEDBACK - Cayley

I wanted to extend a call to everyone regarding inclusivity if you have anything at all you'd like to tell me about student disability, student life, etc. please let me know. I want to make sure we're acting in the best interest of the students within the faculty.

7.3 COUNCIL'S WEB PAGE - Holly

If you haven't already, please email your information and photos for your page on the website to susan.curtis@uleth.ca. This is important so students know who you are and what you will be doing for them. The pages get a lot of traffic.

7.4 EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION - Lionel

Students have been reaching out to me and are concerned about EDI at the U of L and that they feel unsafe. Some of their experiences are difficult to listen to. Our goal should not only be about in-person classes and bringing things back to normal, but we should focus on EDI so that everyone feels safe to be on campus and be themselves. Maybe we should start a campus committee that would enforce EDI and make policies at the U of L.

7.5 HEALTH AND DENTAL SYSTEMIC ISSUES UPDATE - Cheri

In April we had a student come forward and make a presentation to the GA regarding her concerns that our SU Health Plan was not sufficient in covering the necessary medications and coverage for

our transgender students on campus. We have had numerous meetings with our Health Plan providers about this matter, and we will continue working with them to see what our options are. We will also be inviting this student to meet with our provider so that she can relay what other services and options our Health Plan may be able to provide.

7.6 LETTER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Holly

In Camera

H. Kletke/B. Parkkari

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.

Carried

H. Kletke/B. Parkkari

BIMT the General Assembly move out of in-camera.

Carried

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

None at this time.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

9.1 ULSU BUDGET (Insert 9.1) - Mark

Mark reviewed the budget, please reach out to him if you have any questions.

MOTION [22792GA]

MSC: M. Serebryansky/E. Wong

BIMT the General Assembly ratifies the 2021-22 ULSU Operating budget as presented.

Carried

9.2 TRAVEL BUDGET – Mark

The travel budget is the same as last year, hopefully we will be able to attend conferences this year. The budget line will also be used for virtual conferences this year. GA will definitely get a recap of expenses after each conference

MOTION [22793GA] MSC: M. Serebryansky/C. Fleischman
BIMT the General Assembly approves \$37,400 for travel expenditures to be used in the 2021-2022 school year. Monies to come from the All-Travel Conference/per diem budget line.
Carried

9.3 CREDIT CARD FOR SHELLEY – Cheri

Cheri would like to order a credit card for Shelley with a \$2500 credit limit in order for her to make purchases for Rockerman's and Food Bank.

MOTION [22794GA] MSC: A. Mendenhall/R. Lindblad
BIMT that the General Assembly approves Shelley Tuff, our Health Plan Coordinator to receive a Students' Union credit card with a credit limit of \$2500 in order to buy supplies for Rockerman's, the Food Bank and the Food Cupboards.
Carried

9.4 QIP - FRESH FEST (Insert 9.4) – Mark

Mark amended the QIP budget for now to just include the honoraria for the coordinators.

MOTION [22795GA] MSC: M. Serebryansky/A. Dodd
BIMT the General Assembly approves the maximum expenditure of \$11,250.00 for Fresh Fest Committee wages to begin work on planning the 2021 Fresh Fest Concert and events. Monies to come from QIP.
Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

11. NEXT MEETING

TBD

12. ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION [22796GA]

MSC: S. Dauncey/M. Ing

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of May 19, 2021.

Carried