

# ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

## MINUTES

May 29, 2023 | 5:00 PM MST

MEETING #2 | 2023-2024

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

ZOOM: <https://ulsu-ca.zoom.us/j/88448113552?pwd=VzFOeVlkSGs4MWRKYmk2RHVteml1Zz09>

**VOTING MEMBERS:** PRESIDENT - **MALEEKA THOMAS** | VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - **RIKIN PATEL** | VP STUDENT AFFAIRS - **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 - **VACANT** | ARTSCI REP - **VACANT** | FINE ARTS REP - **VACANT** | HEALTH SCI REP - **VACANT** | EDUCATION REP - **VACANT** | 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**

**ABSENT:** Takreem Ghouri, Tesjaswani Khurana, Jonah Pickle

**GUESTS:** By-Election Candidates: Raven Huery, Lee Ochieng, Vidhisha Wagle, Maria Montesinos

**CHAIR:** ROYAL ADKIN - **SCRIBE:** CHERI POKARNEY [su.manager@uleth.ca](mailto:su.manager@uleth.ca)

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

Oki and welcome to the 2nd 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 AMENDMENTS**

BIMT the General Assembly approve the following amendments to the Agenda:

- Strike 9.2 Undergraduate Journal
- Change 7.5 to read "BIMT the GA approve" from "BIMT the EC approve."
- Add 7.6 - COCA Conference Budget

**MOTION: [23094]** MSC: M. Thomas/B. Allen

Carried

## **2.2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

BIMT the General Assembly approves the agenda for May 29, 2023.

**MOTION: [23095]** MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/R. Preston

Carried

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

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

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes from May 8, 2023.

**MOTION: [23096]** MSC: R. Preston/B. Allen

Carried

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

It's been a busy time at the university with Convocation coming up. I'm excited to see new faces and look forward to working with everyone this year.

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

### **5.1 ULSU BY-ELECTION** - Max

Max welcomed everyone who was presenting during the by-election. He reviewed the by-election process and the order of the speakers. After each candidate's speech, we opened up the floor for questions and then had a discussion before voting.

### **5.2 MOTION TO MOVE INTO DISCUSSION**

BIMT the General Assembly move into discussion.

**MOTION: [23097]** MSC: R. Preston/Y. Sackey-Forson  
Carried

Call to question to end discussion and proceed with voting.

The GA members selected their candidate choices. The following students were successful voted-in for the by-election:

*Health Sciences Rep - Leo Ochieng*

*Education Rep - Maria Montesinos*

*Arts & Science - Raven Huery and Vidhisha Wagle*

*Fine Arts Rep - Mason Hill*

Congratulations and welcome to the team!

## **5.2 FOR THE RECORD** - Genna - Manager of CKXU

- We are the campus radio station.
- We are a volunteer-driven organization.
- We are looking for 4th year funding for our initiative "For the Record."
- We try to represent the campus and the various genres available that students want on campus.
- Once a week we do a live session and give an opportunity for students/campus community members to see what it feels like to experience a real recording session. They are live-session opportunities.
- This is a program for local emerging musicians. We fill a lot of gaps in the community. We are seeking tangible opportunities to keep funding the program.
- We did receive some QIP funding last year, and we were able to expand the program from 3 hours to 4 hours a week. We also were able to expand and collaborate with the ULSU on the Lunch-Box Concert Series.
- We feel that everyone deserves a platform to perform music.
- We are requesting a larger QIP application this year in order to subsidize a wage for a salaried employee to be able to continue and expand this program.

## **QUESTIONS:**

Rachele - What would happen to the program if the funding does not come through? Answer: We do have some other funding options that we may be able to pull from, but we are reviewing all of our options. However, we are not able to sustain this initiative without continuing to receive potential funding from outside sources.

### **5.3 Q-SPACE LEVY REFERENDUM** - *Q-Space - Ellie and Jasper*

- We at Q-Space are a dedicated Gender and Sexualatyi Alliance at the University of Lethbridge. It is our mission to create a more inclusive and queer-affirming environment at the U of L. We are like a network, and we are here today to propose a request for levy status.
- Having a levy would allow us to do more events and initiatives such as advocacy, literacy, drag shows, etc.
- Currently anytime we want to host an event, we either have to use our own funding, or host an event that may not have all the components for success.
- We want to help students and the campus community and a levy would allow us to fill a gap where students need support.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

Brittany: What was the decision to make the levy amount \$4.00? ANSWER: We thought the optics of \$5.00 could potentially be off-putting, and felt that \$4.00 was a happy medium to propose to students.

Rachele: Just to clarify we are just approving of whether or not we are ok to bring this to our general election and not the verbiage or levy fee amount? ANSWER: Yes.

Justin: I think having Q-Space on campus is very valuable to have, but how are you currently operating without a levy? What else will you be doin with that money you will be collecting? ANSWER: We did have a few leftover funds in the PRIDE bank account from prior years, but we have had to cancel a few events due to lack of funding. We would like to pay a student a small honorarium as an employee in order to provide more logistics.

