

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.

ATTENDANCE:

HOLLY KLETKE - PRESIDENT, (CHAIR FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING), **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, **CHERI POKARNEY** – GENERAL MANAGER, **TRACY MERRIFIELD** – OPERATIONS COORDINATOR, **MAX BARTLETT** – COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

ABSENT: Brenna Scott - Chair

GUESTS: Jon Mastel, Rachel Timmermans - CAUS

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Holly

The Land Acknowledgement was given by Holly.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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MOTION: [22909GA] MSC: R. Lindblad/S. Dauncey
Carried
BIMT the General Assembly adopts the agenda of January 28, 2022.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Attachment 3.1*)

MOTION: [22910GA] MSC: B. Parkkari/M. Nixon
Carried
BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of January 21, 2022.

4. CHAIR REMARKS – *Holly*

Holly is chairing the meeting today in Brenna's absence, and she will not be voting on any motions unless a situation arises where there may be a tie-vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None at this time.

6. REPORTS

Please read each report as posted on the ULSU website. Reports are due by the 5th business day of each month. Due to this being a special convention of the General Assembly, there will be no verbal reports given at this time.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 ULSU COMPLAINT MISREPRESENTATION – *Mark*

- A lot has happened recently so there is a delay with our FAQ because there are changes coming due to an evolving situation.
- We've been looking to update some of the verbiage due to conflicting information from both Administration and ULFA. The wording as to why the mediation ended will be more neutral so that we're not speculating as we have heard different accounts of the situation. We have been diligently working with both sides of these negotiations.
- We would like to recommend that our verbiage be more neutral and aligned with the official collective bargaining position.

7.2 ULSU COMPLAINT CAUS – *Ryan*

- We received a complaint about the Students' Union affiliation with CAUS.
- I believe that it would be a huge mistake for the ULSU to sever ties with this organization.
- Rachel (From CAUS) – We had an institutional opportunity to leave CAUS, but it's my understanding and belief that there was a misunderstanding of what CAUS actually does. We are a very viable organization and we're extremely effective with the advocacy that we pursue.

- We are still going through our review process for CAUS and the direction we would like to go for future initiatives and operations.
- Ryan – we've looked at ASEC (Albert Students' Executive Council) and CAUS respectively, and I don't think ASEC would be a good fit for us; we're the only research institute while others are polytechnic. It's better to stay aligned with other universities in the province especially with budgetary concerns and sexual violence policies.
- Madi- it's important to listen to students that give feed back to the SU, but the statement says that the SU and CAUS are not following the interests and support of our students. We could examine more communication with newsletters and perhaps mass emails. Some of the accusations in the letters were not very clear, nor were we given any specific examples, which would be helpful to address the situation. I think more than anything we are dealing with student apathy.
- Michelle – I was with the college when they rejoined ASEC, and we are in a different category compared to the other schools involved, it wouldn't be relevant.
- Lionel – After reading the letter carefully, from my perspective there is a misunderstanding and misinterpretation of what CAUS is and what the university is and what the government is. Those are 3 different entities from one another.

7.3 ULSU COMPLAINT GOVERNANCE – *Becca*

- Regarding the slate elections, the SU will not tamper with our procedures on the elections, we do not want to move into a slate style of elections.
- Regarding conflict of interest – it's important that we abstain from conflicts of interests, and the ULSU is very diligent in ensuring that doesn't happen.
- Request 3rd party investigation – I don't see a need for a 3rd party investigation of our government structures as we are fully transparent. All of our meeting minutes are made public, and anyone is able to attend our council and GA meetings. If the students wanted a 3rd party investigation they could go to the university. Since we are completely transparent, an investigation would not discover anything negative from our organization.
- Madi – The statement said we already have a slate for the elections but that is not true. We do have an Executive Accountability Committee contrary to what the statement indicated. All in-camera sessions are held to the highest standards. We would be hesitant to go forward with an investigation because it would be a huge waste of student money.
- Shae – What we have had presented to us, is not enough for us to go forward with an investigation. It would be helpful if we had more specific examples.
- Lionel – There is not enough evidence to move forward with an investigation, I feel like this is more of a personal attack, and I don't feel we should be spending student's money on personal attacks.
- Elisha – We are open to an investigation if a large amount of the student body wants it, but it's not warranted from just this letter.
- Mark – These are general accusations and in fact we actually took all the steps that are necessary to mitigate any risk in relation of this organization. Over the years there have been relationships and friendships amongst GA members, and everyone has always been forthright. The individuals

involved here have always come forward and there have never been any issues with any of the relationships within the organization.

