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During the month of September 2022, I spent a lot of my time getting set up, making connections, and supporting the General Assembly with their committee assignments. The theme of this month is gearing up for this year.

University of Lethbridge Committees

During the month of September 2022 I personally attend The following committee meetings:

- UofL Sexual Violence Policy Review Committee Meeting - Sept. 1, 14, 22, 26, & 29
This is the committee responsible for revising the Universities Sexual & Gender Based violence policy.
- GFC Orientation - Sept. 12
A meeting to get to know the General Faculties Council better and better understand collegial governance.
- General Faculties Council (GFC) Meeting - Sept. 12
Please see meeting minutes: [GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #566 Draft Minutes Monday, September 12, 2022 3:00 p.m.](#)
- GFC: Curriculum Coordinating Meeting - Sept. 13
- Arts & Science Faculty Council - Sept. 15
- Teaching Centre Advisory Council - Sept. 20
- Senate Orientation - Sept. 21
- GFC Academic Quality Assurance Committee - Sept. 22
- GFC Library Committee Meeting - Sept. 27

- SU General Assembly Meeting - Sept. 27
- GFC Admission Standards Committee - Sept. 28

Meeting with Students

- During the month of September, I met with several students regarding academic concerns such as grade appeals.

Notable Events/Meetings and Description

- Fresh Fest Committee - Sept. 1
This was the committee that planned Fresh Fest 2022! I sat on this committee to help advocate for student mental health and gender based violence prevention.
- Lethbridge and District Labour Day BBQ - Sept. 5
This was a great opportunity to volunteer and meet members of the Lethbridge community. This event took place at the Galt Gardens with folks from all over our community!
- Fresh Fest 2022 - Sept. 6-10
The Students' Union event to kick off the school year with an exciting lineup of talent and tons of activities designed to help students feel like they are part of our community!
- Academic Schedule Meeting with Registrar - Sept. 13
This was a meeting to discuss how the Academic would shift due to the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the one time statutory holiday imposed by the federal government.
- New Economy Live (Calgary Economic Development) - Sept. 15
I attended this opportunity to keep current on the economic state of Calgary and Alberta.
- Meeting with EC + Provosts to discuss Internationalization - Sept. 21
This was a meeting to discuss how the UofL's internationalization plan and how Navitas would fit into that in a way that best serves students, both domestic and international.

- Breakfast with the President's Executive (UofL) - Sept. 22
A meeting with ULSU Execs and the University's Leadership (presidents executive) to discuss current events, possible collaborations between the ULSU and the UofL, and what each of our concerns are and how we can work through them.
- Iikaisskini Opening Ceremony - Sept. 22
The opening of the Low Horn gathering space was a privilege to attend. This was an event that was delayed due to the Pandemic and finally happened in september. Our elders in residence attended and other ULSU members.
- Helping out at the Zoo (Zoo was short-staffed) - Sept. 22
I helped out in the Kitchen at the Zoo when they were short staffed, under the supervision of Warren, the kitchen manager. This was an enlightening and incredible experience that was also so much fun!
- ULSU Mental Health Working Group - Sept. 23
The ULSU Mental Health Working Group was struck by me and Chaired by Michaela Crump (ULSU A&S Rep.). This working group is responsible for planning programming and events to promote student mental health. This working group oversees the development of Mental Health Week coming up in October.
- ULSU Connections Cafe - Sept. 23
Connections Cafes are pop ups hosted by the ULSU to connect with students. These are hosted monthly from September to April. The schedule for these can be found in the ULSU calendar (pick yours up at the SU office!).
- Smudging Ceremony & Talking Circle (Iikaisskini) - Sept. 26
Iikaisskini hosted a smudging ceremony and talking circle to start off events for September 30th, The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.
- Joint Labour Council Meeting (ULFA) - Sept. 28
This is a meeting of all Unions on our Campus, from AUPE to ULFA and of course the GSA and ULSU. We discussed ways we can collaborate and improve the campus community for all our stakeholders.
- Meetings with GA Members
 - Michaela - Sept. 1, 28, & 29

- Jonah - Sept. 20
- Maleeka - Sept. 20
- Rachele - Sept. 22

If you have any questions or concerns about this report please feel free to contact me via email at su.academic@uleth.ca.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gage Desteur'.

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