

ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2022 | 10:00 AM MST

MEETING #5 | 2022-2023

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

ZOOM: <https://ulsu-ca.zoom.us/j/88448113552?pwd=VzFQeVlkSGs4MWRKYmk2RHVtemlIZz09>

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**

CHAIR: MICHAEL GALE - michael.gale@uleth.ca | **SCRIBE:** BECCA PARKKARI - su.execadmin@uleth.ca

ATTENDANCE (quorum is 10 voting members): Kairvee Bhatt, Coral Skiba, Juanita Devos, Gage Desteur, Samantha Scott, Elisha Wong, Jessica Martin, Justin Ma, Jonah Pickle, Alexandra Dodd, Rachele Preston, Lucas Choi, Roberto Bello, Nathan Corw, Maleeka Thomas, Tianna Read, Michaela Crump, Michael Gale, Cheri Pokarney, Max Bartlett, Tracy Merrifield, Becca Parkkari

ABSENT: Karo Doro, Annie Ebenmelu

GUESTS: Alexia Madina, James MacKay

- 1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - *Michael*
Oki, and welcome to the fifth 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 [22XXX] MSC: M. Thomas/R. Preston BIMT the General Assembly approves the agenda of November 18, 2022.	Carried
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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion [22XXX] MSC: J. Ma/J. Devos BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes from October 28, 2022.	Carried
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4. CHAIR REMARKS – *Michael*

- Welcoming and introductory remarks from Michael.
- Michael comes to us with about 15 years of experience at the University. Starting off in 2008 as an Undergraduate student. Joined the ULSU as an Arts and Science Representative. Was then elected for two consecutive terms as Vice President Operations and Finance.
 - During his time at the ULSU he was involved in many projects, a couple to note are his efforts to ensure Student Representation on Board Finance which has since been implemented in ULSU policy. He also worked with the other student advocacy bodies on our campus to introduce a memorandum of understanding with University Administration regarding the allocation of QIP funds based on student enrolment hours.
- Michael then worked in student recruitment after he graduated. Enrolled in a Masters program in Neuroscience where he has done significant work to find solutions to keep astronauts healthier for longer and is currently working with External Relations as the Alumni Relations Coordinator.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

5.1 FIRST-YEAR STUDENT BY-ELECTION

- There are two candidates for the position of First-Year Representative. James MacKay and Alexia Madina.
- Each candidate presented their platform goals to the General Assembly. The floor was then opened for questions.

Motion [22XXX] MSC: R. Preston/J.Devos

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly open discussion on the platforms presented prior to voting.

- The candidates left the room and discussion was opened.
- A vote was then called, and Alexia was elected as the First-Year Representative for the 2022-23 academic year.

Michaela Crump arrived at 10:45 am

Tianna Read left at 11:10 am

6. REPORTS

Motion [22XXX] MSC: R. Preston/M. Thomas

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly submit their reports to Becca in replacement of verbal reports.

6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Coral

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6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – *Juanita*

- Lunchbox Concert Series (formerly called the Noon Hour Concert Series) which GA passed at the September 27th meeting will see its first concert happen in the SU Food Court on Friday, November 25th. A special edition concert is also being planned for Friday, December 2nd, with a holiday theme (as the timing for the October concert in the accepted budget has already passed). Met with Dai (CKXU), Cheri & Tracy (ULSU), and Kari (Bookstore) to discuss/determine details and ensure buy-in.
- Club Room Cleaning – scheduled for completion by Monday, November 21. Communicated with current club room occupants and those clubs who have signed them out for this year to determine the logistics of moving all the materials around and obtain assistance in making it happen.
- Club Storage – a budget to address this issue had been passed by a GA a few years back, but a lack of procedural follow meant it was not implemented at that time. I conducted research into the previously accepted solution, took measurements, and have begun discussions that will result in a new proposal being brought to GA on December 2nd to help address this long-standing issue.
- Transition Retreat – I am researching potential locations and beginning to brainstorm team building activities and workshops/meetings.
- Student Engagement Committee – have set first meeting for November 25th and am preparing agenda and discussion topics
- International Winter Festival/holiday celebrations event – Researching (and soon to be meeting with Maleeka) to try to create a meaningful seasonal event to reflect the needs of our international students and provide a mental health break and moments of cultural sharing for all students on campus. Met with Tracy (ULSU) to determine the best location/times for the event and see what spaces are available.
- ULSU Piano – the piano donated by the Music Department to the students of the U of L via the ULSU has been sitting in the Zoo but it is not a conducive space for allowing open access to it by students. I am working on having it moved to the ULSU Food Court. (May need to involve Facilities and IT to move/remove some of the computer stands to make space for it.)
- Meetings prepared for and attended:
 - GFC
 - DAC (Sciences)
 - EC
 - EDI Workshop

- Monthly Council Reports - Continued working on outstanding reports (August – October)

6.3 VP ACADEMIC – Gage

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6.4 VP EXTERNAL – Samantha

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6.5 PRESIDENT – Kairvee

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

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6.7 FINE ARTS REP - Alexandra

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6.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP - Annie

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6.9 EDUCATION REP – Rachele

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6.10 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP – Lucas or Roberto

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6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP - Vacant

- Punvin Verma was elected as the Calgary Campus Representative at the last meeting of the General Assembly and a motion to ratify him will be made later in this meeting.

