

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



MINUTES
5th MEETING OF 2020-2021

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

BRADY HORNUNG – 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, **KEIFER JENNINGS** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **MICHA BERMAS** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **TONI PASHE** - INDIGENOUS REP, **NICOLAS CRESPO** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **ELISHA WONG** – 1ST YEAR REP.

ATTENDANCE: **BRADY HORNUNG** – 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, **VACANT** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **MICHA BERMAS** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **TONI PASHE** - INDIGENOUS REP, **NICOLAS CRESPO** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **ELISHA WONG** – 1ST YEAR REP.

ABSENT: NONE

GUESTS: KEIFER JENNINGS - CANDIDATE

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Brady
Brady gave Blackfoot land acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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MOTION [22656GA]

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/M. Serebryansky

BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of November 24, 2020.

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION [22657GA]	<u>MSC: K. Gillespie/B. Parkkari</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of October 20, 2020. Carried
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4. CHAIR REMARKS - *Brady*

Let me know if I can do anything to make your role easier.

5. BY-ELECTION - DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP (Insert 5) - *Cheri*

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

Candidate:

- Keifer Jennings - WINNER

6. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

6.1 NAVITAS - *Jon, Ethan*

Navitas targets international students who do not meet acceptance criteria for English and or performance. It replaces the first year of University with their own Navitas courses. They collect tuition fees directly from students and remit royalty to pay the university. They keep their own rights but operate under the U of L brand.

Overall Navitas will get most of the money but the returns variety at different institutions. They want a 10-year contract and are quite harshly negotiated. The U of L is one of their top priorities.

Some concerns are: Student deception, alienation from student representation, vulnerable labour conditions, threat of scope creeping and further privatization.

This pathway program is expensive for students to go through it. The pathway is very restrictive and once you get in, it's hard to get out. The ULSU has a lot of concerns with this. This could change the face university for decades to come.

Comments:

- Concerned about figuring out the gray area, one being that they aren't U of L students but are using our name.
- The U of C has invested a lot of money into their international recruitment team and are able to do recruitment on their own.

- In the Arts & Science council meeting they mentioned that they would match the price that the U of L has set for international student's tuition. Instead of offering 3 credit courses, they offer 4 which makes it more expensive but the students only get credit for three.
- Wondering if anyone has information on whether or not they have a backup plan or if they have researched other places than Navitas. Plan B was to double down on their current internationalization. The working group is hesitant.
- A part of the reason this is being pursued is because of the AB government.
- Who makes the decision on whether Navitas is happening or not? We don't know.
- Students could remember that the U of L failed them if they join up with Navitas.
- What are the lessons to learn from places who have this program? What can we do to ensure it doesn't go through on the U of L campus? Take opportunities to be vocal when you can. We can talk about it with people just to get the information out there. Our biggest strength was that we were able to quickly get a large group together to meet about this. As students we have a large voice on campus.
- Our working group is planning on writing papers as to why it shouldn't be happening on campus. It's about how Navitas would fail our students. If you need more information, please talk with Jonathan or Ethan and they can get you set up.
- If they come to Lethbridge, would they be able to use our services? They would only be members of the ULSU during the last few years.
- Would it be to our best interest to get it out to the general population? We are trying to get information prepared and pivot our attention to a broad audience.

7. REPORTS

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

7.1 PRESIDENT – *Jonathan*

- I'm on a task force about bookings on campus.
- I have been Involved in a lot of advocacy meetings – CAUS & CASA.
- We've been doing a lot of strategic planning with CAUS.
- Arts & Science Council - you might have heard about the possibility of the holiday break being extended so that we would start on the Monday after the 1st Wednesday.
- BoG retreat is coming up.

- If you are interested in running for an EC position next year please reach out to us and we can chat.

7.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – *Ethan*

A. Report

- Helped organize a town hall.
- We are working on supporting and assessing events in the working group meetings.
- Talked with Jonathan and upper finance.
- Sat on committees.
- Will be bringing forward a motion on something the university is implementing.
- Made some great plans for a food bank fundraiser, that will have to be put on hold.
- Had an LRC meetings.
- CAUS Counterparts.
- The Meliorist – I am now the Board Treasurer.

B. Financial Update

Ethan gave a budget update.

7.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – *Richard*

- Online engagement committee has met several times.
- Running some online games.
- Running contests.
- Looking into ways we can support events etc.
- Sat in on a preventing sexual violence meeting.
- Worked with RBC on campus.
- Currently working on a speaker's event. It is slated to happen in late January.
- Contacting other Students' Union across campus to see what they do for club operations.
- Working on a Moodle course for club training where they can get a certificate after passing the course.
- Was able to create two new club awards, both will be sponsored. In the process to writing the terms of reference.
- Working on Club's Week.

7.4 VP ACADEMIC – *Liam*

- I've had a lot of committee meetings.
- VP Research meetings have been quite busy.
- Have been talking with teachers and students.

- The career bridge webinar this month will be a three-part series.

7.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- Massive amount of time commitment with AB 2030.
- Meeting with MLAs.
- CAUS will be doing a campaign in the new year.
- CASA – have been attending meetings.
- Sexual violence committee meeting, we will be sending a letter off to the Government.
- Had a call with the deputy minister of health last week about COVID.

