

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES

6th MEETING OF 2019-2020



DECEMBER 5, 2019 AT 5:00 PM

SU COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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ATTENDANCE: **CHRIS HOLLINGSWORTH** – CHAIR, **ANDREW GAMMACK** - PRESIDENT, **JORDAN MILES** – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, **RYAN MUNN** - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, **KATE POTTS** - VP ACADEMIC, **BAILEY HARRAY** – VP EXTERNAL, **JONATHAN DIAZ** - A & S REP, **AMY LAMBERT** - A & S REP, **BRENNAN NIKOLAI-WILSON** - A & S REP, **CAYLEY FLEISCHMAN** - A & S REP, **RYAN LINDBLAD** – A & S REP, **SELENA BOUTILIER** - A & S REP, **ETHAN PULLAN** – EDUCATION REP, **PARKER BIJL** - RESIDENCE REP, **HOLLY KLETKE** – FINE ARTS REP, **BRIANNA ROGERS** – HEALTH SCIENCES REP, **MARK SEREBRAYANSKY** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **MAYA MANY GREY HORSES** - INDIGENOUS REP, **SANDHYA SUNUWAR** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **MATHIEU LEBON-VOLIA** – 1ST YEAR REP.

ABSENT: **JOE BABEY** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **ISMAEL NIETO** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS.

GUESTS: **JESSICA** – EARTH DAY PRESENTATION

Andrew gave Blackfoot recognition

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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MOTION [22284GA]	<u>MSC: P. Bijl/C. Fleischman</u> BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of December 5, 2019. Carried
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2. APPROVAL OF BY-ELECTION – *Cheri*

MOTION [22285GA]	<u>MSC: A. Gammack/B. Rogers</u> BIMT the General Assembly ratify the November 7, 2019 By-election results - Ryan Lindblad as Arts & Science Rep. Carried
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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION [22284GA]

MSC: B. Nikolai-Wilson/J. Diaz

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of November 7, 2019.

Carried

4. CHAIR REMARKS

Welcome to December! Good luck with exams and I hope you enjoy your holidays.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

5.1 QIP - EARTH DAY (Insert) - *Jordan*

Jessica presented.

This is a student led initiative. We would like to continue to promote environmental initiatives and awareness for sustainability. We want to bring in a speaker from Edmonton. We are hoping to have booths set up and have presentations from university students. Climate change is in the media a lot and it's important to let people know what is happening. We are interested in bringing in a local teacher who manages a green house on the reserve. We would like to do a coulee clean-up before the event. We are hoping to expand the event and have a little more food. We will be altering our advertising approach to involve social media. To have effective Facebook advertising will cost \$700. We have been given some other funding that amounts to \$1725.

5.2 INDIGENOUS SPEAKER (Insert 5.2) – *Maya*

We would like to bring in a speaker to talk about Indigenous culture, heritage and justice. We thought Walter would be a good choice because of all the accomplishments he has done for Indigenous people so far. We feel it is a good opportunity and very beneficial. We would like to have this event large enough to have any student attend. The budget in the attachment has detailed information. He is based out of Oklahoma and the prices have been converted to Canadian dollars.

Comments:

- There isn't a space booked yet but we are hoping to book the ballrooms.
- What is the council event budget line sitting at? Andrew suggests that the funds be split to come from different budget lines.
- In order to sign the contract this needs to be approved soon.

6. REPORTS

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

6.1 PRESIDENT – *Andrew*

- We had term break.
- Met with senior administration about the AB budget.
- Attended CAUS Advocacy Days in Edmonton.
- Met with the Chaplain of the university about our food bank.
- GA bonding happened.
- Bailey and I attended CASA Policy and Strat conference.
- Therapy assistance online is now live.
- Will be reaching out to Housing about an app.
- Spoke at the 25th Anniversary of the Chaplaincy.
- Attended a Volunteer Lethbridge board of governance meeting.
- Attended a productive Strategic Planning Committee meeting.
- Will be speaking at Senate.
- BoG.
- We are looking forward to the Student Review Committee.

