

ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

MINUTES

January 30, 2024 | 5:00 PM MST

MEETING #11 | 2023-2024

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

ZOOM: <https://ulsu-ca.zoom.us/j/84129390236?pwd=a21pUVFnNWZOYXBXMWpmS3JFbzZBdz09>

VOTING MEMBERS: PRESIDENT - **MALEEKA THOMAS** | VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - **RIKIN PATEL** | VP STUDENT LIFE - **YEWOE SACKY-FORSON** | VP ACADEMIC - ELECT - **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: ROYAL ADKIN - **SCRIBE:** CHERI POKARNEY -su.manager@uleth.ca

ABSENT: Annie Ebenmelu, Justin Ma, Tejaswani Khurana

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

Oki and welcome to the 11th 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 Jan. 30th, 2024.

MOTION: [23165] MSC: T. Andersen/R. Preston
Carried

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

3.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes from the following meetings:

November 29, 2023

December 6, 2023

MOTION: [23166] MSC: R. Huery/Y. Sackey-Forson
Carried

4. CHAIR REMARKS (2 minutes) - Royal

These expedited meetings are great to keep up with the demands placed on us by the student body, especially during the Stress-Less Week. Unfortunately the academic speaker was canceled this week.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL (10 minutes)

5.1 CLIMBING CLUB - QIP FUNDING

- Our application is for our annual event Boulder fest.
- Boulder fest is a scramble format. We find it is very good for community engagement.
- Boulderfest is a great way to bring people together.
- We require several setters to oversee the climbing.
- This sport is not a dangerous sport, it's accessible and dynamic.
- We have several businesses who are sponsoring us, but it doesn't quite cover all of the costs of the events.
- This is the third year in a row that we have hosted this event.
- We are currently in the works of brainstorming other ideas for continued fund raising for future events.

6. REPORTS (30 minutes)

6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - Rikin

- Meliorist Board meeting.
- Virtually attended the CAUS Counterparts meetings.
- Planning for Stress-Less Week and Sexy Week.

6.2 VP STUDENT LIFE - Yewoe

- Student Awards Committee meeting.
- Stress-Less planning.
- CAUS Counterparts meeting.
- Sexy week planning.

- BHM planning.
- Connections Cafe was well received today.

6.3 VP ACADEMIC - *Foster*

- Getting acquainted with the role.
- CAUS Counterparts conference.
- Working with likaisskini to finish the final details for IAW.

6.4 VP EXTERNAL - *Rachele*

- Youth Advisory Council.
- Academic Quality Assurance meeting.
- CAUS Counterparts Conference.
- Meeting with the Policy Analyst about the ...textbook campaign.
- Indigenization Committee with CAUS.
- EC meeting.
- One-on One with CAUS Executive Director.
- Working on Stress-Less details.

6.5 PRESIDENT - *Maleeka*

- CAUS Counterparts.
- Still working on wrapping up the Copyright Campaign.
- School of Liberal Education Council meeting.
- Finished up the writings for the strategic plan for CASA.
- New student meeting.
- Food Insecurity meeting.
- VP Operations job search continues.
- Curriculum meeting.
- Strat Planning Committee meeting.
- CASA EDI Committee.
- Sexy Week.
- BHM.
- Meeting with Courtney Smith.
- Meeting with Tejaswani about initiatives on the Calgary Campus
- GFC meeting

6.6 ARTS AND SCIENCE REPS - *Elisha, Justin, Jonah, Wezi, Raven, Jessica (Elect)*

- Elisha - Volunteered for Dirty Bingo last Friday, attended a Clubs Council meeting, Wezi and I are talking about having an event for the A & S Faculty and students, volunteering for Stress-Less Week, Connections Cafe.
- Justin - Absent
- Jonah - Meeting with Jennifer Copeland about grading for last semester.
- Wezi - May want to do a Clubs Calendar, trying to organize a finance session, Dirty Bingo, and Clubs Council, Stress-Less week.
- Raven - January has been a slow month, volunteered at the Connections Cafe.
- Jessica - schedule my one on one with Maleeka.

6.7 FINE ARTS REP - Mason

- In communications for 3 different FA Link events.
- Preparing proposals for FA Link.
- Helping with paper planes event tomorrow.

6.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP - Leo

- Alberta Alliance for Health Care Providers is going well, still in the early stages of what that may look like, a mentorship program is in all Health Sciences now. Meetings on how to get students back on campus, EDI Committee, meeting with Q-Space about what they want to see in the strat plan for EDIA. Meeting with SAIT's SU about housing.

