

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES

3rd MEETING OF 2019-2020



SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 AT 6:00 PM

ULSU Council Chambers

THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE **STUDENTS' UNION** - 4401 UNIVERSITY DR - RM SU180 - LETHBRIDGE AB, T1K 3M4
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS - 17 VOTING MEMBERS (QUORUM IS 9 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, **IMOGEN POHL** – 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, **JOE BABEY** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **MAYA MANY GREY HORSES** - INDIGENOUS REP, **vacant** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, , **vacant** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **Vacant** – 1ST YEAR REP, **Vacant** – INTERNATIONAL 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, **BRENNAN NIKOLAI-WILSON** - A & S REP, **CAYLEY FLEISCHMAN** - A & S REP, **ETHAN PULLAN** – EDUCATION REP, **PARKER BIJL** - RESIDENCE REP, **HOLLY KLETKE** – FINE ARTS REP, **BRIANNA ROGERS** – HEALTH SCIENCES REP, **JOE BABEY** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **MAYA MANY GREY HORSES** - INDIGENOUS REP, **vacant** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, , **vacant** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **Vacant** – 1ST YEAR REP, **Vacant** – INTERNATIONAL REP.

ABSENT: **IMOGEN POHL** – A & S REP, **SELENA BOUTILIER** - A & S REP.

GUESTS: BY-ELECTION CANDIDATES, MELIORIST PRESENTER, CASEY – FINANCE CLUB.

Andrew gave recognition that we are on Blackfoot territory.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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MOTION [22178GA]	<u>MSC: J. Diaz/J. Miles</u> BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of September 26, 2019. Carried
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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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None at this time – Aug & Sept Minutes will be approved at the October meeting.

3. CHAIR REMARKS

Welcome to the new school year. If you are asking a question please try to raise your hand and say point of information.

Suggestion – when doing an actual debate, you are restricted to speaking two times. Last meeting this didn't happen and the conversation headed into the weeds. I suggest that we set a standard of two questions. Please let me know if you don't like that idea. GA agrees and would prefer to limit the debate.

4. BY-ELECTION (Insert 4)

Candidates

1st Year Student Rep Candidates:

- 1st Year Rep - Fernando A. F. Reis
- 1st Year Rep - Julie Baxter
- **1st Year Rep - Mathieu Lebon- Volia – winning candidate**
- 1st Year Rep - Morgan Paul
- 1st Year Rep - Ziv Corenblum

Dhillon School of Business Rep Candidates:

- Dhillon SoB Rep - Andrew Novello
- Dhillon SoB Rep – Carter Wolske
- **Dhillon SoB Rep - Ismael Nieto – winning candidate**
- **Dhillon SoB Rep - Mark Serebryansky – winning candidate**

International Student Rep:

- International Rep – Nicolás Crespo
- **International Rep – Sandhya Sunuwar – winning candidate**

A. INTRODUCTION

Cheri welcomed the candidates and explained the by-election process and how voting will take place.

B. CANDIDATE SPEECHES

Each Candidate spoke for a maximum of two minutes one faculty/group at a time.

C. Q & A

General Assembly members asked candidates questions pertaining to the position they were running for. Candidates were given one minute or less to answer.

D. DISTRIBUTION OF SECRET BALLOTS FOR VOTING

Cheri distributed the ballots to each voting GA member to privately mark their choices.

E. COLLECTING & COUNTING OF BALLOTS

Cheri collected the ballots. Once this was done, the CRO and the Executive Assistant left the room to count them. The CRO brought the results back to the room announced the winning names, not the vote count.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF BY-ELECTION RESULTS

After the winning candidates were announced, invitations were given to the winning candidates to sit at the GA board table, but won't be voting members until the next GA meeting when the results are ratified. Those candidates who did not secure a spot on the GA were thanked and encouraged to run in the Spring General Elections and to volunteer at ULSU events.

H. RATIFICATION OF RESULTS

The election results will be ratified at the next GA meeting.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

5.1 THE MELIORIST – *Andrew*

Dillon will be presenting the referendum question.

- After going over our finances we felt it was a good idea to go over a levy increase. The levy increase of \$1 was chosen specifically because after going over it with Cheri and the Cash office, it shows that we haven't had a levy increase in a very long time.
- Based the questions off of the ones that CKXU brought forward since we are similar in our organization.