6.2 A. VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – *Jordan*

- Attended CAUS Counterparts in Edmonton.
- Attended BoG meeting.
- Attended a Finance Committee meeting.
- Met with the auditors
- Attended the International Day of Persons with Disabilities we won an award for our work with Quest.
- Getting prepped for LRC.
- Looking for a suitable replacement for our smart board.
- Worked on a lot of grants.

B. FINANCIAL UPDATE (Insert 6.2) – *Jordan*

Both Rockerman's and the Zoo are losing money. Looking for ways to improve.

6.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – *Ryan*

- Attended CAUS Counterparts in Edmonton.
- Did the food cart initiative. People enjoyed receiving free food.
- The LCB budget is on the agenda along with the Pronghorn Cheering Challenge.
- Everything else is on my report on the website.

6.4 VP ACADEMIC – Kate

- Attended Counterparts in Edmonton, very beneficial.
- Working on the Dean Search Committee.
- Working with LPIRG and SACPA for the student speaker series.
- Helping with strategic planning.
- A lot of students have been emailing me about their classes.

6.5 VP EXTERNAL – Bailey

- Met with David Egan while in Edmonton. We asked him to take a more of an analytical approach.
- During Counterparts we had a CAUS meeting.
- Talked about priorities that we will be bringing forth to the Federal Government about fees.
- We had three CAUS meetings in three weeks.

6.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brianna – Good job for signing up for your GA photos. I have been having fun taking them and they look fresh. Please sign up if you already haven't.

Maya – We had an Indigenous student engagement night. I will be planning to do another one at the beginning of the semester. I will also be putting together something over the holidays so people can help for the event in March. Working on policies and looking into what students would like.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 AGILITY FOOD FOR THOUGHT GRANT - Mark

We are currently revisiting their application for food for thought. I wanted all of you to be privy to that information. They are working on themes for next year.

7.2 MINISTER TOWN HALLS - Andrew

The press secretary for advanced education in AB wants to organize an on-campus town hall in January. They want the ULSU president and a student leader to be up on stage during this. We had no say in the budget so we don't think we should be putting a student up there. This budget does not represent students.

7.3 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATES – Andrew

We've had a lot of great discussion. The final document will need approval from the General Assembly, but we wanted to put forward the two pillars. One is building brand recognition and the other is institutional continuity, ie: social media, professional development for staff. Please talked to Andrew if you want to discuss it.

Comments:

- Is there a better outlet than social media for brand recognition?
- We are looking into what more could be done. Getting our message out through other groups on campus. We doubt that we will ever move away from social media.

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

8.1 CLUB RATIFICATION – Ryan

MOTION [22286GA]

MSC: R. Munn/M. Lebon-Volia

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the following clubs for the 2019-2020 academic year:

Supply Chain & Logistics

Pre-Law Society

Carried

8.2 QIP - EARTH DAY (Insert 8.2) – Jordan

MOTION POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$3500 for Earth Day 2020. Monies to come from QIP - Student Clubs and Organizations.

Comments:

- The budget is still at \$11,000.
- Is this a big hit to the budget considering that we have 4 months left?
- It is odd that we haven't had more proposals this year so far.
- This seems like a lot of money considering that they might not have a large turnout.
- It's a big jump from \$1,000 from last year.
- They will be using Facebook advertising this year which will increase event awareness.
- I'm having trouble with this amount, comparing it to last year's budget.
- I would like to have more faith in a concrete plan as to where we place our funds.
- Is there any way we could ask CKXU for advertising using the ULSU air time so they don't have to pay? Yes.
- This is an importance event and we need do everything we can so the turnout is better than last year.
- How does using the QIP budget line affect the LCB funding request? This is a different budget line within QIP than Fresh Fest and LCB.

- Given that other places are approving funding, it would look very bad on the ULSU if we don't support it.
- I would be willing to not amend the motion but talk to them about ideas on how they can reduce the costs.
- If they get external funding then they won't need to use the full amount that we give them.

