

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY



## MINUTES

11th MEETING OF 2021-2022

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### GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS - 21 VOTING MEMBERS (QUORUM IS 12 VOTING MEMBERS)

**BRENNA SCOTT** – CHAIR, **HOLLY KLETKE** - PRESIDENT, **MARK SEREBYANSKY** – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, **MITCHELL NIXON** - 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, **BLAINE BADIUK** – EDUCATION REP, **JOHN CARTER** - RESIDENCE REP, **ALEXANDRA DODD** – FINE ARTS REP, **ANNIE EBENMELU** - HEALTH SCIENCES REP, **CORAL SKIBA** - DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **MICHELLE KILDAW** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **LIONEL MIGRINO** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **NATHAN CROW** - INDIGENOUS REP, **ARABA ADENU-MENSAH** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **AMREET GILL** – FIRST YEAR REP.

**ATTENDANCE:** **HOLLY KLETKE** - PRESIDENT (Acting as chair in Brenna's absence), **MARK SEREBYANSKY** – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, **MITCHELL NIXON** - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, **BECCA PARKKARI** - VP ACADEMIC, **RYAN LINDBLAD** – VP EXTERNAL, **MADI ING** - A & S REP, **ELISHA WONG** - A & S REP, **CAYLEY FLEISCHMAN** - A & S REP, **JENNIFER ESEONU** – A & S REP, **BLAINE BADIUK** – EDUCATION REP, **JOHN CARTER** - RESIDENCE REP, **ALEXANDRA DODD** – FINE ARTS REP, **ANNIE EBENMELU** - HEALTH SCIENCES REP, **CORAL SKIBA** - DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **MICHELLE KILDAW** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **LIONEL MIGRINO** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **NATHAN CROW** - INDIGENOUS REP, **ARABA ADENU-MENSAH** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **AMREET GILL** – FIRST YEAR REP.

**ABSENT:** Brenna Scott, Madina Ali, Shae-Lynn Dauncey

**GUESTS:** Courtney Smith, Doug Mackie

### MOTION TO APPROVE HOLLY AS CHAIR IN BRENNAS ABSENCE:

**MOTION: [22923GA]** MSC: M. Serebryansky/B. Badiuk  
Carried

#### 1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Holly

The Land Acknowledgement was given by Holly.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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**MOTION: [22924GA]** MSC: B. Parkkari/R. Lindblad  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly adopts the agenda of February 18, 2022.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (*Attachment 3.1*)

**MOTION: [22925GA]** MSC: B. Parkkari/M. Serebryansky  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly table the minutes of January 28, 2022.

**4. CHAIR REMARKS** - *Holly*  
None at this time.

**5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL**  
None at this time.

**6. REPORTS**  
Please read each report as posted on the ULSU website. Reports are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> business day of each month. Due to this being a special convention of the General Assembly, there will be no verbal reports given at this time.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**  
None at this time.

**8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS**  
None at this time.

**9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS**

**9.1 PLEBISCITE QUESTION-** Mark

**MOTION: [22926GA]** MSC: M. Serebryansky/R. Lindblad

BIMT the General Assembly approve the following plebiscite question(s) for the 2022/23 election cycle:

*Abstained: Cayley Fleischman - I would like to note my conflict of interest with the motions and discussions regarding Greek Life Organizations at the meeting of the ULSU General Assembly on February 18, 2022. I am an alumnae of Kappa Beta Gamma - Alpha Iota Chapter and as such will be abstaining from all votes pertaining to this topic.*

**MOTION: [22927GA]** MOTION TO TABLE THE PLEBISCITE QUESTION SO THAT THE VERBIAGE CAN BE FINALIZED AND APPROVED VIA A MAILBOX BALLOT.

MSC: M. Ing/B. Badiuk  
Carried

**Q1:** Do you believe that Greek Letter Organizations, present, current, or future, are both necessary and safe contributors to the U of L student experience?

- Yes
- No

**Q2.1:** Do you believe that the previously de-ratified Greek Letter Organization, Delta Eta Iota, Alpha chapter, should be re-ratified (whereas ratification means access to event insurance, club funding from SU levies, representation, etc.) by the ULSU in the 2022-2023 academic year?

- Yes
- No

**Q2.2:** Do you believe that the previously deratified Greek Life Organization, Kappa Sigma International, Omicron Xi Chapter should be re-ratified (whereas ratification means access to event insurance, club funding from SU levies, representation, etc.) by the ULSU in the 2022-2023 academic year?

- Yes
- No

**Q2.3:** Do you believe that the previously deratified Greek Letter Organization, Kappa Beta Gamma International Sorority, Alpha Iota Chapter, should be re-ratified (whereas ratification means access to event insurance, club funding from SU levies, representation, etc.) by the ULSU in the 2022-2023 academic year?

