

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION



YEAR IN REVIEW
2015-2016

University of Lethbridge Students' Union

The General Assembly

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BACK TO FRONT

(left to right)

(back): Danielle Adams, Shealeigh Brandford, Hailey Babb, Gabriel Cassie, Roy Pogorzelski (Chair), Jessica Jones, Charlie Helmer-Smith
(middle): Daniel Lima, Brendan Warren, Alaina Pyde, Brenna Scott, Aini Khan, Stephanie Wickham, Virginia Brickley,
Sandeep Parmar, Michael Gale
(front): Cody Ciona, Kieran Brennan, Cameron Howey, Landry Forand

MISSING

Sadat (Sid) Anwar, Shashi Kant Ghai

A Year in Review of 2015-2016

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Introduction

President's Address

Every year the ULSU puts together a year in review that will cover all of the important initiatives, events and other aspects of what the Students' Union does. This year as President has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. I can say with absolute confidence that this has been the best job I have ever had and will likely stay that way for years to come. I also know that my fellow executive team Michael Gale, Virginia Brickley, Charlie Helmer-Smith and Danielle Adams would agree when I say I will never forget this year.

The Students' Union was established under the Post-Secondary Learning Act to represent student interests to the University Senior Administration and all levels of government while simultaneously enhancing student life at our institution. This year we once again hosted Fresh Fest, Last Class Bash and also brought MTV's own

Jessi Cruickshank to campus. We advocated on behalf of students for the renewal of the mental health funding to our University through a letter writing campaign as well as affordability of post-secondary education. One of our biggest wins was the implementation of a fall reading break for students to begin in the Fall of 2016.

The Students' Union would not be able to operate without the help of our nine full-time staff. They are the glue that keeps our organization together by providing guidance when needed and acting as mentors each year to new and eager executives as they come into their roles and learn what kind of leader they are. On behalf of the 2015-2016 Executive Council, I would like to thank our General Assembly, staff, volunteers and all the others who made this year not only possible, but a success. *Brenna Scott - English major*



President - Brenna Scott



Executive Council

Left to Right: Brenna Scott, Danielle Adams, Virginia Brickley, Michael Gale, Charlie Helmer-Smith



Executive Council Christmas Photo

Left to Right: Charlie Helmer-Smith, Virginia Brickley, Brenna Scott, Danielle Adams, Michael Gale.



ULSU Food Bank Fundraiser at the Galt

Left to Right: Kieran Brennan, Cody Ciona, Shaeleigh Brandford, Sandeep Parmar, Hailey Babb.

Student Council & Staff

General Assembly of 2015-2016

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Brenna Scott
President



Charlie Helmer-Smith
VP Academic



Michael Gale
VP Operations & Finance
(October - April)



Danielle Adams
VP Student Affairs



Virginia Brickley
VP External



Alaina Pyde
1st Year Student Rep



Jessica Jones
Arts & Science Rep



Kieran Brennan
Arts & Science Rep



Cameron Howey
Arts & Science Rep



Hailey Babb
Arts & Science Rep



Cody Ciona
Arts & Science Rep



Sandeep Parmar
Arts & Science Rep



Gabriel Cassie
FNMI Rep
(October - January)



Landry Forand
Residence Rep



Shealeigh Brandford
Education Rep



Stephanie Wickham
Fine Arts Rep



Brendan Warren
Management Rep



Aini Khan
Health Sciences Rep



Daniel Lima
International Student Rep



Shashi Kant Ghai
Edmonton Campus Rep



Chris Vokey
VP Operations & Finance
(May - September)



Sadat Anwar
Calgary Campus Rep
(May - December)



Roy Pogorzelski
General Assembly Chair

General Assembly Chair

It was an exciting opportunity to be the Chair for ULSU. The different representatives from the GA and the Executive were very well organized as a group, assisted in distributing valuable funding dollars and had some good discussions on issues that applied to students. I would like to thank all the student representatives of the GA

and the Executive representatives, especially President Brenna Scott for being so accommodating of my work schedule. For those that are graduating, my sincerest congratulations and well wishes for your future endeavors. For those that are returning to hold positions on the executive and returning as members of the GA, I wish you all the best in another successful academic year as student leaders. Have a great summer. *Roy Pogorzelski - Chair of the General Assembly*

Permanent Positions

General Manager
Cheri Pokarney

Bookkeeper/Rockerman's Manager
Randy Ockerman

Operations Coordinator
Tracy Merrifield

Executive Assistant
Susan Curtis

Administrative Assistant
Maiko Ogita

Communications Coordinator
Riley Miller

Health Plan Administrator
Shelley Tuff

Zoo Manager
Shawn Mullen

Kitchen Supervisor
Scott Shillington

Zoo Server
Aleda Chapin

Positions Hired Annually

Policy Analyst
Erikka Weisgerber

Volunteer Coordinator
Taylor McKechnie

In Memory of Scott Shillington

Scott Shillington - Kitchen Supervisor

Sadly, this year the Students' Union lost one of our own esteemed colleagues. Scott Shillington, was a conscientious, hard-working, devoted employee of the Zoo who was well respected by his peers. More importantly, he had integrity, was extremely honest, kind, good humored, and is still being mourned by everyone at the Students' Union. Scott, our friend, you are missed. *Cheri Pokarney - ULSU General Manager*

Advocacy & Representation

Notable ULSU Committee Activity

Active ULSU Committee List

1. Fresh Fest Committee
2. Legislative Review Committee
3. Student Engagement Committee
4. Zoo Management Liaison Committee
5. Awards Committee
6. Elections Committee
7. Transition Committee
8. Recognition Dinner Committee
9. Hiring Committee
10. Event Planning Committee
11. Advocacy Advisory Committee
12. Executive Accountability Committee
13. Health and Dental Appeals Committee
14. Full-time Employee Review Committee
15. General Manager Review Committee
16. Budget Committee

Student Engagement Committee

The Student Engagement Committee (SEC) was a place for every student to bring their creative ideas in an inviting environment. Students collaborated to discuss potential Students' Union events, promotions of events, and how to improve upon their future success. This committee met once a month and although the attendance was not high, many brilliant ideas were suggested. Some of the many creative ideas that were brainstormed included a pit-ball event, snowball fight, movie nights, comedy night, nap-room, scavenger hunt and many more. Ideas in regards to Mental Health Week initiatives were discussed where students can take a break between classes to relax while playing games, creating art and having snacks. These sort of events are important for over-all student well-being. Other events like Superhero and Super Villain cabaret were brought to the table. Members made contributions through generating ideas and promoting events. Individuals promoted events through their social media accounts as well as by discussing the events with their peers. The committee was an excellent opportunity for

students to engage and discuss what they would like to see at the University. Members also participated in setup and supervising the events for its success. They volunteered their time to help run events so the University of Lethbridge student population can enjoy their experience at this school. Most importantly, SEC members discussed how events can be better organized and promoted in the future for more successful results. As always, this committee was an amazing opportunity for students to engage and make a difference to student life on campus. *Aini Khan - Health Sciences, Public Health major*

Legislative Review Committee

The Legislative Review Committee was responsible for going through the ULSU's constitution, bylaws, and policies. A big part of the Legislative Review Committee was to update and ensure that what the ULSU stands for was upheld in our legislation. This why it is vital to continuously update and edit the legislation so that the student's best interests are always in mind.

The constitution had three new updates, most notable would be the deletion of the Edmonton Campus Representative as the campus is closing. The bylaws had thirteen changes, most notable changes would be the addition of the First Year Representative and further deleting of the Edmonton Campus Representative. Other corrections in the bylaws are minor grammatical and formatting errors. The policies had eleven corrections, most notable ones included changing the amount of undergraduate signatures to ratify a club from fifteen to twelve. This was changed to unify the needed signatures within the Students' Union. Also changed in the policies was the deletion of policy XXII. This policy regarded cabaret and event programming details, all of the information found in this policy was present elsewhere in the legislation making this policy redundant.

This committee helped to ensure that the Students' Union vision and responsibilities were on track and in

line for the students' best interest, as many refer to the legislation for answers. *Alaina Pyde - double major in Anthropology and Biological Science*

Executive Accountability Committee

An important aspect of Students' Union accountability is for the General Assembly (GA) and staff members to evaluate how the Executive Council (EC) performs. This year's team built on the previous years questionnaire by extensively cleaning up grammar and adding new questions. Overall, we improved the questionnaire so next

year will have a strong question base to work from. Disappointingly, the survey only had a 50% response rate, which made the EAC's job frustrating. Overall, the survey results were positive and identified the EC as having done a good job. The EC focused on students, and worked diligently to offer students the best services and help when needed. A few key areas to work on were communication with the GA, intra-office conflict resolution, and professionalism. This year's Executive Council did a good job and deserve praise for their hard work and dedication to students. *Kieran Brennan - Political Science major*



Executive Council

Danielle Adams, Virginia Brickley, Charlie Helmer-Smith, Brenna Scott, Michael Gale

Grade Appeal Report

This year, many students came to the ULSU with various academic grievances, though only two required me to sit on the actual grade appeal committee. This seemingly low number is typical of the grade appeal process. The University's procedures for grade appeals place a lot of emphasis on concluding any issues before they reach appeals; this gives mixed results. On one hand, it is a lot simpler to just talk things out with your professor one-on-one instead of bringing things to the committee. Much of my function in the grade appeal process was to act as a supporter or resource-person, and this has surprisingly strong effects. Many students just need reassurance that they actually CAN question their professors, after that they can conclude any issues. However, this process impedes the progress of any appeals wherein students are not satisfied by just discussing things with their professor. The amount of work that goes into a successful grade appeal package is daunting, and that is nothing compared to the intimidating bureaucratic stressors that come with an appeal. An independent 3rd-party appeals advisor would be useful for the University as a whole. Such a position would help many hesitant appellants as well as free up the VP Academic to sit on more appeal committees without any potential for conflicts of interest. *Charlie Helmer-Smith - History/Economics major*

Fall Reading Week

There was a tremendous step forward for student mental health this year. Our relatively new Registrar Susie Kennedy capitalized on a GFC mandate to implement a fall reading break. This required broad support from all across campus, including a very strong student voice (which I was very happy to provide). The new fall reading break went through many forms in its development, but the best system for everyone ended up being the week of Remembrance Day in November. This was a testament to what strong policy, strong advocacy, and a focus on mental health can do. *Charlie Helmer-Smith - History/Economics major*

CASA Report

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations met in Ottawa from May 18th - 22nd, August 10th - 12th, November 19th - 22nd, 2015 and February 22nd - 28th, 2016.

