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February Report
Contribution Hours: 17.5 hours

Hours Breakdown:

GA Bonding (planning and activity): 4 hours
Exec for a Day: 2 hours
Calm Cafe: 1 hour
Awards Committee: 1 hour
General Assembly meeting: 1 hour
International Dinner: 3.5 hours
Fine Arts Council: 2 hours
Senate (Volunteer Award committee and Senate meeting): 3 hours

GA Bonding

GA Bonding was a whole lot of fun. We began with the planning, which was the most fun I've ever had in a meeting, and it definitely scratched my itch for indulging in absolute bonkers absurdity, because Andrew prompted us with the notion of "no bad ideas", and we ran with it. Oh boy, we ran with that idea. Usain bolt on steroids. Some ideas included, pole-dancing class, mermaid party, skydiving, a trip to Vegas, ukyleyley night (as per Andrew's spelling) and my all-time favorite, the Dundies at Chili's. The idea that we ultimately settled on was a children's birthday party, complete with invitations, a cake, a ball-pit, and gift-bags! I love my new pet dinosaurs and thoroughly enjoyed smashing cake in Bailey's face. Ah, sweet sweet revenge. A dish best served with icing. Although, it looks like the score is tilted towards Bailey at the moment, because she dumped an entire cup of water on me before vanishing into thin air. Bailey, watch your back because I'm coming for you at transition. I commend Andrew and the exec team for putting together an absolutely smashing kid's birthday party, and this kid had a blast.

Exec for a Day

Have you gotten your tickets? Your tickets to the gun show? I missed the chance to get my tickets to the gun show but luckily, I got my tickets to Exec for a Day! I visited Andrew and Bailey, and had an absolute riot of a time with both of them. I donated a copy of the new testament to Andrew's office, we named his pinata (something culturally appropriate of course), and I believe we talked about the position for at least a little while. I talked with Bailey about her position as well, and I look forward to talking to her even more at transition. Whether or not we'll be talking about her position and experience, or if we'll be talking about the pranks I'll be pulling on her, we shall see.



Calm Cafe:

Stress less week was a very enjoyable week! I attended one of the Calm Cafe's, and it was certainly very nice to have a time and space to just relax and mindlessly color for a little while. Thank you Kate!

Awards Committee:

Ryan held a preliminary meeting for the Awards Committee of the ULSU, where we discussed the parameters for our awards. We made good progress with the awards and ironed out most of the kinks. We decided to get rid of the Executive of the Year award, which is an admirable step for this years' executive team to take. I appreciate the sentiments that they reflected that led to us removing this award from the ballot. I'll just say that you're all executive of the year in my eyes. Except for you Bailey, you know what you did.

General Assembly meeting:

Picture this. Some beautiful people are getting their beautiful pictures done to commemorate their beautiful time here at the University of Lethbridge. In other words, Grad photos are happening in the SU council chambers. Meanwhile, the ULSU General Assembly is having its monthly meeting in W646 in University Hall. Or are they? Indeed, they are supposed to be *in* W646 at 5:30pm, and in preparation for this they have called security to open the door. But the minutes tick by, they seem like years. Security has not arrived yet to unlock that fateful door. It's 5:30, 5:35. 5:40. By then, Chris Hollingsworth and Andrew Gammack have executively decided to hold the meeting in the hallway *outside* of W646. Has anyone double checked with security yet? No. But we have a guest, a quorum, and an agenda to get through. And so, with Cheri's laptop balancing precariously on the recycling bin, and all of our feet uncomfortably squished in between each other in the barely regulation sized hallway, we begin the General Assembly meeting. (Photo is attached, for reference).





Fine Arts Council:

Though this meeting was not held in the hallway of W646, I would have to say it was quite an interesting, yet productive one. We were provided with some updates, notably the update to the timetables for next year. We were given a presentation on the experiential transcript, which reminded me that I have to update my experiential transcript. I gave a short presentation on my idea for a letter writing campaign to the provincial government, to express the importance of post-secondary education, specifically for Fine Arts students. From what I have heard from University Administration about the metrics based funding model, and the cuts to campus grants from the current provincial government, I believe it is important for students to start advocating for their post-secondary experience. I will be working with Bailey Harray and members of the faculty of Fine Arts to launch a Ulethbridge Fine Arts letter writing campaign. After the meeting, I was offered opportunities to present in classes, and to hold designated times for students to write through Brian Black's writing workshop, and UofL singers' rehearsal. I was nervous to present this idea, but glad it was well received by the council.

Senate:

Myself and Kate Potts attended the Volunteer Award committee meeting prior to the senate meeting, and together as a committee we decided on a recipient, who is very well deserving of the award. After that we went to the Senate meeting, which began with an excellent presentation from Jackson Two Bears, who is a new studio professor of Indigenous Art Studio. During the senate meeting we received a budget update, and reports from all the various members of the senate. Dinner for six is happening again this semester, the nourish campaign and pass the hat has raised a great amount of money so far and is going very well. UPass is now available to Graduate students, and we passed a number of recommendations from Curriculum Coordinating Committee.