

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



MINUTES

3rd MEETING OF 2020-2021

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS - 20 VOTING MEMBERS (QUORUM IS 11 VOTING MEMBERS)

BRADY HORNING – 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: **BRADY HORNING** – 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, **TONI PASHE** - INDIGENOUS REP, **NICOLAS CRESPO** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **VACANT** – 1ST YEAR REP, **MICHA BERMAS** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP.

ABSENT: **ANDREW NOVELLO** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, **CAMILO TIQUE** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP.

GUESTS: **KBG, CAUS, WILLIAM** (CLUBS COORDINATOR), **TRACY, ETHAN MCGINNIS** (BY-ELECTION CANDIDATE).

1. RATIFICATION OF OUR 2020-2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHAIR - *Jon*

MOTION [22603GA]

MSC: J. Diaz/M. Serebryansky

BIMT the General Assembly ratify Brady Horning as the Students' Union General Assembly Chair for 2020-2021 academic year.

Carried

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - *Jonathan*

Jonathan gave a Blackfoot land acknowledgement.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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MOTION [22604GA]	<u>MSC: B. Parkkari/C. Fleischman</u> BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of September 22, 2020. Carried
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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION [22605GA]	<u>MSC: E. Pullan/C. Fleischman</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of July 7, 2020. Carried
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5. CHAIR REMARKS

I'm excited to be Charing this year. I was on the GA as a Residence Rep for a couple of years previously. It's great to be back and I do have some experience Charing meetings.

6. BY-ELECTION FOR 1ST YEAR STUDENT REP - *Cheri*

Welcome/introduction, speeches (each 2 min max), Q&A, voting, counting, announcing.

Candidates:

- Ethan McGinnis
- Elisha Wong – Winning Candidate

7. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

7.1 KAPPA BETA GAMMA - *Jonathan*

Presentation by KBG on opting out of centralized banking. As they have transitioned from one International Body based in America to two separate Nationals Boards, KBG Canada is requesting that all Canadian Chapters move to TD.

[here is access to our Budgeting Template for the 2019/2020 Financial Year](#). There are comments made by Imogen on the document for the GA to read. Moreover, the document is "commenting" mode for GA, so please comment on questions directly to the sheet so that they can prepare for them at the meeting and are not forgotten.

Comments:

- The information in the presentation all makes sense. What would happen in the worst case scenario, if something happens financially with KBG and the ULSU? KBG is insured, and the signers might be held liable. All credit cards are under personal names and will be held liable.

- Cheri – the ULSU would be brought in if there was a law suit but KBG have a lot of checks and balances and don't see an issue.

7.2 CAUS CHAIR - ROWAN - *Ryan*

Rowan is the VP External of the U of A and National Director for CAUS.

Rowan

- CAUS's mission is to advocate for student priorities to the provincial government including; student financial aid, funding of universities, student representation, mental health support and sexual violence response.
- We are a lobby group, we do research and policy development, student organizing and public and media relations.

7.3 UVOLUNTEER - *Jonathan*

Presented by Nicolas Canning, UVolunteer Coordinator

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mll7mdK_Q9Q&t=2s

Comments:

- Will there be a volunteer fair this year? Still trying to figure things out.
- The program in the past has created a lot of events for clubs to participate but this year it will be a little different. All the non-profits in the community can help out clubs this year.

8. REPORTS

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

8.1 PRESIDENT – *Jonathan*

- I have been working mainly on GooseChase and Fresh Fest.
- CAUS Counterparts – we discussed 2030 review. We've had a lot of meetings with EC to discuss our talking points.
- Participated in workshops run by Pride.
- We have been hard at work adapting to our new circumstances.
- Attended a lot of meetings across campus.
- GA bonding – we haven't had much time to get to know each other this year. We would love to hear your ideas on what we could do. If you are interested in planning something please let me know.

8.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – *Ethan*

Report & Financial Update

- Ethan shared a budget screen showing what are active budget lines.
- The Zoo and Rockerman's is open.

- We have been working hard on reopening things.
- We finished Fresh Fest and got sponsors.
- Working with Cheri and Shelley about the Health and Dental plan increases.
- Looking into ways to revitalize our handbook.
- I sit on the Meliorist Board and have attended meetings.
- Supporting and accessing events committee with the university.
- Working on applied studies.
- Looking into other Students' Union policies to incorporate them into ours.
- Attending a lot of meetings.

8.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Richard

- Fresh Fest was expanded to 5 days. It was successful but we had lower engagement, this was the same across Canada. Those who attended had a good time.
- We had 1st Lecture.
- We had speed friending and presentations.
- We spent less than what was approved for Fresh Fest by about \$4,000.
- Clubs Week will be going on until September 25th.
- Supported the Pride Centre over the summer, they now have a new executive.
- LGBTQ 101 is this Friday.

8.4 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- Made adjustments to committee placements.
- Have been planning for Stress Less speaker series.
- Planning an undergraduate research symposium.
- Committee meetings have picked up, a lot have been cancelled.
- Some people are struggling with the online format.
- Met with counterparts to share notes.
- If you come up with ideas that fit under my portfolio please send me an email.

