

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## MINUTES

7th MEETING OF 2019-2020



JANUARY 22, 2020 AT 5:30 PM

SU COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

**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, **ISMAEL NIETO** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, **MARK SEREBRYANSKY** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **JOE BABEY** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **MAYA MANY GREY HORSES** - INDIGENOUS REP, **SANDHYA SUNUWAR** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **MATHIEU LEBON-VOLIA** – 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR REP.

**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, **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 SEREBRYANSKY** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **JOE BABEY** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **MAYA MANY GREY HORSES** - INDIGENOUS REP, **SANDHYA SUNUWAR** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **MATHIEU LEBON-VOLIA** – 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR REP.

**ABSENT:** **BRENNAN NIKOLAI-WILSON** - A & S REP, **ISMAEL NIETO** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS,

**GUESTS:** KYRA GILLERT – SET, EARTH DAY PRESENTERS.

Andrew gave a Blackfoot recognition.

## 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 1.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION [22377GA]

MSC: C. Fleischman/A. Lambert

BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of January 22, 2020.

Carried

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 2.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION [22378GA]

MSC: A. Gammack/R. Munn

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of December 5, 2019.

Carried

### 3. CHAIR REMARKS

Roberts Rules on items for action, to help the meeting run smoother:

1. If you leave the meeting to go to the bathroom, please raise your hand and say point of privilege.
2. We try to distinguish between debating a motion and giving information. Please just raise your hand and give point of information before the debating starts.
3. Point of order, if something is out of order please raise your hand and say "point of order".

### 4. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

#### 4.1 SET SESSION WITH KYRA GILLERT - *Ryan M.*

My Experience Transcript and the platform - This is an expansion of the career bridge website. This will expand across campus. Uleth.ca experience matters. As students you will click on the "Student's" tab to log in. "Events and Workshops" is the public view. "Get Experience" is the catalog with all the experiences that are in the website at the moment.

This is quite unique for Canada as of yet.

*Maya left*

#### 4.2 EARTH DAY – *Jordan*

We were asked to come back and give more information about the Earth Day budget. We got the President's Office, liberal school, LPIRG, life and climate grant sponsorship. We have the budget for next year's event too. Because of the speakers we were able to cut down on the amount that we are asking for. We won't have an Elder come but we will have a First Nations speaker. The only other update is that we will need 7 parking passes and the rest is the same.

We want to also involve the community. This radio isn't listened to by a lot of community people so we thought that an advertisement at a community radio station would be good.

### 5. REPORTS

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

#### 5.1 PRESIDENT – *Andrew*

- Thanks for all of the feedback on the executive accountability survey.
- I have been busy with the strategic plan. We should have something for the March GA meeting.

- I have been spending a lot of time looking over resumes and cover letters for the Communications & Marketing Coordinator position.
- I have been doing a lot of transition work. There is a ton of work that needs to be done.
- The entire EC had a budget meeting with upper administration. We looked at areas where we could spend less money.
- I attended Student Fee Review Committee meetings. We reduced a number of fees but there are a few marginal increases that will be proposed.

MSC: A. Gammack/M. Serebryansky

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.

Carried

MSC: R. Munn/R. Linblad

BIMT the General Assembly move out of in-camera.

Carried

- We have a TEDx viewing party in the Zoo this Saturday. Please feel free to stop by.
- Next week Bailey and I are going to a CAUS conference in Calgary.
- My Experience Transcript – this is another reason to stress the importance of your monthly report submissions. The reports mean a lot to the entire student body, please feel free to reach out to me if you are struggling to meet your hours.
- We have the proposed GA times for the rest of the academic year, they are later on in the agenda.
- We will be doing the individual GA headshots in February some-time, I will send an email once we know exactly. It will probably be close to the February GA meeting.

**5.2 A. VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Jordan**

- I attended Senate, BoG and GFC. We did the “Pass the Hat Fundraiser”, Senate raised the most money for the ULSU Food Bank.
- I attended the LRC meeting and I’m hoping to have a meeting in February to discuss changes.
- GFC – made changes to requirements for degrees.
- The current University budget was revised in the BoG meeting.
- I attended a luncheon with people about student services on campus.
- I attended a Student Fee Review Committee meeting.
- I attended a Meliorist Board committee meeting.
- The computers have arrived and Executive members are happy.
- I’ve been prepping for LRC.
- I met with student groups for QIP.
- I have EC for a Day sessions in the next two weeks.

- Thank you for the feedback on the executive accountability survey.
- Met with Nicole on the ULSU budget.