6.9 EDUCATION REP - Vacant

6.10 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - Ankit, Moyosoreoluwa (Elect)

- Ankit - DB Grade Appeal meeting tomorrow, Strategic Plan Committee meeting, volunteered for the snack stations in Uhall for Stress-Less Week,
- Moyo - schedule meeting with Maleeka for a one-on-one with Maleeka.

6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP - Tejaswani

Absent

6.12 INDIGENOUS REP - Foster - (Interim Rep)

- Indigenization meeting with CAUS.

6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP - Annie

6.14 RESIDENCE REP - Tyler

- I've been collaborating with different stakeholders to promote different events on campus through ORS (including stress less week).
- Anonymous hygiene and wellness shelf planning, preparation, and installation this week.
- Residence wide event next weekend – Brunch Party.
- We will be promoting the launch of our Discord this weekend.
- Residence wide event with the Hurricanes after lots of demand, have been working and in communication to try and get these purchased through the school.
- Had Residence Rep office hours – a bit of uptake on different things concerning ORS applications and Housing costs.
- Dirty Bingo – everyone had a lot of fun.
- Strategic planning session for the University of Lethbridge.

6.15 FIRST-YEAR REP - Emi

- DB, Stress-Less week, people messaging me about the cab coming up this Friday, Library Committee meeting, working group committee meeting.

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

7.1 VP ACADEMIC - BY- ELECTION RATIFICATION - Max

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the results of the VP Academic By-Election for the 2023-2024 academic year.

MOTION: [23167] MSC: R. Patel/E. Mundell
Carried

7.2 BY-ELECTION RATIFICATION - Max

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the By-Election for the positions of Arts & Science Rep and DSB Rep for the 2023-2024 academic year.

MOTION: [23168] MSC: T. Andersen/R. Preston
Carried

7.3 BLACK HISTORY MONTH - Yewoe

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$3436.50 to host events for Black History Month. Monies to come from QIP - Academic Speaker.

MOTION: [23169] MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/R. Preston
Carried

7.4 FROSTBITE RAILJAM - Cheri

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$3645.50 for the ULSU and the Board, Ski, and Surf Club to host Frostbite in the Grove, on Friday, March 1, 2024. Monies to come from QIP funding.

MOTION: [23170] MSC: J. Sumberra/L. Ochieng
Carried

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

8.1 CLIMBING CLUB - QIP PROPOSAL - Rikin

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$2000 for the Climbing Club to host their event called "Boulder Fest" on March 23, 2024. Monies to come from QIP funding.

BIMT the General Assembly amend the dollar amount to \$1600.

MOTION: [23171] MSC: F. Wright/R. Patel
Carried

One opposed.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (10 minutes)

9.1 GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOM - THE ZOO - Tyler

Tyler - Last semester I did a project identifying the different washrooms on campus that don't cater to the non-binary or binary. We currently don't have a gender neutral washroom in the SU building other than in the Health Centre. There is no option in the SU building, particularly outside of the Zoo. It is dehumanizing to have to walk over to the PE building to use their bathrooms especially when you are attending an event in the Zoo.

Raven - Thank you for bringing this to our attention Tyler. I often find that I have to leave the building to find a building that has a gender neutral bathroom.

Maleeka - Last year this was brought up in the EDI Committee. I would be happy to create a proposal on this.

Rachele - Do you think that up in the Zoo would be the most beneficial location?

Cheri - I can follow up with the possibilities with the Facilities Department.

Raven - If There is a working group for this I would like to be a part of this.

9.2 LRC - Rikin

LRC - Rikin - I've been having one on ones with LRC members to discuss potential changes in our bylaws and policies. It's been extremely difficult to schedule meeting with all members of the committee.

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 - Playdate volunteer committee - I'll be sending out a link in slack for playdate volunteers for the Family Day weekend holiday. I will also be sending a link for the strategic planning pop-up committee. Also, I have your committee assignments. It seems like a lot of people don't realize what committee's they are on for the SU. I have the full committee lists and also

the external committees lists, and the internal ULSU committees. There are still some open seats, so if you see a committee that you are interested in please let myself or Foster know.

12. NEXT MEETING *(1 minute) Feb. 13 at 5:00*

13. ADJOURNMENT *(1 minute)*

13.1 ADJOURNMENT

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of January 30, 2024.

MOTION: [23172] MSC: R. Patel/R. Preston

Carried