

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY



**AGENDA**  
12th MEETING OF 2021-2022

**MARCH 4 2022 AT 3:00 PM**  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE **STUDENTS' UNION** - 4401 UNIVERSITY DR - RM SU180 - LETHBRIDGE AB, T1K 3M4  
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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.

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**ABSENT:** Holly Kletke - President, Cayley Fleischman - A & S Rep, John Carter - Residence Rep, Nathan Crow - Indigenous Rep, Annie Ebenmelu - Health Sciences Rep.

**GUESTS:** None.

### 1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - Brenna

The Land Acknowledgement was given by Brenna.

### 2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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**MOTION: [22932GA]** MSC: R. Lindblad/B. Parkkari  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly adopts the agenda of March 4, 2022.

### 3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**MOTION: [22933GA]** MSC: M. Serebryansky/ M. Ing  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of January 28

**4. CHAIR REMARKS - Brenna**

My heart goes out to everyone, I'm sure it's been an anxious time with the faculty strike. I hope it gets resolved for you very soon. Spring is on the way and hopefully the end of the strike is just around the corner.

**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.

**6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Mark**

- Working on strike response all week.
- I've been handling a lot of business updates, such as drugsmart. Business and finance check-in with Cheri and Denis this week.
- I've been helping out with LCB and working on the budget for it. There will be a mailbox ballot next week to approve the budget.
- Worked on the Greek Life plebiscite.
- Executive Accountability meeting with Cayley.
- Created an executive credit card receipt submission form.

**6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Mitch**

- It's been busy with the strike going on.
- Students have been reaching out to me through discord with questions about the strike.
- Attended a LCB meeting this week. We have moved the event to April 30th because we don't know what day will actually be the last day of classes due to the strike. We are still booking the talent for the event, and the budget should be prepared for next week.
- I had a few committee meetings this week.
- DHI meeting.
- Transition meeting, unfortunately we didn't meet quorum so we will reschedule for another day.
- Trying to get ahead on preparing transition materials for the next VPSA. Working on setting up the transition weekend.

**6.3 VP ACADEMIC – Becca**

- Strategic Planning Committee.
- Special meeting of the GA.
- Sexual Violence Committee meetings.
- EC meetings.
- Greek Life meetings.

- Met with Gage Desteur the VP Academic election candidate.
- Met with Mayor Hyggen for a meet-and-greet. Received an invitation to the Economic Development Committee for Lethbridge.
- Attended a demo from Tangle Media regarding our website.
- Met with various members of admin regarding the strike response and contingency plans. If you have any questions or have received questions from students, you're welcome to direct them to me.
- Working on the strike contingency info for social media.
- Attended the election town halls. A big thank you to Max and Cheri for doing such a good job during the town halls.
- Attended the transition meeting.
- Attended the BOG sit-in.
- Joining Campus Labour meeting with ULFA and the GSA.
- Met with Jamie from the Student Success Centre.
- Procrastination Awareness Week is next week. A lot of institutions throughout Canada are putting on events through the week to help students with procrastination issues.
- Working on transition documents for my successor including future projects.
- Currently working with Lethbridge Family Services on mental health initiatives.
- My Slack email is available if you want to reach out to me, and my door is always open now that we are back in the office.

#### 6.4 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- The Provincial Budget was released. I posted a budget response on our social media. Our operation grant was cut by \$4.8 million dollars. With the latest cuts there has been a budget cut of over 21% over the last few years.
- We're getting close to the year-end, so I've been working on transition documents.
- Creating a run-down of my experience of dealing with the past two years of cuts, so my successor will have a better idea of what is happening provincially.
- Meeting with the Lethbridge Mayor.
- Meeting with Economic Development Lethbridge next week.
- Greek Life meetings.
- Attended the town halls.
- I've had a lot of meetings with other student leaders about the budget.
- CAUS is planning a solidarity rally with demos taking place in Edmonton, Calgary, and Lethbridge this month.