Foundations was the first conference of the year, with a great many presentations such as; Safety Against Women, the Generational Squeeze, Political Climate, Mental Health (presented by the Mental Health Commission of Canada), Canada Student Loans, Mike Corak on PSE, Ross Finnie on Earnings of Graduates, a Government Relations Panel, Advocacy training, Media Training, Basecamp training and Financial Aid. There were several smaller presentations that educated the group on CASA, past and present; as well as where it was going. All elections for Board Chair and the Directors happened at this time. Get Out the Vote prep came afterwards, in August, which was the final wrap up of the program being launched in the Get Out the Vote campaign. There were many planning sessions and strategies built over the course of the conference that each student leader could take back to their campus.

For our campus, the VP External did over 30 classroom talks about voting in the first two weeks of September, as well as using extensive social media to promote awareness. The VP External also hosted an All Candidates Forum which was hugely successful; drawing in over 200 students and community members, leaving nothing but standing room only. All candidates attended. Rachael Harder (C), Cheryl Meheden (NDP), Mike Pyne (L), Kas MacMillan (G) and Solly Krygier-Paine (R). The debate made the front page of the paper, as well as being featured on the radio stations and making national news. Throughout October the Students' Union really focused on getting information to students about how to; register, vote, find their polling station and go about the process smoothly. Advanced Polling was October 9th -12th, and many students were at the polls.

In November, CASA met in Halifax to go over the GOTV campaign and decide on the final policy asks for lobby week in the new year. GOTV, and CASA by extension, re-

ceived much media attention; well over 50 hits, and 1000 views which is more media attention than CASA has previously received. The amount of political attention was enormous - many MP's chose to pay attention to PSE due to this campaign. Voter participation, especially in young adults skyrocketed. Elections Canada stated there had been a 10 – 12 point increase in youth vote! Indigenous ridings were at 20%, 30% and 40% higher than normal depending on location. There were 41,072 pledges nationwide – including our own campus. The priorities chosen were; Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship, Financial Assistance, Equity Seeking Groups (Mental Health, FNMI, International Students) and Research.



Get-Out-the Vote Campaign

Riley Miller, Cameron Howey, Virginia Brickley, Danielle Adams, Brena Scott, Charlie Helmer-Smith, Michael Gale

In February, the VP External flew to Ottawa to partake in SuperCon; a mix of a lobby conference and the annual AGM. While there, over 157 meetings were scheduled with MP's, Ministers and Senators; of which the VP External attended nine. There was ample opportunity to meet with MP's from all over the country during a meet and greet held at the House of Commons, as well as the wide variety of meetings the VP External attended. The AGM was the last part of the conference, which was a wrap of how the week went, who we met with, and which of us had updated Highrise with meeting details. *Virginia Brickley - VP External*

CAUS Report

Campaigns; Get Out the Vote (End of April, beginning of May) & Mental Health Letter Writing.

Over the course of the year, there have been 11 in-person CAUS meetings, as well as twelve teleconferences. CAUS priorities are decided very early in the year, May 7th - 10th to be exact, but how each priority is addressed was the subject of much discussion and debate over the past year. Our priorities this year were; Tuition and Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees, Campus Mental Health, Student Financial Aid, Student Employment Program, Research, and PSLA Governance. CAUS also presented a budget to Minister Sirgurdson, the Minister for Advanced Education at the time, as well as a mental health letter, which all members of CAUS help write.

A large focus for CAUS was the way tuition is defined and regulated in the province, and what recommendations could be brought forward for the lobby week in April. It was decided that tuition should be returned to legislation. In addition, loopholes for market modifiers should be closed, not allowing Universities to add additional amounts to what students already pay for services rendered. Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees (MNIFs) were the last part of the tuition ask this year, pushing the government to regulate MNIFs in order to prevent gouging students during the tuition freeze.

Mental health was also a large focus this year, as the grant giving all CAUS schools mental health funding is set to expire

this year. With the submission of a mental health letter, all five schools participated in a campaign to get students to write letters to the government to stress the importance of this funding and how it has helped students over the past three years. The ULSU collected 230 letters from students and sent them to the Ministry.

Lobby week this year took place on April 3rd - 8th, open to both outgoing and incoming members of the organizations. The current VP External, Virginia Brickley, and two incoming executives, Cody Ciona and Cameron Howey, attended the conference in Edmonton; participating in meetings with Ministers, MLA's and other stakeholders. All current members of CAUS attended, and were introduced, in Question Period – their names forever going on record in the minutes. CAUS met with Minister Marlin Schmidt on Tuesday, April 5th, and had a good conversation about all of the priorities.

On April 6th CAUS hosted an MLA meet and greet at Central Social Hall in Edmonton, where MLA's and staff, from all the different parties were invited to attend. The event was quite successful, as members of each party attended the gathering. There was food and drink to go around, each incoming and outgoing member of CAUS having an opportunity to meet and talk with MLA's in a casual setting. An hour into the event, the Minister for Advanced Education – the Honorable Marlin Schmidt, arrived. This was a great time for the student leaders to have some individual time to speak freely about post-secondary issues, as well as get to know the Minister personally – developing relationships going forward that are positive and powerful.
Virginia Brickley - VP External

Political Meetings

Summer Meetings

Shannon Phillips - *MLA Lethbridge West, Environmental Minister*
Grant Hunter - *MLA Cardston Taber Warner (WRP)*

Fall Meetings

Shannon Phillips - *MLA Lethbridge West, Environmental Minister*
Maria Fitzpatrick - *MLA Lethbridge East*

Spring 2016 Lobby Week

Jill Wright - *Ministerial Assistant for Brian Mason, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation*
Erin Babcock - *MLA Stony Plain*
Jessica Littlewood - *MLA Fort Saskatchewan-Vereville*

Maria Fitzpatrick - *MLA Lethbridge East*
David Swann - *MLA Calgary Mountain View*
Colin Piquette - *MLA Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater*
Nicole Goehring - *MLA Edmonton-Castle Downs*
Debbie Jabour - *MLA Peace River, Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees*
Hon. Marlin Schmidt - *MLA Edmonton-Gold Bar, Minister for Post Secondary Education*

Meet and Greet Meetings

Angela Pitt - *MLA Airdrie (WRP)*
Derek Fildebrant - *MLA Strathmore-Brooks (WRP)*
Hon. Irfan Sabir, *MLA Calgary-McCal - Minister of Human Services (NDP)*
Bill Moore-Kilgannon - *Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister of Human Services*
Wes Taylor - *MLA Battle River – Wainwright (WRP)*
Rick Strankman - *MLA Drumheller – Stettler (WRP)*
Dave Rodney - *MLA Calgary – Lougheed (PC)*
Greg Clark - *MLA Calgary-Elbow (AP)*
Maria Fitzpatrick - *MLA Lethbridge East*
Shaye Anderson - *MLA Leduc Beaumont*
Hon. Robert E. Wanner - *MLA Medicine Hat, Speaker*
Wayne Anderson - *MLA Highwood*
Mustafa Ali - *Outreach Officer, NDP Caucus*
Estefania Cortes-Vargas - *MLA Strathcona-Sherwood Park, Government Whip*
Hon. Marlin Schmidt - *MLA Edmonton-Gold Bar, Minister for Post Secondary Education*

Early 2016

Rachael Harder - *MP Lethbridge, Youth Critic*
Hon. Kent Hehr - *Minister for Veterans Affairs*

CASA Lobby Con

Jim Eglinski (*CON*)
Rachael Harder (*CON*)
Iraqa Khalid (*LIB*)
Ruby Sahota (*LIB*)
Colin Fraser (*LIB*)
Kellie Leitch (*CON*) *former Minister for Status of Women
Cathay Wagantall (*CON*)

Meet and Greet

Gord Johns - *MP Courtenay-Alberni*
Hon. Don Meredith - *Senator – Ontario*
Sven Spenemann - *MP Mississauga – Lakeshore*
Hon. Elizabeth May - *MP Saanich – Gulf Islands*
Virginia Brickley - VP External

Conferences & Retreats Attended

- CAUS Transition Retreat - Canmore May 7th - 10th
- CASA Foundations Conference - Ottawa, May 18th - 23rd
- Leadership Hall Conference - Victoria, July 5th - 8th
- CAUS All Executive Conference - Lethbridge July 23rd - 24th
- CASA Get Out the Vote Conference - Ottawa, August 9th - 12th
- CAUS Mini Conference; Edmonton - November 6th
- CAUS All Executive Meeting - Calgary, November 13th
- CAUS Conference - Calgary, January 21st - 22nd
- CASA Lobby Week - Ottawa, February 20th - 29th
- ULSU Transition - Payne Lake Lodge, March 24th - 26th
- All Executive Transition; Lethbridge, April 18th



