

ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

MINUTES

August 21, 2023 | 6:00 PM MST

MEETING #4 | 2022-2023

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

ZOOM: <https://ulsu-ca.zoom.us/j/84129390236?pwd=a21pUVFnNWZ0YXBXMWpmS3JFbzZBdz09>

VOTING MEMBERS: PRESIDENT - **MALEEKA THOMAS** | VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - **RIKIN PATEL** | VP STUDENT LIFE - **YEWOE SACKY-FORSON** | VP ACADEMIC - **BRITTANY ALLEN** | 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 - **VIDHISHA WAGLE** | FINE ARTS REP - **MASON HILL** | HEALTH SCI REP - **LEO OCHIENG** | EDUCATION REP - **MARIA MONTESINOS** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - **ANKIT MUKHERJEE** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OF REP - **TAKREEM GHOURI** | CALGARY CAMPUS REP - **TEJASWANI KHURANA** | INDIGENOUS REP - **FOSTER WRIGHT** | INTERNATIONAL REP - **ANNIE EBENMELU** | RESIDENCE REP - **TYLER ANDERSEN** | FIRST-YEAR REP - **TBD - BY-ELECTION IN SEPTEMBER**

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

CHAIR: ROYAL ADKIN - **SCRIBE:** YEWOE SACKY-FORSON

ABSENT: Cheri Pokarney, Elisha Wong, Takreem Ghouri, Tejaswani Khurana

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

Oki and welcome to the 4th 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 August 21st, 2023.

MOTION: [23114] MSC:

Carried

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (1 minute)

3.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

No minutes at this time.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL (10 minutes)

5.1 SYN BIO CLUB QIP PROPOSAL - I GEM CONFERENCE

6. REPORTS (30 minutes)

6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - *Rikin*

- Prep for NSO and first day of classes.
- EC Retreat and prep.
- Meeting with Courtney regarding training.
- Processing emergency grants.
- We had our EC HR training.

6.2 VP STUDENT LIFE - *Yewoe*

- Please see monthly report online

6.3 VP ACADEMIC - *Brittany*

- Two-day conference for Post-Secondary Mental Health.
- Reached out to Counseling Services to see how students are engaged.
- Interviews for the Academic Support Coordinator. I have now hired someone.
- Textbook Broke Campaign. I'm contacting other universities for their input.

6.4 VP EXTERNAL - *Rachele*

- Attended CAUS Conference.
- Attended CASA Conference.
- Housing survey.
- Sexual and Gender Violence - working with other schools.
- Federal Get Out the Vote.
- Helped to write materials for prep for lobbying.

6.5 PRESIDENT - *Maleeka*

- Working on the logistics on what our year will look like with a strategic plan.
- Planning NSO meeting with university stakeholders.
- Student Support Services meeting.

- CAUS Conference.
- CASA Conference.
- Policy Strat meetings to discuss affordable food and housing. There is a housing crisis around the country.
- Meeting with stakeholders from the City of Lethbridge.
- Collected documents with updates on our food bank usage and the number of students applying for emergency grants.
- Meeting with Parking Services and Campus Mobility.

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

- Elisha - N/A
- Justin - Nothing new to report, but I did receive an invite for a meeting with the deans.
- Jonah - Nothing to report at this time.
- Wezi - Finalized the Club Collaboration Series.
- Raven - Absent
- Vidhisha - Created a social account in order to talk about initiatives with our constituents and to obtain student info.

6.7 FINE ARTS REP - *Mason*

- Waiting for confirmation for a meeting, but nothing new to report at this time.

6.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP - *Leo Ochieng*

- Helping with the Nursing NSO.
- Will be attending an EDI Conference in October.
- Meeting with the Deans.

6.9 EDUCATION REP - *Maria Montesinos*

- I have meetings scheduled for September.
- PSI Orientation.
- Transition with Rachele.
- Meeting with the Faculty of Education.

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

- Ankit - Grade appeal meeting. Working on an initiative with the Arts and Science Reps.
- Takreem - Absent

6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP - *Tejaswani*

- Absent

6.12 INDIGENOUS REP - *Foster*

- Indigenous Relations Committee meeting.
- Meeting with Jodie Flamand.
- Meeting with Bobbi.
- This Friday I will be giving a presentation at CAUS.

