

# ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

## AGENDA

May 22, 2024 | 5:00PM MST

MEETING #1 | 2024-2025

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

ZOOM: <https://ulsu-ca.zoom.us/j/84175409715?pwd=XOdxkoja9Cmx8pClijc5KlbxK09CXK.1>

**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 - **VACANT** | FINE ARTS REP - **DEMI ZALESAK** | HEALTH SCI REP - **NOAH WANG** | EDUCATION REP - **VACANT** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - **TEMILOLUWA FASHNA** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OF REP - **VACANT** | CALGARY CAMPUS REP - **DEVARSH PATEL** | INDIGENOUS REP - **SHANE MCDUGALL** | INTERNATIONAL REP - **MOYOSOREOUWA OLADOYE** | RESIDENCE REP - **JULIANA FORD** | FIRST-YEAR REP - **VACANT**

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

**CHAIR:** MARK SEREBRYANSKY - **SCRIBE:** RACHELE PRESTON – [su.execadmin@uleth.ca](mailto:su.execadmin@uleth.ca)

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

Oki and welcome to the first 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 May 22, 2024.

**MOTION [23209]** MSC: A. Ebenmelu/D. Zalesak

*Carried*

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

#### **3.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

BIMT the General Assembly minutes from the following meetings:  
*No minutes at this time.*

### **4. CHAIR APPOINTMENT** - *Maleeka*

BIMT the General Assembly ratify Mark Serebryansky as Chair of the 2024-2025 ULSU General Assembly.

**MOTION [23210]** MSC: L. Michael/E. Mundell  
*Carried*

#### **NOTE: MAILBOX BALLOT**

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the ULSU annual financial audit and statements for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

**MOTION [23211]** MSC: M. Thomas/Y. Sackey-Forson  
*Carried*

### **5. CHAIR REMARKS** (2 minutes) – *Mark*

- Thank you for appointing me chair
- Very excited, for all of the important work

### **6. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL** (10 minutes)

#### **6.1 MULTI SPORTS DOME** – *Bill Halma*

- Increase capacity in our existing gymnasium, will remove track and field training, soccer and rugby practices to the dome. Two things to focus on, such as the turf (soccer, football, etc) and other indoor activities (cricket, flag football etc). Will also have two basketball courts as well. Concurrent usage of the dome and the existing gymnasium space.
- Lots of community groups want to use the space, would like to see intramural type activities to grow within the dome usage.
- Fine Arts usage: this is really unique using a loan for a capital project that frees up capital dollars for the university to use
- The dome will be beneficial for our own teams and external people who view the university as well

- Academics can go on in the space, but it is not designed or planned for that
- Gymnasium may not be closed, but they are at capacity and they are full
- The idea will be to program usage times for bookings of various sorts as well as open times for student usage. Concurrent usage will allow students greater utilization more frequently than they currently do
- University memberships will provide access to both the dome and the center for sport and wellness, drop in fees and rental options will also be available
- A mix of usage in “prime time” versus not “prime time” that will dictate who will get to use the dome (community versus students)
- Trying to move away from current single use model
- There will be no fee increase, other than the standard CPI increase for the next two years(2025-2026 and 2026-2027), guaranteed by Nancy Walker
- Utilizing zero dollars from the operational side of the University’s budget. Will be utilizing community dollars to pay back that loan on a year after year basis.
- Business model is focusing on the rental of prime time usage in October to end of April time period, with a very narrow window to generate that revenue
- Around North America, there are domes that are approaching 25-30 years
- Domes are just as safe as a normal building, is engineered to the specifications to what the environment is. The dome itself will be very resilient to our environment. The chances of it coming down are very slim

## **7. REPORTS (30 minutes)**

### *Tabled Reports*

**7.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE** - *Yash*

**7.2 VP STUDENT LIFE** - *Yewoe*

**7.3 VP ACADEMIC** - *Annie*

**7.4 VP EXTERNAL** - *Lulya*

**7.5 PRESIDENT** - *Maleeka*

**7.6 ARTS AND SCIENCE REPS** - *Alejandro, Angelina, Emi, Jessica, Kimoya,*

*Vacant*

**7.7 FINE ARTS REP** - *Demi*

**7.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP** - *Noah*

**7.9 EDUCATION REP** - *Vacant*

**7.10 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REPS** - *Temiloluwa, Vacant*

**7.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP** - *Devarsh*

**7.12 INDIGENOUS REP** - *Shane*

- 7.13 **INTERNATIONAL REP** - *Moyosoreoluwa*
- 7.14 **RESIDENCE REP** - *Juliana*
- 7.15 **FIRST-YEAR REP** - *Vacant*

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

**8.1 ULSU OPERATIONS MANUAL** - *Cheri/Maleeka*

BIMT the General Assembly approve the amended ULSU Operations Manual.

**MOTION [23212]** MSC: A. Ebenmelu/Y. Dixit

*Carried*

**8.2 ULSU ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET** - *Cheri/Yash*

BIMT the General Assembly approve the annual operating budget for the 2024-2025 academic year.

**MOTION [23213]** MSC: M. Thomas/J. Ford

*Carried*

**8.3 FREST FEST 2024 BUDGET** - *Cheri/Yewoe*

BIMT the General Assembly approve the annual Fresh Fest budget for the 2024-2025 academic year.

**MOTION [23214]** MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/A. Ebenmelu

*Carried*

**8.4 ANNUAL TRAVEL BUDGET** - *Cheri/Maleeka*

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$45,000 for travel expenditures to be used in the 2024-2025 school year. Monies to come from the All Travel Conference/Per Diem budget line.

