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Hello everyone,

This month has definitively left the Students' Union with a challenge. The release of the provincial budget at the end of October has left the office with a workload persisting through this month and beyond. Given that, here are some of the highlights for this month:

General Faculties Council

In this meeting there was a lengthy discussion on the Budget and it's implications for the university. We then able to make some lengthy Bylaw Amendments related to the Executive and Quality Assurance. After reviewing some reports, the meeting was led into another important step. The Freedom of Expression statement of the university was reviewed and much of the meeting was left on this point.

Legislative Review Committee

The Legislative Review Committee had its first meeting this month. In this meeting I was able to establish the purpose of the committee and give them the tools to succeed as members. We had decided in this meeting to divide the sections of the Operations Manual between each member, give each person an equal share. Afterwards, we had a full discussion on some of the goals that we had for improving the manual. I am looking forward to what we can achieve.

Arts and Science Council

This meeting was a fairly short one. Aside from reports we were able to vote on some curriculum changes for Arts and Science. This included Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, First Nations' Transition Program, Geography and Environment, Indigenous Studies, Kinesiology, Mathematics and Computer Science, Neuroscience and Sociology. These changes will be brought to GFC in December.

CAUS Counterparts Fall Conference

This semester we travelled to Edmonton for our CAUS Counterparts Conference. Many of the sessions were useful to the overall portfolio of a Student Association Executive. We had sessions on Strategic Planning, Advocacy, Life after being an Exec, OERs, Council Accountability, Transition Planning, and many more. As well I was able to meet with the VP



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Operations and Finance of the other Student Associations and learn more about how to improve in my own portfolio.

Board of Governors Finance Committee and Main Meeting

These meetings were called after the release of the Provincial Budget by the United Conservative Party. The focus of them was entirely around developing a plan around this budget.

Health and Safety Advisory Committee

In this meeting the co-chairs had offered to let any member of the committee be a part of their training to be better acquainted with the Health and Safety policies. We reviewed an inspection schedule and policies related to work stations in the Science Commons as well. We were updated on the status of the water quality at the Coutts Centre which is still a work in progress. Finally, we were able to review the Campus Safety Report and Wellness and Recognition Report.



Meetings and Events

General Faculties Council – November 4
Transit Advisory Committee – November 5
Legislative Review Committee – November 6
Executive Council Meeting – November 6
Arts and Science Council – November 7
General Assembly Meeting – November 7
Executive Council Meeting – November 18
Council of Alberta University Students' Fall Conference – November 19-21
Board of Governors Finance Committee – November 19
Board of Governors Meeting – November 22
Health and Safety Advisory Committee – November 25
Executive Committee Meeting - November 28
Dirty Bingo Volunteering – November 29

I would once again like to thank the ULSU and student body for giving me such a great opportunity with this position. I would I also like to thank anyone who has taken the time to read this report. Engagement, discussion and rhetoric are important in student politics and I value any opinions that are given to me on the position or the organization. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at su.finance@uleth.ca or (403)329-2292.

Best Regards,

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