

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## MINUTES

8th MEETING OF 2021-2022



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

**BRENNA SCOTT** – CHAIR, **HOLLY KLETKE** - PRESIDENT, **MARK SEREBYANSKY** – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, **MITCHELL NIXON** - 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, **BLAINE BADIUK** – EDUCATION REP, **JOHN CARTER** - RESIDENCE REP, **ALEXANDRA DODD** – FINE ARTS REP, **ANNIE EBENMELU** - HEALTH SCIENCES REP, **CORAL SKIBA** - DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **MICHELLE KILDAW** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **LIONEL MIGRINO** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **NATHAN CROW** - INDIGENOUS REP, **ARABA ADENU-MENSAH** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **AMREET GILL** – FIRST YEAR REP.

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**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:** Kaitlyn Colby - Earth Day Presentation.

### 1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - *Brenna*

Brenna Scott delivered the Land Acknowledgement.

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### 2.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION: [22900GA]** MSC: M. Ali/R. Lindblad  
Carried  
BIMT the General Assembly adopts the agenda of January 21, 2022.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Attachment 3.1*)

**MOTION: [22901GA]** MSC: Misha/R. Lindblad  
Carried  
BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of December 8, 2021.

**4. CHAIR REMARKS - Brenna**

- Nice to see everyone, I know it's difficult now that classes are back online, but everyone is doing a great job.

**5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL**

**QIP: EARTH DAY - Kaitlyn Colby**

- Requesting \$500 for an Earth Day we would like to do. Will have several speakers and events, and we just need the money to help with marketing the event. We will be having a PECHAKUCHA event.

**6. REPORTS (Insert 6)**

Please read each report as posted on the ULSU website. Reports are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> business day of each month.

**6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Mark**

- There's a lot on the agenda, so I can send a written report to everyone as well.
- We pushed for collaboration with the university, and we will be setting up bi-weekly one-on-ones with the President's Office.
- Would like to give Holly one more shout out for her amazing speech to the Board of Governors.
- Our seat has been restored on the Budget Advisory Committee.

**6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Mitch**

- Will be striking a few advocacy committees in the future.
- It's been a fantastic transition, I'm grateful for all the support I've received.
- I've been very interactive with our clubs, doing lots of one-on-ones and doing club advocacy.
- I've connected with Kathleen Massey.
- Blaine commented that Mitch's outreach to the clubs has been noticed and appreciated.

**6.3 VP ACADEMIC – Becca**

- Working with various stakeholders on campus to put on a Black History Month event for February. This started up at the beginning of January and is moving very quickly so we are meeting and communicating lots. From the ULSU side of things I am working with Madina to plan a speaker panel for February 10th from 2-3 pm with two speakers from different institutions. Then Madina and I are also in the brainstorming phase of creating a video project featuring students on our social media. I

am also working with some folks from the faculty of fine arts and Alex to create a Fine Arts Student showcase for social media. And I have been looking into pathways of advocacy in terms of Black diversity and inclusion. - For example working with the FFA to expand their collection of work by Black artists (only have around 13 works total and no budget to purchase anything new).

- In terms of Mental Health Programming I am working to set up the presentations and workshops from LFS to offset any programming that may not be offered to students through the university. And I have begun to plan out stress less week to occur in march. Support from some GA members who are interested in or passionate about mental health to join an unofficial working group with me so we are able to pull off as much Mental Health support as possible.
- I have been receiving lots of Student Emails throughout the break and the first few weeks of this new semester. I have set up a few meetings over zoom to support these students; however, I have been able to refer many students to the website where I updated our grade appeals page before the winter break which has helped reduce the number of students requesting to meet.
- Wrapped up our meetings with greek life executives before the break and are planning to start them up again soon, during our time off writing a summary report and have been working on retroactively taking meeting minutes from the audio recordings of our meetings last semester to include in our material to transition to next years team.
- I gathered and responded to the Faculty Restructuring feedback form.
- EC and Cheri had a meet and greet with Courtney Smith who is resuming her position as Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Coordinator.
- I attended an Arts & Science Degrees Committee Meeting where we approved the graduates from the fall semester.
- Inclusive Practices Working Group meeting. Talked about the extension of online learning and supporting students.
- EC and Cheri have resumed daily scrum meetings since we are working from home once again.

#### **6.4 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan**

- Holly and I met with Minister Issak.
- We also met with Rachel Thomas in December.
- We will be meeting with Richard Westlund regarding provincial budget items.
- Meetings with CAUS. Talking about student protests to bring media attention to the budget before it comes out.
- I've drafted a letter of recommendation to the Provost office asking to make the Sexual Violence Training mandatory for everyone on campus.
- Meeting with Courtney Smith the Sexual Violence Coordinator.