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

Jordan gave a financial update.

**5.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Ryan**

- Thank you for the feedback on the EC accountability survey.
- I've been working on Pronghorn Cheering Challenge, thank you to all of the volunteers who showed up. There were over 1,000 people who attended. I would love for this to be the new version of Frost Bite.
- We had Clubs Rush Week. Thank you to everyone who helped table. There were a number of clubs who didn't show up for their booked times. A lot of the smaller and newer clubs did see a good increase in membership. There will be a discussion in clubs council tomorrow.
- My Experience Transcript – let me know if you have any questions.
- Please check your emails on updated committees.
- Transition will be in April.
- Looking for event suggestions for March. If you have any ideas please let me know.

**5.4 VP ACADEMIC – Kate**

- We have an academic speaker during Sexy Week.
- Stress Less Week - the proposed budget will be coming soon.
- Student Speaker Challenge – Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, please come out and watch.
- We launched EC for a Day. If you are thinking about running for an EC position, please sign up or send anyone of us an email to set up a time.
- There will be a lot of door prizes at my events, if you want to help make prize baskets please let me know.

**5.5 VP EXTERNAL – Bailey**

- I attended the budget consultation with upper administration.
- I attended the Student Review Committee meeting.
- PSVAC – planning a community night.
- I've been working on a differed maintenance policy.
- I had my 1<sup>st</sup> EC for a Day person come in.
- Even if you aren't planning on running this year please stop in.
- I attended the Pronghorn Cheering Challenge.
- I've been doing a lot of work with CAUS, helping to plan the conference in Calgary. We will be planning a campaign that has to do with the Provincial budget.
- I attended an Advocacy Advisory Committee meeting

## 5.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holly – thanks to everyone who helped with Meet the GA Day.

## 6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 6.1 LCB BUDGET (Insert 6.1) - *Ryan M.*

We approved money from two budget lines in December for LCB. Cheri and I looked over the budget and there were some little tweaks. When we crunched the numbers and it looks like we've actually covered everything plus \$15. We don't have to approve any move funds.

#### Comments:

- Do we have to allocate funds to cover ticket sales before the revenue comes in?
- When it rained during LCB one year, it was a very costly lose.
- It's a bit of a risk but some of the things we can cancel at very short notice. Some things we can't cancel. It's a gamble but people look forward to it.
- Should it be the GA decision to approve going forward, with taking such a big risk?
- If it totally tanks, we will look at a motion to clean things up.
- I would like LRC to take a look at making some changes. We should never have to look at making up costs in case the event fails. We should account for all of the money in case we lose it all, instead of relying on ticket sale revenue. I've always found it hard to assume it will work out ok.
- The ULSU has reserves in case something unexpected happens and that is the budget line we would take the funds from if the event tanks.
- Correct, but when we last approved the budget, we approved very specific things in the budget. That was not the motion on the table and the GA didn't have the understanding that funds would come out of reserves if it fails. If I had known I wouldn't have voted to approve the budget.
- Is there a way that we could approve a higher contingency?
- Students will want to attend an event but won't pay the amount that Fresh Fest is.
- LCB is so early this year. If the event is a failure, we can deal with it this year and next year's council won't have to clean the mess up.
- When we approved this, I too thought we were approving specific lines. It is more realistic to see this as an investment.
- This is the first time I've heard the word reserves and it was never mentioned in December when we voted on it.
- Chair – that was a strange motion in December and in the future, we need to improve. If GA members are not aware of reserves then that should be taught during transition.

**6.2 EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY SURVEY OVERVIEW – Mark**

We got 12 over-all responses. The Executive Council members will be given a copy of the results. If you have any questions please feel free to address the committee.

**6.3 GA BONDING AD-HOC COMMITTEE – Andrew**

This comes as a realization that just picking an activity isn't a good idea. I would like to strike up an AD-HOC committee to brainstorm ideas for GA bonding. I would like it as minimal time commitment as possible. Maybe a one-hour brainstorming session. Andrew wrote down the names of those who want to be on the committee.

**7. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS**

**7.1 CLUB RATIFICATION – Ryan**

MOTION [22379GA]	<u>MSC: R. Munn/M. Lebon-Viola</u> BIMT the General Assembly ratify the following clubs for the 2019-2020 academic year: French Club University of Lethbridge Meal Exchange Chapter Controversial Issues Club Carried
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**7.2 QIP - EARTH DAY (Insert 8.2) – Jordan**

They sent in an update budget.

