

ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

MINUTES

OCTOBER 28, 2022 | 10:00 AM MST

MEETING #4 | 2022-2023

IN-PERSON: RM SU 180 – 4401 University Dr W, Lethbridge, AB T1K 3M4

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VOTING MEMBERS: PRESIDENT - **KAIRVEE BHATT** | VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - **CORAL SKIBA** | VP STUDENT AFFAIRS - **JUANITA DEVOS** | VP ACADEMIC - **GAGE DESTEUR** | VP EXTERNAL - **SAMANTHA SCOTT** | ARTSCI REP – **ELISHA WONG** | ARTSCI REP – **JESSICA MARTIN** | ARTSCI REP – **JUSTIN MA** | ARTSCI REP – **JONAH PICKLE** | ARTSCI REP – **MICHAELA CRUMP** | ARTSCI REP – **KARO DORO** | FINE ARTS REP – **ALEXANDRA DODD** | HEALTH SCI REP – **ANNIE EBENMELU** | EDUCATION REP – **RACHELE PRESTON** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP – **LUCAS CHOI** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP – **ROBERTO BELLO** | CALGARY CAMPUS REP – **VACANT** | INDIGENOUS REP – **NATHAN CROW** | INTERNATIONAL REP – **MALEEKA THOMAS** | RESIDENCE REP – **TIANNA READ** | FIRST-YEAR REP – **VACANT**

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: GENERAL MANAGER - **CHERI POKARNEY** | OPERATIONS COORDINATOR - **TRACY MERRIFIELD** | COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - **MAX BARTLETT**

(ACTING) CHAIR: KAIRVEE BHATT - su.president@uleth.ca | **SCRIBE:** BECCA PARKKARI - su.execadmin@uleth.ca

ATTENDANCE (quorum is 9 voting members): Kairvee Bhatt, Coral Skiba, Juanita Devos, Gage Desteur, Samantha Scott, Jessica Martin, Justin Ma, Jonah Pickle, Alexandra Dodd, Annie Ebenmelu, Rachelle Preston, Lucas Choi, Nathan Crow, Maleeka Thomas, Tianna Read, Cheri Pokarney, Max Bartlett, Tracy Merrifield, Becca Parkkari

ABSENT: Elisha Wong, Michaela Crump, Karo Doro

GUESTS: Dylan Merrit, Punvin Verma

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Kairvee

Oki, and welcome to the fourth meeting of the ULSU General Assembly. Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University is located in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing in caring for this land, as well as all Indigenous peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our university community.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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Motion [23014] MSC: R. Preston/M. Thomas

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approves the agenda of October 28, 2022.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion [23015] MSC: R. Bello/N. Crow

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes from September 27, 2022.

4. CHAIR REMARKS – *Kairvee*

- It's great to see everyone in-person. Thank you to the folks who are joining online. I hope that the semester is going well for everyone. Huge shoutout and thank you to the folks who are showing up and supporting the events going on around campus.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

5.1 FALL 2022 BY-ELECTION – *Cheri*

- There is one candidate for the position of Calgary Campus Representative, Punvin Verma. He is a third year International Student in the Dhillon School of Business at the Calgary Campus. Punvin presented his platform to council members followed by a question-and-answer period. A secret ballot was then conducted and Punvin Verma was elected as the Calgary Campus Representative for the 2022-23 academic year. The results are to be ratified at the next General Assembly Meeting on November 18th.

Motion [23016] MSC: <u>G. Desteur/R. Preston</u> BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.	Carried
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Motion [23017] MSC: <u>R. Preston/ C. Skiba</u> BIMT the General Assembly move ex-camera.	Carried
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6. REPORTS

Motion [23018] MSC: <u>G. Desteur/J. Devos</u> BIMT the General Assembly send reports to Becca for inclusion in the minutes in replacement of verbal reports.	Carried
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6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – *Coral*

6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – *Juanita*

- Spent much of the last month sick and worked from home as much as possible
 - Kept up to date with most emails
 - Attended meetings when possible (missed a few as well, unfortunately)
 - Continued to work on getting up to date with council reports.
 - completed July and got some work done on August.
- Held first Clubs Council Meeting (September 28) and began assigning ULSU Club Rooms
- Continued some Legacy Projects

- Sort and organize physical and digital clubs files
- Reached out to more on campus student resources to learn more about what they do and how I can work effectively to support students with the resources available
- Reached out to GA members interested in participating in a Student Engagement Committee and in the process of arranging a first meeting to define roles and parameters.

