



COUNCIL REPORT

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION - ULSU.CA

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LOOKING BACK

Goals I've accomplished this month:

(kept up with regular duties &/or accomplished additional goals, please name them).

Goals for this position can be very hard to accomplish on a monthly basis since many advocacy projects and areas will require months in not years of advocating to reach the desired results. That being said, there were a number of things I wanted to do in this first month to set the tone for the rest of the year.

- I was able to meet with all of my counterparts at the other CAUS Schools and have discussions with them about shared priorities and interests!
- Myself and SU President Holly Kletke were able to meet with the UofL's Presidents exec to discuss their thoughts on the recently released Alberta 2030 review and share some concerns with one another that we can carry through this year as advocacy points.
- The entire executive team was able to create a list of shared objectives and priorities for us each to work on throughout this upcoming year, and then later the entire executive was able to meet with the President's Executive once more to present them and discuss what the University can do to help collaborate with us.
- I was elected to the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations' (CASA) National Advocacy Committee as a permanent sitting member.
- As a returner I was able to assist with the transitioning of a new CAUS Board and to give presentations and advice throughout transition.

People I've worked with:

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

I have worked with a number of various people throughout the month of May including both our provincial and federal advocacy partners (CAUS and CASA). Naturally of course I have also been working closely with the other members of the executive team and some other GA members on a variety of different objectives. I was also able to meet with the other members of the Youth Advisory Council earlier in the month as well.

I was able to meet with all my counterparts both in a group setting at CAUS meetings and through one on ones, and I believe I have also set the foundations for some future bi-lateral initiatives with some of these schools.

Meetings, activities, conversations:

(name the meeting or activity, what I did to prep are or help, people I talked with).

There have been far too many meetings in total for me to be able to mention and detail them all here, so I will instead list some of the more notable ones.

- First GA meeting of the year, I needed to prepare my report and also ensure that I was very up to date on agenda items since this GA is the one where we passed the budget. I also gave an update on the Alberta 2030 review.
- GFC Committee of the whole, We have had weekly GFC meetings since the beginning of the term and many of these discussions have been largely in closed session so I will not be able to discuss the content of these meetings, but these meeting often require a lot of prep and contain lengthy and detailed agendas to read before hand.
- CAUS Counterparts, This was a long transition conference that took place over the course of a weekend. I gave a presentation on Campus Sexual

	<p>Violence at the conference which is the topic I was really hoping to be able to cover and discuss.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CASA Foundations, this was the transition and first meeting of the new CASA Board, It was at this meeting that I was elected to the National Advocacy Committee. - Exec meeting with President's exec, Before this meeting myself and the other EC members did quite a lot of prep to figure out priorities and examples to give while presenting them to ensure we were prepared
<p>Tactics on how I promoted SU events: (eg: created & hung a huge banner in the atrium, submitted social media info).</p>	<p>May was perhaps a little light on actual ULSU events since we were just coming into the first month, but anything important and relevant was shared to my own social media accounts.</p> <p>We have also begun to plan more events for the Summer that I am incredibly excited for!</p>
<p>Challenges I've encountered: (eg: I can't get volunteers, not enough funding, the equipment didn't work properly, etc.).</p>	<p>I have not encountered many problems throughout May but I feel as though that is due to the fact that I am a returning member. There were some IT related problems with our executive emails for the first week or so, but once those issues were sorted out it has felt somewhat like business as usual throughout the month of May.</p>
<p>Details on outcomes: (number of attendees, how my initiative impacted students, would I change anything next time, etc.).</p>	<p>The only Outcome I can draw to right now through the month of May was the outcomes from my previous year on the Alberta 2030 review. One of the greatest accomplishments is seeing that after nearly a year of advocating for this, Tuition will once again be tied to CPI in approximately 2 years.</p>
<p>Council reports & EC minutes: (explain if you've read reports & EC minutes, all/some/none. Explain if you have questions about a particular topic).</p>	<p>Since it is only the first month there have truly only been a couple EC minutes to have read which I have done so. Additionally, with this being the first reports we have given, naturally there have been no reports to read, But I look forward to reading the reports of my fellow execs once these are posted.</p>
MOVING FORWARD	
<p>Current or upcoming tasks: (upcoming activities or tasks I will be participating in or spearheading, possible timeline of completion, who will I be working with).</p>	<p>I will be working with others to create some online programming related to advocacy and government issues related to the Student experience to try and garner some student engagement online.</p> <p>I also will be working on creating a summer advocacy initiative similar to the letter writing campaign that I organized last summer!</p>
<p>People I will need to meet with: (people I will need to meet with, and why, such as students to gather info or to promote, to book venues or equipment etc).</p>	<p>First and foremost my top priority for the Month of June in terms of meetings will be more facetime with the Minister of advanced education. Now that we have set the foundations and met with a lot of our counterparts, I want to actually now sit down and discuss some concerns and priorities I have with the Minister of advanced education.</p>
<p>Resources I might need to gather: (eg: supporting documentation for a budget, mailout list for sponsorship requests, secure equipment, gather feedback etc.).</p>	<p>It is hard to predict this at this point, but naturally lots of my concerns and advocacy will originate from findings in the Alberta 2030 review.</p>
<p>Important dates/deadlines: (important deadlines related to my goals or position).</p>	<p>Not currently applicable.</p>