

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



MINUTES

6th MEETING OF 2020-2021

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS - 21 VOTING MEMBERS (QUORUM IS 12 VOTING MEMBERS)

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ABSENT: **KEIFER JENNINGS** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP

GUESTS: MIKE FRANK

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - *Brady*
Brady gave Blackfoot land acknowledgment.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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MOTION [22669GA]

MSC: B. Parkkari/A. Novello

BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of December 8, 2020.

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION [22670GA]

MSC: K. Gillespie/C. Fleishman

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of November 24, 2020.

Carried

4. CHAIR REMARKS - *Brady*

I hope everyone finals are going well and you are taking care of yourselves.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

5.1 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME - MICHAEL FRANK - *Jonathan*

I am the Director of Indigenous Education at the University. I'm part of the Mastercard program. I was told a long time ago to study hard and that it would pay off. I was a research assistant as an undergraduate student. I want to reset communications and build a better relationship with our undergrads.

We are going to revamp the indigenous programs. We will have some key people joining us and we will have a strong group. There will be about six new hires within the next year.

Comments:

- Moving forward, how will you mobilize indigenous bodies?
- Faculty is not affected by this. Communication has always been a central part. I have started to revamp on how a student can identify because I think we are missing a lot of voices. I will be reaching out to Jonathan within the next 2 weeks or so.
- Do you have any information about student voices who are sitting on the committee, those who are funded by the Mastercard program?
- The Mastercard foundation has been in place for about 2 years, they are helping globally. Student participation within the funding stream is a really good question. I would like to have an info session to answer this.
- Can you define what you determine as an indigenous student?
- There are 21 legal definitions. When a student marks the box on their application to the University, they are best served if they self-identify.

6. REPORTS

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

6.1 PRESIDENT – Jonathan

- I finished up advocacy meetings with CAS and CAUS.
- I am in the midst of doing the student fee review.
- Ethan and I had a BoG retreat.
- I've been attending a lot of internal committee meetings.
- I attended Senate, we will be doing "Pass the Hat" for the food bank.
- Good luck on all of your final papers and exams.

6.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Ethan

A. Report

- I attended Meliorist Board meetings.
- I've been working with Cheri to find ways to keep the Zoo running smoothly.
- Attended GFC.
- Jon made a Slack channel that has all of the ULSU and GFC.
- Working with Max to get some advertising out.
- I have a Board finance meeting.

B. Financial Update

Nothing to report.

6.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Richard

- Chaired a GA transition committee meeting last Friday.
- I will be Chairing the ULSU Awards Committee tomorrow.
- There will be online games and contests running on the discord server.
- Clubs Week Jan is 11 – 22nd. I've sent out info to clubs on how they can become involved.
- I oversee the "MyExperience Transcript". I will send out an additional email so you can log your hours. I will be validating it against your monthly report posted on the website.

6.4 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- The Career Bridge @you is this Friday.
- The VPR Search Committee resumes on Thursday.
- Mental Health Week planning is the last week in January and then one in March.
- The Advocacy Advisory Committee has met.

6.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- We had a meeting with Demetrios. Talked about performance-based funding.
- Indigenous Relations committee has met and have made some progress.

- The Advocacy Advisory Committee has met and are focused on health and safe campus.

6.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy: Looking to gauge interest on how to reach out to social science measures. Please let me know.

Shea: The EC Accountably Survey will be sent our soon. There will also be a staff executive survey as well.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 GA MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE – Cayley

This is for an open line of communication. We are looking to do this with the Arts & Science reps first, then we will do it for the rest of them. The Deans all like this idea. Today I met with an Associate Dean and it went well, she is excited about the initiative. We discussed logistics. We talked about who would best be a mentor. Our timeline is looking at the middle of January. Please reach out to Cayley if you have questions.

7.2 THE ZOO - Toni

I would like to have some background of the Zoo because we talk about it and are asked to make decisions. When was it last profitable? One of the reasons the Zoo started to lose money was due to the minimum wage going up, as well as other costs increasing substantially as well. The last time the Zoo turned a profit was in 2016. Cheri goes to annual meetings with campus Managers all across Canada and it is the same with other institutions of operate a student pub/restaurant. We have had staff issues in the past who really mismanaged it which caused a dismissal. We are happy with who we have now but the minimum wage really hurt us. We lost a lot of wedding bookings, partly because the university wants them to purchase insurance at \$400 and customers didn't want to pay that fee. Then also, food prices have skyrocketed. We now have two Managers in the Zoo which is great and needed but that has also increased the costs. We are in the red right now because of COVID but we could potentially get up to \$75,000 back from the government. There is also potential to apply for other government funding in January. We have tried a lot of different things to encourage students to come to the Zoo in the evenings.

This is just part of it and Cheri has a lot more details if you want more information. In January some of the plans we want to put in place – we will be minimizing the menu so the food costs are lower. We are cutting back on staff. We are looking into doing “Skip the Dishes” but our hours will only be 11 am – 2pm.