8.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- The campaign that I ran over the summer has been wrapped up now. Ill be sending a personal letter to the Minister.
- Jon and I have been working on our AB 2030 submission. Can't stress enough how big of a deal this is.
- Working on internal policies, on is on racism and one on student affordability.
- I'm on two CASA boards as an observer.
- Had a CBC interview on tuition.
- Having first meeting of indigenous relations.
- Forming the Advocacy Advisory Committee soon.

- Justin Trudeau will be giving a speech from the throne. There will be a Federal election within the next year, not within the next 4 months.

8.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holly – I have started a ULSU podcast to replace the Meet the GA Day we had last year to engage students with our council. We recorded the 1st episode already. Let me know if you are interested with being in an episode please email me.

Madi – working on local resources and businesses so we can reach out to the community.

Cayley – Worked on an initiative, making the most of our experience and how intimidating it is to be a new rep. I have the foundation laid out and have spoken with the faculty. Would like to have something in place for the 2nd semester.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9.1 CLUB & GREEK LIFE RATIFICATIONS (Insert 9.1) - *Richard*

Please see the insert for the full list of clubs and Greek life that were ratified over the summer.

9.2 STUDENT STAFF HIRING – *Richard*

We have hired William as our Club Coordinator and has been doing a lot of work.

9.3 ONLINE ENGAGEMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE – *Richard*

We would like to strike up an ad hoc committee for online academic events. It's for building a community in our online world. It will give a great opportunity for GA to volunteer their hours. Please message me in chat or send me an email. I would like to meet within the next two weeks. If spots aren't filled, I will open it up to the student body.

9.4 LETTER TO THE MINISTER (Insert 9.4) – *Ryan*

Please see the letter attached, it's the one I will be sending out. It's pretty straight forward, if you have any comments please let me know.

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

10.1 KAPPA BETA GAMMA – *Jonathan*

Comments:

- Their transition is the same as Kappa Sigma.

MOTION [22606GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/C. Fleischman

BIMT the General Assembly approve Kappa Beta Gamma to opt-out of Centralized Banking.

Carried – Abstained: Selena, Liam, Richard, Cayley, Haley.

11. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

11.1 CLUB STORAGE LOCKERS - Cheri

https://www.uline.ca/BL_2240/Bulk-Storage-Lockers

\$926.00 - 2 single tier units

\$1680.00 - 3 double tier units

\$130.00. - GST

\$159.25 - Shipping

\$300.00 - Installation

\$3195.25 - TOTAL

We have problems with clubs not having space to store items. We do have lockers downstairs but they are very tiny. I've received some prices to get some cage size lockers for equipment and things. Our thoughts are to remove some of the smaller lockers and install these larger ones. We will come up with a process on how they will be assigned.

MOTION [22607GA]

MSC: M. Serebryansky/S. Dauncey

BIMT that the GA approve \$3195.25 to purchase 5 bulk storage lockers to be installed by our club rooms to accommodate our clubs for storage.

Monies to come from CRF.

Carried

11.2 LAPTOP - EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - Cheri

We need GA to formally approve this even though it has already been purchased. There are circumstances when there is an emergence situation and we buy something ahead of time and then put it on the GA agenda. We talked amongst the EC about it first and they gave me the go ahead. Our Executive Assistant needs to be able to do her job.

MOTION [22608GA]

MSC: K. Gilispei/S. Boutilier

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$1,399 + GST for a new laptop for our Executive Assistant. Monies to come from Capital Replacement Fund.

Carried

11.3 LAPTOP - ACCOUNTANT - Cheri

We haven't purchased this one yet. Our accountant had to take her desktop home but it isn't working very well. Nicole suggested that we get her a laptop instead. She gave me 3 prices. I would like to get the most expensive option so she can run her Sage program. KPMG recommend the 1st option to their accountants.

MOTION [22609GA]	<u>MSC: E. Pullan/H. Gray</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$3,737 for a new laptop for our Accountant. Monies to come from Capital Replacement Fund. Carried
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11.4 ULSU FOOD BANK PART-TIME POSITION – *Ethan*

We would like to put up a posting by the end of the week and hiring before October 1st. The position will run until the end of the academic year in the spring. The pay amount would be small enough that it would be approved in EC. This motion is just for the position.

MOTION [22610GA]	<u>MSC: E. Pullan/ S. Boutilier</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the creation of a part-time position to support the ULSU Food Bank operations. Carried
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11.5 IN-CAMERA – *Ryan*

MSC: R. Lindblad/E. Pullan
BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera
Carried

Shae left the meeting

General Assembly moved out of camera.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Toni – how do we count our hours? Jon - In light of our circumstances, sharing what the ULSU has been up to can take up the time someone would do while tabling. Brady – I agree with Jon, one or two hours would be ok.

Toni – one of my classes is using a system where I have to pay for access. The bookstore made the comment that secondary access is listed as free access but it's actually \$45. I was told that it is illegal in the post-secondary learning act. I couldn't find it in there though. She then said I should talk to Liam. Cheri suggested to talk with Kathleen Massey and go from there.

Jonathan – if anyone is interested in helping out with planning GA bonding please contact me.

Ryan - nothing has been confirmed but we had a discussion about doing some fun Halloween stuff. If you have any fun COVID friendly Halloween ideas please let me know.

13. NEXT MEETING

TBD.

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22611GA]

MSC: L. Connel/K. Gray

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of September 22, 2020.

Carried