6.3 VP ACADEMIC – Gage

- A&S Faculty Council
- ULSU Garage Sale
- EDIA Discussion with Martha and the SU EDIA Committee and EC
 - EDIA Training for SU
- Student Meetings
 - 8 Student Meetings since last EC Meeting
 - I'm averaging around 20 student emails a day (most are straight forward but require a response)
 - 84 Emails Yesterday!!
 - In response to the massive uptake in students seeking Academic Support, I will be hiring an Academic Events Coordinator to assist with the planning and execution of the events in the Academic Portfolio.
 - This has been approved by GA in the September 27th Meeting (Motion: GA_23006)
 - Applicants can apply by emailing a PDF copy of their resume and cover letter to su.academic@uleth.ca by November 15th.
- CAUS Lunch & Learn about Food Insecurity
- UofL Health Centre hosted the Flu Shot Clinic
 - I was planning on getting mine but literally didn't have time.
- Meeting with Kerry Godfrey, Dean of DSB (& YYC). We discussed AACSB accreditation and the peer review that the DSB just underwent. The Peer review went VERY well (according to Kerry).
- Attended the Meliorist AGM to stay in the know.
 - Now on board as student at large (not a ULSU capacity)
- Many One on Ones with GA Reps
- Attended the UofL's "Big Announcement" via zoom
- Meeting with Richelle Maryinowski (Associate Dean of Ed Faculty) to discuss Professional Semester policies and procedures
- GA Meeting #4
- ULSU A&S Reps Council Meeting #1

- Jonah and Justin will be co-coordinating the A&S Reps for Reports and meetings.
- UofL Fall Open House
 - Was Luxie's Handler
- Student Fee Review Committee Meeting
 - I would really like to inquire about Enrolment #s for Undergrads at UofL
- Attended the Strategic Enrollment Management Meeting hosted by Kathleen Massey
- Almost took a student to Counselling services for an emergency appointment. Student did not show up.

6.4 VP EXTERNAL – *Samantha*

6.5 PRESIDENT – *Kairvee*

6.6 ARTS AND SCIENCE REP – *Elisha, Jessica, Justin, Jonah, Michaela, or Karo*

6.7 FINE ARTS REP – *Alexandra*

6.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP – *Annie*

6.9 EDUCATION REP – *Rachele*

6.10 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP – *Lucas or Roberto*

6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP – *Vacant*

6.12 INDIGENOUS REP – *Nathan*

6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP – *Maleeka*

6.14 RESIDENCE REP – *Tianna*

- We have had tons of engagement from residents over the past month.
- There is a Halloween photo booth and costume contest taking place Oct. 29th that I am very excited about! - the event went awesome!
- I will be attending a leadership conference in November and presenting on how to promote safe sex within our residence community. If this presentation is well receptive at the conference, I will hopefully present it a session for all of residence.
- I am working on ways to get the residence community more involved with the university itself, hopefully through a joint dodgeball tournament working with the gym. I would be very open to working with any GA members on this as well to make it big and get as much engagement as possible!

6.15 FIRST YEAR REP – *Vacant*

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 CLUB RATIFICATIONS – *Juanita*

- Loveworld Lethbridge

- Association of Political Science Students
- U of L Rugby Club (ULRC)
- Board, Ski & Surf
- Chess Club
- World University Services of Canada
- Yoga Club (which has since withdrawn its ratification and closed due to time/space conflicts)
- Pre-Med Club
- Cancer Awareness Club (Relay for Life)
- Art Society
- Historical Undergraduate Society
- Kinesiology Physical Education (KinPhysEd)
- International Students Association (ISA)
- Undergraduate Chemistry Society
- Itty Bitty Belly dance
- Black Students Association (formerly Afro Caribbean Students' Association)

7.2 STUDENT LEADER INTERVIEWS – *Kairvee*

- A PhD candidate from the Department of Sociology at the University of Calgary has reached out to council members to be interviewed for a research project on intergroup relations and the general climate for students from different cultural backgrounds on Canadian university campuses.
- Their general focus of study is intergroup conflict, violence and religion.
- This is a unique opportunity to insert the ULSU perspective into formal research on social dynamics within post-secondary institutions.
- Limited academic studies have been done on interrelationships and EDI within post-secondary settings. It is important to offer as much student perspective as possible. This study could be used to influence government decisions in the future.
- There is no pressure to participate, but your insight is valued and encouraged.