6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP - Annie

- Working on Culture Week.
- Talking with the International Centre on how to assist with NSO.

6.14 RESIDENCE REP - Tyler

- I'm trying to make sure that initiatives are connection based and wellness orientated. Working on making things more cohesive on campus.

6.15 FIRST-YEAR REP - Vacant

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

7.1 DISHWARE FOR THE ZOO - Cheri

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$2654.45 to purchase new dishware for the Zoo. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

Brit - Approximately every 5 years we have to replace the dishware because they get stolen or broken.

MOTION: [23115] MSC: R. Patel/Y. Sackey-Forson
Carried

7.2 FRESH FEST VOLUNTEER TUITION PRIZE - Maleeka

BIMT the General Assembly approve a maximum amount of \$2130.42 for a Fresh Fest volunteer incentive award prize. Monies to come from the Fresh Fest budget line.

Maleeka - we are trying to get more volunteers for FF because it's a bigger event, and this will be a good incentive to sign up. This is our grand prize based on the amount of hours a student volunteers. This will include our international students making this fair and equitable.

Ankit - If a domestic student wins, are there three prizes? No, just one.

Foster - How does this help with the people who don't need the full funding?

Rikin - The amount is the maximum we will pay for the class.

Justin - Are there any smaller consolation prizes?

MOTION: [23116] MSC: M. Thomas/R. Patel
Carried

7.3 FORMAL COMPLAINT COMMITTEE - Maleeka/Brittany

BIMT the General Assembly approve of the Students' Union to strike up a new committee titled the "Formal Complaint Committee".

This is a way for us to meet to discuss any formal complaints submitted. It will be a small committee with three EC members, two GA members and a staff person as a resource. The Chair of the GA would be the Chair of the committee because they would have no ties and would remain impartial.

MOTION: [23117] MSC: B. Allen/R. Preston
Carried

7.4 MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS COMMITTEE - Brittany

BIMT the General Assembly approve of of the Students' Union to strike up a new committee titled the "Mental Health Wellness Committee."

Mental Health is under my portfolio and we will be doing a Mental Health Week and a Stress-Less Week. However, I am unable to do all the logistics myself so I thought it would be helpful to have a committee to assist with the planning.

MOTION: [23118] MSC: R. Preston/M. Thomas
Carried

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

8.1 QIP PROPOSAL - IGEN

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$12,000 to send the SynBio Club to an annual conference in Paris, France in the fall of 2023. Monies to come from QIP Funding.

Rikin - suggesting we approve \$8000 instead of \$12,000 as QIP hasn't increased over the last few years.

Maleeka - QIP is one-time funding

Raven - How would the budget look if we approve it?

Annie - Wants to check the budgets to see remaining funds available.

Rachel - Suggests amending to \$8000

BIMT the General Assembly amend the dollar amount from \$12,000 to \$8000.

MOTION: [23119] MSC: M. Thomas/R. Patel
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$8,000 to send the SynBio Club to an annual conference in Paris, France in the fall of 2023. Monies to come from QIP Funding.

MOTION: [23120] MSC: R. Preston/R Patel

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Abstention: Elisha Wong

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION *(10 minutes)*

9.1 STUDENT SUPPORT APP - *Maleeka*

In 2022 we held a referendum for students to have access to 5 different apps. Grammarly was one of those apps. However, Student Support has said that Grammarly is no longer available, but they have provided a relevant substitute. We are going to have a marketing campaign to help to get the word out to students on how to access these apps.

10. 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.

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

Maleeka - we have created new emails for all GA members that are specific to your positions. You will no longer have to use your personal emails to communicate with your constituents. This will help with communications and continuity.

12. NEXT MEETING *(1 minute)*

13. ADJOURNMENT *(1 minute)*

13.1 ADJOURNMENT

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of August 21st, 2023.

MOTION: [23121] MSC: A. Mukherjee/R. Wright

Carried