- Yes
- No

Mark

- There will be a preamble included for the students to read more info.
- These questions will go to the student body as a plebiscite on the SU General election ballot.
- We broke this down so that it was similar to the September special GA meeting and we feel that these should be voted on separately.
- There have been a lot of hours put into trying to address the systemic issues involving these organizations.
- We are doing a plebiscite instead of a referendum so the results are not binding.

DISCUSSION

Courtney - There is nothing I would change with the questions. I like how they are presented, and the statements about safety. I think the questions are neutral. I am in favour of presenting the questions to the student body.

Doug - I think the question is important because of the complications that the decisions that have been made by the SU. My question would be how would we communicate if we have overwhelming support in favour of GL. I don't want this to usurp the other processes that we have already identified. These are good initiatives.

Holly - The results will not usurp the work we have done. Our recommendations will still stand on the ratification status, this is just one avenue that we are using to gain student input, but the results will have no bearing on the ratification of these groups.

Blaine - In the preamble I would like to request that we say that this is non-binding. Do we need to include the school year?

Courtney - Do they make a meaningful impact on campus, perhaps we should add something in the question on what is their meaningful impact on campus, if we don't have them does it make a difference on campus. We need some kind of language for that.

Lionel - Are they willing to put in the effort next year to make a positive impact in the community and campus. It will take a lot of work to do the work and recognize where they went wrong.

Madi - We are in a difficult position of public opinion, should we run this past Greek Life members as well so that we can have their input. What does the ULSU provide to Greek Life? We should add what the SU is providing in our preamble.

Courtney - What have they done this year? One hour of training in my opinion is not enough to address all the wrongdoings and to acknowledge their faults and move forward.. One training session is not enough.

Amreet - Just wanted to confirm how many GL organizations there are. Holly confirmed that there are 3 orgs but they also have different chapters.

Mark - Perhaps we need to explain exactly what a chapter is in the preamble. Regarding receiving input on the question from GL; I'm not confident in doing that because of my experiences I've encountered this past year. Perhaps we can schedule GL to speak at our town hall? We want to make sure we're talking about the organization and not the people involved.

Blaine - Maybe for question one.....are they necessary and safe and contribute to an overall positive U experience?

Amreet - Perhaps we should put a dash after the org and then list the chapter.

Doug - Would like to thank the SU team for the great progress they've made this year. It might be helpful before all the questions to say that this is where we've come from, this is where we are, we want your input on how to proceed with this, and here's why these questions have been asked.

Michelle -If this was a court, what history do we have of clubs being de-ratified and then coming back as a better organization? I don't see a reason to ratify these groups under the auspices of the Students' Union or the U of L.

Holly - The governance still lies in the hands of the SU. This plebiscite will have no effect on the decision of the SU to ratify.

**MOTION: [22928GA] MOTION TO PERMIT MARK TO CHAIR AS A REPLACEMENT FOR HOLLY**

MSC: B. Parkkari/M. Nixon  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly vote to permit Mark to chair the meeting, as Holly was unable to stay the duration of the meeting.

**9.2 REFERENDUM QUESTION**

**MOTION: [22929GA] MSC: B. Parkkari/R. Lindblad**  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve the following referendum question for the 2022/23 election cycle:

The ULSU is proposing a \$17.56/semester fee for the fall and winter semesters, adjusted to inflation (maximum 3%) to offer a Student Support package of applications oriented around bringing students affordable and accessible support during their time at the University of Lethbridge.

Do you support the adoption of a \$17.56 (adjusted to inflation, to a maximum of 3%), semesterly fee, excluding summer, to be applied to each current undergraduate student enrolled at the University of Lethbridge, which gives students access to the following services:

- The CALM app
- Nimbus Learning
- Grammarly Premium
- Udemy
- Aaptiv

All students will be eligible to opt out of this fee.

- Yes

- No

## **DISCUSSION**

Ryan - Suggested to move the opt out statement up higher in the question so it's more clear.

Blaine - On the adjustment to inflation we should clarify if that is an annual adjustment. We need to make sure that that is indicated.

**MOTION: [22930GA] FRIENDLY AMENDMENT**  
MSC: B. Badiuk/A. Dodd  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve to amend the motion to read "Approve the following referendum question in principle, and allow the EC to edit as necessary.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**  
None at this time.

**11. NEXT MEETINGS**  
March 4 2022 - 3pm

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

### **12.1 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: [22931GA]** MSC: R. Lindblad/J. Carter  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of February 18, 2022.