

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



MINUTES

2nd MEETING OF 2020-2021

JULY 7, 2020 AT 6:00-7:00 PM
ZOOM

THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION - 4401 UNIVERSITY DR - RM SU180 - LETHBRIDGE AB, T1K 3M4
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS - 20 VOTING MEMBERS (QUORUM IS 11 VOTING MEMBERS)

VACANT – CHAIR, JONATHAN DIAZ - PRESIDENT, ETHAN PULLAN – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, RICHARD LEE-THAI - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, LIAM CONNELL - VP ACADEMIC, RYAN LINDBLAD – VP EXTERNAL, MADI ING - A & S REP, AMY LAMBERT - A & S REP, SHAE DAUNCEY - A & S REP, CAYLEY FLEISCHMAN - A & S REP, BECCA PARKKARI – A & S REP, SELENA BOUTILIER - A & S REP, KEELEY GILLESPIE – EDUCATION REP, MARK SEREBRYANSKY - RESIDENCE REP, HOLLY KLETKE – FINE ARTS REP, HALEY GRAY – HEALTH SCIENCES REP, ANDREW NOVELLO – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, CAMILO TIQUE – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, MICHA BERMAS – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, TONI PASHE - INDIGENOUS REP, NICOLAS CRESPO – INTERNATIONAL REP, VACANT – 1ST YEAR REP.

ATTENDANCE: JONATHAN DIAZ - PRESIDENT, ETHAN PULLAN – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, RICHARD LEE-THAI - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, LIAM CONNELL - VP ACADEMIC, RYAN LINDBLAD – VP EXTERNAL, MADI ING - A & S REP, SHAE DAUNCEY - A & S REP, BECCA PARKKARI – A & S REP, SELENA BOUTILIER - A & S REP, KEELEY GILLESPIE – EDUCATION REP, MARK SEREBRYANSKY - RESIDENCE REP, HOLLY KLETKE – FINE ARTS REP, ANDREW NOVELLO – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, CAMILO TIQUE – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, MICHA BERMAS – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, NICOLAS CRESPO – INTERNATIONAL REP.

ABSENT: AMY LAMBERT - A & S REP, CAYLEY FLEISCHMAN - A & S REP, HALEY GRAY – HEALTH SCIENCES REP, TONI PASHE - INDIGENOUS REP,

GUESTS: NONE

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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| MOTION [22552GA] | <u>MSC: M. Serebransky/B. Parkkari</u> BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of July 7, 2020. Carried |
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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| MOTION [22553GA] | <u>MSC: H. Kletke/S. Dauncey</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of May 7, 2020. Carried |
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3. CHAIR REMARKS

Jonathan will be acting as chair for this meeting. Please raise your hand for approval and seconding of motions.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None at this time.

5. REPORTS

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

5.1 PRESIDENT – Jonathan

- My detailed report is on the website.
- I met with Cayley regarding an idea she has about a mentorship program with GA.
- Ethan and I, along with GSA, are trying to get our seats back on the Budget Advisory Committee. This is the committee that makes a lot of the budget decisions, we feel it's important to have a student voice.
- Compiling some documents on COVID.
- Researching the 2030 AB Government initiative. We are hoping the ULSU can work with the University on this.

5.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Ethan

Report & Financial Update

- My detailed report is on the website.
- Trying to find ways to raise funds for our food bank.

5.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Richard

- My detailed report is on the website.
- Most of my time as been spent on Fresh Fest.
- If anyone is interested in helping the Pride Centre get up and running, please let me know. They are looking for a core group.
- I have been running programing over the past few weeks, cooking, bingo, sketching.

5.4 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- My detailed report is on the website.
- The Last Lecture was great.
- Reworking the Advising Model for the sub working groups.
- Hosting Bingo.

5.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- My report is on the website.
- Working on 2 new policies for the ULSU.

- CAUS will be launching its campaign, we should know what it will be called by the end of the week.
- Jonathan and I will be doing CAUS Counterparts.

5.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 GA SUMMER COMPENSATION - *Richard*

EC has been discussing how to compensate GA for summer hours. We would like to set a standard beginning in August. There is no expectation for GA to contribute summer hours but if you are, we would like to compensate you. It's hard to find employment during this time. We thought that any little bit would help. We welcome all of your feedback.