#### **6.5 PRESIDENT – Holly**

- Going to be meeting with Demetrios and Mike Mahon together to collectively make a push for freezing final year of budget cuts. Supporting points include: financial predictability, quality of programming, reputation, student experience, and recovery of the economy \*I will share the written key joint messages with you all
- Had 1 on 1's with some GA members and all EC members which were lovely
- Had my first 1 on 1 with Mike Mahon, we talked about provincial advocacy and modality, (prior to announcement)
- Met with Courtney Smith
- Struck my committees and GA bonding and SPC met
- Inclusive practices committee meeting
- Helped draft and send PSV mandatory training letter
- Sent in faculty restructuring feedback
- Compiled summary report on fine arts hidden fees survey
- Wrote ToR's for foodbank and health and dental committee
- CAUS meetings
- Preparatory and responsive work on recent bargaining impasse
  - FAQ
  - Met with Concordia SU
  - Set up meeting with GSA
  - Prepared statements and advocacy brief
- President search committee meeting
- Modality advocacy
- Back on BAC!
- Responding to student emails re: bargaining and modality shift

Goals for next month:

- GL Summary document
  - Scheduling meetings with all GL organizations
- Participation in research project for preventing campus sexual violence
- Completing policy statements for CAUS and CASA on:
  - Preventing campus sexual violence
  - Mnif's
  - Digital mobility + credentials
- Provincial advocacy for freezing budget cuts
- GFC/ Faculty Restructuring
- Board Meeting
- Responding to bargaining updates and student concerns
- Striking and meeting with foodbank committee, H&D committee
- Black history month
- Sexy week
- Elections/transition
- CAUS organisational review
- CASA Advo week

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

- Madi is currently working with counselling to have the hours for the intake forms changed to exist outside of regular business hours. Myself, Madi and Nathan are in the process of setting up a meeting with Dr. Mark Slomp and the management of counselling services and the health centre to talk about a suicide prevention framework on our campus. We currently only have a mental health framework, so the goal is to have a separate framework specifically for suicide prevention. After an inclusive practices working group meeting, I reached out to counselling services to set up a workshop focussed on social isolation to help with the transition to online learning. We are just waiting to hear back regarding dates. I had planned an event for Bell Let's Talk day however with things moving online we are giving our supplies to an ORS committee so that they can facilitate a similar event as part of their event. Elisha, Jennifer and I are all working with Becca on the ULSU Speaker Series events.

**6.7 DSOB - Michelle, Coral**

- Attended the GA meeting and GA bonding in December.
- Caught up with all my emails.
- Met with Holly, and contacted Mark and Becca about joining some committees.
- I reached out to Coral so we can discuss and collaborate on some ideas.
- Inclusive Practices Working Group meeting.
- Strategic Planning Committee meeting.
- Meeting with Jaime Takahashi from Student Engagement.
- Would like to start some side projects that may involve the Accommodated Learning Centre.
- Will be joining Becca's Mental Health Committee

**6.8 FINE ARTS – Alexandra**

**6.9 INTERNATIONAL – Araba**

- Students have been expressing anxiety about the potential strike and online campuses, will be doing my best to answer their questions.

**6.10 RESIDENCE – John**

- Housing has lost a large percentage of students from living in Rez due to the announcement that online classes will continue through February.
- Will be doing a virtual art night for our residents.

**6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS – Lionel**

- Lionel has returned and says thank you for the support during his time away.
- Not a lot going in the new year.
- UPass is likely to become a reality with Bow Valley College Students Association.

- Meeting with Calgary Students Association on several initiatives.
  - More to come on that later in that agenda
- Lionel question for Nate's Report:

Lionel asked which org Nathan was able to get his internship. Community futures treaty 7  
Which mentoring opps exist at U of L? DSB for Indigenous students, and then just a non-Indigenous mentorship program available to students.

Calgary Students Association Membership

Lionel provided an update on the state of affairs for Calgary Students Association

- Lionel questions on position statement

In the news, the Calgary campus came up, what does it mean for the Calgary campus?  
Can we show support to profs in the case of job action?

#### **6.12 INDIGENOUS – Nathan**

- This month was hectic due to the switch to online. I had a lot of initiatives planned that have had to change now.
- Met with the Indigenous Rep for the Education Undergraduate Society
- Reached out to the FNMI club to see if they would be open to meet and collaborate, but unfortunately have not heard anything.
- Promoted and attended the Indigenous mentoring and empowering event.
- Doing daily, weekly, and monthly social media updates.
- Attended the Treaty 7 job imposium.
- Meeting with the influence mentoring and Mastercard Foundation regarding collaboration.
- Inclusive Practices meeting.
- Indigenous Awareness Week meeting.
- Next week I have a presentation scheduled for the Indigenous School success cohort.
- Next month I will be attending an Indigenous Cultural Centre Indigenous operations retreat.

#### **6.13 EDUCATION – Blaine**

- Had to delay a few initiatives now that we're back to classes online.
- PSII ends the week we're supposed to come back in person, so all students can now be placed in practicum sooner, and placed locally.
- GFC Committee. Enrolment is going down year.
- Education Undergraduate Society meeting.
- Pre-educational event next week in partnership with ORS.

#### **6.14 HEALTH SCIENCES – Annie**

- Meeting with Holly.
- Meeting with Tracy Mason Inez with Simon Fraser - Student Affordability Program. Discussed non-tuition ways we can cut down fees for students.

