

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES

5th MEETING OF 2021-2022



October 28, 2021 AT 5:00 PM

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

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ABSENT: **JENNIFER ESEONU** – A & S REP, **MICHELLE KILDAW** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP.

GUESTS: ANNIE, CHERI, MAX, TRACY, SUSAN.

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - *Brenna*
Brenna gave the Blackfoot land acknowledgement.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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MOTION [22876GA]

MSC: L. Migrino/M. Serebryansky

BIMT the General Assembly adopts the agenda of October 28, 2021.

Carried

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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MOTION [22877GA]

MSC: H. Kletke/M. Serebryansky

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of September 23, 2021.

Carried

4. CHAIR REMARKS - Brenna

It's great to be your Chair this year, I really enjoyed my time on council in previous years.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

5.1 BY-ELECTION (Inserts 5.1) - Cheri

Health Sciences Rep Candidate: Annie Ebenmelu

Cheri welcomed Annie and invited her to give her speech.

Annie was voted in as our new Health Sciences Rep.

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

- The faculty restructuring process is being delayed.
- We had a great refresh, thank you to everyone.
- Attended the BoG retreat and October meeting.
- Looking into what we can do to support EDI with the university.
- We have had discussion with the Greek life organizations.
- Met about matters regarding labour.
- Met with GSA this morning on how we can support students better.

6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Position Vacant

None at this time.

6.3 VP ACADEMIC – Becca

- I will be working from home for a couple of weeks but will be available to everyone over zoom, slack or email.
- Had a working group meeting.
- Met with student awards.
- Attended a senate meeting.
- Refresh was amazing, thank you to everyone who attended.
- Attended some meet and greet events.

- Attended a student input committee meeting.
- Had our first strategic planning meeting.
- Mark has mentioned some of the other meetings already.
- Attended the curriculum coordinating committee meeting.
- Met with the sexual violence prevention student ambassadors.

6.4 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- Get out the Vote is done.
- Wanted to give a shout out to Max.
- Attended a lot of GFC meetings.
- The Parkland institute released a report for AB 2030.
- We have begun consultations with the Greek Life organizations, one-on-one.
- Holly and I had a 5-hour call with the ministry and Demetrios.
- Ministry announced that there will be 2 new bills for education.
- Advisory committee meeting coming up.

6.5 PRESIDENT – Holly

- Board and senate meeting.
- Attended refresh.
- Attended GFC, looking to get input on faculty restructuring.
- Attended meeting and greets.
- Attended board retreat and governance meeting.
- Meeting with Greek Life organizations.
- Mental Health Week was a success.
- The municipal election is done, shout-out to Ryan.
- Attended PSVAC.
- Next month my goal is to work on student input.
- Shout-out to everyone on GA, you are all wonderful and doing great work.

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

- Thanks to Holly and Tracy for cleaning the GA room.

6.7 DSOB - Mitchel or Michelle

- We have been sitting on committees.

6.8 FINE ARTS – Alexandra

- Attended refresh.
- Volunteering for mental health.
- Attended the student appreciation BBQ.

- The student council and I talked about is showing a lot of interest. We will be having our first meeting tomorrow. It's one of my major campaign initiatives.
- Looking into collaboration efforts between departments.
- Looking into a bursary with Shae.
- I will be working with Holly to set up a townhall regarding restructuring.

6.9 INTERNATIONAL – Araba

- Attended the GA refresh.
- Looking into parking at the U of L.
- I helped clean the GA room.
- Amreet was going to donate the books in the GA room to a charity. I will be available if she needs my help.
- I was at a club meeting about RBC on campus, maybe they can present something.

6.10 RESIDENCE – John

- Residence has seen a bit of a slowdown.
- Yesterday we had a culture of consent event.
- Looking into a possible stampeders game to get going, to see some live sports out in the open.
- Lionel offered his help if John needs it.

6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS – Lionel

- I have been busy with midterms.
- Meeting about planning for events.
- Met about EDI with our president.
- Attended committee meetings.
- Sent out a survey.

6.12 EDUCATION REP – Blaine

- PSI students have been put in placement.
- EUS represents all Ed students and are creating an event.
- I will be hosting a PSI send off.
- Attended committee meetings and GFC.

6.13 INDIGENOUS REP – Nathan

- Was getting myself out there to introduce myself to the student body.
- Attended the National Truth and Reconciliation Day events.
- Met with a student regarding discounted parking or some help for indigenous students living off campus.
- Attended GA refresh.
- Will be striking up an indigenous ad hoc committee.

- Working on an initiative to recommend an elder for an honorary degree.
- Held meet and greet sessions.

6.14 1ST YEAR STUDENT REP – Amreet

- I have been putting myself out there.
- Trying to navigate how GA works.
- Held a couple of meet and greet sessions.
- I have been talking to my fellow class mates and 1st year students.
- Hosting a movie night this Saturday at the Zoo.
- I am hoping to do a fundraising book sale and proceeds will go to a charity.
- I am sitting on inclusive practices.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 GA TOWNHALLS – Madina

I sent a sign-up form to the slack channel. On November 2 and 3rd from 9am to 4pm we have tabling in the Science building. We want to entice students to chat with us and are giving out a bunch of swag. I'm hoping everyone will be able to sign up for at least one shift. If we get good feedback from the student body, I will plan more.

