

# ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

## MINUTES

**October 10, 2024 | 5PM MST**

MEETING #6 | 2024-2025

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

ZOOM: <https://ulsu-ca.zoom.us/j/88448113552?pwd=VzFOeVlkSGs4MWRKYmk2RHVteml1Zz09>

**VOTING MEMBERS:** PRESIDENT - **MALEEKA THOMAS** | VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - **YASH DIXIT** | VP STUDENT LIFE - **YEWOE SACKY-FORSON** | VP ACADEMIC - **ANNIE EBENMELU** | VP EXTERNAL - **LULYA MICHAEL** | ARTSCI REP - **ALEJANDRO FIGUERO** | ARTSCI REP - **ANGELINA OBLAK** | ARTSCI REP - **EMI MUNDELL** | ARTSCI REP - **JESSICA SUMBERA** | ARTSCI REP - **KIMOYA EDWARDS** | ARTSCI REP - **ILHAM RAWJI** | FINE ARTS REP - **DEMI ZALESK** | HEALTH SCI REP - **NOAH WANG** | EDUCATION REP - **VACANT** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - **TEMILOLUWA FASHNA** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OF REP - **BRADLEY PIKE** | CALGARY CAMPUS REP - **PARNEET KAUR** | INDIGENOUS REP - **SHANE MCDUGALL** | INTERNATIONAL REP - **MOYOSOREOUWA OLADOYE** | RESIDENCE REP - **JULIANA FORD** | FIRST-YEAR REP - **FRANCINE TSHILUMBAK**

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:** GENERAL MANAGER - **CHERI POKARNEY** | OPERATIONS COORDINATOR - **VACANT** | COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - **MASON HILL**

**CHAIR:** MARK SEREBRYANSKY | **SCRIBE:** CHERI POKARNEY

**ABSENT:** Shane McDougall

### 1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** (2 minutes) - Mark

Oki and welcome to the sixth 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 October 10, 2024.  
Emi moyo

**MOTION: [23258]**

MSC: E. Mundell/M. Aladoye

Carried

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

**3.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*No minutes at this time.*

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

I hope everyone had a good summer, and that the AGM went well. I apologize for not being able to attend; I was out of town during that time.

Congratulations to the new reps who won the by-election. Please make sure you read the agenda ahead of time for our GA meetings.

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

**5.1 CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS (CASA)**

*Nihma Hussain and Stephin Sathya*

*This presentation was tabled until October 24, 2024.*

**6. REPORTS** (30 minutes)

**6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE** - Yash

- Congratulations to the new reps.
- Attended a lot of committee meetings this month.
- BOG Board Orientation.
- BOG Finance meeting.
- GFC meeting.
- Conference for the Wealth Financial Group.
- Strategic Planning meeting.
- Meliorist Finance and Board meeting.
- Meeting with the Shadow Minister for Advanced Education.
- Attended the retirement party for Nancy Walker.
- Southern Alberta B2B Trade Show Conference.

**6.2 VP STUDENT LIFE** - Yewoe

- AGM meeting.
- Mental Health Week Planning meeting.
- EC meeting with Student Affairs. team.
- Meet and Greet with everyone in Students affairs with GSA.
- Strategic Plan meeting.
- Tabling for Strategic Planning.
- Tabling for Mental Health Week.
- Discussion with Mason on events for Halloweek.

### **6.3 VP ACADEMIC** - *Annie*

- Meeting with Iikaiskini Centre.
- Meeting with the BookStore.
- Met with Jim Booth and Ancillary Services.
- Mental Health Week planning and events.
- Visited the Calgary Campus for NSO.
- Internal meetings
- Academic Quality Assurance Committee meeting.
- EC meetings.
- GFC meeting.
- GFC sub-committee meetings.
- Sitting in for the Education Rep on committees.
- Planning for the academic speaker event.
- Planning Stress-Less Week.
- Set the committee placements from the by-election.

### **6.4 VP EXTERNAL** - *Lulya*

- CASA Policy Committee meeting.
- National Committee meeting.
- E-plenary meeting - CASA.
- Student Affairs meeting.
- Vice chair election.
- Municipal election - I reached out to the candidate, trying to set up an event.
- Meeting with Lethbridge Polytechnic Student Association.

