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Meetings and Events

ULSU

- Legislative review committee (Dec 2nd)
- GFC Transformational Task Forces discussion (Dec 3rd)
- Alberta Budget Town Hall (Dec 3rd)
- GA Transition Committee Meeting (Dec 4th)
- Indigenous Relations Committee Meeting (Dec 7th)
- Advocacy Advisory Committee (Dec 8th)
- December GA Meeting (Dec 8th)
- ULSU Awards Committee meeting (Dec 9th)
- Media Interview (Dec 9th)
- Navitas Discussion (Dec 11th)
- GFC (Dec 14th)
- Youth Advisory Council meeting (Dec 17th)

Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)

- Roundtable with Advanced Education Minister (Dec 3rd)
- CAUS Fundraising Working Group Committee (Dec 7th, 14th)
- CAUS Board Meeting (Dec 7th, 14th)
- CAUS Policy Committee Meeting (Dec 11th)

Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA)

- National Advocacy Committee (Dec 2nd)
- CASA Board Liaison Call (Dec 10th)



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Descriptions of Notable Meetings and Events

Advocacy Advisory Committee

The Advocacy Advisory Committee has been focussing on the prospect of organizing another advocacy campaign which would take part over this spring semester, and run until summer when the semester has ended and there will be a new General Assembly. I cannot wait to work with the committee on this campaign now that we have settled on a topic to focus in on and I hope we get as many students as possible engaged in it.

December GA Meeting

The December General Assembly meeting was rather quick when compared to December meetings of the past. The main focus of discussions was largely what to do with the on campus services we provide in the face of the surging Covid cases seen last month.

Media Interview

I was interviewed by a reporter who was from the Edmonton branch of CBC based on what I have heard about students struggling to deal with the affordability of University in the wake of Covid as well as in the wake of provincial cutbacks.

Roundtable with Advanced Education Minister

Myself and other student leaders who I have been working with through CAUS had the opportunity to meet with the Minister of Advanced Education before the Holiday break. We mainly discussed our concerns with student affordability and accessibility, as well as our fears we have regarding board consolidation, especially for the UofL as the most rural of the Alberan Universities.

CAUS Fundraising Working Group Committee

This Committee has just recently had its name changed at our first meeting of January but for the sake of consistency of timeline in reports I will still refer to it as the former name. This committee has been hard at work setting up the foundations for a large CAUS advocacy campaign that will span the province over this spring semester! Keep your eyes peeled for updates and information on how to get involved later in January!

Overall December was a busy Month for the first 2 weeks and then it had a nice gradual slowdown of commitments until we would reach the point where myself and the other executives actually began our winter breaks. The break felt fantastic especially knowing that it was helping to get us prepared for our final sprint towards the summer and knowing that these next 4 months will be very busy ones for Student advocates. I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing break as well.



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Best,

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