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Media Opportunities:

- CAUS Press Release on ABIE (Alberta Bureau of International Education) (Oct 3):
 - <https://www.caus.net/news/2022/10/5/caus-stands-alongside-international-students>
- Government announcement on the extension of the Work-integrated Learning Industry Voucher Expansion program (Oct 5):
 - <https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=848029E2C0A05-C865-2EE7-CFC459B27BFBB4B5>
- PIENews re: ABIE (Oct 9) (Super cool that CAUS has an international news reach!!):
 - <https://thepienews.com/news/alberta/>

Provincial:

- Regular informal meetings/communication with CAUS GOTV Coordinator
- Regular informal meetings/communication with the CAUS ED
- Regular informal meetings/communication with CAUS Vice Chair
- Meeting with abGPAC and CAUS Communications re: GOTV partnership (Oct 4)
- Meeting with CAUS ED regarding GOTV MOU for partnerships / Privacy policy for collecting pledges (Oct 4)
- Weekly CAUS Staff meeting (Oct 5, 12, 19, 26)
- Interview with Helen from PIENews (Oct 6)
- CAUS Board Meeting (Oct 6 and 20)
- Meeting with OPEC Chair and UCGSA regarding provincial advocacy (Oct 6)



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- Get Out The Vote Kick off! (Oct 6)
- OPEC meeting (Oct 7 and 21)
- Panel with Crestview Strategy on Danielle Smith as Premiere (Oct 7)
- Meeting with Ministry of Advanced Ed (Oct 7)
- Weekly Meeting with CAUS Vice Chair (Oct 11, 17, 24, 31)
- Bi-weekly check in with AUSU (Oct 12 and 26)
- Meeting with UCSU and CAUS re: GOTV partnership (Oct 13)
- Bi-weekly GOTV meeting (Oct 13)
- AB Small Council meeting (Oct 13)
- Meeting with SAMRU and CAUS GOVT Coordinator (Oct 17)
- Meeting with AUSU and CAUS GOVT Coordinator (Oct 18)
- Meeting with SAMU and CAUS GOVT Coordinator (Oct 18)
- Meeting with UASU and CAUS GOVT Coordinator (Oct 18)
- CAUS Lunch and Learn (Oct 21)
- Meeting with CAUS Board member (Oct 24)
- Bi-weekly check-in with SAMU (Oct 24)
- Meeting with SAITSA President (Oct 24)
- Meeting re: institutional knowledge within CAUS (Oct 26)
- Policy Committee Meeting (Oct 26)

Municipal:

- Meeting with the Cheri and Calgary Campus staff regarding UPass in Calgary (Oct 4)
- Youth Advisory Council meeting (Quorum was not met) (Oct 20)
- CSA EDI-Committee Meeting (Oct 24)
- Meeting with Punvin Verma (Calgary Campus Representative elect) (Oct 27)
- Monthly CSA Board meeting (Oct 28)



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Federal:

- CASA GIRC meeting (Oct 6 and 20)
- Check in with CASA ED (Oct 11)
- CASA Consultation on environmental sustainability OP (Oct 26)

ULSU:

- GFC Arts and Science Council Gender Inclusivity training (Oct 3)
- October GFC meeting (Oct 3)
- New Faculty Welcome event (Oct 3)
- International Student Panel (Oct 4)
- EC Meeting (Oct 5, 12, 19)
- CAUS Presentation at ULSU Staff Meeting (Oct 5)
- GA Orientation (Oct 6)
- Chancellor's Search Committee meeting (Oct 11)
- Funding Allocation Announcement (Oct 12)
- Let There be Light Night (Oct 14)
- Convocation (Oct 15)
- Garage Sale (Oct 18-20)
- Arts and Science Council Meeting (Oct 19)
- EDI Meeting (Oct 20)
- Interview with Mojtaba Rostami, PhD Candidate at U of C (Oct 20)
- Meeting with Sydney Whiting (Collective Center) (Oct 24)
- Diwali celebration in the Zoo (Oct 24)
- Public Interest Alberta "Better Way Alberta" Tour (Oct 25)
- Search Committee Members EDI Training (Oct 25)
- LPIRG AGM (Oct 25)
- Volunteer Fair (Oct 26)



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- GA meeting (Oct 28)
- U of L Open House (Oct 29)
- Fee Review Committee Meeting (Oct 31)

Notes:

- As both a rep from the ULSU and CAUS chair, I have been following the dramatic changes in Alberta politics closely as they have the capacity to significantly affect the advocacy we do. Notably:
 - The UCP announced the new Premiere of Alberta on Oct 6 (Danielle Smith)
 - Danielle Smith announced her Cabinet shuffle on Oct 21. Some notable announcements include:
 - Demetrios Nicolaides continues as Minister of Advanced Ed
 - Nathan Neudorf (Lethbridge East) is a Deputy Premier and the Minister of Infrastructure
 - The UCP AGM happened on the weekend of Oct 22. Similarly, the NDP had their convention on the weekend of Oct 22.
- This month, Wasiimah Joomun, the CASA Member Relations Staff member, came to visit the ULSU and speak about CASA, the advocacy we do, and answer questions from our General Assembly. It was such a great opportunity to have a great discussion with our whole GA about how we can better represent ULeth students on a federal level!
- ASEC (Alberta Students' Executive Council) is a very similar student advocacy organization to CAUS, representing just over 100,000 Post Secondary Students across the province (they represent College and Polytechnics, whereas CAUS supports University undergraduates). This month, ASEC announced they made the unfortunate decision to dissolve their Board. While they sort out the details of their by-election and what the rest



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of their year might look like, it has left CAUS in an interesting position on how we can continue supporting and advocating for students outside of our organization while maintaining our autonomy. We look forward to finding ways to work together and represent students across the province, especially within our GOTV campaign.

- This month we had our ULSU Garage Sale where we sold items donated from Housing Services, all proceeds going to our foodbank. While we don't have final figures at the time of me writing this report, it was an extremely wholesome event where people (students, faculty, and staff alike) were able to purchase items they needed while contributing to a great cause at the same time. It was overall a great success!
- This month, the Students' Union hosted a Diwali Party! It was so much fun with lots of good food and even better dancing. It was such an honour to be included in such an important cultural tradition for so many members of our campus, and I am looking forward to similar events that will be held in the future.
- This month, Public Interest Alberta hosted their Better Way Alberta Tour, which featured stops across the province to speak about what individuals envision for a better province moving forward. At their Lethbridge stop, I gave a speech on behalf of both the ULSU and CAUS on what a better future for Post Secondary Education. It was a great chance to participate in student advocacy in front of a different crowd and to represent students in front of very different, yet equally important stakeholders.

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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