

# ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

## MINUTES

**February 13, 2024 | 5:00 PM MST**

MEETING #12 | 2023-2024

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

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**VOTING MEMBERS:** PRESIDENT - **MALEEKA THOMAS** | VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - **RIKIN PATEL** | VP STUDENT LIFE - **YEWOE SACKY-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:** Maleeka Thomas - **SCRIBE:** CHERI POKARNEY [-su.manager@uleth.ca](mailto:su.manager@uleth.ca)

**ABSENT:** Royal Adkin, Tejaswani Khurana, Jonah Pickle

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

Oki and welcome to the 12th 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 February 13, 2024.

**MOTION: [23173]** MSC: R. Preston/R. Huery  
Carried

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

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

No minutes at this time.

### **4. CHAIR REMARKS (2 minutes) - Maleeka**

- No remarks at this time.

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

#### **5.1 U of L BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION - Miriam Ngungkpan**

- We were asking for \$10,000, but we are okay with receiving only \$7000. We realize we may have to rely on other sources outside of the QIP grant.
- There have not been prior QIP grants submitted by our organization.

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

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

- GFC meeting.
- Meeting with all of the LRC members for one-on-ones.
- Attended Meliorist Board meeting.
- Working with various clubs, groups and individuals on grant applications.
- Meeting with our Health and Dental plan providers for an update on our statistics year-to-date.

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

- Black History month has started. Kick-off in the Science Commons and then a cabaret to follow.
- Trying to plan Sexy Week.
- Meeting with the individual who has taken over the Rec Rooms.
- Participating in Sexy Week events.

#### **6.3 VP ACADEMIC -- Foster**

- GFC meeting.
- Academic Strategic Planning meeting with Digvir and Leroy.
- Working on the last finishing touches of IAW.
- Indigenous movie night coming up this week hosted by All My Relations.

#### **6.4 VP EXTERNAL - Rachele**

- CAUS Board Meeting
- CASA E-Plenary
- Weekly EC Meetings
- Housing Working Group
- GFC Prep and GFC
- SSSO/CAUS/ASEC meeting re: Mental Health Advocacy

- CAUS Policy Committee
- CAUS Indigenization Committee
- Nimbus Meeting
- EC Shadow meetings

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

- CAUS Board meeting.
- CASA E-plenary.
- Senate Volunteer Committee meeting.
- Senate Executive meeting.
- Black History month Kick-off.
- Housing Working Group meeting.
- Student Leader meeting with Kathleen, Natasha, Student Affairs Team and the GSA.
- Meeting with Kathleen about acquiring an email listserv.
- Meeting with new reps.
- GFC prep meeting and actual meeting.
- Attended a Board Governance meeting.
- Black History Month discussion .
- CASA Board meeting.
- Planning for Sexy week
- Alumni Association meeting.
- Senate.
- Senate night on the weekend.
- CCC meeting.
- Play date walk-through for upcoming event. We need 16 volunteers.
- Mid-Year review for our Health and Dental program.
- Two student grade appeal meetings.

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

- Elisha - Absent
- Justin - I had to leave my positions on the committees I'm on because I'm doing a full-time co-op.
- Jonah - Absent
- Wezi - Met with Rikin to discuss LRC matters. Attended the A & S Council meeting.
- Raven - Volunteered at the paper airplane contest for Stress Less, Housing Working Group meeting, volunteered for feedback for the Strategic planning committee, meeting today with the food bank referendum group.
- Jessica - A & S Council meeting, talked to Shawn about an A & S curriculum meeting. Shawn is the curriculum dean.

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

- Fine Arts Link this Friday, working on collaboration with the Fine Arts department for our events. Helped with the Paper Plane event, met with the dean regarding student engagement .

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

- Following up with an Alberta Health Care providers group. Planning a Health Science get-together in March, met with Rikin to discuss LRC policies. Contacted Q-Space to book a meeting. Ran into the people from Imaginus in Calgary. Meeting with SAIT to discuss housing issues. There is a when-to meet out there for our next EDI meeting.

**6.9 EDUCATION REP** - *Vacant*

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

- Ankit - GFC, GFC prep, housing group, DSB Council.
- Moyo - Volunteered with the strat plan engagement. I will be available for the play day, attending a two day conference for DSB.

