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## **Monthly Report: June 2022**

## **Introduction**

June was a busy month for the Students Union and the University. The spillover of the previous Academic year into this one has created a ripple effect in terms of pushing things back. The general theme of June was wrapping everything up for the summer. June started off with convocation and a 3 day-long celebration of the 1,102 graduates that crossed the stage.

## **Committee Meetings**

- Students' Union Committee Meetings
  - Executive Council (June 1, 15, 22, 30)
  - General Assembly
    - No GA for the month of June
  
- University of Lethbridge Committees
  - General Faculties Council (GFC) (June 6)
  - UofL Sexual Violence Policy Review Committee (June 23, 30)

## **Meetings with Students**

I met with four students in the month of June and advised and advocated for support with grade appeals.

## Other Notable Events & Meetings

- Spring 2022 Conviction (June 1 - 3)  
I attended 4/6 of the ceremonies hosted over the three-day period. I sat on stage with the Chancellors party. This was an incredible opportunity to congratulate our students as they convocate.
- Let There Be Light Night (June 1)  
Hosted by the Alumni Association, LTBLN was a fun chance to interact with our Alumni and many of the stakeholders at the UofL.
- Chancellors Dinner (June 2)  
This was Chancellor Charles Weasleheads last Chancellors dinner as the Cua=Hncelor of our Univerity. This was a fun evening filled with networking and meeting various stakeholders.
- Introduction Meeting with the UofL Sexual Violence Prevention Educator (June 6)  
I had the opportunity to meet Courtney Smith, the university's Sexual Violence Prevention Educator. This was a basic meet and greet where we talked about some priorities for the upcoming year.
- Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) Student Life Summit (June 8 - 13)  
Please see Travel Report:  
<https://ulsu.ca/userfile/file/May%202022%20Conference%20Report%20-%20COCA%20Student%20Life%20Summit%20-%20Gage.pdf>
- Meeting with Monday.com to discuss benefits of the platform to students (June 17)  
Coral, The VP of Operations & Finance, and I have had a meeting with the folks at Monday.com, a project management software company, to discuss the possibility of implementing monday.com as a service the ULSU can offer to students.
- Pride Flag Raising (June 20)  
I attended the UofL Pride flag-raising ceremony and celebrated the Month of June as Pride month. This was an opportunity to celebrate the diverse perspectives we have here on campus and show that inclusivity is a priority here at the UofL and the ULSU.

- Meeting with UofL Student Affairs Team (June 20)  
The Executive Council had a meeting with Kathleen Massey and the Student Affairs team. This meeting was a general meet and greet with some goal/priority sharing. I'm personally very excited to work with the Student Affairs team this year!
- Meeting with Health Sciences Academic Advising (June 21)  
This was another general meet and greet mostly. I did have some questions regarding general academic advising in the faculty but the goal was to create a line of communication.
- Attended National Indigenous Day Ceremonies (June 21)  
The Executive Council and I attended the National Indigenous Day ceremonies hosted by the UofL. This included a Rounddance and a BBQ lunch.
- Interview with Global News about Rent prices in Lethbridge (June 21)  
Please see the news clip here:  
<https://globalnews.ca/news/8938333/lethbridge-rent-prices-increasing/>
- Breakfast with UofL Presidents Office (June 22)  
The Executive Council had breakfast with the President's Executive Team to share our priorities and goals with the administration.
- Meeting with GA Reps to discuss a self-advocacy guide for international students (june 22)  
I have been working with Samantha Scott, the VP External, Maleeka Thomas, International GA Rep, and Annie Edenmelu, the Health Science Rep, to discuss how we can improve the international student experience and how we can create a self-advocacy package for our international students.
- Meeting with Student Enrollment and Registrar Services (S.E.A.R.S) about NSO and International Student Experience (June 27)  
I have been working with Samantha Scott, the VP External, and Maleeka Thomas, International GA Rep, to discuss how we can improve the international student experience at New Student Orientation and how we can improve that experience for our international students.

## Contact Me

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Kind Regards,

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