

# ULSU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

## AGENDA

**JULY 3, 2024 | 5PM MST**

MEETING #2 | 2024-2025

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

ZOOM: <https://ulsu-ca.zoom.us/j/85196270988?pwd=LUpK1RTIkB50ifXGMpnQzwtWz8l4J.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 - **TRACY MERRIFIELD** | COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - **MASON HILL**

**CHAIR:** MARK SEREBRYANSKY | **SCRIBE:** RACHELE PRESTON – [su.execadmin@uleth.ca](mailto:su.execadmin@uleth.ca)

**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** (2 minutes) - Mark

Oki and welcome to the second 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 July 3, 2024.

**MOTION [23226]** MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/Y. Dixit

*Carried.*

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

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

BIMT the General Assembly minutes from the following meetings:

[May 22, 2024](#)

**MOTION [23227]** MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/Y. Dixit  
*Carried.*

#### **4. CHAIR REMARKS** (2 minutes) – Mark

- Please use zoom reactions while online, as it makes it easier than trying to catch folks on camera.

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

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

##### **6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE** – Yash

- Attending events like Ahead of the Herd and Pride Parade
- Attended media training
- Lots of grant applications coming in
- Fresh fest meetings
- HR meetings
- Signing authority has been transferred
- Budget updates, all lines are still in good standing

##### **6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS** – Yewoe

- Attended Ahead of the Herd
- Committee meetings throughout the month
- SU Rec Room meetings with Student Affairs
- GFC
- Fresh Fest meetings and planning
- Media Training
- COCA conference
- Fresh Fest things are taking up most of the day to day time

##### **6.3 VP ACADEMIC** – Annie

- Ahead of the Herd
- Grade Appeals as the semesters have wrapped up
- Have been meeting with various departments across the university
  - Lib Ed
  - Fine Arts
- Working with Noah on the NCLEX/MCAT planning and proposals

- Hoping for a September start if all goes well
- Committee meetings
- 6.4 VP EXTERNAL – Lulya**
  - Meetings with stakeholders for international students
  - Strategic planning meetings
  - Student Leader Orientation that is organized by the Minister of Advanced Education
  - Recovery on Campus, met with the director to loop in Annie and Yewoe
  - Media training
  - Met with the Director of Research Funding
    - Information out to students and collaboration
  - Youth Advisory Council meeting
    - On break for the summer
  - CAUS Poli Strat
  - Member Relations Committee meeting
  - National Advocacy Committee meeting
- 6.5 PRESIDENT – Maleeka**
  - One on ones with staff, EC and GA
  - Ahead of the Herd
  - Working on finalizing the terms of reference and agreement for the ULSU list serv
  - Board of Governors meeting
  - Student Leader Orientation
  - Met with Mark Slomp to discuss Indigenous counsellors and mental health resources
  - Finalizing employee reviews
  - CASA Board retreat
  - Strategic plan skeleton and timeline structure development
  - Reviewing scholarship terms of reference
- 6.6 ARTS AND SCIENCE REPS - Alejandro, Angelina, Emi, Jessica, Kimoya, Vacant**
  - Kimoya:
    - Nothing to report.
  - Angelina:
    - GFC meeting
    - Ahead of the Herd
  - Emi:
    - Meetings coming up in August
  - Jessica:

- GFC
- Alejandro:
  - Student Awards Committee
- 6.7 FINE ARTS REP** – *Demi*
  - Starting to focus on getting ready for the semester
  - Met with the Fine Arts Dean's office with Annie
  - Continuing to set up meetings with stakeholders
  - Looking to spearhead a public art initiative early on in the Fall semester
    - Installations and galleries around campus
  - Hoping to collaborate on creative communication means across faculties
- 6.8 HEALTH SCIENCE REP** – *Noah*
  - Working with Annie to develop the NCLEX/MCAT programming
  - Continuing to connect with the Faculty
- 6.9 EDUCATION REP** – *Vacant*
- 6.10 DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP** – *Temiloluwa, Vacant*
  - Temi:
    - Strategic Planning meeting
- 6.11 CALGARY CAMPUS REP** – *Devarsh*  
*Absent.*
- 6.12 INDIGENOUS REP** – *Shane*  
*Absent.*
- 6.13 INTERNATIONAL REP** – *Moyosoreoluwa*
  - Working on developing an initiative to enable international students to tour the city at the beginning of the year
  - Met to discuss Culture Week and the options of collaborating with international education week
  - Met with the International Student Centre about the city tours and culture week
  - Hoping to collaborate with the Calgary campus on most of these
- 6.14 RESIDENCE REP** – *Juliana*  
*Absent.*
- 6.15 FIRST-YEAR REP** – *Vacant*

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

- 7.1 UPDATED FRESH FEST BUDGET** – *Yash/Maleeka*
  - Proposing to move funds from our Mental Health fund into our Fresh Fest event funds.