- Araba – As of now there aren't enough students who actually want this investigation. A lot of students know that there is financial hardship with the university and students.
- Mitch – This is completely anonymous, so these demands for a 3rd party investigation don't have any merit as there are no names associated with it.

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

None at this time.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

9.1 ADJUDICATION OF ANONYMOUS COMPLAINT – “ULSU COMPLAINT MISREPRESENTATION”

MOTION: [22911GA]

MSC: B. Baduik/A.Adenu-Mensah

ABSTAIN: Holly Kletke, Ryan Lindblad, Becca Parkkari, Mark Serebryansky, Mitch Nixon
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly find that the Collective Bargaining FAQ is neutral and aligned with the ULSU's position on job action and does not limit students having their own opinion on the matter.

Whereas we recognize the diversity in opinions of the undergraduate students of the University of Lethbridge; and whereas the ULSU is a third-party in Collective Bargaining; BIMT the General Assembly find that the Collective Bargaining FAQ is neutral and aligned with the ULSU's position on job action and does not limit students having their own opinion on the matter.

Whereas we acknowledge and respect all views of the student body; and whereas the ULSU is not present in Collective Bargaining; BIMT the General Assembly finds that the Collective Bargaining FAQ is neutral and aligned with the ULSU's position on job action and does not limit students having their own opinion on the matter.

BIMT the General Assembly accept the anonymous “ULSU Complaint Misrepresentation” as information.

9.2 ADJUDICATION OF ANONYMOUS COMPLAINT – “ULSU COMPLAINT CAUS”

MOTION: [22912GA] MSC: S. Dauncey/ J. Carter
ABSTAIN: Holly Kletke, Ryan Lindblad, Becca Parkkari, Mark Serebryansky, Mitch Nixon
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly accept the anonymous “ULSU Complaint – CAUS” as information.

BIMT the General Assembly rules that no action is warranted at this time in regard to a third-party investigation into ULSU governance structures

BIMT the General Assembly rules that no action is warranted in regard to potential disaffiliation with CAUS.

9.3 ADJUDICATION OF ANONYMOUS COMPLAINT – “ULSU COMPLAINT GOVERNANCE”

MOTION: [22913GA] MSC: B. Badiuk/B. Parkkari
ABSTAIN: Holly Kletke, Ryan Lindblad, Becca Parkkari, Mark Serebryansky, Mitch Nixon
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly accept the anonymous “ULSU Complaint Governance” as information.

Whereas there is a lack of evidence or due indication of the necessity for a third-party investigation; BIMT the General Assembly rules that no action is warranted at this time to investigate organizational governance structures.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- Mark – Collective Bargaining - We are in the process of updating our FAQ and should have it updated by Monday. We filmed a video today that we are calling “Us to You” that has questions from students that all five of us answered. Also, on Monday we will send a reminder to both the University President’s Office and the Faculty Association citing the Board speech that was delivered in the December Board meeting as well as the statement we all signed to review the document before any final decisions are made.
- Blaine – What is the common messaging from our meeting tonight and how will this be communicated to the student body.

- Holly – We've discussed the items and have adjudicated the complaints with proper structure and governance, and we've established that these complaints do not have enough merit to act on them. These minutes will be public, so that students will be informed that these matters have been discussed at great length.
- Lionel – Wondering if it would be beneficial for the Calgary campus to be in discussion more with the Lethbridge campus so that Lionel can answer questions from Calgary students. Holly suggested that Lionel refer people to the EC or to the public FAQ's.
- Mark – We wanted to address this situation immediately, but I do want to make it clear to anyone that if this situation should arise again like what we just adjudicated, we will conduct our business with regularly scheduled meeting times.
- Mark – Shout out to Madi for her post about being in student government at the University of Lethbridge.

11. NEXT MEETINGS

February 11, 2022 - 3pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: [22914GA]

MSC: L. Migrino/B. Badiuk

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of January 28, 2022.