Comments:

- I feel it is irresponsible that they didn't have concrete information to ensure that our student's money is spent properly.
- They said that they are not going to bring in that same speaker but still want the money for a radio ad.
- Jordan will you plan on doing more consultation with them? I really struggle with the application but feel that this would be a good event for the University community.
- If this doesn't get approved, they will have to cut some speakers.
- They didn't have enough food last year so they are increasing that for this year. I feel this is a great initiative. I understand the points that have been brought up but feel that it isn't a good enough reason to not approve the event.
- This isn't a very eloquent proposal but we aren't here to plan their event or to decide where they are spending the money. I feel it is worth-while to see the event through.
- The event is for both student and community because they want to get the most value out of the money.

- We heard that students in high schools received emails about the event.

MOTION [22380GA]

MSC: J. Miles/P. Bijl

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

Carried – 1 opposed.

## 8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

### 8.1 STRESS LESS WEEK (Insert 8.1) – *Kate*

We are doing an extra day of Calm Café, there will be some great events. We changed the name to reflect stress instead of Mental Health Week.

MOTION [22381GA]

MSC: K. Potts/Cayley

BIMT the general assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$4510 for Stress Less week. Monies to come from Mental Health Funding.

Carried

### 8.2 SMART BOARD (Insert 8.2) – *Jordan*

Jordan looked into this because CAUS Counterparts use a projector and white board and this smart board proposal is only \$1,000 more. The one we have now is very old and needs to be replaced. It has a lot of very cool features. Someone in the room can cast the picture onto the smart board from their laptop anywhere in the room. The lesser expensive one is smaller in size. The room will be more appealing to bookings to have a touch screen. There will be a lot of use and could rent the room out again. A TV isn't as durable and would be very concerned about it getting broken.

#### Comments

- School divisions have switched to using TVs instead of smart boards.
- On my two years on the GA, I've seen the smart board being used once during our meeting. If all schools across Alberta use TVs, then it will make it harder for people to use the smart board. I don't see a \$6,000 use in it.
- A projector is \$5,000 and the white board would be another \$1,000.
- There is an issue with our capital replacement funds getting too large. The smart board we have now is so antiquated.

**FAILED**

MOTION [22382GA]

MSF: J. Miles/A. Gammack

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$8362.40 for a new Smartboard for the Council Chambers. Monies to come from Capital Replacement Fund.  
**5/13/0 - Failed**

**8.3 AIR HOCKEY – Cheri**

Our pub manager asked us to revisit this, we found a different model. He believes there is room where we would put it without having to lose a table space. The foosball table is being used quite frequently and this would be another enhancement for the Zoo.

- Are we losing money in the Zoo? Will this help bring in revenue?
- Shawn feels that it will bring in revenue because there will be more things for people to do.
- I feel that this could draw more attention, fun and people into the Zoo. People literally hold tournaments with this.
- I don't think that we can really tie this item to increase revenue to the Zoo.
- This would change the image of the Zoo because it will give people things to do.
- Something I've learned on bar science, if you have more things to interact with, then patrons will stay longer and increase revenue per person.

Cost is \$1379.99, tax is \$69.00, total is \$1448.99

<https://www.wayfair.ca/furniture/pdp/carrom-super-stick-dome-58-hockey-table-crm1015.html?&experientype=2&selectedvertical=7>

MOTION [22383GA]

MSC: R. Munn/Fleischman

BIMT the GA approve \$1448.99 to purchase a domed air hockey table for the Zoo.  
Monies to come from CRF.  
Carried - 4 opposed.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

Garage Sale: The ULSU is hosting a garage sale next week, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. If you want to model some of the clothes that are on sale you can put that towards your hours.

Chris's Shirt: Bailey loves Chris's shirt.

Blood Drive: Blood Services asked if the ULSU could do a blood donation, if any of you are interested there are a couple of dates in February and March. Please send me an email or raise your hands.

Student Advocacy: Holly and Mark were thinking of ways to run a comprehensive campaign, maybe write letters or something.

Bailey – we will be doing a campaign but you can help with us.

Nominations: In two weeks, nominations open, please come by and pick up a package.



**10. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday **February 12th** @ 5:30pm - Agenda deadline - *Tuesday, February 4th at 4pm*

Wednesday **March 11th** @ 5:30pm - Agenda deadline - *Tuesday, March 3rd at 4pm*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**11.1 ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION [22384GA]

MSC: J. Diaz/P. Bijl

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of January 22, 2020.

Carried