#### **6.15 1ST YEAR STUDENT – Amreet**

- Attended a few online meetings and events. Attended the food forum last month.
- ULFA restructuring informational meeting.
- Met with my RA in December and created care packages for the students on our floor.
- Working on a survey for first-year students to collect feedback to see how they are doing or what services they need. Connected with Kathleen Massey to do focus groups with first-year students.

## 7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 7.1 CALGARY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP - *Lionel*

- In discussion with Calgary Students' Association about alliance and representation.

### 7.2 INDIGENOUS AWARENESS WEEK - *Nathan*

- Jody from Ikaisskini reached out to me about Indigenous Awareness Week. She was wondering if we wanted to co-host and collaborate with them. We will need to see if we are able to host any in-person events due to COVID. Wondering if the SU would be willing to contribute some funding.

### 7.3 GA INITIATIVES - *Michelle*

- Met with Holly and came up with some new ideas. Would like to do a study session group, or a life skills seminar for students. If anyone is interested in getting involved please let me know.
- Would like to do a separate group for students with ADHD.

### 7.4 UPCOMING EVENTS - *Mitch*

- Met with our LCB planning team to discuss our options for LCB this year. The event is contingent on how COVID will be in the next few months. We decided that if we don't have it in-person we probably will pass on doing it online.
- Will be doing Sexy Week, hoping to get the Student Engagement Committee involved.
- Clubs Week will start on Monday. It will be done online, clubs can sign up online.
- Would like to do a St. Patrick's Day cabaret, but unfortunately we will most likely not be able to do that due to COVID.
- Investigating an initiative for a student night at a large venue this semester.

### 7.5 ONLINE MODALITY UPDATE - *Holly*

- We contacted the President's Executive with recommendations and requests about what we were hearing from students. We did receive a response, and we will be going through some of the asks and responses.
- We would like a confirmation of an announcement with a date to confirm when they will be making a final decision, but the university hasn't committed to a date yet.
- We asked that students not have to do in-person exams. After investigation it appears that there aren't that many students who will actually have to do them in-person, and those that are, have been asked to contact their professors so they can accommodate them.
- We asked them to extend the fee deadline.
- We asked them to reopen the add/drop. However, the university is reaching out to professors to

see if they are willing to add more students to their classes and whether they will accept new students. Students should contact their dean or academic advisors.

- Asked for the cancellation fee to be removed if they need to move out of Housing.

## 7.6 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE - *Mitch*

- Mitch will be working with the Student Engagement Committee to discuss initiatives and events for the rest of the semester.
- If anyone is interested in participating in this committee, please reach out to Mitch.

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

### 8.1 QIP - EARTH DAY - *Mark (Attachment 8.1)*

**MOTION: [22902GA]** MSC: M. Serebryansky/M. Kildaw  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$500 for Earth Day 2022. Monies to come from QIP.

## 9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

### 9.1 RATIFICATION OF BY-ELECTION RESULTS - *Cheri*

**MOTION: [22903GA]** MSC: M. Serebryansky/R. Lindblad  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly ratify Coral Skiba as the Dhillon School of Business representative for the 2021/22 year.

### 9.2 ULSU POSITION STATEMENT - *Holly (Attachment 9.2)*

**MOTION: [22904GA]** MSC: H. Kletke/R. Lindblad  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve the organizational position statement on collective bargaining.

- All faculty members have a faculty agreement with the university. It expired in January 2020, and ULFA has been negotiating for that collective agreement ever since. The "Board" in this case refers to the university's negotiating team.
- In December there were 3rd- party facilitators on both sides.
- The 4% retro cutbacks are no longer on the table.
- ULFU proposed a settlement, and shortly afterward withdrew from negotiations.
- They are now in a 14-day cooling off period.
- They can return to mediation or do a strike vote.
- The EC has spent hours preparing for this potential action.



- If the strike happens, professors will not be working, so the university will be proposing a new academic calendar.
- If the strike lasts longer than the semester, the semester would be canceled, but we don't know about tuition refunds at this time..
- If there is a strike, we will probably be getting a lot of media requests, so we want to have an approved public statement, which we have drafted.

**MOTION: [22905GA]** MOVE IN CAMERA  
MSC: R. Lindblad/H. Kletke  
Carried

**MOTION: [22906GA]** MOVE OUT OF CAMERA  
MSC: H. Kletke/R. Lindblad

**9.3 WORK FROM (A DIFFERENT) HOME PROPOSAL - Holly (Attachment 9.3)**

**MOTION: [22907GA]** MSC: B. Badiuk/ H. Kletke  
Carried  
BIMT the general assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$3,769.70 for the executive council to work remotely and engage in professional development.

**9.4 ULSU AUDIT RESULTS - Mark**

**MOTION: [22907GA]** MSC: M. Serebryansky/ B. Parkkari  
Carried  
BIMT the General Assembly approve the audit findings from KPMG for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business at this time.

**11. NEXT MEETINGS**

Next scheduled meeting will be on February 11 at 3:00pm.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**12.1 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: [22908GA]** MSC: R. Lindblad/M. Ali  
Carried  
BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of January 21, 2022.