Cameron Howey, Minister Schmidt, Virginia Brickley, Cody Ciona



Meeting with Rachel Harder



MLA, Minister Schmidt with CAUS Members



CAUS Members



Virginia Brickley, Shannon Phillips, Brenna Scott

Clubs & Greek Life

Club List, Report, Photos



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|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Accounting Club (Lethbridge Campus) | 38 | Historical Undergrad Society |
| 2 | Accounting Club (Calgary) | 39 | Human Resource Management Society |
| 3 | African Caribbean Student Association | 40 | Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship |
| 4 | Agricultural Students' Society | 41 | International Students Association |
| 5 | Archaeology Club | 42 | Itty Bitty Shimmy Committee |
| 6 | Arts Society | 43 | Jazz Club |
| 7 | Association of Political Science Students | 44 | JDC West |
| 8 | Audio Engineering Society - DISBANDED | 45 | Kappa Pi Chi - Female Fraternity |
| 9 | Biology Club | 46 | Kappa Sigma - Fraternity |
| 10 | Board, Ski, and Surf Club | 47 | Kinesiology & Physical Education |
| 11 | Campus Conservatives | 48 | K.O.M.O. Crew |
| 12 | Campus Roots | 49 | Latter Day Saint Student Association |
| 13 | Cancer Awareness Club | 50 | Management Student Society |
| 14 | Canadian Breast Cancer Youth Advisory | 51 | Martial Arts Club |
| 15 | Cauldron Club | 52 | Medieval Club |
| 16 | ChemBioChem Club | 53 | Mixed Curling Club |
| 17 | Chinese Culture Club | 54 | Mock Trial Club |
| 18 | Climbing Club | 55 | Model UN Club |
| 19 | Consent & Sexual Awareness Club | 56 | Musical Theatre Society |
| 20 | Co-operative Education Ambassadors | 57 | Muslim Student Association |
| 21 | Cross Country Club | 58 | Native American Students Association |
| 22 | Dance Team | 59 | Neuroscience Club |
| 23 | Delta Eta Iota - Sorority | 60 | New Media Students Society |
| 24 | Economics Club | 61 | Nursing Student Club |
| 25 | Education Undergraduate Society | 62 | Object Manipulation Club |
| 26 | English Students' Society | 63 | Organization of Residence Students |
| 27 | Environmental Science Club | 64 | Photography Club |
| 28 | Finance Club (Lethbridge Campus) | 65 | Philosophy Club |
| 29 | Freedom House Student Club | 66 | Pre-Law Club |
| 30 | French Club | 67 | Pre-Med Club |
| 31 | G.E.E.K. Club | 68 | Pre-Vet - DISBANDED |
| 32 | Geography Club | 69 | PRIDE Centre |
| 33 | Get Real Club | 70 | Psych Club |
| 34 | Global Drums | 71 | Public Health Students Assoc. DISBANDED |
| 35 | Global Medical Brigades | 72 | RDT Club |
| 36 | Goalball Club | 73 | Rotaract |
| 37 | Headbangers Society | 74 | Sasquatch Games Club |
| | | 75 | Singers Club |
| | | 76 | Smash Club |
| | | 77 | Social Work Student Association |
| | | 78 | Sociology Club |
| | | 79 | Spanish Club |
| | | 80 | Students Awareness for Mental Wellness |
| | | 81 | Swing Bridge Dance |
| | | 82 | Synthetic Biology Club |
| | | 83 | Table Top Role Playing & Players Society |
| | | 84 | Theatre Arts Society |
| | | 85 | Trolls Rugby Football |
| | | 86 | Uleth Legends |
| | | 87 | Ultimate Frisbee Club |
| | | 88 | University Catholic Young Adults |
| | | 89 | Unscripted Theatre Society |
| | | 90 | Vocal Harmony Singers Club |
| | | 91 | Whetstone |
| | | 92 | Wind Orchestra |
| | | 93 | World University Service of Canada |
| | | 94 | Yoga Club |
| | | 95 | Young Artist Collaborative |

Year-end Report

I just don't even know what to say here to be completely honest. Clubs and Greek Life were just amazing this year. We had 95 clubs and that's including the Greek Life Organizations. It's a record high and I'm so glad to see so many students getting involved on campus and making connections both on and off campus. Everyone did a fantastic job with getting me event proposal forms, especially when this had not been enforced for the last few years, with little to no complaint. Kappa Pi Chi will be colonizing and going international and will be hence known as Kappa Beta Gamma. Good luck girls! Greek Life Council has a constitution as of January 2016. I was very impressed by the dedication of the Greek Life Council executives in getting it done. They put a lot of work into it. We've had a lot of new clubs this year. The Get Real Club and WUSC being just a couple of them, but they've been taking on a lot of hard topics, like bullying, and WUSC is going to be bringing a refugee student onto campus in the near future. Our veteran clubs did an amazing job as they always do making sure they are a strong presence on and off campus. On a club policy side of things, we are dropping the amount of students needed to ratify from fifteen down to twelve. There were some issues this year with clubs missing Clubs Council and then being placed on probation. The policy may need to be reviewed next year to make sure we decrease the number of clubs on probation. I wish all the clubs, returning and new, and our incoming VP Student Affairs Royal Adkin good luck next year and I cannot wait to see you all shine. *Danielle Adams - English major*



CLUBS PHOTOS

Club Activities - ULSU Sponsored

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life is an annual event that has been held at the University of Lethbridge for many years now. This year (like many years before) the ULSU put in a team with a goal of reaching \$100 per participant. Together we raised a grand total of \$850 and spent a spirited night dressed in yellow and gold on the school track. It was a very well put together event with a lot of enthusiasm, and support from all the participants, volunteers, and coordinators. *Jessica Jones - Psychology & HRM/LR*

1st Year Managerial Case Competition

The Introductory Managerial Case Competition (IMCC) is a very exciting event hosted at the U of L by the ULSU and MSS, with the support of multiple sponsors. This case competition is restricted to first and second year students, and designed to provide a less threatening introduction to case analysis. Students with minimal, to no case experience are encouraged to attend and gain case competition experience, with the motivation of a cash prize!

The competition is held over one day and is split into two sections. The morning consists of breakfast, followed by a workshop where competitors learn tips and strategies on analyzing a case, as well as the essentials of presenting a case response. After lunch, competitors split into their teams and were sent into isolation with the case. During isolation the students created a fifteen-minute presentation without access to internet or outside assistance. Following a three-hour isolation period, the teams presented their case responses to a panel of judges formed of experienced students, and industry professionals. From there, the top three teams were chosen and awarded their cash prizes.

The event was highly valuable to students inexperienced with case analysis, as it taught them skills that they will use both in higher level classes and in their careers. Having a competition where first and second year students do not have to worry about being overshadowed by more experienced students was also important. *Brendan Warren - Management Representative*

Model UN

The Model United Nations Club in its 15th year, attended its annual national conference. This year the club voted to attend McMun hosted by McGill University. McMun has been widely considered the best conference in Canada, and in some years, has won best conference in the world. We have attended this conference many times in our 15 years and have always done an excellent job representing the U of L. McMun offers a traditional UN committee experience as well as historical and modern world issues. This year students debated issues ranging from the 2008 financial crisis, genocide prevention, the creation of the United States, and illegal arms trade prevention. Our club gives students the opportunity to build knowledge and debate ideas while attaining public speaking, research, and writing skills. In addition, the conference offered social and networking activities where club members made valuable contacts and met life long friends. I know all the club members had a great time and many have committed to the club trip next year! The ULSU graciously gave us \$3000 to help pay for registration fees, and the entire club was beyond grateful for this financial aid. Even with the large price of the trip, our club managed to have 35 attendees, a record for our club in the last decade. *Kieran Brennan - Political Science major*

5 Days for the Homeless

This year 5 Days for The Homeless went exceptionally well. Director Conner Williams hailing from the Management Students Society, along with our team of organizers and sleepers worked really hard to make this event go as smoothly as possible. Our sleepers braved the wind and the elements for 5 days from March 13th - 18th. During this time we had many volunteers come to help raise money by playing guitar outside by the sleepers. We also had a plethora of food donations come in from The Zoo, Mr. Mikes, Save On Foods and free coffee from the Coffee Company among others. On Wednesday the 16th, we held a hot dog BBQ outside the First Choice Savings Centre which went really well. In total, 5 Days for The Homeless raised \$9,200, where all the proceeds went to Woods Homes Youth Emergency Shelter. *Cody Ciona - Political Science major*

Events of 2015-2016

List of Events

JUNE

- Project Paint Brush
- Garage Sale

AUGUST

- Car Wash

SEPTEMBER

- Fresh Fest
- I Pledge Campaign (Year Long)
- Farmers Market
- Club Rush Week
- Campus Colour Run
- By-Elections
- Dirty Bingo
- Provincial All Candidates Forum

OCTOBER

- Get Out The Vote Campaign
- Jessi Cruickshank Academic Speaker
- Craig Cardiff Music Workshop
- Dirty Bingo
- Self Defence Training
- Feed or Famine Food Drive

NOVEMBER

- Relay For Life
- ULSU Clothing Drive
- Mental Health Week
- Art Therapy Night
- Dirty Bingo
- Fall Comedy Night

