

ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2024 | 5PM MST

MEETING #3 | 2024-2025

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

ZOOM: <https://ulsu-ca.zoom.us/j/89379622011?pwd=yyp8654XXadXBKoNwRJPduPe7F1CxW2.1>

VOTING MEMBERS: PRESIDENT - **MALEEKA THOMAS** | VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - **YASH DIXIT** | VP STUDENT LIFE - **YEWOE SACKY-FORSON** | VP ACADEMIC - **ANNIE EBENMELU** | VP EXTERNAL - **LULYA MICHAEL** | ARTSCI REP - **ALEJANDRO FIGUERO** | ARTSCI REP - **ANGELINA OBLAK** | ARTSCI REP - **EMI MUNDELL** | ARTSCI REP - **JESSICA SUMBERA** | ARTSCI REP - **KIMOYA EDWARDS** | ARTSCI REP - **VACANT** | FINE ARTS REP - **DEMI ZALESK** | HEALTH SCI REP - **NOAH WANG** | EDUCATION REP - **VACANT** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - **TEMILOLUWA FASHNA** | DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OF REP - **VACANT** | CALGARY CAMPUS REP - **DEVARSH PATEL** | INDIGENOUS REP - **SHANE MCDUGALL** | INTERNATIONAL REP - **MOYOSOREOUWA OLADOYE** | RESIDENCE REP - **JULIANA FORD** | FIRST-YEAR REP - **VACANT**

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: GENERAL MANAGER - **CHERI POKARNEY** | OPERATIONS COORDINATOR - **VACANT** | COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - **MASON HILL**

CHAIR: MARK SEREBRYANSKY - **SCRIBE:** RACHELE PRESTON – su.execadmin@uleth.ca

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (2 minutes) - Mark

Oki and welcome to the third 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 12, 2024.

MOTION [23236] MSC: Y. Dixit/J. Ford

Carried.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (1 minute)

3.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

BIMT the General Assembly minutes from the following meetings:
[July 3, 2024.](#)

MOTION [23237] MSC: Y. Dixit/K. Edwards
Carried.

4. CHAIR REMARKS (2 minutes) – Mark

- Nothing to add

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL (10 minutes)

5.1 iGEM QIP PROPOSAL – Angelina

- International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) Competition, allows students to get first hand experience in genetics, focuses on real-world problems
- Tail-end of a two year long project, won gold medal last year. Investigates clubroot which is a bacteria that impacts crops
- 18 UG member team
- Jamboree allows students to represent ULeithbridge on a global level, as well as connect with other students and professors
- QIP will help offset the costs for Jamboree tickets or flights for students

6. REPORTS (30 minutes)

BIMT the General Assembly table reports until the next scheduled meeting.

MOTION [23238] MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/A. Ebenmelu
Carried.

6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE - Yash

6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS - Yewoe

6.3 VP ACADEMIC - Annie

6.4 VP EXTERNAL - Lulya

6.5 PRESIDENT - Maleeka

6.6 ARTS AND SCIENCE REPS - Alejandro, Angelina, Emi, Jessica, Kimoya, Vacant

6.7 FINE ARTS REP - Demi

6.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP - Noah

6.9 EDUCATION REP - Vacant

6.10 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP - Temiloluwa, Vacant

6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP - Devarsh

6.12 INDIGENOUS REP - Shane

6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP - Moyosoreoluwa

6.14 RESIDENCE REP - Juliana

6.15 FIRST-YEAR REP - Vacant

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

7.1 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION POLICY – Cheri

BIMT the General Assembly approve the first reading of the Internal and External Communication Policy.

MOTION [23239] MSC: Y. Dixit/L. Michael

Carried.

- Policy outlining the usage of the listserv that has been created for ULSU usage.
- This is urgent as we want to be able to have access to the listserv before September in order to better spread information.

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

8.2 iGEM QIP PROPOSAL – Yash

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$10,000 for the ULethbridge Colligate iGEM Team to attend the iGEM Jamboree in Paris, France from October 23-26, 2024. Monies to come from the QIP budget line.

MOTION [23240] MSC: Y. Dixit/J. Ford

- Our budget line for this usage has significantly reduced over time, there is only \$11,000 in the budget this year.
- There should be an adjustment of how much we are funding, in order to allow space within our budget for other clubs to apply.
- If the full \$10,000 is not secured, it could see impacts of student's attendance. Students will be paying out of pocket for the experience, so the funding could be necessary for them to attend the jamboree.
- Students will also be able access Travel & Conference grants

BIMT the General Assembly amend the motion to read \$7,000 instead of \$10,000

MOTION [23241] MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/M. Oladoye

Carried.

Abstention: Angelina

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MOTION [23242] MSC: Y. Dixit/Y. Sackey-Forson

Carried.

Abstention: Angelina

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (10 minutes)

9.1 EXECUTIVE ACTION PLAN – Executive Council

- Have been working on developing action plans
- Will providing an overview of priorities within portfolios
- Annie:
 - Continuing OER and Textbook Cost Campaign
 - Publicizing research opportunities and grants within the university for undergraduate students
 - Strengthening connections with faculties and reps
 - Co-op and WIL possibility awareness and improvement for students
 - Mental health and well-being
 - Diversifying what mental health and self-care looks like
- Lulya:
 - Affordability
 - Better financial aid
 - Mental health
 - Tuition
 - Mental Health
 - Cultural competency
 - Engage with stakeholders
 - Student engagement
 - Organize more events
 - GOTV
- Yash:
 - Diversifying and increasing investments
 - Securing and modifying returns for future years
 - Working on scholarship lines
 - Improvements for the zoo and pharmacy
- Maleeka:
 - Internal governance
 - Scholarships
 - Strategic plan
 - Restructuring internal soundness
- Yewoe
 - Transparency
 - Awareness

- Engagement

10. ADVOCACY UPDATES (0-10 minutes)

11. OTHER BUSINESS (0-10 minutes)

- Demi: LA Chefs, discussion on working with a university team to provide staff/volunteers for Whoop-Up days. Looking to help support students in fundraising possibilities. Any questions direct to Demi.
- GA AGM: September 16, 5-7pm
- GA Orientation: September 12, 3-6pm
- Reshare posts for Fresh Fest, hype up the event

12. 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.

13. NEXT MEETING (1 minute)

The next meeting of the General Assembly is TBD.

14. ADJOURNMENT (1 minute)

14.1 ADJOURNMENT

BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of August 12, 2024.

MOTION [23243] MSC: A. Ebenmelu/Y. Dixit

Carried.