**ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**March 12, 2024 | 5:00 PM MST**

MEETING #13 | 2023-2024

IN-PERSON: RM SU 180 - 4401 University Dr. W, Lethbridge AB T1K 3M4

ZOOM: https://ulsu-ca.zoom.us/j/84129390236?pwd=a21pUVFnNWZOYXBXMWpmS3JFbzZBdz09

**VOTING MEMBERS:** PRESIDENT - **MALEEKA THOMAS** | VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - **RIKIN PATEL** | VP STUDENT LIFE - **YEWOE SACKEY-FORSON** | VP ACADEMIC - **FOSTER WRIGHT** | VP EXTERNAL - **RACHELE PRESTON** | ARTSCI REP - **ELISHA WONG** | ARTSCI REP - **WEZI MUTAMBO** | ARTSCI REP - **JUSTIN MA** | ARTSCI REP - **JONAH** **PICKLE** | ARTSCI REP - **RAVEN HUERY** | ARTSCI REP - **JESSICA SUMBERA** | FINE ARTS REP - **MASON HILL**| HEALTH SCI REP - **LEO OCHIENG**| EDUCATION REP - **VACANT** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - **ANKIT MUKHERJEE** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OF REP - **MOYOSOREOLUWA OLADOYE** | CALGARY CAMPUS REP - **TEJASWANI KHURANA** | INDIGENOUS REP - **VACANT** | INTERNATIONAL REP - **ANNIE EBENMELU** | RESIDENCE REP - **TYLER ANDERSEN** | FIRST-YEAR REP - **EMI MUNDELL**

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:** GENERAL MANAGER - **CHERI POKARNEY** | OPERATIONS COORDINATOR - **TRACY MERRIFIELD** | COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - **MAX BARTLETT**

**CHAIR:** ROYAL ADKIN - **SCRIBE:**  CHERI POKARNEY -su.manager@uleth.ca

**ABSENT:** Foster Wright, Tejaswani Khurana, Leo Ochieng

**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *(2 minutes) - Royal Adkin*

Oki and welcome to the 13th meeting of the ULSU General Assembly. Our University’s Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University is located in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing and caring for this land, as well as all Indigenous peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our university community.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** *(1 minute)*

 **2.1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

 BIMT the General Assembly approves the agenda for March 12, 2024.

**MOTION: [23178]** MSC: R. Patel/R. Preston

Carried

**3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** *(1 minute)*

 **3.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

BIMT the General Assembly approve the following minutes:

*January 17, 2024*

*January 30, 2024*

*February 13, 2024*

**MOTION: [23179]** MSC: E. Mundell/R. Huery

Carried

**4. CHAIR REMARKS** *(2 minutes) - Royal*

I have been absent the last few weeks to remain objective regarding the elections. I am very proud of everyone who ran in the election regardless if you won or not. It’s very difficult to do. Congratulations to all of the winners. Start thinking about your transition to help the incoming council ease into their new positions.

**5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL** (10 minutes)

**6. REPORTS** (30 minutes)

**6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE** - *Rikin*

* Wrapping up with LRC. We will have some reviews in the next GA meeting.
* Attended GFC.
* Working with RBC on an initiative about financial education for our students.
* Attended the BOG meeting.
* Helped in promoting the Feed a Friend campaign.
* Working on transition documents.

**6.2 VP STUDENT LIFE** - *Yewoe*

* Meeting with Martha Mathurin Moe.
* Student Awards Committee.
* Campus Labour Council meeting.
* Black Excellence Gala.
* Black Comedy night.
* Meeting with someone about the referendum.
* Connections Cafe.
* LRC changes.
* Meeting regarding Ender Bender.
* Meeting about the transition retreat.
* We will probably cancel the St. Patrick’s Day cabaret.

**6.3 VP ACADEMIC** - *Foster*

 *Absent*

**6.4 VP EXTERNAL** - *Rachele*

* Working on transitioning my successor.
* Attended a CASA EDI Strategic Plan consultation session.
* CAUS Board meeting.
* CASA Policy Feedback session.
* EC meeting.
* Part of a meeting with VP Academic from the U of A about a textbook campaign.
* GFC meeting.
* New program review Committee meeting.
* I’ve been doing interviews for the new CAUS Executive Director.
* Assisted with elections as the fill-in CRO.
* Attended Indigenous Awareness Week events.