#### 6.5 PRESIDENT – Holly - (Holly was absent but submitted a written report)

- Hello everyone. I would like to apologize for my absence from this meeting, as tomorrow I get my wisdom teeth removed.
- Below is an outline of the work that I've been doing since I last gave a verbal report on February 11th.
- Attended CASA Supercon/Advocacy week opening plenary, training sessions.
- Met with Mayor Hyggen to discuss student issues and institutional budget support.
- Deliverables: The Mayor invited us to attend an upcoming Economic Development Lethbridge meeting. Asked for financial support for preventing sexual violence initiatives, the Mayor's office will keep us in mind for any funding that may become available.

- CASA Advocacy Meetings: MP Kody Blois was receptive to our advocacy asks, mainly those that did not require financial support, as the federal budget does not have a lot of room (in his words). He mentioned the following about strikes (unprompted by any of the students in the room): that faculty associations have to recognize the financial challenges that Covid has imposed on institutions.
- UNICAN President Paul Davidson: Very nice individual. Not a politician so no stake in our asks. Was receptive and had insightful advice about our advocacy points. In agreement with all student issues we addressed.
- Minister Lawrence MacAulay: Very nice man. In agreement with all of our advocacy asks, but didn't seem like he'd be the one to drive it forward, which is okay.
- 1 on 1's with EC and GA.
- Demo from Tangle Media for website.
- Weekly management meeting with Cheri and Mark.
- Strategic Planning Meeting.
- Discussed and delegated action plan.
- Meeting with Nancy Walker, Erasmus Okine and Mike Mahon.
- Asked about and advocated for our remediation plans, not a lot of clear answers but they expressed eagerness to keep lines of communications open.
- Board Sit-in. I would like to express my gratitude and utmost pride for having Mark by my side as the other BoG student representative. He is a wonderful speech writer and delivered our speech so well, (especially at the 11th hour when I found myself unable to deliver it) and I could not have asked for a better teammate.
- The Board sit-in was successful. It was disappointing to see the way that some students acted, and it was a disappointing day to represent students in this way, but I think it did a lot for student knowledge of Board governance.
- Board Meeting - The rest of the Board meeting was enlightening, I cannot say much as most items were discussed in closed sessions, but Mark and I will continue to advocate for students at every opportunity we can.
- Media Interviews - I've been doing media interviews and ensuring that my messaging is in keeping with the position statement that we approved.
- EC Meeting.
- GA Meeting to approve plebiscite and referendum questions. Worked on preparing those questions.
- Budget presentation with Nancy Walker, Erasmus Okine, and Carrie Takeyasu.
- Weekly meeting with Kathleen Massey. GREAT NEWS: She is bringing forward a fully formed proposal for required SV training for all students to the Dean's council in March. She has consulted with all university departments, as well as community stakeholders, to bring forward this proposal and I am beyond ecstatic that she is bringing our advocacy forward. She continues to work on remediation plans but things are still very unclear and we will continue to seek clarity.
- Finished SV Advocacy report.
- Met with Delta Eta Iota. Discussed our summary report and their summary report.
- Met with Kappa Sigma. Discussed changes to their bylaws.
- LRC Meeting to discuss Greek Life.
- Meeting to discuss LCB plans.
- Joint Campus Labour Council Meeting. Assured ULFA, ULGA, AUPE and GSA

representatives that the Students' Union will continue to support students, and support their autonomy to demonstrate. Illustrated in no uncertain terms that the ULSU has been actively blocked and shut out by fringe and unrecognized strike support groups, and thus is unable to receive warning on actions that they take. Nonetheless, we will continue to be a resource for students.

- One on One with Mike Mahon. He expressed that the Board negotiating team wants to get back to the table this week. That did not happen. Asked him about limits on course hours to receive credit, he said that they are determined to finish the semester.
- Food for thought committee meeting.
- Continued to work on the Strike action plan.
- Responded to all emails regarding the strike.
- Attended CAUS Office Hours.
- For those who are running in elections this week, best of luck!