DECEMBER

- Christmas Market
- Ender Bender Week Events

JANUARY

- Rush Week
- Frostbite
- Dirty Bingo
- Student Speaker Challenge
- Free Printing Day

FEBRUARY

- Sexy Week
- Calgary Roughnecks Game
- Student Speaker Challenge
- Fine Times & Rake Fight in the Zoo

- ULSU General Elections

MARCH

- Food Bank Gala
- Super Heroes vs Super Villains Cab
- Comedy Night
- 5 Days For The Homeless
- St. Patrick's Day
- Dirty Bingo
- ULSU Dodgeball
- FNMI Night with an Elder
- Letters for Mental Health

APRIL

- Recognition Dinner
- Stress Less Bags Give away
- Art Therapy Night
- Teaching Excellence Award / Last Lecture
- Last Class Bash

New & Recurring Initiatives



Dodgeball Tournament

The annual ULSU Dodgeball tournament took place on March 19th this year. We started the tournament at 1:00 pm and played until 5:00 pm then headed up to The Zoo for burgers and pop. We had over 14 teams compete. It was very well attended and came in significantly under budget. This tournament raised money for the ULSU Food Bank, with this year raising over \$500. With around 140 students participating, this event engaged physical and mental health awareness amongst students. We handed out numerous prizes and it was excellent to see such a high level of engagement from the students who participated. This year was my second time planning this event and I was extraordinarily happy. I want to send out a big thank you to Cheri, Megan, Tracy and everyone else

involved, for all their hard work put toward this event. Keep your eyes open for next year's tournament. *Cameron Howey - Political Science and History major*

COCA

Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) is an annual conference that the VP Student Affairs attends every year. This conference deals with event planning, club related topics, and also showcases various comedians, musicians, and speakers that we may like to have on our campus. This year the conference was held in Edmonton and I will not lie I was hoping for somewhere a lot cooler to go. Regardless of that, it was my A-HA! moment for the year. The talent that crossed the stage and the sessions I attended regarding clubs shaped the rest of my year and what I wanted to do on campus this year. Plus I got to meet so many amazing people from all over the country and it's an experience I will never forget. *Danielle Adams - English major*

Self-Defence Course

The self-defence course was something that I really wanted to bring to students on campus. We received a

lot of interest and the class went really well. The best part though was that the women who participated learned a great deal and had a lot of fun in the process. Unfortunately, I ran into a bit of a time crunch and I was unable to get another course in place. Hopefully someone in the coming years will take this on and put it in place as a permanent service either here at the University or a service the ULSU can offer to all students. *Danielle Adams - English major*

I Pledge Campaign Against Sexual Violence

This campaign started on campus in September of 2015, by encouraging students to take it upon themselves to end sexual harassment/violence on our campus. Along with ordering t-shirts that helped to promote the cause, we encouraged a series of workshops to promote consent and positive masculinity. In addition, we invited students to start talking about rape culture through white board questions that would change weekly, allowing students to engage anonymously for a month over the topic. The campaign also allowed the ULSU executives to screen the Hunting Ground before bringing the documentary to the students of both the University and College. The documentary was followed with a panel on how to



prevent sexual violence and aid those who have already been assaulted and wish to report – and those who do not. There was a tremendous response from students on our campus, one which I hope will continue. *Virginia Brickley - VP External*

Education Representative Resource Binder

Representing a large sector of students in a University of Lethbridge Students' Union General Assembly position is intimidating and daunting. Entering this position, it was important for me to create a collection of ideas, events, initiatives, and contacts for the successor of this position. This comprehensive collection of resources includes memorable initiatives that I took part in over the course of the 2015-2016 calendar year. With a summary of events as well as notable contacts, future education representatives will feel more confident in either starting their own initiatives or bringing back successful past events. Some memorable events in this binder are FNMI Educational Sessions for Native Awareness Week, EUS Wellness Week, LethCamp, and Stress Less Bags. In creating this I hope that all General Assembly members will begin collecting their ideas into a binder so that future University of Leth-

bridge Students' Union representatives are further able to create meaningful initiatives and events for students.

Shealeigh Brandford - Education & English major

Sexy Week

Sexy Week was February 1st to 5th and was comprised of an event each day of the week leading up to Valentine's Day. On Monday, 400 red roses were handed out to students around campus with a card listing the week's activities. Tuesday, we piggybacked off of Karaoke, changing the name to Sexyoke and handed out prizes for best love song, best duet, best group, etc. On Wednesday, the Kappa Beta Gama Sorority organized a Speed Dating night. This was a huge success with nearly a hundred participants and hopefully lots of new friendships. On Thursday, Dr. Paul Vasey did a talk titled "Welcome to the Ancestral Mating Environment". This event had lower attendance, however, the audience that attended were very passionate and interested in the topic. To finish off the week there was the biggest Dirty Bingo event of the year with ramped up intensity and prizes and was called Extra Dirty Bingo. The week was a great success and was able to engage students and lift spirits all over campus. *Michael Gale - Neuroscience, Biology & Geography.*



Notable ULSU Academic Events

Academic Speaker - Jessi Cruickshank

I am still very excited that this year the ULSU was able to bring in MTV and eTalk's own Jessi Cruickshank! The event was full of inspiring messages about going out into the world to make a direct impact, whether it is around the world or in our own backyard. The event was not as well-attended as I had hoped, however that is more due to a foolish attempt at selling tickets for the event that will be brought up as a lesson to future VP Academics! However, for the people that were there, this was an exceptional experience. Jessi brought an incredible energy that left everyone smiling and inspired for days, so I think it was worth it! *Charlie Helmer-Smith - History & Economics major*

important lesson on communication: listening. Specifically, it was on Active Empathetic Listening (AEL). Her AEL skill system has beneficially been applied across the world and across many fields. She also challenged the audience to use it themselves, as we could all benefit! Lastly we had a riveting lecture on climate change and the future of green technology from Dr. James Byrne of Geography. He lauded the major advances in green tech, but also the relatively minor changes we can all make for huge benefits. Overall the event was a tremendous success, with many life lessons and more than a few laughs! It was also recorded for future audiences to enjoy. *Charlie Helmer-Smith - History & Economics major*


Student Speaker Challenge

This year the ULSU, LPIRG, and SACPA worked together to host the annual Student Speaker Challenge. The topic question was "What is Our Responsibility to Others?" and it was addressed from three perspectives: Individual/Small Community, Corporate/NGO, and Government. The prizes were \$1000 for 1st, \$500 for second, and \$250 for 3rd/4th. We had nine great speakers this year, bringing many different points of view towards this question. We heard many great points and arguments, however in the end the winner was Kristin Krein. Congratulations! *Charlie Helmer-Smith - History & Economics major*

The Last Lecture

This year's Last Lecture was a tremendous success! It was on the evening of April 13th and there were at least 100 people in attendance, including many faculty members. I could not be happier with the turnout. Dr. Chris Burton from History gave an excellent rendition of his (mis)adventures through the USSR and Russia, and their affect on his education and understanding of history. He was tremendously entertaining as well as informative. Dr. Tanya Drollinger from Marketing gave us a simple, yet extremely





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FRESH FEST REVIEW

I couldn't have done this event without the help of my amazing Fresh Fest Coordinators, they kept me sane and were a huge help in making sure things went off without a hitch -- or as close as we can get to it. I want to give a shout out to all of our sponsors for donating their time, money and supplies to us. All of these contributions make Fresh Fest better and better every year. This year's Fresh Fest was amazing. We completely sold out at the Jam and had an increase in attendance at all of our events. We also made money this year which hasn't happened before and I am honoured to be a part of this ground breaking year. I can't wait to see this event grow bigger and bigger over the next few years.

