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Hello everyone,

The school year has finally begun! I am facing a lot more work on my plate now, which is very exciting. The new level of workload has definitely kept me busy. Here are some of the highlights for this month:

**Arts and Science Council**

At this meeting we were given a presentation on a new course being offered to graduate students which will help them with writing their thesis. As well we were given a very in-depth update from Dean Shelly Wismath on the initiatives that the School of Liberal Education were conducting. The Interim Dean was also very informative in his report, highlighting progress in research grants and the School of Indigenous Studies. We were also informed at a possible change in the way thesis courses were graded in the future, as they no longer give a 'X' or 'P' grade to them. We unfortunately did not meet quorum for our meeting so we were unable to vote on any items for action in this meeting.

**SA Managers' Meeting with Student Executives**

In this meeting the executives from the ULSU and the GSA got meet with many managers in Student Affairs. We discussed firstly the Kerber Friendship Program, which is aimed at giving international students, and students far from home, a sense of community by offering them a home cooked meal in order to get them acquainted with staff and professors at the university. We then reviewed the Student Experience Transcript, a new program aimed at highlighting more than just academics on your student transcript. This will highlight involvement in clubs, student groups and in the community alongside your academic achievements. Finally, we went around the table and discussed priorities for each individual there.

**Liberal Education Social Justice Symposium**

I had the honour of attending a very passionate symposium held by the School of Liberal Education. The keynote speaker for this was Jackson 2Bears, he presented on the many public galleries he was a part of and how it reflected upon the experiences of the Indigenous peoples. It was a very engaging experience and I am so thrilled that I was able to attend.



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### **Health and Safety Advisory Committee**

In this meeting we elected our new Co-Chairs, a representative from the employees and a representative from the employers. We were able to review incident statistics over the last little while as well as fire drills that were performed campus wide. Much of the meeting had revolved around the new Science Commons, safety planning has been made as well as a general lab safety plan. Finally, there was a concern about the water quality at the Coutts Centre, it is being worked on, but it is not a serious cause for concern as the staff in the centre drink bottled water.

### **Academic Standards Committee**

In this meeting we had prepared many recommendations to bring to General Faculties Council. This included changing of recognized countries for undergraduates, changes to the Mature Route, Conditional Admission and more. We also recommended a change to the Addictions Counselling program as well.

### **Breakfast with the President's Executive**

This was a much more casual interaction with the President's Executive than what we normally have. We had a meal with them and discussed issues and initiatives running by their offices. We also discussed some of our own initiatives and outlook for the future. One thing that was a common initiative was preparation for both a federal election and the passing of the provincial budget.



## **Meetings and Events**

Executive Council Meeting – September 11  
Club Rush Tabling – September 12 & 13  
Arts and Science Council – September 12  
Executive Council Meeting – September 18  
Volunteer Recognition Dinner – September 18  
SA Managers' Meeting – September 19  
Liberal Education Social Justice Symposium – September 20  
Health and Safety Advisory Committee – September 23  
Academic Standards Committee – September 24  
Executive Council Meeting – September 25  
Meeting with Graduate Students' Association – September 26  
General Assembly Meeting – September 26  
Breakfast with the President's Executive – September 27

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](mailto:su.finance@uleth.ca) or (403)329-2292.

Best Regards,

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