**MOTION [23215]** MSC: Y. Dixit/K. Edwards

*Carried*

**8.5 CASA FOUNDATIONS CONFERENCE** - *Maleeka/Lulya*

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$8005.29 to send Maleeka Thomas and Lulya Michael to the CASA Foundations Conference in Ottawa, ON. Monies to come from the Travel and Conference budget line.

**MOTION [23216]** MSC: D. Zalesak/M. Thomas

*Carried*

### **8.6 CAUS CHANGEOVER** - *Maleeka/Lulya*

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$2996.79 to send Maleeka Thomas, Lulya Michael and Rachele Preston to the CAUS Changeover Conference in Canmore. Monies to come from the Travel and Conference budget line.

**MOTION [23217]** MSC: A. Ebenmelu/Y. Dixit

*Carried*

### **8.7 COCA CONFERENCE** - *Yewoe*

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$4729.00 to send Yewoe Sackey-Forson to the COCA Conference in Windsor, ON. Monies to come from the Travel and Conference budget line.

**MOTION [23218]** MSC: M. Thomas/Y. Dixit

*Carried*

### **8.8 ULSU APPAREL** - *Cheri*

This is an annual expense where each Council Member and permanent staff receives \$50 toward a ULSU branded jacket, sweater, or swag of your choice to wear throughout the year. We would like to order the items in time for you to have them for September and you can get your name and position embroidered on them. A link to the catalogue will be emailed to everyone. There are 22 council members including the chair, plus 10 staff members.

\$50 x 32 = \$1600

+ \$160 (10% contingency)

= \$1760 (total)

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$1760 for ULSU branded apparel at a maximum of \$50 each for each council member and permanent ULSU staff. Monies to come from Council Advertising and Promotions.

**MOTION [23219]** MSC: E. Mundell/Y. Dixit

*Carried*

### **8.9 ULSU GENERAL SWAG ORDER** - *Cheri*

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$10,000 for ULSU swag. Monies to come from Council Promotions.

**MOTION [23220]** MSC: A. Ebenmelu/Y. Dixit

*Carried*

#### **8.10 UNION EATS - CAPITAL REPLACEMENT FUND - Cheri**

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$30,188 to support the opening and operations of the Union Eats Kiosk. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

**MOTION [23221]** MSC: J. Sumbera/Y. Dixit  
*Carried*

#### **8.11 ULSU CALENDARS - Max**

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$7000 for 1500 event calendars. Monies to come from the Calendar Budget line.

**MOTION [23222]** MSC: A. Ebenmelu/Y. Dixit  
*Carried*

#### **8.12 ULSU HANDBOOK - Max**

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$12,000 for 1500 agendas. Monies to come from the Handbook Budget line.

**MOTION [23223]** MSC: E. Mundell/M. Oladoye  
*Carried*

#### **8.13 SPRING CONVOCATION 2024 VIDEO - Maleeka**

- Trying it for the Spring convocation, if successful, the ULAA will take over the costs moving forward.

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$4800 for Stage Clip videos for the Spring Convocation 2024 ceremonies. Monies to come from the QIP budget line.

**MOTION [23224]** MSC: M. Oladoye/E. Mundell  
*Carried*

#### **8.14 PRIDE MONTH – Cheri**

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$2390 for Pride Month activities. Monies to come from the QIP budget line.

**MOTION [23225]** MSC: D. Zalesak/J. Ford  
*Carried*

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

## 10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (10 minutes)

### 10.1 BILL 18 – *Maleeka*

- The Premier has tabled Bill 18, which proposes that we operate on a model similar to Quebec in regards to federal funding. Quebec's model does not include post-secondary funding and research funding. Alberta's includes PSI. There are concerns around how this bill will impact funding opportunities for students and PSIs.
- GFC voted to release a statement and a call to action, to as Minister Sawhney to exclude post-secondary education from Bill 18.

### 10.2 SOLIDARITY STATEMENT - *Maleeka*

- The ULSU put out a statement about the protests that took place on the University of Calgary and University of Alberta campuses. Regarding the encampment and students calling on admin to disclose their investments.
- University of Calgary and University of Alberta administration called on law enforcement to physically remove students from campuses
- What does trespassing look like and mean on post-secondary institutions?
- Police brutality on students is something that the Executive Council does not agree with
- ULFA is hoping to put a statement out as well, and partner with the ULSU. Want to call on the admin to remember to protect the charter rights of students and faculty members, as well as the collective agreement

## 11. ADVOCACY UPDATES

- Moyo working on collaboration with the City, scheduled a meeting with Crystal Amies and Sarah Scheit and brought up various ideas. They are in favour of having students involved to tell them about the city.
- Noah is in discussion around bringing the ability to do the NCLEX testing in Lethbridge. The Faculty of Health Sciences Dean is on board, needs buy in from the nursing groups on both the college and the university before bringing it forward
- Executive Council has met and discussed priorities stemming from retreat and have had those priorities reflected at both CAUS and CASA.

## 12. IN-CAMERA - (0-30 minutes)

Any business discussed while in-camera is privileged and confidential. Any discussion will not be recorded, however motions made in-camera will be

noted. If you are attending virtually, please ensure you are in a private location or that you are using a headset that ensures privacy and confidentiality are maintained. No business discussed in-camera is to be discussed once the motion is passed to move ex-camera.

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

- Robert's Rules refresh before Fall semester

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

The next meeting of the General Assembly will be TBD.

**15. ADJOURNMENT** *(1 minute)*

**15.1 ADJOURNMENT**

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of May 22, 2024.