

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES

4th MEETING OF 2021-2022



September 23, 2021 AT 5:00 PM

Zoom

THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION - 4401 UNIVERSITY DR - RM SU180 - LETHBRIDGE AB, T1K 3M4
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS - 17 VOTING MEMBERS (QUORUM IS 10 VOTING MEMBERS)

BRENNA SCOTT – CHAIR, **HOLLY KLETKE** - PRESIDENT, **MARK SEREBYANSKY** – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, **AMY MENDENHALL** - 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, **VACANT** – EDUCATION REP, **JOHN CARTER** - RESIDENCE REP, **ALEXANDRA DODD** – FINE ARTS REP, **VACANT**– HEALTH SCIENCES REP, **MITCHELL NIXON** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, **MICHELLE KILDAW** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **LIONEL MIGRINO** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **VACANT** - INDIGENOUS REP, **ARABA ADENU-MENSAH** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **VACANT** – 1ST YEAR REP.

ATTENDANCE: **JOHNATHAN DIAZ** – CHAIR, **HOLLY KLETKE** - PRESIDENT, **MARK SEREBYANSKY** – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, **BECCA PARKKARI** - VP ACADEMIC, **RYAN LINDBLAD** – VP EXTERNAL, **ALEXANDRA DODD** – FINE ARTS REP, **MADI ING** - A & S REP, **SHAE DAUNCEY** - A & S REP, **CAYLEY FLEISCHMAN** - A & S REP, **ELISHA WONG** - A & S REP, **JENNIFER ESEONU** – A & S REP, **MADINA ALI** - A & S REP, **JOHN CARTER** - RESIDENCE REP, **LIONEL MIGRINO** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **ARABA ADENU-MENSAH** – INTERNATIONAL REP.

ABSENT: **BRENNA SCOTT** (Chair), **AMY MENDENHALL** - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, **MITCHELL NIXON** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, **MICHELLE KILDAW** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP

GUESTS: Amreet Gill, Emilie McDonald, Jessica Sumbera, Kimoya Edwards, Paula Suarez Duque, Blaine Badiuk, Nathan Crow.

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - *Jonathan Diaz*
Jon gave the Blackfoot land acknowledgement.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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MOTION [22858GA]	<u>MSC: R. Lindblad/L. Migrino</u> BIMT the General Assembly adopts the agenda of September 23, 2021. Carried
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3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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MOTION [22859GA]	<u>MSC: R. Lindblad/M. Serebryansky</u> BIMT the General Assembly approves the minutes of August 16 and September 13, 2021. Carried
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4. **CHAIR REMARKS** – *Jonathan*

Stepping in for Brenna who couldn't make it tonight. Hopefully the fall semester is treating you well. Good luck with everything that is going on.

5. **PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL**

5.1 **BY-ELECTION** (Inserts 5.1) - *Cheri*

Cheri conducted the by-election; instructions, candidate speeches, Q&A time, voting procedure, ballot counting and announcing of the winning candidates. There were no candidates who were enrolled in the Health and Sciences faculty for the Health and Sciences Rep position.

Education Rep Candidates:

- **Blaine Badiuk** – *winning candidate*

Indigenous Rep Candidates:

- **Nathan Crow** – *winning candidate*
- Taydem Larocque

1st Year Rep Candidates:

- **Amreet Gill** – *winning candidate*
- Emilie McDonald
- Hannathalie Camano (*no written submission*)
- Jacob Henriksen (*no Written submission*)
- Jessica Sumbera
- Kimoya Edwards
- Paula Suarez Duque

6. **REPORTS** (Insert 6)

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

6.1 **VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE** – *Mark*

- Met with Pronghorn Athletics.
- Season 2 of Sizzling with Serebryansky.
- Meet and greet with students.
- Fresh Fest was cancelled, busy undoing FF.
- GFC Orientation.
- Nimbus mailbox ballot passed.