Comments

- Having GA submit at least 10 hours would add up to regular monthly honorarium. If it gets to 20 then that would be the cost of 2 honorariums.
- Could have a single summer report and submit it at the end of the summer and will get compensated in the fall for their total hours worked.

6.2 MAILBOX BALLOT - *Ethan*

May 19-25, 2020

QIP - IGEM

MSC; E. Pullan/R. Lee-Thai

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$6000 for the University of Lethbridge iGEM team to attend the 2020 iGEM Jamboree. Monies to come from QIP Conference Grants.

Carried

Rationale: This opportunity would allow for at least 21 Undergraduate students to compete in their field of study furthering their education and progression in the field.

Notes:

- The proposal is requesting \$11200. We only have \$11000 in this particular budget line and I am uncomfortable proposing the entirety of a budget line for one event. Through discussion with the iGEM team, we decided a \$6000 motion would allow them to find some other funding sources with a high probability of success.
- The UofL iGEM team has requested funding for this event previously twice. Firstly in 2017-2018 then in 2018-2019. These events were similarly priced and were approved.

- The application notes that two graduate students will be in attendance as well. The fee for attending the conference is not dependant on the number of applicants specifically so these students have no impact on the cost thus no money will be going directly to supporting non-undergraduate students.

Additional Notes:

Ethan - In hopes of getting some conversation flowing here are some of my thoughts on the proposal!

- It's a lot of money, there's no way around it. Even with the reduced \$6000 price tag, it's still going to take just over half of this QIP budget line. That being said, the UofL has a reputation to be one of the best competitors at this event and it has immense value for the students that attend. It's not a terribly large amount of money per student being \$6000/21 people = ~\$285 per person. I think their willingness to work with a lower amount was a good sign. If y'all are uncomfortable with this amount, we could always approve a lower amount, however, that might jeopardize their ability to attend.

6.3 DEFERRAL OF ADMISSION – Jonathan

You can defer your admission. Taking classes in the fall is your choice. If you want to defer your admission and still want to be part of the GA we could look into our bylaws and help make it happen. Please let Jonathan know if you have any thoughts about it.

- The problem is that you're not a student if you're not taking classes.
- We don't need a referendum to change bylaws and policies, we just need two GA meetings to do it.
- How will we be facilitating GA in the fall? EC has not heard anything on how committees will be operating in the fall. A lot of our student representatives won't be present. With GA we could have a mixed attendance where some people call in. A lot of GA hours come from attending committees. We will get back to everyone once we learn anything concrete.
- Liam can change things around and find a way for GA to have committee hours.

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

None at this time.

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

8.1 QIP - FRESH FEST (Insert 8.1) - Richard

- We will be targeting new students.
- Fresh Fest will be approximately held on September 6th – 12th.

- There will be an online concert and so far 20 schools have confirmed.
- We will be giving active input for this concert. It will be Thursday Sept. 10th in the evening.
- We will have a speaker panel with McEwan to talk about social justice issues.
- We are currently contacting other schools to collaborate.
- These are the two large activities, all the other ones won't cost as much.
- Riley Miller – our Production Coordinator has suggested a Minecraft festival with a map of our campus.
- There will be a swag bag, it will be an online version of that. This is an opportunity for local businesses to give away coupons.
- We will try our best to limit our expenditures.

Discussion

- We worked hard to keep the amount low and if all goes as planned it will come in under. This is a pretty solid event.

MOTION [22554GA]

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/E. Pullan

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$14,776.00 for Fresh Fest 2020. Monies to come from QIP - Student Experience Initiatives.

Carried

8.2 ADDITIONAL SUMMER CLASS - ETHAN PULLAN - *Ethan*

Ethan would like to take one more class in the summer and then an applied study in the fall.

MOTION [22555GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/K. Gillespie

BIMT the General Assembly approve VP Operations & Finance Ethan Pullan to enlist in one additional summer class for summer session two and the fall, under Policy 5.1.4. *"Policy 5.1.4: The Executive Council Member may enroll in one (1) additional course per semester if approved by the General Assembly."*

Carried – Ethan abstained

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Richard – as opportunities arises for GA to help with Fresh Fest, I will let you know.

10. NEXT MEETING

TBD.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 ADJOURNMENT

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| MOTION [22556GA] | <u>MSC: M. Serebransky/L. Connel</u> BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of July 7, 2020. Carried |
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