### **6.5 PRESIDENT** - *Maleeka*

- Please read my monthly report about the meetings I have attended.
- I've been connecting with the different MLA's across the province to strengthen our advocacy efforts.
- Upcoming meeting with the Advanced Minister of Education to discuss provincial strategies regarding student housing.
- Meeting with the new Shadow Minister for Advanced Education. We talked about our priorities and chose top issues for students.
- Met with Lethbridge Transit.
- Working on CASA Advocacy week.
- Working on the Strategic Plan, compiling all the data. The survey is going to be launched on October 13th. Please encourage your constituents to do the survey, we need as much data and student engagement as possible.
- I finished the grant application with the city for the Food Bank.

- Setting up a meeting with the Policy Working Group.

**6.6 ARTS AND SCIENCE REPS** - *Alejandro, Angelina, Emi, Jessica, Kimoya, Ilham Rawji*

- Alejandro - GA training, LRC meeting, attended events, Mental Health tabling. Would like A & S to meet up for Trivia night soon this semester. I was asked about conference hosting. I was told that hosting a conference was cumbersome at the university, specifically international hosting.
- Angelina - Helping with MHW planning, attended Strategic Planning meetings, working with Annie and Maleeka on the events for MHW. Tabling for Strategic Plan as well. I haven't received too much feedback for A & S students, but the faculty and staff are very interested in wanting more opportunities to engage with students. Trivia night coming up this semester.
- Emi - Helped out with planning with MHW, also helped out with the tabling. Tabled for Strategic Plan. Attended the U of L Business Corporation info session. AGM, A & S Council meeting, LRC meeting, A & S Executive Committee meeting.
- Kimoya - GA Orientation leadership training, attended Nancy Walker's retirement party, helped with MHW events, helped with NSO and move-in day in September, helped with Fresh Fest, attended A & S Committee meetings.
- Jessica - Helped out with street teaming for FF, GFC meeting, Executive A & S Council meeting and the Executive Council meeting. Helped out with Strategic Planning and tabling for MHW.

**6.7 FINE ARTS REP** - *Demi*

- Attended AGM, Trying to work with different organizations on campus for public art display. Mental Health Week planning, did some sidewalk chalk drawing, it was very well received. I will be collaborating with New Media and Digital Arts to do some kind of immersion display. I've been meeting with LPIRG and supporting their food box distribution initiative. I have been asked to host more Fine Arts events. I'm trying to figure out my capacity to see what I'm able to do as a solo rep.

**6.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP** - *Noah*

*Noah's report will be included before I post the minutes.*

**6.9 EDUCATION REP** - *Vacant*

**6.10 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP** - *Temiloluwa, Bradley Pike*

- Temi - I attended the DSB Council meeting sometime in September, I attended the Mental Health Week and Strategic Planning meeting. I helped table for the MHW and Strategic Planning and also had a meeting yesterday. I have also been having meetings with some people in preparation for my entrepreneur's hub planning.
- Bradley - Will report at the next meeting after the By-Election ratification.

**6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP - Parneet Kaur**

- Will report at the next meeting after the By-Election ratification.

**6.12 INDIGENOUS REP - Shane**

*Absent*

**6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP - Moyosoreoluwa**

- Attended AGM, hosted the International Day Welcome event, thank you Mason and Temi for coming out, we had a councilor taking a tour of the chambers ,volunteered for MHW, Clubs Council, attended Nancy Walker's retirement party, Senate meeting coming up. Meeting with Nanda from the Library for Cultural Week. Spoke with Aiza from Afro-fusion about possibly performing at Culture Week. Culture Week is from November 18-22.

**6.14 RESIDENCE REP - Juliana**

- *Juliana's report will be included when the minutes are posted.*

**6.15 FIRST-YEAR REP - Francine Tshilumba**

- *Francine will report at the next GA meeting once the By-Election has been ratified.*

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

**7.1 BY-ELECTION RATIFICATION - Cheri**

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the By-Election results from the September 19th GA/AGM meeting for the 2024/2025 academic year.