6.12 INDIGENOUS REP – Nathan

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6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP – Maleeka

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6.14 RESIDENCE REP – Tianna

- This past month we had 5 ORS delegates including myself attend the RLPA LEAD conference in Gull Lake. Everyone had a phenomenal time and was able to present and attend presentations on topics that they were passionate about. Raven Hurry, an RA in Uhall brought home the coveted Jesara Nichol citizenship award!
- Residents have been keeping busy and interacting lots with the fun events that ORS has put on. It is really nice to see such a massive shift in involvement since the covid years!
- All of ors is currently planning our biggest event of the year, winter formal. This event planning is going well as we are working hand in hand with our stakeholder housing services. We are all super excited to see this event happen for the first time in over 3 years!
- As for myself, I have been busy planning a residence wide Lethbridge Hurricanes night that will be happening early January. I am very excited for this event.
- I have also recently joined the PSVAC and am excited to help educate the campus community on how to work to prevent sexual violence.

6.15 FIRST YEAR REP – *Vacant*

- Alexia Madina was elected as the First-Year Representative and will be ratified at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 CALL FOR MEMBERS - GA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – *Kairvee*

- Would like to have 5 folks from the GA on this committee. Specifically, student reps, not executives. Would like to do an event in November. The goal of the committee is to ensure a cohesive team and a good working relationship amongst the council. The committee would meet in preparation for initiatives, it would not be a regularly occurring meeting. The time commitment should not be too high. Would like to have a monthly event for team development.
- Group members
 - Alexandra
 - Maleeka
 - Rachele
 - Nathan
 - Lucas

7.2 CALL FOR MEMBERS – STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – *Kairvee*

- Would like diversity in terms of faculty representation. We currently have a strategic plan for 2020-2025. There are some concerns and issues with the current plan that I would like to address in this committee. This will take more of a time commitment. The HR firm we work with will be providing consultation and support with this process. Many of us ran on platforms indicating what we would like to see come from the SU. This is a great opportunity to set the path for the organization.
 - All members of the Executive Council
 - Alexandra *High chance that her schedule will be very difficult in the spring semester.
 - Jessica *May have differing commitments next semester.
 - Maleeka
 - All other interested members will reach out to Kairvee.

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

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

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

9.1 RATIFICATION OF BY-ELECTION RESULTS – Cheri

Motion [22XXX] MSC: S. Scott/R. Preston **Carried**
 BIMT the General Assembly ratify the results from the ULSU by-election on October 28, 2022 and ratify Punvin Verma as the Calgary Campus Representative for the 2022-23 academic year.
 Abstention: K. Bhatt. Not a voting member of the General Assembly when the vote was called.

- Samantha has been working with Punvin since he was elected and has nothing but good things to say. He initially believed this was a volunteer position, speaking to character.

9.2 CAUS COUNTERPARTS BUDGET – Samantha

Motion [22XXX] MSC: S. Scott/R.Bello **Carried**
 BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$3,446.45 for the Executive Council and Becca to travel to Calgary for CAUS Counterparts occurring November 28-30. Monies to come from the Travel and Conferences Budget Line.

- Budget breakdown has been included. The organizations within CAUS will meet up to discuss current priorities and ongoing advocacy work. This is also a chance for student

leaders to connect about their experiences and initiatives. We will also have presentations to increase education and understanding on a variety of subjects.

- There is one counterparts conference per semester, we met for the first time over the summer in Lethbridge, we will be meeting in Calgary this time, and Edmonton next semester.

9.3 NAVITAS WORKING GROUP

Motion [22XXX] MSC: N. Crow/J. Pickle

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly strike-up the Navitas Working Group for the 2022-23 academic year.

- Would like to get started on this immediately. The Navitas partnership will be pursued by the University. There has been a significant amount of consolation with various groups on campus including previous ULSU executive teams.
- Navitas allows students who don't meet the requirements to enter a UofL program to enter a pathways program through their college and then transfer to the UofL.
- At this point we are attempting to nail down the logistics with Navitas to ensure that students are properly supported and represented.
- Groups members:
 - Kairvee
 - Gage
 - Coral
 - Maleeka
 - Punvin
 - Roberto
 - Lucas

9.4 ULSU ALUMNI SOCIETY COMMITTEE

Motion [22XXX] MSC: R. Preston/S.Scott

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly strike-up the ULSU Alumni Society ad hoc Committee for the 2022-23 academic year.

Abstention: R.Preston, M.Thomas. Self-nominees for the committee.

- We have had a variety of student leaders over the past years who have made significant contributions to our organization and campus. Would like to create a space to recognize and appreciate these members and maintain connections with these important people. This is an important piece of our continuity especially with the significant board turnover.

- Would like for at least two GA members to join this committee along with the EC team.
 - Rachele
 - Maleeka

10. IN-CAMERA

Any member of the General Assembly may motion to move in-camera. Any business discussed while in-camera is privileged and confidential. Any discussion will not be minuted, however motions made in camera will be. If you are attending virtually, please ensure you are in a private location or are using a headset that ensures privacy and confidentiality are maintained. No items discussed in-camera are to be discussed once the motion is passed to move ex-camera.

Motion [22XXX] MSC: R. Preston/M.Thomas BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera without the Executive Council present.	Carried
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Motion [22XXX] MSC: L. Choi/J. Ma BIMT the General Assembly move ex-camera.	Carried
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11. OTHER BUSINESS

- The Lunchbox concert series (previously the Noon Hour concert series) will be starting next week.
- Rachele has sent out an email to the General Assembly for a Secret Santa in December. Please let her know if you would like to participate.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the ULSU General Assembly will be on December 2 at 10 AM. All agenda items are due by the end of the day on November 21.

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 ADJOURNMENT

Motion [22XXX] MSC: R. Preston/A. Dodd BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of November 18, 2022.	Carried
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