7.3 EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE – *Maleeka*

- The Executive Accountability Committee was struck at our last meeting, and we had our first committee meeting on October 21st.
- The first survey from this committee will be sent out on Tuesday, November 1st and will be open for two weeks.
- It is mandatory for all GA members to send in their responses. There is an incentive attached. Please email proof of completion to Becca.
- Please remember to exercise professionalism, respect, and to be honest.

- There will be three surveys sent out;
 - 1 for the General Assembly,
 - 1 for stakeholders, and
 - 1 for the general student population that will be open until the end of the semester.

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

No items for clubs, groups or individuals at this time.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

9.1 RATIFICATION OF BY-ELECTION RESULTS – Cheri

Motion [23019] MSC: R. Preston/G. Desteur BIMT the General Assembly vote via secret ballot.	Carried
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Motion [23020] MSC: L. Choi/J. Martin BIMT the General Assembly ratify the results of the ULSU by-election from September 27, 2022, and elect Dylan Merrit as the First Year Students' Representative for the remainder of the academic year.	Failed
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- The previous meeting of the General Assembly was scheduled prior to member availability collection, therefore there were several individuals unable to attend the meeting. Council members feel that they do not have adequate information or understanding on the platform and goals of the elected individual. The council would like to pursue another by-election where Dylan is invited to present his platform again for all council members.
- We will be looking into methods of ensuring all council members can hear the candidates' speeches even if they are unable to attend the meeting.

9.2 BYLAW AMENDMENT SECOND READING – Cheri

Motion [23021] MSC: M. Thomas/S. Scott BIMT the General Assembly amend Bylaw 19 – 1.1 from the current verbiage: <i>The nominee shall have no current affiliation with the University of Lethbridge or the ULSU.</i> To the proposed verbiage:	Carried
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The nominee shall have no current affiliation to the University of Lethbridge that shall in the opinion of the General Assembly, materially interfere with the position of Chair of the General Assembly.

- This is the second reading of the proposed changes as per our legislative procedures.
- We are looking to amend the bylaw to allow for a broader nominee pool that will best support our council.
- Will be voting to ratify the proposed chair later in the council meeting.

9.3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHAIR – Kairvee

Motion [23022] MSC: J. Ma/C. Skiba

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly ratify Michael Gale as Chair of the 2022-2023 ULSU General Assembly.

- There is a proposal on the floor for Michael Gale to be chair of the General Assembly.
- As discussed at the previous meeting of the General Assembly, Michael would be an asset to this year's council with his vast organizational knowledge and experience as a former General Assembly member and two-time Vice President Operations and Finance for the ULSU.
- Michael currently works in advancement for the University of Lethbridge, providing him with an understanding of current and ongoing events/projects within the University.
- Currently, Michael is a graduate student at the University of Lethbridge as well.

9.4 GET OUT THE VOTE – Samantha

Motion [23023] MSC: J. Pickle/G. Desteur

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$3,300.00 for the ULSU's Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign set to run between January and May 2023. All monies to come from Special Funding.

- The GOTV coordinator is a large aspect of this budget and the position posting. The posting has been included for reference. The remaining budget will be spent on supplies for information, tabling, and events as well as volunteer appreciation.
- J. Devos: There are previous items from GOTV campaigns. Is any of that reusable? Has that been contributed to the budget?
 - CAUS will be providing various supplies to the member institutions.

- CAUS has decided to reuse their campaign colours

9.5 HYBRID MEETING TECHNOLOGY – Becca

Motion [23024] MSC: N. Crow/J. Martin

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$3,478.00 to purchase conference room technology for hybrid meetings. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

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9.6 THE ZOO UPHOLSTERY – Cheri

Motion [23025] MSC: R. Preston/ G. Desteur

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$18,865.50 to complete the upholstery renovations in the Zoo. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

- Last year, formed a sub-committee for building revitalisation.
- Focus on the Zoo. Changes have been made over the summer. We have a long-term strategic plan to bring the Zoo up to a higher standard. To continue with the renovations in the zoo we need to approve funds to redo the upholstery.
- Will likely bring forward another proposal in the future for flooring.

10. IN-CAMERA

No further in-camera business at this time.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- M. Thomas: EDI training will be offered to all council members and ULSU staff in November. We will be recording the session for those who are unable to attend. This is a required training as per our bylaws.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the ULSU General Assembly will be on November 18 at 10 AM. All agenda items are due to the scribe by the end of the day on November 9.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion [23026] MSC: G. Desteur/ R. Preston

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of October 28, 2022.