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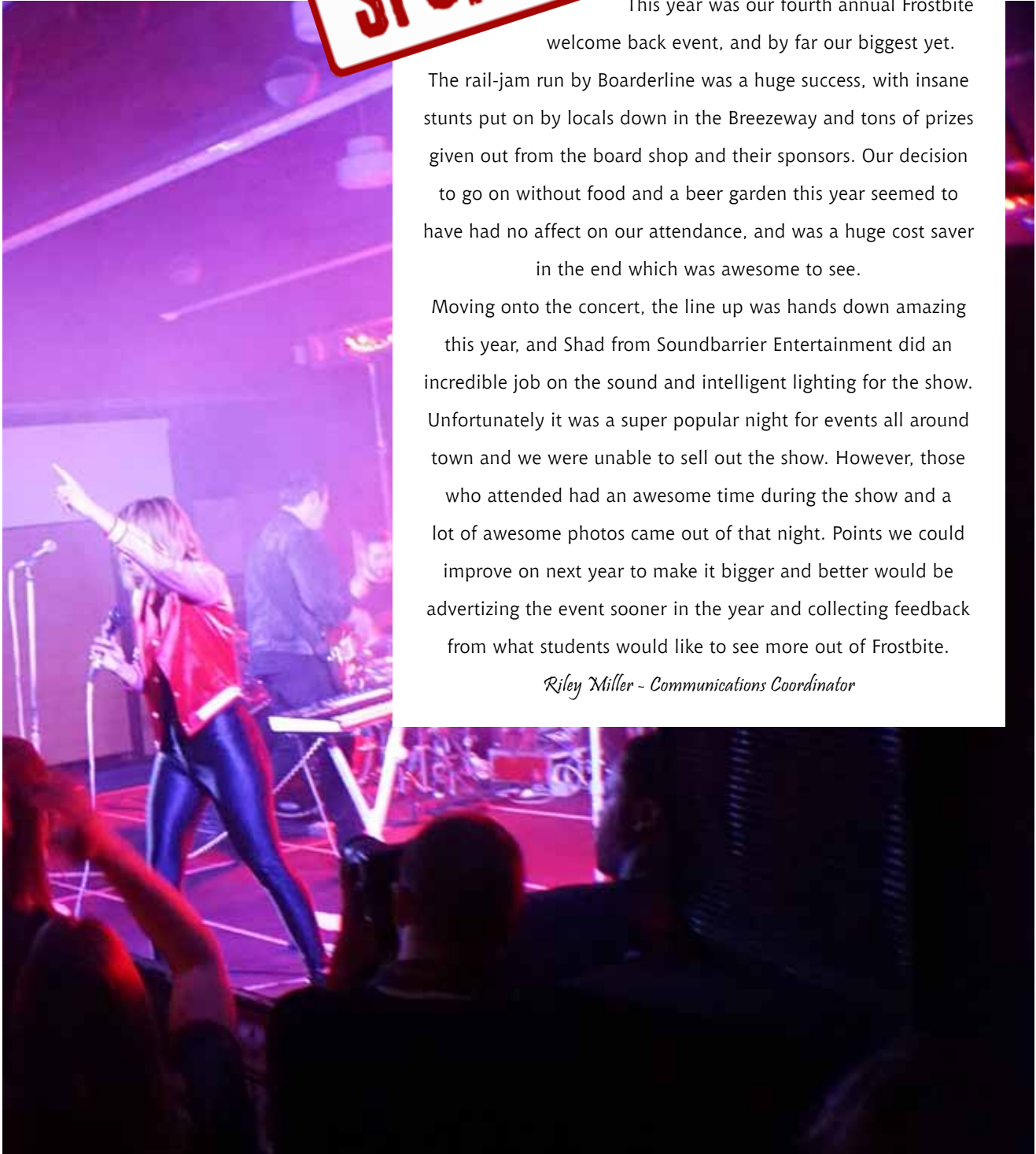
FROSTBITE REVIEW

This year was our fourth annual Frostbite welcome back event, and by far our biggest yet.

The rail-jam run by Boardline was a huge success, with insane stunts put on by locals down in the Breezeway and tons of prizes given out from the board shop and their sponsors. Our decision to go on without food and a beer garden this year seemed to have had no affect on our attendance, and was a huge cost saver in the end which was awesome to see.

Moving onto the concert, the line up was hands down amazing this year, and Shad from Soundbarrier Entertainment did an incredible job on the sound and intelligent lighting for the show. Unfortunately it was a super popular night for events all around town and we were unable to sell out the show. However, those who attended had an awesome time during the show and a lot of awesome photos came out of that night. Points we could improve on next year to make it bigger and better would be advertizing the event sooner in the year and collecting feedback from what students would like to see more out of Frostbite.

Riley Miller - Communications Coordinator





POSTBIT 2016

Campus Community Initiatives

Roughnecks Game

During first semester we were contacted by the UofL Alumni society's Calgary chapter asking if we were willing to partner for an event in Calgary to engage more with students who attend our Calgary campus. This was to provide 20 students from our Calgary campus the opportunity to attend the Roughnecks Game on February 6th free of charge. I thought this was a great way to connect not only with our Calgary campus, but with the Calgary UofL Alumni as well. Virginia, Danielle and I drove to Calgary to attend the game and we had a great turnout of students and alumni in our sections so it was a very enjoyable evening. *Brenna Scott - English major*

U of L Annual Donor Gala

On February 11th I was asked to give a speech at the UofL Annual Donor Gala. This is a night where all donors both within the University and the community are invited to enjoy a night of food, drinks and entertainment as the University's way of thanking them for their contributions over the past year. I was very proud to be involved in this event and made sure to thank our donors for all of their generous contributions that have helped students over the past year. *Brenna Scott - English major*

Butterfly Catching

The executive team went to Waterton National Park on July 21, 2015. We went there to help count butterflies and to also document the different species we found in the area. This was so much fun. It was a great bonding event for all of us and we got to learn some new things about Waterton National Park. This was a volunteer based opportunity and we got to meet a lot of people from not only those in our area but from those across the country as well. Plus, it was a lot of fun watching Charlie run around with a huge net and a big grin on his face. *Brenna Scott - English major*

Mental Health Week

This year for Mental Health Week each semester, the ULSU worked with the Student Success Centre to present Calm Cafes each day in the Atrium. These offered a great opportunity for students to unwind between classes, and were very well received. The ULSU hosted an Art Therapy Night each week to promote wellness and to reduce stress. These events ran in conjunction with stressbusters for Blue Monday, therapy dogs, as well as other mental health events on campus.

Charlie Helmer-Smith - History & Economics major

Free Printing Day

This year the Students' Union decided to try out a new initiative and offer free printing to students. This took place on Friday January 29, 2015. It was a success considering it was the first time anything along these lines had ever been implemented.

We offered each student the opportunity to come to the Students' Union office and print out a maximum of 25 pages of academic material. Danielle Adams and I organized and orchestrated this event. The students who took advantage of this concept were extraordinarily grateful and seemed very happy. We hope to offer this concept a couple more times next year, so keep your eyes open! *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*

Multi Faith Prayer Space

The University of Lethbridge is committed to building internal community and enhancing relationships with external communities; one way we have done this has been by supporting the religious and spiritual practices of members of the University community from a diverse range of faiths and beliefs. The Multi Faith Room has been provided for use to the individual members of the

University community (those possessing a valid University ID card) for reasons associated with faith, meditation, or to spend time in quiet reflection. It is not intended for group services, prayer or large groups but instead quiet reflection. *Brenna Scott - English major*

Project Destination

At our Board of Governors meeting on February 25th the Board approved the newest design structure for the Destination Project. For anyone that would like to see photos or get more information on what the building will look like please feel free to stop by the Students' Union office.

Brenna Scott - English major

Student Refugees

In the recent past a refugee crisis has unfolded over the Middle East and Europe. Students, staff and professors on campus began to organize and develop plans to help the victims of this crisis. These efforts to support refugee students at the University of Lethbridge have begun to show very promising results. With initiatives from the Refugee Action Committee, the Lethbridge chapter of World University Service Canada, the ULSU, and many volunteers, donors, and other university departments, we have achieved the financial goals that will make it possible for a refugee student to be financially supported as a student on our campus. This has been in great part thanks to a donation from the President's Office, the International Centre for Students, and a donation match by Scotiabank. In addition, we are in the process of preparing a referendum, which would create a fund to support refugee students to become students at the University of Lethbridge in the future more consistently. *Daniel Lima - Psychology major*

50th Anniversary Committee

In 2017 it will be the UofL's 50th Anniversary! I have just been added to the planning committee for this big event

and there are a lot of exciting ideas for events that are likely to happen. This includes an outdoor hockey game, an Oral History project which would be the theme of '50 Voices' telling the stories and experiences of 50 people, past and present that either attended the UofL or work at the UofL as well as a Shine Bright Night. Recognizing the importance of the building to the University community, Shine Bright Night will light the east side of University Hall to showcase the building to the community at large, encouraging others to celebrate the significant impact the University has had on southern Alberta.

Activities leading up to the lighting would take place in the Breezeway, including family activities, music, etc. The community would also be encouraged to view the lighting from whatever vantage point suits them. As well for the 50th Anniversary the Students' Union would like to have our own event or celebration surrounding this momentous occasion. Another thing that the incoming Executive Council committed to doing is 50 Volunteer Projects throughout the 2016-2017 academic year. *Brenna Scott - English major*

Edmonton Campus Closure

Unfortunately this was our final year having an Edmonton Campus representative as part of our Students' Union Council. With the University of Lethbridge deciding to close this campus it has only a handful of students currently attending there, working to finish their degree. We wish our Edmonton campus representative, Shashi well and will miss him on council! *Brenna Scott - English major*

LethCamp 2016

LethCamp is a professional development educational camp and an opportunity for like-minded, passionate educators to come together to benefit the learning of students. This free event, held on March 4, 2016, is an annual function that the University of Lethbridge Education Undergrad Society hosts with aid from the ULSU and the Alberta Teachers' Association. The event hosted a plethora of ses-

sions for teachers, most notably cross curricular teaching, LGBTQ and inclusion, English as a second language learners (ESL), inclusive education and project based learning. This event encourages ATA members, local educators, and pre-service teachers to collaborate and connect on issues of their choice in fluid sessions. This event was an insightful and cooperative event that bridged the gap between pre-service teachers, the Alberta Teachers' Association, University of Lethbridge professors, and current educators. We hope to see you next year at LethCamp 2017! *Shaeleigh Brandford - Education & English major*

How Great is my Calling

One great thing about being the Fine Arts Representative is being able to help students pursue their artistic ambitions and find ways to help them succeed. Although this is not her first time requesting QIP funding, Baz Skinner put forward a proposal to help her in producing her new play *How Great Is My Calling*. This plays synopsis is as follows;

“How Great Is My Calling is a dramatic-comedy that explores the faith crisis many missionaries endure when their religion is persecuted. *How Great Is My Calling* is especially relevant to the student community as it explores ideas that are relevant to our local community, as we are part of the Southern Alberta Bible Belt and there is a constant dichotomy between religions and cultures.”

