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July 2020 Report

Contribution Hours: 155

- *Calgary Pride Online Workshop: LGBTQ 101*
- *CAUS Counterparts*
- *CASA Policy and Strategy Conference*
- *CASA: Member Relations Committee (3 Meetings)*
- *Executive Council (3 Meetings)*
- *Fresh Fest Committee (4 Meetings)*
- *Student Leaders' Orientation Meeting #1 with Alberta Advanced Education*
- *Summer General Assembly Meeting*
- *ULSU and UCSU Food Bank Discussion*
- *Misc. Meetings and Responsibilities*

Descriptions of Notable Meetings:

Calgary Pride Online Workshop: LGBTQ 101

I attended an online workshop hosted by Calgary Pride and delivered by Calgary Queer Arts Society, which focused on creating bridges of understanding about the LGBTQ community. This two-hour session included a deep dive into the language developed and used by the community surrounding identity and self-expression, expanded on the context of the historical LGBTQ rights movement, and explored some of the many ways to engage in effective ally-ship, both in a personal and professional context. This workshop is hosted regularly, as well as several other events – more information can be found [here](#).

CAUS Counterparts

Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) usually holds several opportunities each year for the executive teams of each member institution to meet and share their advice and various perspectives. This year a large part of the discussion centred around the Alberta government's Alberta 2030 post-secondary review project and CAUS's submission to the consulting firm. We also reviewed CAUS's policies and delegated certain policies to different members to review.



CASA Policy and Strategy

Policy and Strategy, or Poli-strat for short, is a conference held by the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), of which the ULSU is a member institution. This year it was held online over the course of several days. A large part was dedicated to each of the committee's and board member's action plans for the year being created, discussed, and approved.

CASA: Member Relations Committee

I hold a seat on CASA's Member Relations Committee, which is focused on fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for CASA's membership, among other things. On this committee I am focused on working towards one of the priorities created this year: Fostering CASA Community. With circumstances being what they are, figuring out a way to create connections between members across Canada will be a challenge, but one I'm willing to take on.

Fresh Fest Committee

This committee's meetings were largely check-ins with each smaller team on their projects and the refining of the plans for this year's Fresh Fest. I am continuing my work with the Goosechase game, which is an online scavenger hunt that will take place during the week of Fresh Fest and New Student Orientation.

Student Leaders' Orientation Meeting #1 with Alberta Advanced Education

During CAUS Counterparts there was a Student Leaders' Orientation meeting (the first of four) with Alberta Advanced Education. Ryan Lindblad (VP External) and I met student leaders from associations across the province and discussed what their priorities were for this year, and we were also able to discuss several of the government's initiatives and plans.

ULSU and UCSU Food Bank Discussion

A large portion of University of Lethbridge students come from Calgary. With classes being largely online for the Fall semester, Ethan Pullan (VP Operations and Finance) and I met with Frank Finley, University of Calgary Students' Union President, as well as Getsey Boyd, Director of Student Services at UCSU. We discussed the possibility of collaboration to support UofL students who are feeling any measure of food insecurity and will be in Calgary this year.



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Comments:

It's somewhat startling to realize that August is already here and the regular academic year will be soon upon us. While previous months were quiet and focused on transitioning into the role and preparing several projects, July was a month where those projects and plans began in earnest.

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.

Warm Regards, and stay safe,

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