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

*Absent*

**6.12 INDIGENOUS REP** - *Vacant*

**6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP** - *Annie*

- Volunteered for a stress-less week snack station. Helped with the Bob Ross Paint night. Housing working group meeting, GFC prep meeting. Faculty GFC meeting, GFC meeting. Senate meeting. Food bank campaign meeting. International students are concerned with how their education is going to move forward. If the International Centre doesn't know what to do I don't know what is going to happen. Maleeka - Micheele Helstein is meeting with the provincial government about the attestation letters. It's a topic of discussion for CAUS tomorrow. We will see what we can do at a student level. At this time if you get students who are worried, direct them to Michelle or Kathleen.

**6.14 RESIDENCE REP** - *Tyler*

- Participated in the GFC meeting and the GFC meeting.
- Had my first event of the semester with the ORS Cabaret.
- ORS Council meeting, acting as chair.
- Working on planning my next event for a Mario Kart tournament.
- Working on setting up a meeting with Maleeka and other delegates from the SU about sustainability for future ORS events.

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

- Stress less was fun, and helped out at the paper airplane contest.
- Housing Working gGroup meeting.
- Senate meeting.
- Will be attending my regular committee meetings.

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

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

**8.1 ULBSA QIP FUNDING**

- Yewoe - I don't think we should give them the full amount they are requesting. Perhaps they don't realize that the SU doesn't have enough funding left this time of year.
- Mason - I looked at their proposal but it says it's already happened?
- Maleeka said it's now for March.
- Justin - Wondering how us as the ULSU would respond to people saying that \$10,000 was given just for a black student event? It's a lot of money. How would other students be included in that dinner? This is going to a particular group of students.
- Yewoe - When you say it's just for black students, it's actually not, it's open to the public.
- Rikin - this event is open to anyone. On the flip side I agree that we should not be funding the whole amount.
- Rachele - \$10,000 is out of question for us to pay this. We represent a lot of students and we haven't put on an event from the SU with as much money as that besides fresh fest.
- Ankit - Considering that they want an amount of money that we do not have, I think it would just make sense to table this motion.
- Yewoe - tabling this motion is not really a good idea because they did say that they budgeted in the case that we don't give them any funds. If we table it, it would be too close to their event.
- Raven - I've been looking at their application and there are a few discrepancies. The budget that they have listed is \$12,000. Is the budget 12 grand or 22 grand? I'm trying to remember last year's event, not sure if they were selling tickets for this event.
- Mason - perhaps we should only give them 7500.
- Cheri - perhaps we could help them find alternative funding, or slashing of their budget.
- Maleeka - I'm open to meeting with them to discuss other options. I met with them and Martha to discuss a Black History Month showcase.

**MOTION: [23174]**

MSC: R. Preston/R. Huery

BIMT the General Assembly amend the motion to \$5000.

**MOTION: [23175]**

MSC: M. Hill/R. Huery

Motion Failed

Abstention: E. Wong

BIMT the General Assembly move to table this motion until further discussion with the ULBSA.

**MOTION: [23176]**

MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/A. Ebenmelu

Carried

Abstention: E. Wong

One opposed: Anonymous

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

- Leo - I'm looking at the EDI Committee this year, I'm trying to get in touch with as many groups as I can on campus. I'm hoping to have more collaboration with Q-Space.
- Rachele - the SU will officially have access to all undergraduate list-servs.
- Mason - speaking with the dean of fine arts about a program planning guides. There is some interest about hiring someone to take videos regarding these guides.
- Ankit - the DSB Council and a Dean report indicated that they talked about International students not having adequate language requirements, so they are looking at having professors to identify those students and send them to advising. Looking at having to increase the language requirements.
- Maleeka - the Housing Group has a campaign coming. We are hoping to get feedback from students in order to obtain feedback for the University. The Food Bank working group had a meeting regarding the referendum for Feed and friend.

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

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

- Rachele - We need volunteers for Dirty Bingo.

- Annie - it's Black History Month. Black history is all throughout the year, not just in the month of February. There was a comment made in slack that was considered to be a joke, and I do not think it was appropriate. Please take more time to consider your words before you communicate to others. Jokes are not appropriate, there are ways to say things that are not harmful or offensive.
- Foster - I want to apologize to the group about a comment I made with racial terminology behind it. I would like to apologize to everyone.
- Mason - I'm on the Students' union website, and there is no update on the site about our elections. There is nothing on the current election on our page. Max will update it immediately.

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

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

**14.1 ADJOURNMENT**

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of February 13, 2024.

**MOTION: [23177]**

MSC: A. Mukherjee/R. Huery

Carried