- William has been initializing the Nimbus app.
- Looking into hybridizing our meetings all of the equipment is on delayed until 2022. We are looking at doing them in the University board room if we are doing the hybridization.
- QIP Laptops for the library have been approved by the University.
- We have minimized our FF losses by transferring/postponing things to LCB.
- Waiting on levy fees that will be deposited in October.
- The Zoo is a little slower with last week's closure.
- We approved some club grants.
- COVID micro bursaries – everything has been approved.

6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Amy
Absent

6.3 VP ACADEMIC – Becca

- I've had quite a few meetings.
- Nimbus meeting.
- Attended an Arts & Science degree committee.
- Struck up the transition committee, planning refresh.
- Will be reaching out to everyone who has won the by-election.
- Attended admissions standards meeting.
- Executives have met with the President's executive.
- Had a meeting with RBC.
- Attended GFC orientation.
- Assessment of student learning policy review committee.
- Ryan led the charge with Get out the Vote.
- Have been working very hard on Mental Health Week.
- Have been working on academic offenses.
- Did some presentations and introductions.
- Did some one-on-ones.
- I will be hosting Mental Health Week Oct 4th to 8th.

6.4 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- It has been a hectic month.
- Get Out the Vote went well, we hosted a candidate's forum.
- Ran busses to Election Canada's office.
- There was a lot of Get Out the Vote tabling.
- Holly and myself have had some meetings.
- Working with Holly on sexual violence.
- Met with the Minister, discussed COVID related things.
- Met with upper administration.
- Had new student orientation.

- GFC
- Met with CASA
- CAUS is doing well, I will be looking at the student debt policy.

6.5 PRESIDENT – Holly

- I met with a joint campus labour council.
- Met with Pronghorns athletics.
- Did some preps for FF.
- Get Out the Vote was successful.
- Had a special GA meeting.
- Have been having one-on-ones with GA members.
- Attended GFC.
- Met with the Sexual Violence Committee.
- Met with President's executives.
- Met with the CAUS policy committee.
- Met with the Minister.
- Attended the Advocacy Council meeting.

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

- We have some initiatives going
- Academic offence initiative
- Mentorship program for Arts & Science.
- Some of us are on the Executive accountability committee.
- Hoping to clean up our GA room, printer and desks.

6.7 DSOB - Mitchel or Michelle

Absent

6.8 FINE ARTS – Alexandra

- NSO meeting.
- Approached by a faculty member to create a promotional video.
- Have been working on creating a faculty student council.
- Attended a Faculty of Fine Arts meeting.
- Will be working on my council and make some connections provincially.
- For November 1st, it was clarified that accommodations will not be made for those who are not fully vaccinated.

6.9 INTERNATIONAL – Araba

- Met with Holly.
- Gave out information on what the SU does.
- Attended special GA meeting.
- I'm on the Executive Accountability committee.

- Met the new director of equity and inclusion.

6.10 RESIDENCE – John

- I have been having lots of fun and throwing events.
- I'm thinking of throwing a consent event.
- I will have more in my report for next month.

6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS – Lionel

- We had an initiative where people got their questions answered.
- We are empathetic with the situation.
- Vaccination will be mandatory the November 1st. We are having vaccine sites on campus.
- Agree to do a ballot for Upass.
- The Calgary Manager wants to attend one of our meetings, I might invite him to our next GA meeting.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 tl;dr of 2022-23 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS – Holly

Conclusion to all of the consultations. There were five main recommendations which include the faculty structure, potential Navitas partnership on the Calgary campus, looking to changing the budget model to performance based, consolidation of administration services, reassignment of duties, more budget investments. They have also changed their governance structure. I recommend you do a deep dive on this.

7.2 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MONTHLY TOWNHALL – Cayley

One of the biggest problems we have is talking with students. A good solution could be to hold monthly town halls. Having tables in different areas on campus so people can stop by to talk. If you are interested or would like to volunteer, please send me an email. I would like to start it up in October or November.