The workshop for this piece took place on April 22nd -24th and gave ten students the opportunity to earn professional credit for their resumes in order to help them achieve their career goals upon graduating from the University of

Lethbridge. With the help of alumnus who are members of the Canadian Theatre Agreement (CTA), Baz Skinner hopes to have another successful piece of theatre and we look forward to seeing her work come to life. *Stephanie Wickham - Theatre & Dramatic Arts major*

List of University Events Attended

Chancellors Dinner
 Senate Recognition Dinner, Meetings, Orientation
 Board of Governors Retreat, Meetings, Christmas Dinner
 John Gill Golf Tournament
 FNMI Orientation
 Commencement Speech
 Alumni Meetings
 Pronghorns Scholarship Breakfast
 UofL Career Fair
 Fall Convocation
 Give Canada Presentation
 Life Balance Fair
 Relay for Life
 Student Fee Consultation
 International Center Christmas Dinner
 UofL 50th Anniversary Meeting
 UofL Annual Christmas Reception
 New Student Orientation: Speech & Booth Fair
 Rotaract Dinner
 Breakfast with Senior Administration
 Truth and Reconciliation Talk
 UofL Donor Gala
 Mental Health First Aid Course
 UofL Greatness in Leadership Conference
 Eating Disorders Awareness Night
 Mental Health Letter Campaign
 Leaders of Tomorrow Dinner
 MSS Year End Gala
 Management Scholarship Dinner

Brenna Scott - English major



Initiatives in the Lethbridge Community

Volunteer Activities

Dog walking for the Humane Society
Project Paintbrush
Dragon Boat Races

UVolunteer

UVolunteer provides volunteer opportunities within the University of Lethbridge and the Lethbridge community. They offer excellent and meaningful opportunities for students to help out and give back to our community. A key element within their mission is to enhance the culture of volunteerism and engagement on campus. Some initiatives they tackled this year included a free hug campaign, the voice drive and the Summer Colour Fun Run. The free hug campaign's aim was to de-stress students by having volunteers walk around campus offering hugs. Although a simple concept the results were extraordinary, receiving very vocal positive feedback. The voice drive was a much larger project where students lent their voice to those without any through recording hours of talking to create a phonetic sound database. The Summer Colour Fun Run is an annual event held in conjunction by UVolunteer and Lethbridge Students' Union, with all proceeds received by UVolunteer. Achievements such as these better students experiences in all fronts across the board. *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History major*

Greatness in Leadership

This year, many of our Executives and General Assembly members had the absolute privilege of being invited to attend the 2016 Greatness in Leadership Conference. Each of us served as a student ambassador, assigned to a particular community group and entrusted with the task of aiding in the facilitation of the day's events and engaging in networking activities with our respective groups. Among the distinguished speakers of the conference were Chester Elton, Candace Carnahan, Chris Hadfield and Buzz Aldrin. All four speakers were nothing short of inspiring, creating

a strong connection with the audience as they spoke about their own personal challenges that they have overcome in their lives, and how this has allowed them to accomplish some truly incredible things; most notably, landing on the moon! The overarching theme of the management development day was "Achieving the Impossible", and I know that many of us left the event feeling inspired not only on a personal level, but within our own organization and amongst each other as well. Getting to hear stories first-hand from the second man ever to set foot on the moon was absolutely a once in a lifetime opportunity, and something that we will not soon forget. *Hailey Babb - Psychology major*

Car Wash

This year the Car Wash was held at Murray Chevrolet Cadillac on August 14th. We raised over \$420 and all of those proceeds went directly into the ULSU Food Bank. We were pleased that Murray Chevrolet Cadillac not only let us use their car lot and water truck for free, but also let us borrow their BBQ so we could host a free BBQ to all those passing by. Expenses for this event were low and included the soap, sponges, brushes, buckets and food which was provided by Shawn Mullen from our very own Zoo. *Brenna Scott - English major*



General Assembly Reports

Non Faculty Year-end Reports

Residence Report

Hello, my name is Landry Forand and I represent The Organization of Residence Students (ORS) as their President for 2015-2016 here at the University of Lethbridge. With this position on ORS, I also have had the opportunity to sit on the Students' Union General Assembly as the Residence Representative. From this seat I have been able to contribute in a variety of ways to the U of L community through my organization, and represent them accordingly to the University's students. To start, I will describe more on what ORS is, what they do, and then add what my position entails on the ULSU General Assembly, and what my team has done to summarize the initiatives in collaboration with the ULSU.

The Organization of Residence Students is the largest club on campus, hosting as a home, and a community for more than 1000 students who attend the University of Lethbridge annually. This organization, being a large community of students, works closely with the ULSU. We have a unique opportunity of external funding from housing, and a support team of 32 RA's, 4 members of Operations, and 4 Executive members including myself, that creates and moulds the community that ORS cares for deeply. Each year the team changes, and so does the community. Being a part of the ULSU has allowed us to do a lot for our community in residence, and the entire student community who attend this school. You will find a list of events, that I have been a part of in my role on the Students' Union, and of our achievements below.

Fresh Fest

In my view, Fresh Fest is one of the most important events the ULSU hosts. I remember it well in my first year, being an integral part in shaping my 1st year experience. Fresh Fest was something I have been especially happy to contribute to this year. This is one of the first community builders that many students receive attending the U of L, and our residents of course become very involved with it. The result always has them coming out with a smile to start their year. As Residence Representative I had a large part

in preparing our Fresh Fest Luau. This is a dry event with music, food, bouncy castles, obstacle course, and our favorite 100' Slip and Slide. The University has been a huge support for this as well, as we had the joy in having our Vice President, Andy Hakin join us down the 100' Slip'n Slide.

Get out the Vote

With the federal election we had the opportunity to show that students do have a voice, and that they do care when given the chance to show it. With only 1000 students living on campus we did not get our own voting poll, and were instead placed into a neighbourhood outside of our zone to vote. We campaigned on student involvement with the upcoming election and provided resident students with transportation, information, and a proof of residency to make voting easy. Doors for the voting station closed at 7:30 pm, but we still had a line-up of resident students voting until 11:00 pm. From this success I am confident they will provide a more accessible station to residence students in future years.

Operation Christmas Lights

Partnered with the ULSU on the purchase of Christmas lights in 2014-2015 we have been able to continue lighting up the residence spaces on campus. This is an initiative to improve everyone's mental well-being while students draw closer to the start of their finals and the end of their first semester. This is something that the Residence Assistants are always very happy to do for their residents, and the benefits truly show from it.



Landry Forand



Recreational Improvement Proposal

Last year the ULSU approved the expenditure of \$36,000 to be spent on an outdoor facility that benefits both mental and physical health. Originally this was a proposal to place tennis courts on campus. This proposal fell through and it was agreed that the money would be used in the following year for a proposal with the same goals. Thanks to the Students' Union, with the help of ORS, I am happy to say we have approved the expenditure of \$50,000 to add a new soccer field to our campus, and that it is currently in the process of being made. This field will be open to the community, and be built nearby the residence community on campus. This accomplishment from student administration will benefit student's mental health and physical well-being, as well as providing a space for our community to grow and interact with one another.



Residence Students

The Students' Union works closely with the Organization of Residence Students, and this relationship has helped a lot in creating a successful community on campus. Each member of the Students' Union General Assembly work incredibly hard for their students, and I would not have accomplished what I did this year without them, and my ORS team. *Landry Forand - Mathematics & Education major*

Students' Union Awards

Award Recipients

John Brocklesby Students' Union Award of Excellence

2015-2016 Award Winner: Sandeep Parmar - Arts & Science Representative

This award was presented to the General Assembly member who had made the most significant contribution to the Students' Union, students, and the University community.

Sandeep was always willing to lend a helping hand whenever she could. She volunteered and supported any and all of the ULSU's events and initiatives with a smile. She was one of the faces behind the Calm Cafes and Undergraduate Research Guide.

Bill Chapman Students' Union Certificate of Distinction

2015-2016 Award Winner: Kristin Krein

This award was presented to the University of Lethbridge student who had shown the most innovation in the area(s) of student affairs, wellness, or another notable field over the past year.

Kristen was the face behind bringing Dark Matter Poetry into Lethbridge. She managed to get everything going when the odds seemed against her. The event was extremely well attended and well received.

Employee of the Year

2015-2016 Award Winner: Randy Ockerman

This award was presented to the Students' Union employee who had made the most outstanding contribution to the organization over the past year, and best displayed the values of the Students' Union.

Randy has been without fail, there when anyone has needed him and his advice. He was a huge help when we were without a VP Operations and Finance and was instrumental in making sure our new VP was transitioned.

Student Employee of the Year

2015-2016 Award Winner: Paul Tokode - Zoo Security



Mike Mahon - President of the University of Lethbridge

This award was presented to the Students' Union student employee who demonstrated the most exceptional contribution to our organization over the past year.

Paul has been a steady figure at all of our big events, such as Fresh Fest and Frostbite. He has made sure that all of the guests were safe and secure. He does his job with a smile and a fantastic attitude.

Helping Hand Award

2015-2016 Award Winner: Callista Chasse

This award was presented to a University of Lethbridge faculty or staff employee that had made the most significant and lasting contribution to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union over the past academic year.

Callista has been seen around campus pumping up events that are beneficial to campus. She provided the campus with opportunities to participate in Mental Health Training. She was also a huge factor in helping make our Calm Cafes a success this year.

Outstanding Dedication Award

2015-2016 Award Winner: Susie Kennedy - Registrar & Heather Rowland - Counselling & Career Services

This award was presented to the University of Lethbridge employee in special recognition for outstanding dedication and support to the students of the University of Lethbridge.