**6.5 PRESIDENT** - *Maleeka*

* CASA EDI meeting.
* Finished writing a large strat plan for CASA.
* By-Weekly meeting with Kathleen Massey regarding the university receiving funding for the Rec Rooms. They’re also looking to develop more events such as a carnival with a petting zoo, and stress-less initiatives.
* Meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education regarding the budget.
* I participated in the Secret 3K race.
* Meeting with the University of Alberta to discuss Equitable Access.
* GFC meeting.
* Met with the city Councilors regarding funding for the Food Bank.
* Meeting with the Advanced Education team with KPMG.
* Anderson Hall mural reveal.
* Our pocket lounge chairs were returned to the SU building.
* Met with IRCC through CASA.

**6.6 ARTS AND SCIENCE REPS** - *Elisha, Justin, Jonah, Wezi, Raven, Jessica*

* Wezi - Helped with Dirty Bingo, attended the Strategic Planning meeting, attended the election.
* Jessica - Helped with Dirty Bingo, set-up and take-down of the Connections Cafe as a volunteer.
* Justin - Nothing to report. Not able to attend any committee meetings due to my co-op.
* Raven - Helped with the Feed a Friend campaign, strat plan, volunteered for the Play Day.
* Jonah - Dirty Bingo, Speed Friending, Airplane contest, A/S Exec meeting, A/S Council meeting, LRC meetings, follow-up meetings with Rikin, strategic planning pop-up meetings and sessions, election town halls, spoke with a professor who reached out to me about his concerns with research standards and how the students feel, attended a club event by invitation where I got to meet the mayor and a councilman and we discussed a bunch of issues including safety, affordability, and housing.
* Elisha - Congratulations to everyone that ran in the recent election. I’ve had the opportunity to attend the Black Excellence Gala. I’m wrapping up my term and attending the last few committee meetings in the next few weeks.

**6.7 FINE ARTS REP** - *Mason*

* Ran the Fine Arts Link, approximately 12 students attended. Gave the leftover coffee and food to the students in the Fine Arts building. Advertised the SU election, primarily the FA Rep position. Currently working on FA link in late March or Early April.

**6.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP** - *Leo Ochieng*

*Absent*

**6.9 EDUCATION REP** - *Vacant*

**6.10 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP** - *Ankit, Moyosoreoluwa*

* Ankit - Attended GFC, Housing working Group, volunteered for the play date.
* Moyo - Helped with speed friending, and Dirty Bingo, attended the play date, RBC summit, Black Excellence Gala, Connections Cafe, Indigenous Awareness Week open ceremonies. Strategic planning meeting. Helped with the election.

**6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP** - *Tejaswani*

 *Absent*

**6.12 INDIGENOUS REP** - *Vacant*

**6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP** - *Annie*

* Black History Block Party.
* Working Housing Group.
* GFC ULFA prep meeting.
* GFC meeting.
* Senate meeting.
* Food Bank meeting.
* GFC Strat Plan meeting
* Comedy Show.
* Attended a dinner with the ASSUREUS Club for My City Care to help international students.

**6.14 RESIDENCE REP** - *Tyler*

* Working on my next Residence event which is a trip to a Flames game.
* Attended the ORS council meeting that I’ve been chairing.
* Meetings with my operations team regarding transition..
* GFC.
* Speed Friending.
* Working on a transition for my successor.
* Congratulations to everyone who was successful in the elections, you all did well!

**6.15 FIRST-YEAR REP** - *Emi*

* Attended Dirty Bingo.
* Attended the EDIA meeting.
* Attended Play Date which was very fun.
* Library Committee meeting.
* Comedy night.
* EC Debate Town Hall.
* West Coast traditional culture presentation.
* Strat plan meeting.

**7. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS** (10 minutes)

 **7.1 ELECTION RATIFICATION** - *Max*

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the results from the 2024-2025 ULSU General Election.

**MOTION: [23180]** MSC: R. Huery/J. Pickle

Carried

**7.2 ENDER BENDER** - *Yewoe/Cheri*

BIMT the General Assembly approve $8800 to host this year’s event Ender Bender (formerly Last Class Bash). Monies to come from QIP Funding.

**MOTION: [23181]** MSC: W. Mutambo/E. Mundell

Carried

**7.3 TRANSITION RETREAT** - *Yewoe*

BIMT the General Assembly approve $10,522.60 to host the annual Transition Retreat. Monies to come from the retreat budget line.

**MOTION: [23182]** MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/R. Preston

Carried

**8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS** *(10 minutes)*

**9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** *(10 minutes)*

**10. ADVOCACY UPDATES**

**11. IN-CAMERA** - *(0-30 minutes)*

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**12. OTHER BUSINESS** *(0-10 minutes)*

**13. NEXT MEETING** *(1 minute)*

 The next General Assembly meeting will be on March 26, 2024.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** *(1 minute)*

 **14.1 ADJOURNMENT**

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of March 12, 2024.

**MOTION: [23183]** MSC: A. Mukherjee/R. Patel

Carried