Comments

- March of 2020 is when the referendum will take place. If we tied it to CPI it would go up by \$1 in the fall of 2020, but moving forward in 2021 it will only go up by CPI each year.
- The current levy is \$5. That goes to pay for all staff. The majority of our costs goes toward printing.
- Currently, the university is basing CPI on 2.26%.

5.2 FINANCE CLUB – *Jordan*

Casey

- We have a pretty large event to get funded.
- The competition is in February, in Toronto.
- Every year it brings 55 – 60 schools around the world, and our teams have done very well.
- Some improvements over last year – we have a dedicated team of 8, 4 more than last year. Opening meeting attendance is almost double from last year. We have recruited students who are enrolled in combined degrees. We are starting earlier this year. We have a few other smaller competitions that we are involved with this year. There won't be very little if any cost to those.
- We want to make sure we are well prepared.
- The total amount is about \$8,300.
- The insert has a lot more details of what we are doing.

Comments:

- Is there ability for any student to attend this? Yes.
- There are no extra or hidden fees, this is straight from the prof.

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

- I spoke at a couple of events this month.
- I've been attending a lot of advocacy meetings with Bailey.
- I dropped a puck at one of the sport events.
- Committees are being struck up.
- There are a lot of meetings with students.
- I would like to potentially do a GA photo shoot so we could do some promos.
- Senate is next week. We are meeting with the senior admin for breakfast.
- We are no longer doing a referendum for the health plan. We actually already have the ability to increase the costs of the Health Plan without going to referendum.
- Tentatively- Thursdays at 5 pm

6.2 A. VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Jordan

- I have been attending a lot of meetings.
- I helped with sponsorship.
- I helped with Club Rush Week.
- Legislative Review Committee is being struck up.
- I attended my last Budget Advisory Committee meeting. Our position has been cut from the committee.

B. FINANCIAL UPDATE (Insert 6.2) – Jordan
Jordan gave a financial update.

6.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Ryan

- NSO, new student movement, get involved sessions.
- We sold out Fresh Fest, thanks for all your help.
- We have introduced a new format to Club Rush Week.
- I attended GFC, PSVAC and ADAC.
- I worked with Amy on her proposal for tonight.
- Dirty Bingo is tomorrow night.
- I will be bringing a budget to our next Executive Council meeting for our Halloween cab and the Feed or Famine food drive.

6.4 VP ACADEMIC – Kate

- Committees have started up.

- We had the first life skills workshop, small attendance but great discussion.
- I've been working on other projects, academic speaker and Mental Health Week.

6.5 VP EXTERNAL – Bailey

- I've been busy working on Get out The Vote campaign.
- I've helped out with tabling.
- I helped with Club Rush Week.
- I've been training volunteers.
- I met with Kappa Beta Gama regarding GoTV.
- There is going to be an All Candidates Forum.
- We've had a lot of advocacy meetings and the most notable is David Egan.
- CAUS – I was supposed to go to Edmonton but it's a very short meeting so I will be phoning in.
- We are planning for the budget release and will possibly be going to Edmonton.
- I attended the Arts & Science Council meeting.
- I attended a PSVAC meeting.

6.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 MAILBOX BALLOTS - Cheri

July 26, 2019

FOOD KIOSK MANAGER - (Insert 7.1)

MSC: J. Miles/R. Munn

BIMT the General Assembly approve the addition of a permanent, full-time managerial staff position for the new Students' Union kiosk in the SUB food court as per the business plan from the May 2019 GA meeting.

Carried

Rationale: We are in the process of advertising for the managerial position for the new food kiosk and we will be conducting interviews very soon. According to our policies, if we add a new permanent staff position, we will need to obtain approval from the General Assembly. This scenario is a little different because we aren't just simply adding an additional staff member, as the payroll expense will be offset by the kiosk's revenue. The information regarding the food kiosk, including the staffing info, was included in the overview of the business plan we discussed at the May GA meeting. However, we definitely want to ensure that we are following proper protocol so we are sending out this mailbox ballot to approve of the new position.

7.2 CONFIDENTIALITY - Cheri

Just a reminder. If you haven't already signed a confidentiality agreement please let Cheri know so you can sign one. It is very important that you keep confidentiality now and even after you leave the Students' Union. There could be ramifications, law suits, liabilities etc. Nothing outside of in-camera is allowed to be talked about and Human Resource issues need to remain confidential.

7.3 MEET THE GA DAY – Holly

We would like to have a day where students could come and talk to the GA member who represents them. I was thinking that we could have a forum so they can reach us. The idea is to take place in one single location, or each Rep could be in a location that is central to them. It could take place from 9am to 4pm. The shifts could be posted on line, on facebook or on handouts.