Tyler: I think this is valuable because this group assists marginalized communities. In Southern Alberta there are minimal resources for the Queer community. If we can assist an organization that is advocating for a large part of our student body, then this is a valuable opportunity in order to safely welcome the queer community on campus and in general.

Maleeka: This is a very important initiative. Just to reiterate at this time we are pushing forward the question, not approving the passing of the levy fee. That will go to the student population in March. We need more resources like this on our campus.

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

Reports to be observed online.

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

**6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS** - *Yewoe*

**6.3 VP ACADEMIC** - *Brittany*

**6.4 VP EXTERNAL** - *Rachele*

- 6.5 **PRESIDENT** - *Maleeka*
- 6.6 **ARTS AND SCIENCE REPS** - *Elisha, Justin, Jonah, Wezi*
- 6.7 **FINE ARTS REP** - *Vacant*
- 6.8 **HEALTH SCIENCE REP** - *Vacant*
- 6.9 **EDUCATION REP** - *Vacant*
- 6.10 **DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP** - *Ankit, Takreem*
- 6.11 **CALGARY CAMPUS REP** - *Tejaswani*
- 6.12 **INDIGENOUS REP** - *Foster*
- 6.13 **INTERNATIONAL REP** - *Annie*
- 6.14 **RESIDENCE REP** - *Tyler*
- 6.15 **FIRST-YEAR REP** - *Vacant*

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

**7.1 ULSU FOOD BANK REFERENDUM** - *Cheri*

BIMT the General Assembly approve a referendum for the ULSU Food Bank to occur in the March 2024 General Election.

We will host a referendum and request a \$5.00 levy fee to be assessed to all undergraduate students, and possibly graduate students, each semester, with the ability to opt-out. The proposal will be sent to the University's Fee Review Committee in September.

**MOTION: [23098]** MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/R. Patel  
Carried

**7.2 OUTDOOR FOUNTAIN FOR ZOO PATIO** - *Cheri*

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$650.00 to purchase a fountain for the Zoo patio. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

**MOTION: [23099]** MSC: R. Patel/R. Preston  
Carried

**7.3 ULSU AUTOMOBILE PURCHASE** - *Rikin/Cheri*

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$45,000 to purchase a passenger van for the Students' Union general operations. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

BIMT the General Assembly amend the dollar amount from \$45,000 to \$60,000 in order to allow for a more thorough search for the appropriate vehicle for the Students' Union.

**MOTION: [23100]** MSC: M. Thomas/R. Preston

Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$60,000 to purchase a passenger van for the Students' Union general operations. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

**MOTION: [23101]** MSC: B. Allen/A. Mukherjee

Carried

**7.4 UNION EATS** - *Cheri*

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$21,252 to complete the start-up for the ULSU food kiosk "Union Eats." Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

**MOTION: [23102]** MSC: M. Thomas/R. Preston

Carried

**7.5 PRIDE MONTH** - *Cheri*

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$2390 for collaboration on events with Q-Space for Pride Month. Monies to come from QIP budget lines.

Pride Parade registration	- \$75
Shirts	- \$635
Decorations	- \$750
Banners	- \$160
Marketing	- \$20
<u>BBQ</u>	<u>- \$750</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2390</b>

**MOTION: [23103]** MSC: B. Allen/M. Thomas

Carried

**7.6 COCA CONFERENCE BUDGET** - *Yewoe/Brittany*

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$10,742.73 to send Yewoe Sackey-Forson, Brittany Allen and Kierian Turner to the 2023 COCA Conference. Monies to come from the Travel and Conference budget line.

**MOTION: [23104]** MSC: B. Allen/M. Thomas  
Carried

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

**8.1 FOR THE RECORD**

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$28,640 to collaborate and assist with the funding for CKXU's annual event "For The Record." Monies to come from QIP Funding.

BIMT the General Assembly amend the dollar amount from \$28,640 to \$13,320.

**MOTION: [23105]** MSC: R. Preston/M. Thomas  
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$13,320 to collaborate and assist with the funding for CKXU's annual event "For The Record." Monies to come from QIP Funding.

**MOTION: [23106]** MSC: B. Allen/A. Mukherjee  
Carried

**8.2 Q-SPACE REFERENDUM**

BIMT the General Assembly approve a referendum to incorporate a permanent student levy fee for Q-Space. The referendum will occur during the ULSU General Election in March 2024.

**MOTION: [23107]** MSC: R. Preston/M. Thomas  
Carried

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

**9.1 ELECTION WATCH-PARTY** - *Maleeka*

We are having an election watch-party up in the Zoo. Everyone is welcome.

**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)*
12. **NEXT MEETING** *(1 minute) TBD in august*
13. **ADJOURNMENT** *(1 minute)*

#### **13.1 ADJOURNMENT**

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of May 29, 2023.

**MOTION: [23108]** MSC: A. Mukherjee/R. Preston  
Carried