The General Assembly would like to have more information.

MOTION [22287GA]

MSC: C. Fleischman/J. Miles

GA voted to postpone the above motion indefinitely, with the understanding that Jordan will speak with them.
Carried (3 opposed)

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

9.1 AUDIT (Insert 9.1) – Jordan

Jordan reviewed the attached document. The Zoo, Health and Dental Plan and Rockerman's aren't doing very well.

MOTION [22288GA]

MSC: J. Miles/P. Bijl

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the Students' Union annual financial audit from KPMG.
Carried

9.2 QIP - LCB (Insert 9.2) – Ryan

LCB is 4 months away and I would like to amend the budget by reducing it by \$3,000. We didn't take into account \$3,000 worth of sponsorship. Riley Miller has offered to help out with bands and bookings. He will provide an in-depth report at the end of his contract.

Comments:

- I feel uncomfortable with counting on ticket sale revenue in advance. In the event that there is a loss, we should have something in place now so next year's Council doesn't have to deal with it.
- LCB is so early this year, if we need to pass additional funds there would be time in this year's term to address it.
- The Fresh Fest budget is this way as well, every single budget is this way, showing revenue and expenses.

- I don't see the liquor purchase on the budget. There are also two other fees not listed. We have to pay 10% of the liquor sales to ancillary services and \$1,050 for UofL Security.
- This event takes a lot of time to plan especially when dealing with agents, that's why this budget is passed in December.
- Once this is approved then Riley will start his outreach for entertainment.

MOTION [22289GA]

MSC: A. Lambert/P. Bijl

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$15,510. Monies to come from QIP in the amount of \$11,491 and Special Funding in the amount of \$4,019.
Carried - (Jordan, Ethan opposed)

9.3 NEW COMPUTERS (Insert 9.3) – *Jordan*

The Executive Council are having a lot of computer problems, one of them is still running windows 7. These are just basic computers, there isn't anything fancy about them.

MOTION [22290GA]

MSC: J. Miles/A. Gammack

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$4497 for new computers for the Executive Council. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.
Carried

9.4 QIP - INDIGENOUS SPEAKER (Insert 5.2) - *Maya*

The event is about the importance of inclusion, cultural heritage and a safe space. We would like this event to be inclusive to everyone on campus and that everyone knows about it.

Comments:

- I'm concerned that we are spending this much money on only one speaker.
- With regards to us getting our name out there, this is a good use of the ULSU's money.
- This is an opportunity to promote Indigenous issues and good for so many people.
- From looking through past speaker event documents, there has been extremely low attendance with lecture type speaker events. I very much appreciate the event, but I'm worried about the attendance for this amount of money.
- A lot of Indigenous students feel isolated and don't feel respected or represented. The amount of learning and cross-cultural experience is highly beneficial not just for Indigenous students but for all students. With regards to the concern about a lecture style speaking event, these opportunities are so sought out and needed by students. We haven't had the opportunity to bring in a speaker like this before.
- I feel that we should help Mya with this event to support her.

- If we do approve this money, it is on the GA to ensure that this event is successful. If you have concerns approving the funding, we can do a lot to help with its' success.

MOTION [22291GA]

MSC: M. Many Grey Horses/C. Fleischman

BIMT the GA approve max \$10,547.48 for an indigenous speaker for Spring 2020. Monies to come from; Council Events in the amount of \$4594.74, Special Funding in the amount of \$4594.74, and QIP Academic Speaker Series in the amount of \$1,358.
Carried

9.5 IN-CAMERA – Andrew

MSC: A. Gammack/J. Diaz

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.
Carried

MSC: P. Bijl/R. Lindblad

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

PERSONNEL MOTION

MOTION [22292GA]

MSC: A. Gammack/J. Miles

BIMT the General Assembly authorize the Executive Council to approve funding as per the personnel discussion at the December 5, 2019 GA meeting.
Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

11. NEXT MEETING

January - TBD

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22293GA]

MC: E. Pullan/S. Boutilier

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of December 5, 2019.
Carried