Comments:

- As an Arts and Science Rep, I think it's a great idea.
- We could have a Meet and Greet, panel style. Could have refreshments. They could cross reference to other GA members. A schedule is a good idea.
- Love the idea, it would make sense to have everyone be there as a cluster to be available.
- Love the idea. I would like to put our contact information out there but it's also great to meet face to face. It would be nice if the event could be spread out over three days since people are really busy and most will be able to make it if there is a variety of times.
- This is a great initiative. I would love to see this once per semester. I would like us to be more accessible to the internet world.
- This would be good for election time too so people know what we do.
- Please send Holly an email if you would like to help.

7.4 STUDENT STAFF HIRING - Kate

Marsha Emerson Ord - Advocacy Relations Coordinator
Paige Pamela Hutchinson - Volunteer Coordinator
Muskaan Walia - Club Coordinator

7.5 INTERNAL COMMITTEES - Kate

I will be striking up internal committees, and I will be sending out an email but if you want you can let me know right now which committees you would like to sit on.

7.6 GA REFRESH – Kate

We want to offer opportunity for the GA to feel informed and prepared for the year. It will be happening next Thursday at this time. The time commitment will only be a short hour – hour and a half session.

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

8.1 CLUB RATIFICATION – *Ryan*

If you are part of any of the clubs you are still allowed to vote.

MOTION [22179GA]

MSC: R. Munn/J. Diaz

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

Accounting Club	loveworld campus ministry B.S.G.G
An\$ Entrepreneurs	Model United Nations
Association of Political Science Students	Neurotech
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers	Parks Canada Club
Backstage and Technician Student Society	Pokemon Go Club
Board Ski Surf Club	Psychology Club
Cauldron Club	Public Health Student Association
Craft Club	Student Assoc Political Science
Education Undergraduate Society	Taking Strides Lethbridge
English Students' Society	The Courtyard
FNMI Students' Association	The History Undergraduate Society (THUGS)
Freedom House Campus Fellowship	The Meaning Mastermind
GEEK Club	The Unscripted Theater Society
Global Drums	Theatre Art Society
Human Resource Management Club	Univeristy of Lethbridge Mixed Curling Club
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship	University Catholic Young Adults (UCYA)
Kinesiology & Physical Education Student Society	University of Lethbridge Campus Conservatives
Lethbridge Ismaili Students Association	University of Lethbridge Climbing Club
Lethbridge Lifesavers	University of Lethbridge Dance Team
Let's Get Mental	University of Lethbridge Finance Club
Students for Life	University of Lethbridge Geography Club
Young Artist Collective	University of Lethbridge Zero-Waste Association (ULZWA)
Rotaract	University of Lethbridge Spikeball Club
Cancer Awareness Club	

Carried

8.2 MELIORIST LEVY – *Andrew*

The General Assembly isn't voting on the question, just on the motion to do the referendum.

Comments:

- For the 1st question, it would be nice to know exactly how much the increase is.
- I agree that a clarification in the first question of numbers would be nice.
- The second question, I don't feel that we should be referring to students as stakeholders.
- If you pay the fee, you're a stakeholder.
- It's confusing at the end of the question, it sounds like it reads that it will be increased by \$1 continually.
- We could approve this contingent upon wording changes.

MOTION [22180GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/J. Miles

BIMT the General Assembly postpone indefinitely, the following Meliorist referendum question, until they can come forward with a new motion.

Carried

"BIMT the General Assembly approve the referendum question as proposed by the Meliorist."

The Meliorist would like to a referendum of the student body to tie the Meliorist fee to Consumer Price Index and to account for the last 10 years of inflation increase. The Meliorist has not gotten a fee increase since before 1996. This would dramatically increase the quality of content and benefits for students.

1. For continued sustainability of the The Meliorist Publishing Society, do you authorize the University of Lethbridge Students' Union to tie the Meliorist levy it collects to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as determined by Statistics Canada, using 2014 as the base year, in order to account for annual inflation/deflation?
2. In order to better provide for The Meliorist Publishing Society, of which all students of the University of Lethbridge are the primary stakeholders, do you agree to increase the Meliorist Levy by \$1.00 (ONE dollar) per student per semester?

