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Meetings and Events

ULSU

- GFC (March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th)
- Media interview (March 3rd)
- LRC (March 4th)
- EC (March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th)
- Indigenous Relations Committee (March 10th)
- Advocacy Advisory Committee (March 11th, 23rd,)
- PSVAC (March 11th)
- PIA Meetings (March 16th)
- Arts and Science Council (March 17th)
- General Assembly (March 17th)
- ULSU Awards Committee (March 18th, 23rd)
- YAC (March 18th)
- Lawn Sign Pick up event (March 23rd)
- Lethbridge Post-Secondary Joint Public Town Hall on Alberta Budget 2021 (March 30th)

Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)

- CAUS Organizing/ Public Engagement Committee (March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th)
- CAUS Board Meetings (March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th)
- Prep for Student Congress (March 24th, 26th)
- CAUS Special meeting (March 25th)
- CAUS Student Congress (March 27th)

Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA)

- Board Liaison Call (March 2nd)
- CASA National Advocacy Committee (March 23rd)
- CASA AGM (March 29th-31st)



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Descriptions of Notable Meetings and Events

Advocacy Advisory Committee

The Advocacy Advisory Committee has been in the process of going over the Campus Sexual Violence policy and identifying areas of concern or potential improvement. We identified a total of 6 areas and we have now begun the process of approaching University admin about our concerns and potential solutions which will improve the policy.

PIA Lawn sign event

The Students Union, along with members from ULFA brought our lawn sign campaign to the E parking lot for a distribution event to get more signs around Lethbridge, showing support for our institutions. We handed out close to 70 of our own signs during the event which does not even include the signs the faculty association distributed. Overall it was a very successful event and we are beginning to run out of our signs!

Lethbridge Post-Secondary Joint Public Town Hall on Alberta Budget 2021

This was a town hall in which I represented the ULSU stance on the cuts the post-secondary education sector received in the Alberta 2021 budget. In attendance were many politicians who are invested in the UofL and we received many amazing questions from members of our community about the budget and what it is going to mean for our campus, our city, and our province.

CAUS Alberta Student Congress

This was an event that CAUS organized which included student leaders from not only Universities, but also colleges and polytechnics as well. The purpose of this event was to show unity across the sector after another eviscerating round of budget cuts. The event was very successful and so well received that the congress voted to have this become an event which will occur twice a year, with CAUS organizing one, and ASEC organizing the other.

CASA AGM

The CASA AGM was a very bittersweet event, it was wonderful to conduct the last votes on new items to be adopted, and to get a review of all that CASA has done over this year, but AGM often marks the end of the year and it was hard to say goodbye to so many people you have worked with over the year.



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Overall March may have been the most busy Month I have had in the position so far (Which I believe I just said about February in my previous report). But it was also rewarding, there is so much planning that goes into events such as the Alberta Student Town Hall that it is impossible to recall all the meetings and planning to put on the report, same goes for something like the Town hall where you have to do lots of prep and research beforehand to make sure you can answer any possible questions. This month is one I can look back at and be very happy about though, and even something like the sign distribution event was so rewarding because I truly did not expect us to hand out as many signs as we did, and it is wonderful to have met people now involved with the University, who saw our promotional material and came to support us. I feel very weird now knowing that my next report will be the last I do for this term, and with this team of people. I hope April will be equally as rewarding as March.

Best,

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