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# **Meetings and Events**

#### **ULSU**

- GFC (Nov 2nd)
- Meeting with Presidents Exec (Nov 4th)
- Indigenous Relations Committee (Nov 4th)
- Executive Council Meetings (Nox 5th, 19th, 26th)
- Teleconference with Deena Hinshaw's staff (Nov 5th)
- Preventing Sexual Violence on campus meeting (Nov 10th)
- GFC Iniskim Education Committee (Nov 12th)
- Strategic planning committee (Nov 16th, 30th)
- Arts & Science Council (Nov 18th)
- Youth Advisory Council (Nov 19th, 27th)
- GA refresh (Nov 20th)
- Student fee review Committee (Nov 23rd, 27th)
- General Assembly (Nov 24th)
- Advocacy Advisory Committee (Nov 27th)

## **Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)**

- CAUS Board Meetings (Nov 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th)
- Alberta 2030 Roundtable (Nov 3rd)
- CAUS Counterparts (Nov 16th-19th)

## **Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA)**

- CASA E-plenary (Nov 25th)
- CASA AdvoMonth (Nov 1st- Nov 3rd)

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## **Descriptions of Notable Meetings and Events**

Teleconference with Deena Hinshaw's Staff

This call was actually originally meant to be with Deena Hinshaw herself but unfortunately she was unable to make the meeting due to a sudden engagement and instead we high ranking members of her staff had a discussion on how the pandemic is affecting Post-Secondary institutions and our students. From this call came an initiative with AHS to connect with representatives from each School to discuss how to better reach post secondary students and support them.

#### **PSVAC**

Over the reading week we had the first meeting of this committee since the beginning of the semester and we had a great discussion on potential initiatives for how to better prevent sexual violence on our campus, and how to better support victims, and establish a culture on consent. There is now training on the topic which can be taken on Moodle, and I will also be drafting a letter on the topic on behalf of the committee to be sent to the provincial government asking for better sexual violence legislation.

## General Assembly

This was a great General Assembly and was our longest of the year by far, we discussed a myriad of topics from AB 2030, Navitas and how to start planning for elections and transition. We also made plans on how we could do a friendly and covid safe version of GA secret santa this year.

#### Alberta 2030 Roundtable

This was an hour long roundtable at which student representatives were able to meet with the consulting group that is conducting the Alberta 2030 review. I was able to raise some topics of concern I have with them, including tuition deregulation and also the fear of board centralization. We were assured that further consultation would be taking place again and we are in the process of scheduling more consultation with them and members of the Alberta provincial government.

## CAUS Counterparts

This was the second CAUS counterparts that we have had so far and involved a considerable amount of advocacy as well as bonding between the exec teams of the different Albertan institutions. We met with a number of MLA's to advocate for better student affordability and to voice out concerns with the Alberta 2030 review.



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#### CASA Advo-Month

Throughout the entire month of November, myself and other student leaders from around the country met with Members of Parliament as well as Senators to push for better support for students at the Federal level. We made significant progress and even had some of our asks come before the house because of MP's that we met with and agreed with our advocacy asks.

Overall November was a very packed month of important advocacy both provincially and federally, and considering that there was meant to be a reading week in this month and I still had the hours I did, it may have been my busiest month in this position so far. December may manage to bring a nice break for myself and the other executives, and I am looking forward to hopefully having a couple days where I do not send off at least one email or have a couple hours of Zoom meetings, that concept has come to feel foreign over the last couple of months.

As always I encourage anyone with any questions about my report, or the work I am doing to please contact me at su.external@uleth.ca

#### Best,

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