7.3 INDIGENOUS LEVY - Toni

I would like to hear your viewpoint on a possible Indigenous levy. Indigenous students are paying for spaces. Why don't we think about putting an Indigenous levy in place? Nothing really happens until there is money attached to it. Do you think a levy would be a good idea for something like an Indigenous building?

Comments:

- Would this be for all student or just indigenous?
- If we did it for all students it would have to go to referendum. It could be a university non instructional fee.
- You are identifying a huge problem but I just can't fathom Indigenous students having to pay for this. This is a problem from the institution. A referendum shouldn't be the solution.
- It would be awful put this fee in place but sometimes it is a solution, a step towards something. It would be tough to get the word out and to get support. The Meliorist tried to get \$1 from a referendum and it did not pass. It would be easier to get a small amount like .50 cents.
- This should be a last case scenario. We should look at other places for funding first. I don't feel right about asking indigenous students to have to pay to go to university on their land.

7.4 CLARITY OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS & CONSISTENCY - Toni

Because we were online from COVID, there are a lot of inconsistency amongst classes. Some extra fees are part of it. How do we talk about standardization with the university so they aren't over charging students?

Comments:

- Maybe it's a matter of talking to the faculty Deans. Maybe look into course evaluations.
- If you have other thoughts to share please talk with Liam so you can come up with a plan to move forward.

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

None at this time.

10. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

10.1 RATIFICATION OF NOVEMBER'S BY-ELECTION – Cheri

We welcome Keifer to the team and are happy that he is joining us. Looking forward to a great semester.

MOTION [22671GA]

MSC: C. Fleishman/R. Lee-Thai

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the December 2020 By-election results with Keifer Jennings as the Students' Union Dhillon School of Business Rep.
Carried

10.2 NEW COOLER FOR ROCKERMAN'S (Insert 10.2) – Cheri

All of the coolers in Rockerman's are owned by Coca Cola except for one that has our dairy products. It's really old and it broke down beyond repair, we need to replace it.

Cooler	\$3,123.28
GST & Delivery	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$3,233.28

MOTION [22672GA]

MSC: H. Kletke/S. Dauncey

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$3,233.28 to purchase a new cooler for Rockerman's Service Centre.
Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.
Carried

10.3 GENDER-BASED ANALYSIS+ CONFERENCE - Richard

Explanatory Note: The conference provides a wide breadth of training around equity, diversity, and inclusion, and the usage of GBA+ as a methodology in organizations. More info here: <https://canadianequality.ca/training/gba-conference/>

I was contacted through email and looked at their conference schedule. If we have less people attending than what is budgeted for in the motion, we won't spend that much. Also, if more people want to attend, we can revisit the motion to include extra costs. We can pass more funds in EC if need be. The staff part of the motion is for student staff members.

MOTION [22673GA]

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/N. Crespo

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$1575 to cover the costs of sending GA members and ULSU staff to the GBA+ (Gender-based Analysis+) Conference on Tuesday, January 12 and Wednesday, January 13. Monies to come from Special Funding.
Carried

10.4 NEW MANDATORY INSTRUCTIONAL FEE FOR 2021 - FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

(Insert 10.4) - *Jonathan*

To introduce a new MNIF, institutions must receive formal approval from their student council(s). Institutions must demonstrate approval prior to introducing a new MNIF by attaching a resolution passed by its student council(s) with the following basic elements of the new fee:

- The fee title
- The fee level, and
- The goods and services supported by the fee revenue

Currently in the established student fee policy, it doesn't include anything for mandatory instructional fees. We voted only on this fee during the committee meeting but the General Assembly still needs to vote on it. It is a new fee. Up to 50% of all tickets can be reserved for students. All remaining tickets with two weeks left to the event will be release for free to students. This is to make Fine Arts events more accessible. It would be put into effect starting in May 2021.

MOTION [22674GA]

MSC: J. Diaz/E. Pullan

BIMT the General Assembly approve the Faculty of Fine Arts Access Fee as presented in Attachment 10.4, effective May 1, 2021, and the proposed fees for the years 2022-2023, 2023-24 in principle.
Carried

10.5 IN-CAMERA – *Richard*

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/M. Serebryanski

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.
Carried

MSC: M Serebryanski/C. Fleishman

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

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- Richard - Secret Santa information was sent out Monday. Shipping reimbursements will be added to your monthly honoraria. I would like to set up a Zoom call to open gifts.
- Jon - Please email me if you want to be put on the GFC/ULSU slack channel.
- Shae - What happened to our ULSU clothing order? It should arrive any day now and we will let you know when it comes in.
- Cheri - Thanks for all of you, it's been an amazing semester. Please be safe over the holidays.

12. NEXT MEETING

January 2021, date TBD

13. ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION [22675GA]

MSC: L. Connel/S. Boutilier

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of December 8, 2020.

Carried