

# Office of the VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

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### **Meetings and Events**

#### ULSU

- Executive Council (Sept 2, 10, 17, 24)
- Meeting with GLC (Sept 9)
- Youth Advisory Council (Sept 10, 17)
- Interview with the Meliorist (Sept 14)
- GFC Orientation (Sept 14)
- GFC Meeting (Sept 14)
- Meeting with Presidents Executive (Sept 16)
- Arts & Science Council (Sept 16)
- General Assembly (Sept 22)
- ULSU Podcast (Sept 23)
- Attended Facebook townhall with the Advanced Ed Minister (Sept 24)
- LGBTQ 101 Workshop (Sept 25)
- Meeting on Student Accessibility Initiative (Sept 30)

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

- CAUS Meetings (Sept 8, 21, 28)
- CAUS Policy Committee (Sept 23)

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

- CASA Board Liaison Call (Sept 11)
- CASA E-Plenary (Sept 16)
- National Advocacy Committee Meeting (Sept 28)

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

## Meeting with Presidents Executive

This was a very productive meeting where we were able to discuss a number of subjects with the upper administration of the University, and was particularly helpful as I was able to compare the plans for the ULSU submission for the Alberta 2030 review and compare it with the submission that the University administration was submitting.

### General Assembly

This in many ways felt like the first true meeting of the General Assembly despite us having 2 meetings in the summer to address specific concerns or topics. This was the first one where we actually had a proper Chair, and a delightful one at that, and this was one where we had multiple presentations to council. It was fantastic to see everyone once again and to hear the feedback and amazing ideas of the General Assembly is always the highlight of the meetings.

### LGBTQ 101 Workshop

The General Assembly and office staff attended a fantastic pworkshop by the Calgary Queer Arts Society where we had a fantastic host run us through the workshop and share a plethora of fantastic information and some great anecdotes as well.

### CAUS Meetings

As always working with CAUS has been a true treat, we are preparing for a new advocacy campaign that will be starting soon, we are all working together to keep informed and up to date on Alberta 2030, and we are even beginning to plan out what form our Christmas Cards will take this year and if that isn't something to get excited about then I don't know what is.

#### CASA E-Plenary

The CASA E-Plenary was a rather long meeting but one of incredible importance as in addition to the normal political updates we are given, we also selected and voted on the main priorities that CASA would be focusing on this year. We also had to vote to fill a board position that had become available as well as vote to fill open position on Committees within CASA.

#### Tasks and Miscellaneous

#### Alberta 2030 Review

For those who may not know what this is, the Provincial government will be conducting a review of the Alberta Post Secondary Education system and developing a plan for how they will want it to look in the year 2030. The group hired to conduct this review is taking submissions and Jon and Myself have been hard at work crafting our submission for this process.



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### My Degree Our Future

The summer advocacy campaign which we ran over the summer in response to the planned introduction of Performance based metrics to the Post Secondary Education System has officially been concluded and is being sent to the Minister on the same day I am writing this report.

### Hiring a Advocacy Resource Coordinator

The USLU is hiring a Advocacy Resource Coordinator to help with our external and internal advocacy goals, anyone interested in the job should check out the information for the position on our website or social media platforms!

September was a busy month for me and October is looking as though it just might be even more busy and challenging, If you have any questions about my report, please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:su.external@uleth.ca">su.external@uleth.ca</a> and I would be happy to answer them!

Best,

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