Susie and Heather were always looking out for and championing issues that affect students. Susie was instrumental with implementing the Fall Reading Break. Heather has been a huge advocate for students to ensure the University had a stand-alone Sexual Assault Policy for implementation.

Continued Support Award

2015-2016 Award Winner: H. H. Smith Ltd.

This award was presented to the community organization for continued support of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union.

H. H. Smith has been quietly donating funds to the ULSU Food Bank for years. Their dedication to ensuring our food bank shelves are full has been a valued contribution for many students.

Student of the Year Award

2015-2016 Award Winner: Megan Sutherland

This award was presented to the student who embodied leadership, commitment, and contributed to the betterment of U of L students; this may have been exemplified by involvement in clubs, non-profit and/or student organizations, community, and volunteerism.

Megan was involved in just about everything. She was the president of EUS, she helped make dodge ball a success again this year, she always promotes Education students interests and that's just a short list of the things she has done this year.

Club of the Year Award

2015-2016 Award Winner: Education Undergraduate Society (EUS)

This award was presented to the Students' Union ratified club that demonstrated the most outstanding effort and dedication in its endeavours over the past year.

EUS held numerous initiatives over the past year that helped not only the student body, but also the Lethbridge community and beyond. They also held various successful events such as Pack a Backpack and Lethcamp.

Outstanding New Club

2015-2016 Award Winner: World University Service of Canada

This award was presented to the Students' Union newly ratified club that had demonstrated the most outstanding, creative, new, and successful endeavours over the past year, with excellent standing with Clubs Council.

The World University Service of Canada Club undertook a huge project to bring a refugee student here to the UofL and that deserves recognition. They've been great to work with and have held numerous successful fundraisers since they started in January.

Greek Organization of the Year

2015-2016 Award Winner: Kappa Sigma

This award was presented to the Students' Union ratified Greek organization that had exhibited the most community and campus involvement and support. The nomination for this award came from a third-party, accompanied with a formal letter of recommendation.

Kappa Sigma has been very helpful and enthusiastic in all of their endeavours over the past year. Once again, they hosted another very successful Head Shave event for cancer research. They were also there to lend a helping hand whenever it was needed.

Volunteer Award

2015-2016 Award Winners: *Shelby-Quinn Ost*

This award was presented to the most dedicated and enthusiastic student volunteer, specifically for Students' Union events and initiatives.

Shelby attended all of the ULSU events, promoting the volunteers and did the jobs that no one wanted to do. She did this with a smile, energy and enthusiasm. She was one of the reasons why our events were so successful.

Legacy Award

2015-2016 Award Winners: *Brenna Scott - President*

This award was presented to the Students' Union Executive Council member who had exhibited the most outstanding leadership, ethics and dedication during their term.

Brenna has been with the ULSU for three years and loves this organization like no other. She was always speaking up for students and champions them wherever she goes.

Teaching Excellence Award

2015-2016 Award Winners: *Dr. Randall Barley, Dr. Howard Cheng, Dr. Alexander Darku*

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union formally recognized and honoured teaching excellence at the University of Lethbridge. We accomplished this by offering students an avenue for nominating a professor, sessional staff or lab instructor who had shown outstanding efforts to increase the learning experience of their students. The award selection was based solely on teaching excellence. The winners were formally recognized as part of the ULSU Last Lecture event in April 2016. The 6th annual Teaching Excellence Awards were awarded to three professors.

1. Dr. Randall Barley - Biological Sciences

Dr. Barley was selected for this award because of his helpfulness, his passion, and infectious energy while teaching. He was a strong supporter of student success inside and outside of the classroom as well, showing strong support for individual learning as well as support to the Bio Club.

2. Dr. Howard Cheng - Math & Computer Science

Dr. Cheng was selected for this award because of his outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in providing a quality education to students in and outside of class. He has helped many students achieve greatness in international programming contests as well as independent research.

3. Dr. Alexander Darku - Economics

Dr. Darku was selected for this award because of his passion and charisma. He has inspired, then mentored, and supported countless economics students to succeed beyond their undergrad. He taught with fervour and demanded high standards which produced motivated and successful students. *Charlie Helmer-Smith*

Laurence Decore Awards

2015-2016 Award Winners: *Landry Forand, Raeesa Jiwa, Rithika Pandey, Meagan Bennett, Janet Poplawski, Logan Bell*

The Laurence Decore Award for Student Leadership recognizes post-secondary students demonstrating outstanding dedication. Recipients were selected on the basis of involvement in either student government, student societies, clubs, or organizations. In addition, candidates may have been involved in student organizations at the provincial or national level or in non-profit community organizations.

This award recognizes that being a student is being part of a larger learning community. Student leaders are giving something of themselves to the community and the government of Alberta recognizes that these accomplishments are important just like academic, athletic or creative excellence.

Health & Dental Plan

Health & Dental Plan September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016
Fall enrollment: Health 4040, Dental 4044 Family Fall add on: Health 59, Dental 60
Spring enrollment: Health 290, Dental 292 Family Spring add on: Health 6, Dental 6
Health & Dental Plan underwritten by RWAM Prescription plan underwritten by Greenshields Accident Coverage underwritten by Chartis Travel Assist serviced & administered by Allianz Global Assistance Plan arranged by C & C Insurance
 RWAM Insurance Administrators INC.

Health & Dental Claims

Drug claims made: 4071
 Practitioner claims made: 645
 Vision claims made: 285
 Dental claims made: 2657



Room Bookings & Tenants

Room Booking Summary

ROOM	ULSU & U of L BOOKINGS	CLUB BOOKINGS	EXTERNAL BOOKINGS	TOTAL BOOKINGS
Galileo's	10	107	0	117
Ballrooms	204	231	31	466
Council Chambers	70	2	17	89
Table Space	105	135	33	273

ULSU Food Court Tenants

- Campus Coffee
- Smoothie Hut
- Tivoli
- Hiroba
- Subway
- Icy's
- Baadshah Café
- U of L Bookstore
- Rockerman's Service Centre

Volunteers

The ULSU Volunteer Core

The volunteer core is an essential component within the Students' Union. It offers opportunities for students to volunteer and act as a line of communication between students and the Students' Union. Events such as Fresh Fest, Frost Bite, Last Clash Bash, various cabs and a plethora of other initiatives are only possible due to the

hard work of the volunteer core. This group of engaged students and their hard work benefit the overall student body experience. It always puts a smile on my face seeing students volunteering to improve other people's university experience, and not just their own. The volunteer core has exemplified this concept while giving away their own time for the benefit of others and has proven to be an excellent way for students to get involved! *Cameron Howey - Political Science & History double major*

ULSU Food Bank

Food Bank Donation List

- AHS Train Station Staff
- Ancillary Services
- Art Gallery Angela Fischer
- Brian Sullivan
- CUPE 70 – Library
- Dori & the Weathermen
- Doug McArthur
- Facilities
- Faculty of Management
- Financial Services
- Galt Nursing Association
- General Faculties Council
- H. H. Smith Ltd.
- Human Resources
- In Memory of Scott Shillington
- IT Services
- Janice Varzari
- Jesse Nervais
- Lions Club
- Murray's Chevrolet Cadillac
- ORS & Housing
- ROSS
- Rotary Club
- Security Lost & Found
- Steve Benson
- Suzanne Lavoie
- The Keg
- U of L Board of Governors
- U of L Bookstore
- U of L Senate
- Many other donors

Food Bank Report

The ULSU Food Bank had a busy year handing out hampers to more students than ever before, as well as increased donations. We just want to say “THANK YOU” to all who have donated to help sustain our food bank.

In September we had an amazing donation from the Bhutanese Seniors Association, they spent the summer growing potatoes, onions, and tomatoes. At harvest time they divided the harvest between the ULSU Food Bank and the Lethbridge College Food Bank. It was a wonderful treat for our students to receive fresh vegetables with their food hampers.

Another wonderful donation came from a group of quilters in Human Resources. This group of ladies spent a great deal of time, energy, and talent creating a beautiful Christ-

mas quilt that they donated and raffled off raising over \$500 for the ULSU Food Bank.

As always, the University community was very generous. U of L departments had a campus challenge that was spearheaded by I.T. and Financial Services, this year more departments than ever before competed and Financial Services was the declared winner. The Board of Governors, the Senate, ULSU clubs and many on-campus individuals donated food and money.

There were also generous donations from the Southern Alberta community such as; H. H. Smith Ltd., the AHS staff at the Train Station, Dory & the Weathermen who entertained at a fundraiser and there were many more.