7.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cayley - I am moving forward with my proposal and am meeting with the Associate Dean who is the faculty correspondent and a presentation.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 CLUB & GREEK LIFE RATIFICATIONS - Richard

Please see the following for the current list of clubs and Greek life that were ratified by the Executive Council since our last General Assembly meeting:

- Social Work Students' Association
- U of L Singers Club
- Cancer Awareness Club

8.2 ULSU AWARDS COMMITTEE (Insert 8.2) – Richard

This committee is being struck up. I'd like to have the first meeting before winter break so we can discuss the award ceremony and how everything will work. The commitment is 3 to 4 meetings in total. You can send a private message to Richard if you are interested in being on this committee.

8.3 TRANSITION COMMITTEE (Insert 8.3) – Richard

This committee is also being struck up. The TOR is a little different than what it says in the operation manual. I would like our first meeting to discuss what transition will look like this year and how we want to move forward with it. Commitment will be 5 meetings in total. Please send a private message to Richard if you are interested.

8.4 DRIVE-IN MOVIE EVENT – Richard

We would like people's input on having a drive-in movie event for Last Class Bash. Looking at hosting this event in lot G. The ULSU does own a movie license. This event won't be on the last day of classes.

8.5 GFC TASK FORCE RESPONSE – Jonathan

Received an email from a professor on GFC. There are a lot of task forces struck up and are reaching out to student representatives wanting our support as a signature on a letter. Ethan will be the one on this committee but everything will be confidential. They have asked for our signature, or would the entire GA or individuals would want their names on this. Please let Jonathan know and he will add your name to the list.

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

None at this time.

10. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

10.1 STAFF VACATION TIME – Cheri

This is something that will be brought up in our LRC meeting. This is a clause put in because we had a previous employee didn't take holidays and when he retired, we had to pay him for an entire year. Due to COVID though, Cheri doesn't want staff to lose their vacation time due to these unique circumstances. It would be Cheri, VP Operations & Finance and the President who would decide on what an extenuating circumstance is.

Considering the urgency for this change, I would like the GA to allow a one-time meeting to implement this policy. The General Assembly agrees.

Current policy:

3.2 Vacation time for employees may be carried over into the next fiscal year, to a maximum of 2 months cumulatively.

3.2.1 Employees who attempt to accumulate more shall be paid a prorated salary per day over the maximum;

MOTION [22658GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/L. Connel

BIMT the GA make an amendment to Policy 9 - Employee and Executive Council Vacation Time - Clause 3.2 and 3.2.1 to add the following:

3.2 - Vacation time for employees may be carried over into the next fiscal year, to a maximum of 2 months cumulatively. Exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances.

3.2.1 - Employees who attempt to accumulate more shall be paid a prorated salary per day over the maximum. Exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances.

Carried

10.2 FIREPLACE FOR THE ZOO – Cheri

Our Pub Manger has been looking to improve the ambience in the Zoo.

Comments:

- I'm hesitant with spending this money for the Zoo.
- I'm also hesitant, not sure that having a fireplace is the vibe the Zoo should be going for from a student perspective. Moving forward would be to ask students what they would prefer to have in the Zoo.
- This might be a discussion to have later instead of now when we might be going into a lockdown.
- We are trying to get as many people in there that we can but we can certainly readdress this later.

<https://www.rona.ca/en/paramount-premium-slim-20-in-x-42-in-wall-mount-electric-fireplace-330000018>

Fireplace	\$689.00
GST	\$ 34.45
<u>Delivery</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
TOTAL	\$798.45

MOTION FAILED	MSF: M. Serebryansky/C. Fleishman
MOTION [22659GA]	BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$800 to purchase an electric fireplace for the Zoo. Monies to come from Capital Replacement Fund.
	Motion Failed

10.3 LAPTOP FOR GENERAL MANAGER - Cheri

I have been working from home on an iPad and it is really hard. I have found one this is on an amazing sale, it's regular twice that price.

There is a concept called deferred maintenance where people put off upgrading equipment and that is what the ULSU has done. This is a common thing across Canada with other institutions.

Would it be beneficial for the ULSU to do an inventory to ensure everyone has the equipment they need? Cheri – I think everyone is good now.

Lenovo T480x Ultrabook	\$1225.19
<u>GST</u>	<u>\$ 61.26</u>
TOTAL	\$1286.45

MOTION [22660GA]

MSC: C. Fleishman/R. Lee-Thai

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$1286.45 to purchase a laptop for the General Manager. Monies to come from CRF.

Carried

10.4 IN-CAMERA – Richard

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/S. Dauncey

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.

Carried

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/A. Novello

BIMT the General Assembly move out of in-camera.

Carried

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Holly – Calling for GA members, if you want to join our efforts to swipe out hunger please let me know.

Richard – Proposing how Secret Santa could work this year is that there is a website or google form to organize gifts and they can be shipped to people's homes. Maximum cost including shipping would have to be decided upon. Haley put it in the team bonding chat, just send her a message.

Mark – is there any value for an anit-Navitas? We are looking at spring time for opportunities.

12. NEXT MEETING

December 8th at 6:30pm - (Agenda items due Dec 1st at 4pm)

13. ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION [22661GA]

MSC: N. Crespo/E. Wong

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of November 24, 2020.

Carried