7.3 MAILBOX BALLOTS

August 28, 2021

GET OUT THE VOTE - Ryan

MSC: R. Lindblad/H. Kletke

BIMT the General Assembly approves the maximum expenditure of \$2367.75 to cover the costs of A Get out the Vote campaign for the upcoming Federal and Municipal Elections, Monies to come from *Special Funding*.

Carried

NOTES: The ULSU will be running a Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign through our membership with the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations. Our participation in this campaign is aimed to encourage students to vote in the federal and municipal election. Because Get Out the Vote is a non-partisan campaign, the main focus will be to empower students in their knowledge and participation in the election, and to emphasize the importance of their engagement in the democratic process.

September 2, 2021

NIMBUS - Mark

MSC: M. Serebryansky/R. Lindblad

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$6300 to pay for the freelance tutoring platform, Nimbus. Monies to come from *Special Funding*.

Carried

NOTES: Earlier this year the Executive Council was approached by Nimbus through William Baliko, our Clubs Coordinator, in regards to e-tutoring. The pandemic has exacerbated the needs of many students and some of you may have experienced this anecdotally after a year of remote classes. After a very engaging demo we thought we'd bring this to the general assembly for discussion and approval. This platform along with some other bells and whistles, offers students a platform to connect student tutors who have formerly taken a class where they can tutor other students. This allows students to access one-on-one tutoring with their peers in order to ensure they are supported academically while giving those who want to tutor a chance to make money through the platform.

We've received a special offer to receive integration from the U of L's Microsoft Office Login at a reduced rate, meaning students would be able to use their U of L login. Which is about \$2,000 in savings. Resulting in the final price of \$6,300.

As EC we believe this service is meeting an important need for students and this is a use of funds that will directly impact students in their academic endeavours. Contracts with nimbus are signed for one year so we can use this as an opportunity to get feedback from students on this service and if it has assisted with shrinking the gap on academic assistance. If this goes through we will definitely follow up with feedback about the process at the end of the contract term.

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

None at this time.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

9.1 MENTAL HEALTH WEEK (Insert 9.1) – *Becca*

The proposal is attached, we are just trying to provide students with a week of de-stressing. The goats aren't allowed on campus so we won't be doing goat yoga. I will be sending everything out to GA via slack, but I can also email those who are interested in helping.

MOTION [22860GA]	<u>MSC: B. Parkkari/C. Fleishman</u> BIMT the General Assembly approves the maximum expenditure of \$2,588.75 for Mental Health Week. Monies to come from Mental Health Funding. Carried
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9.2 REFRIGERATION - THE ZOO (insert 9.2) – *Cheri*

This is for the replacement of the condensing unit and evaporator on food walk in at the Zoo. Price includes thermostat, solenoid valve and GST. Food is currently stored in our pizza coolers and really need this fixed.

MOTION [22861GA]	<u>MSC: R. Lindblad/M. Ali</u> BIMT the General Assembly approves the maximum expenditure of \$3,832.50 for refrigeration upgrades in the Zoo. Monies to come from CRF. Carried
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9.3 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE – *Mark*

We will be going over this massive stack of operating procedures, bylaws, constitution and policies. We need a minimum of two GA reps on this committee. If you want to see genuine change in this organization, this is the committee for you. Please let me know if you are interested in joining.

MOTION [22862GA]	<u>MSC: M. Serebryansky/J. Carter</u> BIMT the General Assembly strike-up the Legislative Review Committee for the 2021-22 academic year. Carried
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9.4 BUILDING REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE – *Mark*

This is an ad hoc committee with a 5 – 10-year plan to revitalize the Zoo, food court and level one where our offices are. We will have space in our building in the future when university spaces become available. We want to analyze what is going on and want to consult students. "We want to take until the end of the term to create a plan. Please let me know if you are interested.