7.2 COVID-19 RESPONSE - MANDATORY VACCINATION – Blaine

There are about 300 students across campus who are in limbo because of not getting vaccinated and the university mandate. I don't foresee the university changing their mind but I'm hoping the ULSU has something in place. These students have registered for classes with no knowledge of this mandate beforehand. This seems quite unfair that the university can do this.

Comments:

- Holly has some new information from when we met. The AB government is leaving it almost entirely up to the institution to determine the policy.
- The only exemptions for the rapid testing are those with religious exemptions and those that can't get vaccinated if they are immune compromised.
- Since we have heard about the limitation, we have kept students in mind and although they are not green QR code ready, we are here to represent all undergraduate students.
- For those that do need to do a rapid test, they are responsible for paying for the test.
- That adds up to a lot of money and will be hard for students to pay for it.

7.3 EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY & FORMAL COMPLAINTS - Cayley

A few of us have noticed some issues with our formal complaint process. We found that the GA is not involved with the formal complaint process but there are some good reasons for that because of confidentiality. However, there is a lot of room for improvement and this is in no way to attack

anyone one. We wanted to hear feed back from other GA members who have also been involved in a formal complaint process. We have spoken to Mark on how we could present it to the Legislative Review Committee. The thing that is the most startling for all of us is that we don't know what we should do. We are hoping to do something to educate the GA on what our role is and how the process works, or even create a presentation. This is in no way to be accusatory toward anyone, we just want to share it with the GA because we are all together. I will email a bit of a summary on what our role is and what steps we can take and who we can talk to. This is an important aspect of our positions. If you have noticed anything please let's have a discussion about it. I would like to spread awareness.

Comments:

- LRC did meet this week and identified this subject that we want to address. Please email Mark with any comments.
- We could look at having more Chair involvement as it is a position that is under-utilized. I think this could be another solution that we could look into.
- We should explore an HR firm to have on retainer as a profession resource.
- Part of the accountability is to ensure that compliance to policy is followed.
- Where do we draw the line between transparency and privacy with HR issues? This needs proper definition.
- We define every application and what is a good performance.

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

None at this time.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

9.1 RATIFICATION OF BY-ELECTION RESULTS – Cheri

MOTION [22878GA]

MSC: M. Ali/S. Dauncey

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the ULSU by-election results from September 23, 2021 as follows: Education Rep - Blaine Badiuk, Indigenous Rep - Nathan Crow, 1st Year Student Rep - Amreet Gill.

Carried - Blaine, Amreet & Nathan abstained.

9.2 RBC (Insert 9.1) – Cheri

We have been in discussion with RBC to develop lease space in Galileo's. They will be offering services for students. They will be paying thousands of dollars to renovate the space but as a

landlord we will need to supply some infrastructure. There will still be a large space in Galileo's for something else. They will be creating revenue for the ULSU each year. We just need to approve this small portion.

MOTION [22879GA]

MSC: M. Serebryansky/R. Lindblad

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$7500 to provide infrastructure for the RBC kiosk to allow them to begin constructing their kiosk in Galileo's. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

Carried

9.3 INVOICE – Holly

We received the invoice and half is to be paid for by the ULSU and the motion is for our portion.

MOTION [22880GA]

MSC: H. Kletke/R. Lindblad

BIMT the General Assembly approve the expenditure of \$5,801.25 to pay ACTivate HR for their services in an investigative review of the Greek Life Organizations under ULSU auspices. Monies to come from Legal Fees.

Carried

9.4 EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY SURVEY GIFT CARDS – Elisha

The money will remain the same whether it is a gift card or a voucher. We can approve it as is, we can switch to a voucher later. We will be ok with this one to leave it as a gift certificate because it is coming from the council events budget line. But the problem is when we hand out a gift card to give to someone when their meal wasn't good, those are the ones that puts accounting in jeopardy and at those times we will give out a voucher instead so it has a limited expiry date.

MOTION [22881GA]

MSC: E. Wong/M. Ing

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$190 for gift cards to The Zoo to be used for participation in the Executive Accountability Survey. Monies to come from Council Events.

Carried – Holly, Ryan, Becca, Mark abstained.

9.5 ACCEPTANCE OF VPSA RESIGNATION – Holly

Holly has presented a letter of resignation of Amy, our VPSA and we need to accept it for accounting purposes.

MOTION [22882GA]

MSC: H. Kletke/M. Ing

BIMT the General Assembly accept the resignation of Amy Mendenhall, VP Student Affairs as of October 15, 2021.

Carried

9.6 IN-CAMERA

MSC: M. Serebryansky/M. Ali

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.

Carried

MSC: M. Serebryansky/H. Kletke

BIMT the General Assembly move out of in-camera.

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Holly – Just a reminder that GA bonding at the Roundtable 7:30pm, the invite link has the information.

Blaine – The committees, should they not also report to the GA?

Mark – the Chair of the committee can add it to their report.

Cheri – We just got everything resolved with BMO for club banking. They've had so many representatives change over at BMO.

Blaine – I'm on the student newspaper, if anyone wants to donate their time and attend the AGM please sign up.

11. NEXT MEETINGS

November 18th, 2021 at 5pm

December 8th, 2021 at 5pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22883GA]

MSC: H. Kletke/S. Dauncey

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of October 28, 2021.

Carried

