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Contribution Hours: 207.5

Events, Meetings, and Conferences Attended:

- *New Student Orientation*
- *Silent Disco Volunteering*
- *General Faculties Council Executive*
- *Welcome Week Tabling*
- *Meeting with Kali McKay*
- *Advocacy Relations Coordinator Student Staff Position Interview*
- *Science Commons Tour Training with Senate*
- *Meeting with Kathleen Massey*
- *Fresh Fest*
- *General Faculties Council*
- *ULSU Club Rush Week Tabling*
- *Science Commons Opening*
- *Big Bang Weekend*
- *Open House Stakeholder Meeting*
- *Mental Health Student Meeting*
- *Career Fair*
- *Budgeting Workshop*
- *Student Affairs Meeting*
- *Advocacy Meetings (Nathan Neudorf, Amy Bronson, David Eggen, Shandi Bleiken, and Stephnie Watson)*
- *ULAA Council Meeting*
- *General Assembly Meeting*
- *ULSU Executive Breakfast with Mike Mahon, Andy Hakin, and Nancy Walker*
- *School of Liberal Education Advisory Committee*

Descriptions of Notable Meetings/Events:

New Student Orientation

On September 2nd, we welcomed all the new students onto our campus. I was honored to be able to speak to this new class and welcome them on behalf of the ULSU. This was the biggest NSO class that the University of Lethbridge has seen yet – with about 1400 students and families in attendance. Following the mornings' welcomes, I tabled in the new Science Commons for Family Lounge. This was a great opportunity to let some parents know about what the Students' Union offers. I got a lot of questions about the Health and Dental Plan, UPass, and

getting involved with the Students' Union. I pushed the position of First Year Representative quite a bit at this event to better encourage direct involvement with those who were interested.

Meeting with Kathleen Massey

Early in the month, I met with Kathleen Massey to cover a few areas prior to the craziness of September. This was an open conversation that covered some changes to the hours of the Registrar's Office, potential fee changes, and prospective partnerships for the future. I really appreciated this meeting as it outlined some important changes to keep an eye out for and allowed me to discuss these changes with the rest of the executives.

Fresh Fest

I am happy to say that Fresh Fest went great this year! Although this was mostly Ryan Munn's event, I was happy to help where I could. The attendance to this event was outstanding and the energy that came with it was great to see. Both days saw a large number of people and it was great to see that involvement early in the year.

Science Commons Opening

The second weekend of September was extremely eventful. I was honored to be able to be a part of the opening of the new building on campus, Science Commons. I was invited to take part in a traditional Blackfoot Opening Ceremony where I was lucky enough to be a part of the peace pipe circle, see the naming of the building, and hear the prayers that were said. I also delivered a speech on behalf of the ULSU around what this building means to students. Overall, the event went great and I was happy to be a part of it.

Big Bang Weekend

Following the official opening of the Science Commons, the Big Bang weekend proceeded. I attended on behalf of the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association and was happy to take part in many in-depth tours. These tours covered some of the state-of-the-art equipment that the new building provides and plays a part in the ongoing research hosted within the building.

Career Fair

I was thankful to be able to speak to the employers that were present at the Career Fair. As this event is one of the few times that students can browse what the working world has to offer, I was quite thankful to be given the opportunity to express gratitude on behalf of all the students who benefit from the event.

Budgeting Workshop

This event was the first of its kind in what Kate Potts and Nathir Halmoun are calling Life Skills Workshops. Dean Shelly Wismath gave an engaging presentation on the importance of

budgeting as a student and provided us with some advice on how to do it. We hope to grow this event as it continues and work with many people to provide life skills to interested students.

Student Affairs Meeting

Mid-way through the month, the executive team met up with the GSA and most people from Student Affairs. We were given a few presentations on important programming scheduled for the upcoming year; the Student Experience Transcript and the Kerber Friendship Program. Both programs are very student centered, with benefits expected to be added to students' academic and social lives. This meeting also acted as a great opportunity to find areas of potential collaboration between our teams.

Advocacy Meetings

Given the upcoming federal election, Bailey and myself met with as many candidates in the Lethbridge area as we could. We met with the candidates from the Liberal party, the NDP, and the Green party. We asked them about their vision for post-secondary within the country, the province, and Lethbridge. We also met with David Eggen who discussed the upcoming provincial budget and asked us about our input. We also gave him a small tour of campus before saying our goodbyes.

General Assembly Meeting

This month marked our first official GA meeting of the fall semester. This also was the date of our by-election for the two DSB representatives, the First Year representative, and the International representative. The meeting was great and we saw such a good turnout with the General Assembly. I am so excited to welcome Mathieu Lebon-Volia, Sandhya Sunuwar, Isma Nieto, and Mark Serebryansky to our General Assembly!

ULSU Executive Breakfast with President's Executive

We were honored to be invited to have breakfast with Mike Mahon, Nancy Walker, Andy Hakin, Erasmus Okine, and Mike Whipple. We had some healthy conversations about the year ahead and planned initiatives on both our parts. Overall, it was a great opportunity to get to know the President's executive team a little more and look ahead to the year in front of us.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding my report.

Best Regards,

Andrew Gammack
President