Thanks to all who have helped the U of L students, every little bit helps, and throughout the year the little bits accumulate to help an awful lot. *Shelley Tuff - Health & Dental Plan Administrator*



ULSU Garage Sale

The Garage Sale was a HUGE success! We had a constant flow of traffic from faculty and staff throughout the day and raised \$406.75 for the ULSU Food Bank. I was very proud of this amount as I made a goal in May to raise at least \$1000 for the Food Bank this summer and so far we are at \$825. *Brenna Scott - English major*



U L S U F O O D B A N K

Financial

Sponsorship

THANK YOU SPONSORS

Sponsorship from the ULSU

- Alcohol Awareness
- Case Competition with Faculty of Management
- Chancellor's Dinner
- Clothing Drive with EUS
- Club and Student QIP Applications
- Colour Run
- Edmonton Campus Graduation
- EUS Anti-bullying Week
- Final Re-fresh
- Five Days for the Homeless
- F*ck Cancer
- Hokkai Gakuen Exchange
- iGEM - Brick by Brick Dinner
- International Christmas Dinner
- John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament
- LethCamp 2016
- L.P.I.R.G. - Student Speaker Challenge
- MSS Gala
- ORS Christmas Lights Initiative
- Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast
- Relay for Life
- Rotaract Dinner & Silent Auction
- Round Dance
- Student Art Award
- U of L Library Stress Free Zone
- Volunteer Fair



Fresh Fest Volunteers

External Sponsorship to the ULSU

Bursaries/Scholarships/Awards

- Bill Chapman
- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- C & C Insurance Consultants
- Cardtronics
- Recycling
- University of Lethbridge - QIP
- U of L Security (lost & found sale)

General Sponsorship

- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Kopiko & More Inc.
- Labatt
- Molson
- Servus Credit Union
- University of Lethbridge
- Vivint

Food Bank Donations

- See page 34 for list of donors



Sandeep Parmar, Virginia Brickley, Michael Gale, Brenna Scott, Kieran Brennan, Shealeigh Brandford, Aini Khan, Royal Adkin, Hailey Babb, Cody Ciona

NAME	NUMBER AWARDED	SINGLE AWARD VALUE	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS			
Community Service Award Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Part-time Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU International Travel Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Coca-Cola Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola North Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
QIP Scholarships	106	\$1,000	\$106,000
BURSARIES			
ULSU Bursary	3	\$500	\$1,500
ULSU Emergency Bursary	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Placement Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
Student Wise Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
Cardtronics Bursary	3	\$500	\$1,500
QIP Bursaries	104	\$1,000	\$104,000
AWARDS			
Sustainability Award Campus Recycling	6	\$1,000	\$ 6,000
TOTAL			\$226,500

QIP EXPENDITURES FOR 2015-2016	AMOUNT
Undergraduate Research	\$75,000
Scholarships and Bursaries	\$210,000
Tutoring	\$5,000
Fresh Fest	\$45,000
NASA Food Cupboard	\$3,045
Model UN	\$3,000
Frostbite	\$19,472
How Great Is My Calling	\$7,692
Dark Matter Poetry	\$3,000
Last Class Bash	\$8,036
Outdoor Wellness Space	\$36,000
TOTAL	\$415,245

NAME	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
Travel & Conference Grants	65	\$20,000
Club & Start-up Grants	53	\$13,045
Emergency Grants	12	\$ 5,340
TOTAL	130	\$38,385

TOTAL APPROVED GRANT APPLICATIONS T & C, Club, Start-up, & Emergency	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
2007-2008	70	\$15,520
2008-2009	96	\$21,518
2009-2010	48	\$16,583
2010-2011	62	\$23,071
2011-2012	92	\$24,561
2012-2013	104	\$32,860
2013-2014	99	\$32,752
2014-2015	104	\$43,765
2015-2016	130	\$38,385

Elections & Referendums

Spring 2016 Elections & Referendum



General Election Voter Turn-out

Spring 2016: 15.92%
Spring 2015: 19.28%
Spring 2014: 19.4%
Spring 2013: 18.65%
Spring 2012: 17.84%
Spring 2011: 24.67%
Spring 2010: 21.18%
Spring 2009: 30.27%
Spring 2008: 27%
Spring 2007: 30.54%
Spring 2006: 26.89% – (1st year of electronic voting)
Spring 2005: 10.08%
Spring 2004: 7%
Spring 2003: 12%
Spring 2002: 15%

The Meliorist Referendum

QUESTION

Whereas; The Meliorist Publishing Society, which is the University's student campus magazine, is amending their outdated constitution that dates back to 1987, in order to establish a new Board of Directors and continue operating, under new leadership,

Whereas; This is NOT a request for a fee increase,

“Do you approve of amending the constitution of The Meliorist Publishing Society as proposed in the attached link?”

RESULTS:

YES votes: 949 votes - 86.59%

NO votes: 147 votes - 13.41%

Voter turnout: 13.33% (1096 of 8223 voters)



Spring 2016 Election Candidates

Incoming Council

Incoming Council for 2016-2017

Transition

The transition weekend is a weekend that the incoming and outgoing Students' Union members spend together. The objective of this weekend is for the outgoing members to teach the incoming members about the policies and procedures that the University of Lethbridge Students' Union follows. We have many presentations over the course of the weekend explaining what we stand for and how the ULSU operates. We held a mock General Assembly meeting for the new members to get familiar with Robert's Rules of Order; and the style of meetings that they will be attending while they are on the ULSU. We had numerous new ideas brought to the table to ensure that people interacted with one another. For example, we did a murder mystery, which was a great idea because it ensured that people interacted with one another. The interaction portion of this weekend was crucial as it is important for the incoming Students' Union members to be comfortable around one another as we will be working together this upcoming school year while representing our respective faculties. The weekend was great, and I got to know all of the incoming members. I am excited to see what everyone will contribute. If the transition weekend was any sign, the General Assembly for the 2016-2017 year will be great! *Sandeep Parmar, Arts & Science Representative*



Outgoing & Incoming Executive Council & General Assembly

Executive Council

President - Cameron Howey
VP Operations & Finance - Michael Gale
VP Academic - Hailey Babb
VP Student Affairs - Royal Adkin
VP External - Cody Ciona

General Assembly

Arts & Science Reps - Conner Peta
- Sandeep Parmar
- Jessica Jones
- Adam Gibson
- Kieran Brennan
- Jessica Diakow

Residence Rep - Brady Hornung

Management Rep - Jordie Prestie

Fine Arts Rep - Monica Collins

Calgary Campus Rep - Tashia Saleh

Education Rep - Jillian McGinley

Health Science Rep - Aini Khan

International Rep - Elikem Mortotsi

First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Rep - No candidate

1st Year Student Rep - No candidate

Past Presidents

List of Past Presidents



Cameron Howey & Brenna Scott



Brenna Scott



Sean Glydon



Shuna Talbot



Armin Escher



Zack Moline



Taz Kassam



Jeremy Girard



Adam Vossepoel

2015/2016 - Brenna Scott (49th)
 2014/2015 - Sean Glydon (48th)
 2013/2014 - Shuna Talbot (47th)
 2012/2013 - Armin Escher (46th)
 2011/2012 - Zack Moline (45th)
 2010/2011 - Taz Kassam (44th)
 2009/2010 - Jeremy Girard (43rd)
 2008/2009 - Adam Vossepoel (42nd)
 2007/2008 - Kelly Kennedy (41st)
 2006/2007 - Dustin Fuller (40th)
 2005/2006 - Tyler Tanner (39th)
 2004/2005 - Lorelee Edwards (38th)
 2003/2004 - Paul Daniels (37th)
 2002/2003 - Melanee Thomas (36th)
 2001/2002 - Matthew McHugh (35th)
 2000/2001 - Dezmond Belzeck (34th)
 1999/2000 - Bonnie Androkovich (33rd)

1998/1999 - Ryan Dunford (32nd)
 1997/1998 - Jon Wescott (31st)
 1996/1997 - Jason Shriner (30th)
 1995/1996 - Arthur Wong (29th)
 1994/1995 - Humberto Aspillaga (28th)
 1993/1994 - Poul Mark (27th)
 1992/1993 - Justin Penny (26th)
 1991/1992 - David Legg (25th)
 1990/1991 - Terry Whitehead (24th)
 1989/1990 - Jon Oxley (23rd)
 1988/1989 - Jon Oxley (22nd)
 1987/1988 - Jason Slemko (21st)
 1986/1987 - Dan Laplante (20th)
 1985/1986 - Aaron Engen (19th)
 1984/1985 - Tracy Hembroff (18th)
 1983 ----- Mike McPhail (17th a)
 -----1984 - Larry Glazer (17th b)

1982/1983 - Chuck Cosgrove (16th)
 1981/1982 - Barry Weintraub (15th)
 1980/1981 - Rudy Peters (14th)
 1979/1980 - Alan Murray (13th)
 1978/1979 - Pat Dortch (12th)
 1977/1978 - Howard Reid (11th)
 1976/1977 - Wayne MacKay (10th)
 1975/1976 - Lee Ens (9th)
 1974/1975 - Darryl Ross (8th)
 1973/1974 - Khym Goslin (7th)
 1972/1973 - Jesse Snow (6th)
 1971/1972 - Ken Runge (5th)
 1970/1971 - Robin Dann (4th)
 1969/1970 - Lamont Nielson (3rd)
 1968/1969 - Richard Wutzke (2nd)
 1967/1968 - John Brocklesby (1st)



Kelly Kennedy



Dustin Fuller



Tyler Tanner



Lorelee Edwards



Paul Daniels



Melanee Thomas

MISSION

The mission of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union is to provide our students, as well as faculty, staff, and alumni a portal to the unique University of Lethbridge experience. The Students' Union complements the academic programs and enhances the overall educational experience and quality of campus life for students and other members of the U of L family.

As the heart of the student community, we are committed to student success by delivering a diverse program of cultural, educational, social and recreational services. We strive to surpass the needs of our multi-cultural student community, create a positive learning experience, and maintain a healthy balance between academic and leisure activities.

VISION

The ULSU and the University of Lethbridge will deliver extraordinary service, facilities, programs and opportunities that exceed the expectations of our students. The Students' Union will be recognized locally, provincially and nationally as a dynamic and innovative leader in the Canadian university community.



Matthew McHugh



Dezmond Belzeck



Bonnie Androkovich



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Jon Wescott



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