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Media Opportunities

- Government Announcement of New funding for low-income learners (Nov 23)
 - <https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=850397BDEC4A8-EC16-020B-E3928C0D7604B616>
 - <https://everythinggp.com/2022/11/24/province-announces-new-funding-for-low-income-learners/>
- CTV Lethbridge interview on Government increase of funding for 211 (Nov 24)
 - <https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/lethbridge-students-advocates-laud-province-s-new-investment-into-211-alberta-1.6168012>

Provincial:

- Regular informal meetings/communication with CAUS GOTV Coordinator
- Regular informal meetings/communication with CAUS ED
- Regular informal meetings/communication with CAUS Vice Chair
- Check in with former ASEC Chair (Nov 1)
- Policy Committee meeting (Nov 2)
 - At this meeting we talked about limitations faced by students due to “too much income” (ie. a student making \$18,100/yr, but bursaries are only available to those making \$18,000/yr or less. As such, these individuals don’t qualify for scholarships but also definitely cannot survive on \$18,100). These limitations include municipal housing allocations, accessibility of public transport, scholarship limits, support for parents/mature students, and support for WIL accessibility.
- CAUS Board Meeting (Nov 3, 17)
- Check-in with CAUS GOTV Coordinator (Nov 12)
- Weekly Meeting with CAUS Vice Chair (Nov 14)
- Meeting with Calgary Economic Development Strategic Specialist (Nov 15)
 - A representative from Calgary Economic Development reached out to CAUS wanting to have student representation as they host events and advocate to both the



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city and province for different projects (i.e. housing). One of their focuses is Work Integrated Learning, so we are looking forward to working with them on how we can implement WIL projects provincially.

- CAUS Weekly Staff meetings (Nov 16)
- Check in with CAUS ED (Nov 17)
- Meeting with the President of Students' Association of Red Deer Polytechnic re: potential GOTV Partnership (Nov 18)
- Calgary Counterparts Conference (hosted by the Students' Association of Mount Royal University) (Nov 28-30)
 - Please see the separate conference report for a full run down of this conference. For a quick summary, however, some our activities included:
 - A planning session for CAUS electoral priorities
 - A meeting with Minister Nicolaidis
 - A preparation session on CAUS budget asks
 - A presentation on how to support first generation students
 - A presentation on how to support students struggling with Mental health
 - Advocacy issues framing (presented by me!)
 - A presentation on disability advocacy and EDI
- Check in with CAUS ED (Nov 25)

Municipal:

- Youth Advisory Council Meeting (Nov 17)
 - 2020 and 2021 were obviously very limiting when it came to engaging events that could be planned for students, so this year the focus for this committee is re-engaging students with municipal events. Right now we are finalizing our strategic plan for what this committee will look like in the coming years and brainstorming events that will encourage students of all ages to engage with the community.

Federal:

- Check in with GIRC Chair (Nov 14)
- GIRC Meeting (Nov 17)
 - As most of the committee members were unable to attend this meeting, it was more of a quick chat with the CASA ED and an opportunity for self reflection time on the changes that have been made to CASA operating procedures so far.



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ULSU:

- EC meeting (Nov 2, 16, 23)
- Student Fee Review Committee Meeting (Nov 3)
 - This was the second Student Fee Review Committee Meeting (the first being Oct 31). At this meeting, the administration answered all of the questions we had asked at the first meeting and clarified any remaining concerns.
- GFC Prep Session with ULSU and ULFA (Nov 14)
- GFC Meeting (Nov 14)
- GOTV Coordinator Interviews (2x Nov 15, 2x Nov 17)
 - This month I hired the ULSU GOTV Coordinator! I am so excited to bring this important campaign to life starting in January, stay tuned for updates!
- ULSU Anti-discrimination Training (Nov 16)
 - The Executive Director of EDI for the U of L, Martha Mathurin-Moe, gave a presentation to our GA on the ULSU can work to further EDI initiatives on campus and gave advice on how we can be more inclusive student leaders in our day to day work. It was such a fantastic presentation, and we are so thankful for the opportunity to better ourselves for the students that we represent.
- Beading Workshop for Metis Week (Nov 17)
- Joint Campus Labour Council Meeting (Nov 17)
- Arts and Science Council Meeting (Nov 17)
- GA Meeting (Nov 18)
- Connections Cafe (Nov 21)
 - This month I had the chance to spend the day at the Connection Cafe in Markin Hall. It was so much fun, and such a great opportunity to make sure that students know what services we provide and how we can help them. Overall, it was a great success!
- GFC Library Committee Meeting (Nov 22)
- Meeting on the Foundational Standards for Campus GBV Complaints (Nov 23)
 - Earlier this term I was lucky enough to consult on the “Our Campus, Our Safety” report commissioned by Possibility Seeds. This was a follow up meeting where we discussed standards on how GBV is reported on campuses and how we can improve standards for processes at each level of government (and at institutional levels as well)
- Meeting with GOTV Coordinator (Nov 24)



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- Interview with CTV Lethbridge re: Increase in funding for 211 (Nov 24)
 - Please see the link in the “Media Opportunities” section for this interview! While we love to see the government supporting Albertans and increasing supports for mental health and addictions in our province, the ULSU (and CAUS) are continuing to advocate for Mental Health resources *on* campuses. We recognize that students have different needs than the average Albertan and that having these services off campus often creates significant barriers and inaccessibility for students.
- Visit to the Calgary Campus for the Diversity Cafe (Nov 24)
 - I had the chance to go to the Calgary campus with Juanita (the ULSU VPSA) and attend their monthly Diversity Cafe. It was so great to talk to students, tell them about the services we offer, and make that connection with the Calgary Campus students!
 - https://www.instagram.com/p/C1ZS7KVB3ST/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link
- Executive Accountability Committee Meeting (Nov 25)
- EDIA Committee Meeting (Nov 25)

Notes:

- During the first half of the month, there are significantly less meetings than my usual reports. This is because I took the first week off, and the second week was reading week!
- I have been working with Cheri (the ULSU GM), Punvin (the ULSU Calgary Campus rep), staff members at the Calgary Campus, and individuals at the Students' Association of BVC to figure out how we can get the Calgary Campus on a UPass plan. It is slow moving and involves many moving parts, but we are making progress!

That's all for this month! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at su.external@uleth.ca

All the best,
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