

ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

MINUTES

November 1, 2023 | 5:00 PM MST

MEETING #7 | 2022-2023

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 - **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 - **EMI MUNDELL**

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

CHAIR: Maleeka Thomas (In Royal's Absence) ROYAL ADKIN - **SCRIBE:** CHERI POKARNEY - su.manager@uleth.ca

ABSENT: Maria Montesinos, Takreem Ghour, Elisha Wong, Justin Ma, Jonah Pickle

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (2 minutes) - Maleeka Thomas

Oki and welcome to the 7th 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 Nov. 1st, 2023.

MOTION: [23141] MSC: A. Mukherjee/R. Huery
Carried

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (1 minute)

3.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

BIMT the General Assembly approves the following minutes:

August 21-2023

September 25-2023

MOTION: [23142] MSC: R. Preston/R. Patel

Carried

4. CHAIR REMARKS (2 minutes) - Royal (Maleeka in Royal's absence)

The chair was unavailable tonight so I will be filling in for Royal. It's nice to see you all.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL (10 minutes)

5.1 QIP PROPOSAL - PAINTING THE CAMPUS COLLECTIVE CENTRE -

Graham black

- We are hoping to have our space repainted. It hasn't been painted or had any renovations in years. We have met with Cheri and a project manager from the university and obtained an estimate for the work.
- Since the Campus Collective Centre has limited financial resources, we were hoping the ULSU could provide some funding for this project.
- The Campus Collective provides numerous resources to all students on campus.

6. REPORTS (30 minutes)

6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - Rikin

- Attended the Student Fee Review Committee meeting.
- Preparing for the LRC meeting.
- Board meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education.
- Scholarship dinner at the Sandman. Hotel.

6.2 VP STUDENT LIFE - Yewoe

- Campus Labour Council meeting.
- Connections Cafe.
- Halloween Cabaret.
- Movie night for Halloweek.
- Hosted a scavenger night.

- Hoping that all EC and GA can support everyone's events and initiatives that we all host.
- Meeting with the Ikaisskini Centre to discuss Culture Week.
- Student Awards Committee.
- Meeting with Natasha from SEARS.

6.3 VP ACADEMIC - Brittany

- Finished the Open Education Global Conference. Planning meetings with some Deans from the faculty and also Michelle Helstein. Chatting with Open Education Champions regarding resources.
- Receiving quite a few student concerns and issues this month.
- Reviewing the Assessment of the Student Learning Policy.
- Quite a few committee meetings that I will list in my monthly report.

6.4 VP EXTERNAL - Rachele

- Attended the Student fee Review Committee meeting.
- Advocacy prep meetings.
- CASA and CAUS meeting.
- EDI committee meeting.
- Assisted our First-Year Rep with transition.

6.5 PRESIDENT - Maleeka

- I've been doing strat planning work for both CASA and also the university .
- I've been doing informational research for the potential dome building for the Fee Review Committee.
- Preparing documents for Advo Week in both Edmonton and Ottawa.
- Working with the Food for Thought committee regarding the Food Bank Referendum and the free breakfast program that's coming up in November.

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

- Elisha - Absent
- Justin - Absent
- Jonah - Absent
- Wezi - Arts & Science Council, Student Awards Committee, assisted with Mental Health week, assisted with some grade appeals.
- Raven - Volunteered at the ULSU Garage Sale for the Food bank, attended the Arts & Science Council as well as the EDI Committee, the other reps and I are creating a round table event to hear from students
- Vidhisha - Assisted with the Mental Health Week, I was able to contact several professors who may be interested in attending the Arts & Science round table event.

6.7 FINE ARTS REP - Mason

- I sent out a Fine Arts communications poll in October and I received quite a few responses. I'm trying to create a media hub, attended four meetings, and presented to Clubs Council. Working on presenting for a Fine Arts link event.

6.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP - Leo Ochieng

- October was a busy month. Attended a conference, EDI sessions, talked with Foster about the EDI Committee, met with Jon Doan about a potential food drive blitz with the Health Science associates.

6.9 EDUCATION REP - Maria Montesinos

Absent

6.10 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - Ankit, Takreem

- Ankit - Helped organize Paint Night, Volunteered at Open House, Presented to Prospective DSB students, Setup for Garage Sale, Halloween Cabaret Ticketing table, Attended DSB Council as well as set up and volunteered at connections café.
- Takreem - Absent

6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP - Tejaswani

- We hosted an event for Halloween, we had about 60-70 students attend, it was a lot of fun and was a very successful event.

6.12 INDIGENOUS REP - Foster

- Assisted with Mental Health Week, met with Carey Price's agent regarding Indigenous Awareness Week. Meeting with Leo about EDI, working with the Ikaisskini Centre about an initiative called Mittens and Moccasins which is a clothing drive.

6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP - Annie

Absent

6.14 RESIDENCE REP - Tyler

- EDIA meeting, Student Fee Review committee meeting, helped with the Halloween Cabaret, working on a SMASH Bros and Housing event, working on an anonymous hygiene shelf initiative for Residents, will be checking in with ORS Committees to ensure they are set up for success for the rest of the semester.

6.15 FIRST-YEAR REP - Emi

- Library Committee meeting, EDIA Committee meeting, assisted with Dirty Bingo,, Mental Health week, did first-year transition sessions.

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

7.1 ACADEMIC SPEAKER - JESSE THISTLE - Brittany

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$19,275 to host Jesse Thistle as our academic speaker next semester. Monies to come from the following budget

lines: \$10,000 from the Mental Health budget line, and \$9275 to come from QIP.

MOTION: [23143] MSC: B. Allen/R. Huery
Carried

7.2 CAUS ADVO-WEEK - Rachele/Maleeka

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$4591.81 for Rachele Preston, Maleeka Thomas, and Foster Wright to attend the CAUS ADVO-WEEK Conference in Edmonton, AB from November 5th -11th, 2023. Monies to come from the Travel and Conference budget line.

MOTION: [23144] MSC: R. Preston/R. Patel
Carried

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

8.1 CAMPUS COLLECTIVE CENTRE - PAINTING

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$500 for painting the Campus Collective Centre. Monies to come from QIP funding.

BIMT the General Assembly increase the funding amount to the full estimate of \$703.07.

MOTION: [23145] MSC: R. Huery/R. Preston
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$703.07 for painting the Campus Collective Centre. Monies to come from QIP funding.

MOTION: [23146] MSC: R. Patel/M. Hill
Carried

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (10 minutes)

9.1 OPEN EDUCATION - Brittany

- As part of their advocacy efforts, Brittany presented on Open Education (OE) and Open Educational Resources (OERs) to the General Assembly members to inform the GA about what OE and OERs are, what the benefits are about implementing it to students, faculty, administration, and provincially, and some steps to how to advocate for it within the U of L. Presentation slides will

be available on the ULSU website under the "VP Academic - Brittany Allen" section.

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.

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.

MOTION: [23147] MSC: R. Preston/B. Allen
Carried

BIMT the General Assembly move out-of-camera.

MOTION: [23148] MSC: R. Preston/L. Ochieng
Carried

11. OTHER BUSINESS (0-10 minutes)

Leo - EDI committee - we are getting everyone on the GA meeting to do the Preventing Sexual Violence level 2. We will send you a link.

Rachele - Every year we do a GA Secret Santa, so if you are interested in participating please send me a message by the end of this week.

12. NEXT MEETING (1 minute)

13. ADJOURNMENT (1 minute)

13.1 ADJOURNMENT

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of November 1st, 2023.

MOTION: [23149] MSC: A.Mukherjee/R. Patel
Carried