**6.6 ARTS & SCIENCE - Cayley, Shae, Elisha, Madi, Jennifer or Madina**

- Madina, Madi, Amreet all met with Mark Slomp from Student Services regarding suicide prevention.

**6.7 DSOB - Michelle, Coral**

- We're finding it difficult to complete hours due to the strike happening right now.
- Working on transition committee.

**6.8 FINE ARTS – Alexandra**

- Not too much to update due to the strike. I'm also finding it difficult to make my monthly hours.
- Attended the GA and GFC meetings.
- There is a lot of misinformation out there regarding faculty restructuring and the strike, and I'm doing my best to answer student's questions.

**6.9 INTERNATIONAL – Araba**

- It's difficult to make hours due to the strike.
- Attended my regular meetings.
- Students have been reaching out to me regarding their anxieties about the strike.

**6.10 RESIDENCE – John**

John Carter was absent.

**6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS – Lionel**

- Attended the sit-in Board of Governors meeting.
- Attend a Joint-Labour Committee meeting
- Involved with Calgary Students Alliance, and attending my first CSA meeting.
- Joined two committees:
  - Transit Reform.

- EDI- Co-chairing with BVC.

**6.12 INDIGENOUS** – *Nathan (Nathan was absent but sent a written report)*

- Daily and Weekly Social Media Updates.
- Indigenous Relations Committee.
- Inclusive Practices Committee.
- Indigenous Awareness Week Event Planning.
- Indigenous Cultural Centre Operations & Planning Retreat.
- Community Futures Treaty Seven Employment Symposium.
- In-person Elder Session/Blessings.
- Iniskim Governance Process.
- General Assembly February Meeting.

**6.13 EDUCATION** – *Blaine*

- I attended my usual committee meetings.
- Meeting with the Dean of Education.
- All PSIII students will be continuing with business as usual and sessions will end as initially scheduled.
- Attended the BOG sit-in.
- EUS is currently in the process of election nominations.
- Doing an update to our members regarding funding.
- We may be performing a survey to our club members.
- I may be trying to plan a few EUS events before the semester is over.

**6.14 HEALTH SCIENCES** – *Annie*

Annie was absent.

**6.15 1ST YEAR STUDENT** – *Amreet*

- Attended the BOG sit-in.
- Budgeting meeting with Nancy Walker.
- Attended a suicide prevention meeting with Mark Slomp from Student Services.
- Health Centre meeting.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7.1 JOB ACTION UPDATE** - *Mark*

**MOTION: [22934GA]**

MOVE IN-CAMERA  
MSC: M. Serebryansky/R. Lindblad  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.

**MOTION: [22935GA]**

MOVE EX-CAMERA

MSC: R. Lindblad/Shae Dauncey  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly move ex-camera.

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

### 8.1 MONEY TRANSFER - KAPPA BETA GAMMA

**MOTION: [22936GA]** MSC: M. Serebryansky/R. Lindblad  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve a transfer of funds of \$11,575.29 to Kappa Beta Gamma. Monies to come from our BMO Operating Account.

KBG used to be in centralized club banking with BMO like the rest of our clubs. Last semester they proposed that they would like to change banks to be aligned with their national organization and the General Assembly voted in favour of this action. They had a residual balance in their club account at BMO so we agreed to write them a check for that amount and then transfer the funds from their account directly into the SU Operating Account. These funds are solely belonging to KBG, and this will not affect our accounting because it's considered a wash. It's money in-and-out on our books. We just thought that since it was a large sum of monies, that we wanted the transaction noted in our GA minutes

## 9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

**MOTION: [22937GA]** MOVE IN-CAMERA  
MSC: M. Serebryansky/R. Lindblad  
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**MOTION: [22938GA]** MOVE EX-CAMERA  
MSC: R. Lindblad/B. Parkkari  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly move ex-camera.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**11. NEXT MEETINGS**

March 18, 2022 - 3pm

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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**MOTION: [22939GA]**

MSC: A. Dodd/M. Ing  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of March 4, 2022.