

Day 1 - Monday, June 6th

Monday morning of the conference began with breakfast and negative Covid tests. We then had a conference opening and smudging ceremony led by NIAC (National Indigenous Advisory Committee) members. We then had a Code of Conduct Review where we laid out the rules and expectations during the conference, followed by the first Plenary where we elected the Code of Conduct Officers. There was then an icebreaker and introduction, followed by lunch. After lunch, we reviewed Robert's Rules of order before the second Plenary where we elected our Board of Directors (where our lovely president Kairvee Bhatt got elected as treasurer). The evening ended with a social event.

Day 2 - Tuesday, June 7th

Tuesday morning once again began with breakfast and a negative rapid test. We then had a presentation overview for CASA's strategic plan, followed by a presentation from the Quebec Students' Union (regarding their formal agreement with CASA), and a Cultural Competency Training session led by Danielle Gilmore. After lunch, we reviewed the CASA Policy Library and had discussions surrounding priorities for our individual schools and how we can make sure those priorities are represented at CASA. In the evening, we had dinner followed by a social event.

Day 3 - Wednesday, June 8th

After a negative test and breakfast, we had a presentation from Polytechnics Canada, followed by a presentation on the Federal political climate, an overview on how to use Basecamp (the server that we use to share documents), and an overview of CASA Committees and the

available positions. After lunch, the NIAC held a panel discussion on how we can support Indigenous students on their Post Secondary Educations. We then participated in talking circles to further these discussions. At the end of the day, we went to the Parliament building to take our big group picture for CASA.

Day 4 - Thursday, June 9th

The final negative Covid test and breakfast preceded presentations from CiCan and Elections Canada. Thursday morning also saw presentations regarding the Mentorship program within CASA, as well as a financial update and a refresher on how to use Robert's Rules. After lunch, the final plenary was held where we elected committee members and tied up all unfinished business. The night and conference ended with a fun social event where we got to say goodbye to all of the wonderful individuals that we spent the week with.

Overall, this conference was a wonderful opportunity to connect with delegates from across Canada. It was inspiring to discuss both the similar and differing struggles that we face both within our institutions and as student leaders. It was also an extremely wonderful opportunity to learn how we can advocate better for students on a federal level. It was truly an honour to represent the University of Lethbridge Students' Union at this conference and to be able to bring back the knowledge I learned to share with my co-workers and constituents.