8.3 QIP – FINANCE CLUB (Insert 8.3) – *Jordan*

Comments:

- Weary about approving this, it's a very high cost out of the budget. There will be a lot of other groups requesting the funds.
- Not in favour of this – its only benefiting 5 students for such a high cost.
- It's a lot of money for a very few students.
- The proposal is for a professor to go too, who isn't even a student.
- Usually clubs will do fundraising but didn't see that this was the case.

MOTION FAILED

MOTION [22181GA]

MSF: J. Miles/R. Munn

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$8300 for the Finance Club to Attend the Rotman Interactive Trading Competition. Monies to come from QIP - Conference Grants.

FAILED

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

9.1 QIP - ACADEMIC SPEAKER (Insert 9.1) – *Kate*

MOTION [22182GA]

MSC: K. Potts/R. Munn

BITM the general assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$9,642 for the 2019/2020 Academic Speaker Series. Monies to come from QIP Academic Speaker Series.
Carried

9.2 ZOO TV (Insert 9.2) – *Cheri*

GA approved the amended the motion to read \$575 to replace one TV instead of two. This one is on a pillar facing a booth. Shawn said he isn't going to replace the 2nd one so we can save a little bit of money.

MOTION [22183GA]

MSC: R. Munn/B. Harray

BIMT the GA approve \$575 to purchase one TV to replace the broken TV in the Zoo. Monies to come from Capital Replace Fund (CRF).
Carried

9.3 DRAFT BEER COMPRESSOR – *Cheri*

The draft beer compressor broke ten days ago, it was an emergency situation so we had to go ahead and replace it.

MOTION [22184GA]

MSC: A. Gammack/C. Fleischman

BIMT the GA approve \$666.75 for an emergency replacement of our draft beer compressor for the Zoo. Monies to come from CRF
Carried

9.4 BALLROOM LINENS – Cheri

The linens are to replace the round tablecloths and napkins. We had a big event and the zoo staff put all of the dirty linens in the garbage bags, the caretaking threw them away. From now on the dirty linens will be going into a large blue bin and not into garbage bags.

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
90" round black tablecloth	\$39.95	25	\$998.75
Cloth napkins	\$2.45	200	\$490.00
Delivery fee	\$100		\$100
			\$1588.75
		GST	\$79.44
		TOTAL	\$1668.19

MOTION [22185GA]

MSC: J. Diaz/R. Munn

BIMT the General Assembly approve a maximum expenditure of \$1668.19 to purchase new linens for catering. Monies to come from Capital Replacement Fund.

Carried

9.5 LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX (Insert 9.6) – Amy

ORS has approved \$484 as well so we can do a combined event. It will be peer-to-peer about consent boundaries. A lot of encounters occur within 6-8weeks of the beginning of classes.

Will there be discussion about sexual violence against LGBTQ too?

Amy will be sending out an email to GA members who want to help plan and we can include that in it.

MOTION [22186GA]

MSC: A. Lambert/A. Gammack

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$484 to the event "Let's Talk About Sex" during Sexual Violence Awareness Week. Monies to come from Council Events.

Carried

9.6 NIGHT MANAGER FOR THE ZOO – Cheri

Over the last ten years we have had other full-time staff, this is just to approve a permanent night manager to help Shawn. This isn't a new position but has evolved into what it is now.

MOTION [22187GA]

MSC: P. Bijl/C. Fleischman

BIMT the General Assembly approve the position of a full time night manager for the Zoo.

Carried

9.7 HEALTH PLAN FEE INCREASE

We have the ability to make a decision such as this. It will help to cover mental health. A portion of it will help provide long term stability. The bolded part of the 1993 referendum is what pertains to us now.

1993 Referendum Question that had passed:

*"Are you in favour of the Students' Union, University of Lethbridge participating in a Health Care Plan, as detailed following, at a cost of \$120.68 per year per student, such amount to be added to the Students' Union fees unless alternate coverage is demonstrated? **This fee is subject to adjustments from time to time to cover premium and administrative cost, and adjustments to the plan design which are approved by Students' Union Council**"?*

MOTION [22188GA]

MSC: A. Gammack/P. Bijl

BIMT General Assembly approve a \$30 increase to the Health Plan as per the 1993 referendum, to take effect in the Fall of 2020 semester.

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

We would like all GA members to attend the All-Candidates Forum. If you attend you can count the two hours toward your monthly hours. You can just go and listen to their speeches. You don't have to help with anything.

11. NEXT MEETING

TBD

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22189GA]

MSC: R. Munn/B. Rogers

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of September 26, 2019.

Carried