**MOTION: [23259]** MSC: M. Thomas/K. Edwards  
Carried

**7.2 INDIGENOUS REP RESIGNATION - SHANE MCDUGALL - Mark**

BIMT the General Assembly accept the resignation of the Indigenous Representative, Shane McDougall, from his position for the 2024/2025 academic year.

**MOTION: [23260]** MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/M. Oladoye  
Carried

**7.3 LUNCHBOX CONCERT SERIES - ULSU/CKXU - Cheri**

BIMT the General Assembly approves \$2400 to collaborate with CKXU to host eight Lunchbox Concert performances from September 2024-April 2025. Monies to come from Council Events.

**MOTION: [23261]** MSC: E. Mundell/D. Zalesak  
Carried

**7.4 STAGE CLIPS - CONVOCATION - Maleeka/Cheri**

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$4800 for the Stage Clip videos for the Fall Convocation ceremonies. Monies to come from QIP funding.

**MOTION: [23262]** MSC: M. Thomas/K. Edwards  
Carred

**7.5 ACADEMIC SPEAKER - PHIL WIZARD - Annie/Cheri**

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$15,070 to host Phil Wizard as our 2024/2025 academic speaker in January 2025. Monies to come from QIP funding.

**MOTION: [23263]** MSC: A. Ebenmelu/J. Ford  
Carried

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

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

**9.1 PUBLIC ART INITIATIVE – Demi**

I would like to see more art on campus. We don't have enough art on campus, and I want it to be something that everyone feels like they have contributed to, across all faculties. I would like to do some temporary installations; something digital but also something permanent. I would like to incorporate multiple students. We successfully did sidewalk chalk drawings, and I would like to try and do some window painting, particularly during Stress-Less Week. For phase two I would like to do some visual art and

projection mapping somewhere on campus. I would like phase three to include some permanent art on campus whether its photos, a mural, or a painting.

## **9.2 ULSU LEVY REFERENDUM - Maleeka/Cheri**

### **DISCUSSION:**

Annie - A lot of students came up to our table at Mental Health tabling saying that they are starting to notice what the SU is doing. They are beginning to appreciate our advocacy, events, and initiatives.

Ilham: I feel like \$15.00 may be a bit high to ask for the referendum, would we consider assessing \$10.00?

Angelina: I think the \$15.00 is a reasonable amount, is the 5% on top of the CPI? Maleeka said she will discuss with the accountant and verify that information. I think the fee should be reviewed within a certain time frame with GA. Come to review at the AGM in line with our Strategic Plan.

Moyo: Had a similar question about 5%.

Bradley: 5% seems a little high, just wondering where that % came from? Maleeka compared it to other Students' Union fees across the province.

## **9.3 UPASS UPDATE - Maleeka/Cheri**

Maleeka: I met with the union rep for the Lethbridge Transit bus drivers. They are currently on strike due to changes in the bus routes and also their admin. They are starting a coalition to physically protest at city hall, and they want students to be a part of the coalition of protestors. I don't think we choose a side, but our mandate is to always advocate for the students.

A discussion ensued.

Angelina: I think based on the limited amount of information, it doesn't seem like it's up to us to take a stand. Perhaps we need to just make a statement release.

## **10. ADVOCACY UPDATES (0-10 minutes)**

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

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

**12.1 ULSU GARAGE SALE - FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER - Maleeka**

- Please confirm your schedule to see when you are able to assist with the Food Bank Garage Sale. We need everyone to help out.

**12.2 GA ENGAGEMENT**

- There are concerns that some members of the GA are not assisting with any SU events or initiatives. We absolutely need more people to commit to help with SU events. The EC is disappointed that communication is not occurring on slack, and when people commit and they don't show up, it's extremely frustrating. We are all students, we have other jobs, we have classes, but we are all student leaders, and you've committed to this position, so please show up and become engaged.

**12.3 EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE - Angelina**

- I wanted to enquire about the Executive Accountability Committee, concerned that we don't have quorum. I would like to strike up this committee as soon as possible.

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

The next meeting of the General Assembly is October 24th, 2024.

**14. ADJOURNMENT (1 minute)**

**14.1 ADJOURNMENT**

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of October 10, 2024

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.*