



COUNCIL REPORT

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION - ULSU.CA

Your Name Here Maleeka Thomas	Position Here International Student's Rep	Report Month/Year Here JUNE/2022	Hours Contributed 27 hours
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LOOKING BACK

NOTE: Please give more details than the examples shown. Also, if you have nothing to report in a particular line, just type in "Nothing to report".

Goals I've accomplished:

1. Connected with the International Centre Manager, Imaru Baquero to discuss future collaboration for incoming and current international students
2. Reached out to Annie Ebenmelu to hear her perspective on the needs of international students
3. Met with TD Bank manager Allan Tran and one of his team member to discuss potential collaboration to provide financial education for international students
4. Connect with Asheley Cowie from SEARS to discuss potential plans for NSO for incoming students both domestic and international
5. Reached out to Lionel Migrino (2021/2022- Calgary Rep) to understand how best to move forward with the EDIA committee.
6. Convocation Volunteer
7. AOTH Volunteer

People I've worked with:

(list people you've worked with or who have been instrumental with providing info or help & what they did).

- Miranda McKenzie – (Convocation & Student Records Coordinator) and the convocation team
- Asheley Cowie – (Orientation and Transition Coordinator) and the Ahead of the herd team
- Gage Desteur – provided information I needed to share with a student who was having troubles with her classes. As well as, share information with me about the EDIA committee
- Samantha Scott – Facilitate the meet between myself and Asheley Cowie so that I could share my concerns and ideas for solution for NSO
- Annie Ebenmelu – provided me with the information I need to know about what international students on campus experience is like
- Lionel Migrino – share information about how to make the EDIA committee more effective for all students

Meetings I've prepared for:

(eg: Planning Committee meeting – read 50 page agenda & asked questions prior to the meeting so I would have well thought out ideas)

- Met with the ULSU VPSA, Juanita DeVos – prior to this meeting I prepare some ideas for the Fresh Fest committee from an international student's perspective and other potential events
- Advocacy meeting
- EDIA (Inclusive practice meeting) – prepare questions and ideas to relay to Gage Desteur whom I met with
- Self-advocacy pack meeting – prior to, I came up with ideas that needs to be in the international students advocacy packs for the Fall semester
- Meeting with international center
- NSO meeting – read through the 2019 program and came up with ideas for fall 2022 NSO prior to the meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with TD branch manager, Allan Tran – prepare questions to ask to better understand how TD can help international students in a beneficial way Meeting with the 2021/2022 ULSU Calgary Rep, Lionel Migrino – before meeting asked some questions to the ULSU Executive Council to understand the precedents set for the EDIA space. Meeting with ULSU Health Science Rep, Annie Ebenmelu
Meetings & activities attended, people I've spoken with:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convocation Volunteer (June 1-3).....9 hours Chancellor's Dinner (June 3)..... 4 hours Ahead of the herd Volunteer (June 4)..... 6 hours Meeting with VPSA, Juanita DeVos (June 13)..... 1 hour Advocacy meeting with Samantha Scott, VP external (June 15)..... 1 hour Meeting with VP academic, Gage Desteur [EDIA discussion] (June 22) 1 hour Self Advocacy packs meeting with Samantha Scott, Gage Desteur & Annie Ebenmelu (June 22)..... 1hour International center meeting with Imaru Baquero [Manager] (June 22) 1 hour Meeting with TD branch manager, Allan Tran (June 23).....1hour Meeting with Health Science rep, discuss potential international events on campus (June 26) 1hour Meeting with 2021/2022 Calgary campus rep, Lionel Migrino (June 24) 1hour NSO planning meeting with Asheley Cowie, Samantha Scott and Gage Desteur (June 27) 1hour
Tactics on how I promoted SU events: <i>(eg: created & hung a huge banner in the atrium)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wore ULSU shirts to volunteering opportunity on campus Chat with a few first year international students and told them about the upcoming fresh fest event
Challenges I've encountered: <i>(eg: people won't get back to me when I leave them a message)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For an international transition workshop I was planning I was unable to get a date secure because of how hectic the first week of the fall semester will be. The items I had planned are similar to the international center plans so I unfortunately have to go back to the drawing board Unable to attend the pride flag raising ceremony
How my work has impacted students in my constituency <i>(eg: students are enjoying the lounge area we restored and are making new friends).</i>	Nothing to report
Details on outcomes: <i>(eg: only 50 people attended my workshop, but they had a great time & learned a lot... give more details though.)</i>	Nothing to report
Have read council reports: <i>(eg: I've read everyone's council report and EC minutes so I'm well informed & a team player).</i>	Yes, I've read the executive council reports and as such I am well informed about what they have been up to.

CURRENTLY

Goals I'm pursuing: <i>(list your goals no matter how insignificant they may seem, even if it's just to keep up with regular duties).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Hall meeting for international students Financial Education Sessions for international students Culture week International Student Panel for NSO Social Network event for first year students How to study/learn like a university student workshop Work in building the EDIA committee EDIA training
Projects I'm working on: <i>(name your projects with pertinent details & possible timeline of completion)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In person town hall meeting for all international students, I am hoping to get a few EC and GA members if they have time to attend as well as an international center representative. Timeline- September 13

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Panel for NSO, I am working with Imaru the international center manager as well as Asheley Cowie to facilitate a smooth transition for incoming international students. September 5 & 6 • Financial Education Session - it is my hope to have these sessions only twice per semester where international students learn about finances, the Canadian Banking system, what is credit and much more that is unknown to many international students. October 3rd • Social Networking event, after reading a study that shows that a large number of international students go through university without a genuine friend due to lack of social networking and interaction, I am planning on hosting one, if approved. October 2022 • The EDIA committee – working with the VP academic Gage Desteur and The president Karivee Bhatt to create the improved EDIA committee. September 2022
<p>Things I'm helping other people with: <i>(please list the things you are helping others with and your duties).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am helping Samantha Scott the ULSU VP external and Gage DeSteur VP Academic with their Advocacy packs for students

MOVING FORWARD

<p>Upcoming activities <i>(please list the upcoming activities you will be participating in).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh Fest • NSO • Town hall • Social Network event
<p>Important dates/deadlines <i>(please list the important deadlines related to your goals or position).</i></p>	<p>September 5 & 6 for NSO September 13 for international student town hall September 7-11 for fresh fest October 3rd for financial session</p>
<p>Details on upcoming tasks <i>(please give details on upcoming tasks you will need to perform).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer for fresh fest • NSO work as the liaison for international students and student panel • Townhall meeting host and facilitate the meeting
<p>People I will need to work with <i>(please list the people you will need to be working with and why).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I need to work, Samantha Scott & Gage DeSteur for the advocacy packs • Asheley Cowie the orientation and transition coordinator at NSO • International Center Manager Imaru Baquero for social networking event as well as NSO • Gage DeSteur and Karivee Bhatt for the EDIA committee • Coral Skiba to discuss finance available for upcoming townhall and social network event
<p>Resources I might need to gather <i>(please list the resources or materials you will need to gather for your tasks).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large classroom or space for Town hall meeting, pamphlets and other swag that students can get for free from the ULSU • Ballroom for social network event • ULSU calendars or booklets for NSO to give to international students