- Since COVID, attendance to ULSU events and knowledge of ULSU services has decreased.
- We currently have accumulated a surplus in our accounts, and it was encouraged by the auditors to reinvest these funds elsewhere in our programming to avoid creating a profit.
- Hoping to expand our events and plans to the Calgary Campus as it continues to grow.
- This financial move, has been assessed and approved by the organization's financial advisor.
- Will allow us to serve a larger number of student needs.
- Demi: of the 75,000 are there any other remaining reserves? Will this exhaust the reserve?
  - Yash: Currently, there is 2 million in those reserves, so we will still have over 90% of the reserve remaining.
- Demi: is there a proposal for the remaining amount?
  - Yash: We are working on developing proposals, there are none ready at this time.
- Demi: it is important to continue to support mental health throughout the year, so to use the funding throughout the year and beyond the first week is a good idea.
- Maleeka: Will also be using it for the rest of our mental health initiatives throughout the year.
- Moyo: Is this a subsequent thing that will continue to occur? Or is it one time?
  - Maleeka: We will not continually pull, that is not sustainable. The money from this account has to go towards mental health.
  - Yash: This is a closed budget line; we can only use it on benefiting mental health.
- Yewoe: Proposals will be coming forward to GA if this budget is used, so GA will know when and where the money is going.

BIMT the General Assembly approve the amendments to the Fresh Fest 2024 budget.

**MOTION [23228]** MSC: M. Thomas/N. Wang

*Carried.*

## **7.2 CASA POLICY & STRATEGY - Lulya/Maleeka**

- This is the conference where the priorities are decided on for the advocacy year.
- Cost covers flights, accommodations, and per diem.

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$5602.74 for Lulya Michael and Maleeka Thomas to attend CASA Policy and Strategy Conference from July 14-21 in Scarborough, ON. Monies to come from the Travel & Conference budget line.

**MOTION [23232]** MSC: L. Michael/Y. Sackey-Forson  
*Carried.*

### **7.3 DIGITAL MEDIA FUNDING - Mason**

- Monies will be used to improve the communications department.
- Mark: Is the Yoga Pro7 capable of the work you need to do? Does it have enough processing power?
  - Mason: Yes.
- Demi: Have you considered a long-term archival network?
  - Mason: I have 6 USB drives and will only keep master copies of work. Was not considered as much putting forward this proposal.
- Maleeka: This gear is necessary for the work that we are planning on doing this coming year and into the future.
- Moyo: You proposed 3 lenses and highlighted the difference between two. Would we be purchasing all 3?
  - Mason: We would only purchase 2 lenses. An all-purpose lens and a telephoto lens

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$5394.44 to upgrade and replace necessary media technology to support the Communications Coordinator's role development. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund budget line.

**MOTION [23233]** MSC: M. Thomas/D. Zalesak  
*Carried.*

### **7.4 ROCKERMAN'S SIGN – Maleeka**

- This will upgrade and update the old signage and will promote visibility.

BIMT the General Assembly approve \$8829.70 to install a new sign for Rockerman's Service Centre. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund budget line.

**MOTION [23234]** MSC: D/ Zalesak/Y. Dixit  
*Carried.*

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

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

**10. ADVOCACY UPDATES** (0-10 minutes)

**11. 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.

*NOTE: Due to timing, Item 11 was moved up in the agenda and was addressed prior to Item 7.2. The General Assembly returned back to Item 7.2 after the motion following the in-camera discussion was made.*

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.

**MOTION [23229]** MSC: Y. Dixit/A. Ebenmelu  
*Carried. (5:50pm)*

BIMT the General Assembly move ex-camera.

**MOTION [23230]** MSC: L. Michael/D. Zalesak  
*Carried. (6:14pm)*

BIMT the General Assembly approve the HR item arising from the in-camera discussion.

**MOTION [23231]** MSC: M. Oladoye/D. Zalesak  
*Carried.*

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

- Yash will continue to give regular updates to the budget, as money is being spent the GA will be made aware.

**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 July 3, 2024.

**MOTION [23235]** MSC: Y. Sackey-Forson/Y. Dixit  
*Carried.*