



COUNCIL REPORT

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION - ULSU.CA

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Hours Contributed

160

MONTHLY REPORT

Meetings:

External Meetings (University Level/Stakeholder Meetings):

Institutional/Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

- General Faculties Council
- General Faculties Council Committee of the Whole
- ULAA Annual General Meeting

One-time Institutional Meetings:

- AVP Students Review
- Academic Appeal
- Fall 2021 Taskforce Meeting
- Fall 2021 Planning Meeting
- Meeting with Vice Provost and AVP Students

Meetings with other Stakeholders:

- CAUS Meetings x4
- Meeting with ULFA and GSA
- Fall 2021 Planning Meeting
- Meet and Greet with Minister of Advanced Education, Demetrios Nicolaides
- Meeting with Nimbus (Student tutoring software)
- Meeting with Aunt Flow (Free Menstrual Product program)

Internal Meetings (ULSU Meetings):

- Business Liaison Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Student VIP (Health and Dental Plan Provider) (x2)
 - o Recap/Brainstorm meeting with VP OpFi
- Fresh Fest Meeting x3
- GSA/ULSU CoTW Feedback Draft Meeting
- Inclusive Practices Working Group Meeting
- 1 on 1's with VP OpFi, VP Academic, and VP External

Conferences/Training Sessions:

- Sexual Violence Training (*Carmen Guenther, Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator*)

- Queer 101 (*Kathryn Delucia, OUTreach*)

Galas and Events:

- Chancellor's Reception

Activities:

- CASA Virtual Bonding Night
- Weekly EC Bonding

Projects in Progress:

- Compiling Executive Action Plan
- Drafting proposed guidelines/communication for equitable academic experiences in fall semester

Status Report (the highlights):

Greetings again, readers of this report! I hope June has treated you well. This month in the presidential portfolio was relatively calm, a calm that I'm sure I'll be yearning for come September. That being said, this month made me even more excited for the fall to come. While we have a lot of work yet to do, I am excited for a return to campus to see some wonderful faces, new and old. Okay, enough with the over-indulgent, self-explanatory mumbo jumbo. Onto the juicy details you've been anxiously waiting for!

This month was less populated with meetings, which gave me a good chance to work on the habits I mentioned in my last report, which had to do with getting stuff done. In between meetings, VPA Rebecca and I worked on a survey for academic expectations and knowledge, and we are planning on using those results to propose guidelines for the Teaching Centre to publish to faculty. We want to make sure that students both 1) know what academic supports are available to them and 2) feel safe and supported in a semester where Covid-19 still has the potential to affect their academic success. This idea was brought on from my attendance at the Fall 2021 task force, where I learned that there was no plan for policy or clear communication regarding doctors notes, absences, and supplying of material for sickness. I had a follow up meeting with the head of the teaching centre and the VP of Students, where we discussed communication and Rebecca and I will be delivering a comprehensive guideline document for that purpose. We also wrapped up the Committee of the Whole process, and had the chance to submit an integrative report to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration. Our report is available on our website, I would encourage you to read it. We collaborated with the executive of the GSA to write a report that asserts that students are not willing to sacrifice the quality, accessibility, or diversity of their education in the face of budget cuts. The report was received by the BAC for their meeting, and we understand that they will be implementing the recommendations by various taskforces throughout this academic year. We will continue to advocate for a high quality education for students throughout the restructuring process.

This month we struck up the Inclusive Practices working group. I am delighted to say that our Calgary campus rep, Lionel Migrino, is our chair, and our committee members are all phenomenally passionate individuals. I am excited to work with this committee to make some valuable change in our organization and on campus! I've also been attending our Fresh Fest meetings, to help where I can in the planning and organizing of Fresh Fest. That was basically my month! I look forward to July as we start ramping up to finally coming back to campus in September!

MOVING FORWARD

Challenges I've encountered:

One challenge that allowed me to learn more about myself was my difficulty with numbers. I was helping draft the Fresh Fest budget for final approval by the General Assembly, and realized that numbers do not agree with my brain. It was less of a realization than a confirmation of what I knew, which was that all those flashcards and mad minutes I did in elementary school did not help enough when it comes to math and numbers. To be fair, I'm okay at math, but numbers do not come as easily to me as words do. So, I've recognized that as a weakness of mine and will try to build my numeracy skills where I can.

Goals for Next Month:

My goals for next month is to continue to build positive relationships among our executive team, and our general assembly team. I have really been enjoying participating in VPA Rebecca's ULSummer events, and have gotten to bond with some of our wonderful GA reps through those events!

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. I am available via email for questions or concerns.

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