



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE  
STUDENTS' UNION

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**January 2020 Report**  
Contribution Hours: 167.25

- Anderson Hub Task Force
- Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) (3 Meetings)
- CAUS Transforming Working Group (3 Meetings)
- GBA+ Conference (2 Days)
- General Faculties Council (Special/Emergency and Executive Meetings)
- January General Assembly Meeting
- Pass the Hat Results
- Public Interest Alberta (PIA)/Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations (CAFA) and CAUS Lawn Sign Campaigns
- School of Liberal Education Committee Meeting
- Misc. Meetings and Responsibilities

### **Descriptions of Notable Meetings:**

Note: the meetings designated as "Absent" were due to scheduled classes occurring at the same time.

### **CAUS Transforming Working Group**

This group, formed as part of the Council of Alberta University Students, is working to figure out what structural changes can be made to the organization in order to deliver campaigns and projects comparable to our fellow advocacy groups while staying within our scope.

### **January General Assembly Meeting**

It was great to see everyone again in the new year. At this meeting we discussed Cayley Fleischman's (one of our Arts and Science Representatives) student-faculty mentor initiative, as well as the possibility for RBC to rent out some space within the ULSU food court. Finally, we passed money for this year's elections, which I am excited to see kick off at the time of writing!

### **Gender-based Analysis + Conference**

The funding to attend this conference was passed at a previous General Assembly Meeting, and I, along with several SU representatives attended on January 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. GBA+ is, "an analytical process used to assess how diverse groups of women, men, and gender diverse



people may experience policies, programs and initiatives." The conference provided great training around this process, and I came away with some ideas on how to take the first steps to get GBA+ integrated in the ULSU for years to come.

### **General Faculties Committee**

As mentioned in my previous report, a special meeting of GFC was called for January. The conversation revolved around the Transformational Task Forces, which were struck to assess whether there were operational efficiencies that could be made within the University in light of the current budget challenges. As a result of this meeting and a following meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>, a "committee of the whole" was formed consisting of all of GFC and carrying the same powers as the Independent Consulting Committee, in order to review the reports made by the Taskforces and to make recommendations to the Budget Advisory Committee.

All GFC meetings are open to non-members, unless otherwise stated, so if you wish to listen in on the meeting you are welcome to contact Jodie Gallais ([jodie.gallais@uleth.ca](mailto:jodie.gallais@uleth.ca)) for the meeting invitation.

### **Pass the Hat**

Traditionally, the ULSU runs an initiative called Pass the Hat with General Faculties Council, Senate, and Board of Governors to raise money for the ULSU Food Bank. Last year the initiative raised a total of \$3557.25, and with the pandemic affecting all aspects of student affordability, food insecurity a piece of such, the generosity from these groups was appreciated now more than ever. This year we crushed our old records, and by the end of the campaign, a total just under \$11,000 was raised! Money came in from the university governing boards, alumni donors, anonymous and public matching donations, and groups within the university community. I just want to sincerely thank everyone who donated to the food bank this year, your generosity is greatly appreciated!



**Comments:**

The first month of the year has gone by surprisingly fast, and my sincere apologies for delivering this report late. As we head into the later months of the Spring Semester, my thoughts move towards the topics of transitioning. Naturally, as the elections start and end, my successor will be selected, and I am currently working on materials to hopefully prepare them for this role. Beyond my own position, it is a natural part of student governance to have a large amount of turn-over every year, and I hope that we are able to ease next year's council into whatever 2021-2022 will bring. I will also be graduating this semester, and my transition out of university in totality is something I don't think I've come to grips with, yet I'm ready for. Before that happens we'll have to see what the next few months will bring.

A reminder that you can take the Understanding and Responding to Sexual Violence: Level One course offered by the university here:

<https://moodle.uleth.ca/202003/course/view.php?id=2064>

If you do have any comments or questions on anything contained within this report, please feel free to contact me at [su.president@uleth.ca](mailto:su.president@uleth.ca).

Warm regards, and stay safe,

Jonathan Diaz