MOTION [22863GA]	<u>MSC: M. Serebryansky/E. Wong</u> BIMT the General Assembly strike-up the Building Revitalization Committee for the 2021-22 academic year. Carried
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9.5 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Holly

This is referring to the strategic plan of the ULSU. We can brainstorm even though the current one is in effect until 2025.

MOTION [22864GA]	<u>MSC: H. Kletke/L. Migrino</u> BIMT the General Assembly strike-up the Strategic Planning Committee for the 2021-22 academic year. Carried
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9.6 GA BONDING COMMITTEE – Holly

If you want to be part of the fun, please consider joining this committee and plan some fun activities.

MOTION [228565GA]	<u>MSC: H. Kletke/C. Fleishman</u> BIMT the General Assembly strike-up the GA Bonding committee for the 2021-22 academic year Carried
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9.7 STUDENT FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE – Holly

We are to review the mandatory non instructional fee. They are looking for feedback and will send us a list of their fees. We need to bring our thoughts to their meeting in November.

MOTION [22866GA]	<u>MSC: H. Kletke/S. Dauncey</u> BIMT the General Assembly strike-up the Student Fee Review committee for the 2021-22 academic year. Carried
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9.8 ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Ryan

I am a big fan of this committee as it has a lot of advocacy stuff. We will discuss the big issues, provincially, federally or campus community. If there is anything you are passionate about, please sign up to join this committee. Please email me if you are interested.

MOTION [22867GA]	<u>MSC: R. Lindblad/M. Ali</u> BIMT the General Assembly strike-up the Advocacy Advisory Committee for the 2021-22 academic year. Carried
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9.9 BUDGET TRANSFORMATION STUDENT INPUT COMMITTEE - Holly

The University is clear on restructuring and I would like to strike up an ad hoc committee. I would like to execute student consultation with focus groups and then deliver on our thoughts and input. Please email me if you are interested.

MOTION [22868GA]	<u>MSC: H. Kletke/M. Serebryansky</u> BIMT the General Assembly strike-up the Budget Transformation Student Input Committee for the 2021-22 academic year. Carried
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10. OTHER BUSINESS

Lione – I have one more committee to talk about on how we can improve the campus life. If you are interested, please email me. Let's make U of L better together.

Shae – do we hold another by-election for the Health and Science Rep? Cheri, we probably won't fill it since nobody ran for the position in our general or by-elections, but I will double check our bylaws. We might just wait for the general election in the spring. We did open it up and nobody came forward. If you have any friends or colleagues who are interested then maybe we can hold one.

Cayley – GA bonding; our snap chat group that everyone is in, is just for fun. Please message me on slack if you want to be invited. No pressure to join, it's just a fun place.

Mark – I use Zoom private message, for LRC committee members.

Blaine – EUS is very motivated and are excited to be back on campus. Placements will be starting back into zones and will be fully vaccinated. Why isn't the university following the advice of the province? Cheri and I got the heads up the day before it was made public. It was a joint decision of all the Presidents of the universities. They wanted to do everything possible to get everyone vaccinated and felt that allowing the rapid testing to remain would be counter intuitive to that mandate.

Holly – We do have a formal complaint that we should discuss as a GA, would like to move in-camera with those who are fully ratified.

MSC: H. Kletke/R. Lindblad

BIMT that the General Assembly move in-camera.

Carried

MSC: M. Ing/B. Parkkari

BIMT that the General Assembly move out of in-camera.

Carried

MOTION FAILED

MOTION [22869GA]

MSF: S. Dauncey/M. Ali

BIMT the General Assembly consider disciplinary action for several GA members regarding a complaint that was received.

FAILED

11. NEXT MEETINGS

October 21st, 2021 at 5pm

November 18th, 2021 at 5pm

December 8th, 2021 at 5pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22770GA]

MSC: M. Serebryansky/H. Kletke

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of September 23, 2021.

Carried