

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



MINUTES

1st MEETING OF 2020-2021

May 7, 2020 AT 4:00 - 6:00 PM
ZOOM

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ABSENT: **SELENA BOUTILIER** - A & S REP,

GUESTS: **NONE**

Jon gave Blackfoot acknowledgement.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION [22499GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/M. Serebryansky

BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of May 7, 2020.

Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None at this time - 1st meeting of the term.

3. CHAIR REMARKS

Jon will be sitting as chair for the summer until we find a chair for the year. Liam sent out a Robert's Rules primer. Feel free to ask Jon any questions about the process.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None at this time.

5. REPORTS

Please read each report as posted on the ULSU website. Reports are due by the 5th of each month.

5.1 PRESIDENT – Jonathan

- Looking forward to working with all of you.
- Getting used to working and transitioning.
- I have been setting up a lot of meetings.
- Ryan and I will be attending online conferences.
- I have been in a few meetings with the advising working group. If you have any thoughts please let me know.
- Will have a meeting next week with senior admin.
- Attended GFC and faculty meetings.
- Met about marketing.
- This year will be something unique compared to previous years, due to COVID-19.

5.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Ethan

Report & Financial Update

- Working on my first QIP proposal, I will be sending out a mailbox ballot.
- Changed my profile picture.
- Have been reading over notes from Jordan and terms of references.
- Working with Max on a style guide regarding fonts etc.

5.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Richard

- Looking forward to working with everyone this year.
- Shout outs on achievements, great job. Just wanted to recognize involvement.
- I am part of the students support working group for summer and fall semester.
- Working on Fresh Fest and indigenous initiatives.
- Have done research on other universities as to what they are doing for activities.
- If anyone is passionate about hosting anything please reach out to me.

5.4 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- I have attended meetings this week. I'm on two working groups with Richard and Jon.
- Currently Jon and I are in separate sub groups for the advising working group.

- Last Lecture – with all of the social distancing, it's a unique opportunity to come at it from a different angle. It will be hosted online as a webinar.
- All students by August will be switched over to 365 so you can work with your professors.

5.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- Bailey and I are working on a summer campaign, "My Degree, My Future".
- Have been going over external policy statements to see which ones need to be edited. University affordability is needed.
- Jon and I are working on CAUS Change over.
- I will be attending CASA Foundations.
- I will be sending out letters to MLAs.
- Jon and I have meetings with CAUS and CASA, I will be sitting on a panel with Athabasca University.

5.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark – would like to approve more funds on social media since we are using it more and would like to see us have more exposure.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 INDIGENOUS RELATIONS TRAINING (Insert 6.1) - Richard & Toni

Please see the insert for details. We want to have a consistent engagement and support base. There is opportunity to collaborate with the university. The exact date of the training will be determined. Even just having a general understanding is beneficial.

- Cheri would like every staff member participate.
- Would this be open to all of the student body? Toni – would like to work things out first.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

None at this time.

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

8.1 ULSU OPERATING BUDGET (Insert 8.1) - Ethan

Ethan reviewed the budget, it's very similar to last year.

MOTION [22500GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/R. Lindblad

BIMT the General Assembly approve the 2020-2021 ULSU operating budget.

Carried

8.2 TRAVEL BUDGET – *Ethan*

This money is approved all at once so we can book flights and conferences ahead of time while it's less expensive.

MOTION [22501GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/R. Lindblad

BIMT the General Assembly approves \$37,400 for travel expenditures to be used in the 2020-2021 school year. Monies to come from the All Travel Conference/per diem budget line.

Carried

8.3 ULSU CALENDARS – *Ethan*

These books need to be ordered soon. The cost might be closer to \$4,500 but we don't know for certain yet. The advertisements in the book will pay for most of the cost.

MOTION [22502GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/ M. Serebryansky

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$7,000 for 2500 Event Calendars. Monies to come from the handbook budget line.

Carried

8.4 HANDBOOK – *Cheri*

The handbook is a similar situation as the calendar. We will be selling advertising space to offset the cost of printing. We haven't discussed the contingency on the handbooks or calendars yet if we don't go back to class in the fall, but we will have to know by July because that is the cut off for printing.

MOTION [22503GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/B. Parkkari

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$12,000 for 2500 agendas. Monies to come from the handbook budget line.

Carried

8.5 QIP - FRESH FEST (Insert 8.5) – *Richard*

There is a lot of uncertainty with the pandemic. Richard has had many meetings over Fresh Fest and have decided to bring this forward to the General Assembly. We have decided to scale things back if we do go forward with it and will cut down on staffing costs. Safety is our uttermost concern and we will follow our Governments recommendations. There is no concrete date on when the Government's stage two of re-opening will be moving forward. We would have to

reach Alberta's stage three before the event could be hosted. If this proposal gets passed, Richard will put out a call for people to hire the Fresh Fest planning committee. We are looking into a digital conference experience. If Fresh Fest is cancelled, Richard will be bringing it forward to the GA.

GA Comments:

- Since Riley has a position title, we should have that shown in the proposal.
- I struggle to approve the budget in its current form and feel it is bad governance practice. People have come out and said that they won't feel safe.
- Very good points. If we don't put forth this proposal then Fresh Fest doesn't happen, or we can put forth a mailbox ballot later.
- We can pass this proposed full budget and the moment we know that we can't move forward with it we can put forth a different motion.
- We will have to pay people on the committee and that will be thousands of dollars, we will be out that much money for the rest of the year. I would like to see Fresh Fest happen but it could leave us fully exposed.
- I understand the predicament that we are in. One thing we need to keep in mind is the way Fresh Fest will look. The money is what most people are thinking about but I'm more concerned about the elevated risk of alcohol consumption. Fresh Fest is four hours of letting loose.
- Besides the salary, we really won't lose a lot of other money. We could put a clause in each band contract that frees both parties from any liability. I don't feel it is risky.
- If we go ahead and advertise for it, there would be a lot of students not happy with our cancelling it.
- I don't feel we could fit 1300 people in the grove for four hours.
- We are responsible to the students but we are also board members. \$40,000 is a big risk. I'd be happy with a modified version.
- I really don't think the traditional Fresh Fest will happen, but the University wants us to carry on as usual. We could still use the Fresh Fest team to plan something.
- I think Fresh Fest should happen but not as it usually is. Once we pass this money then the money is passed, this is the moment to decide.
- A possible solution could be to approve the expense of hiring the committee and then move forward from there.
- Richard wants to mitigate the risk as much as possible. If there is still risk of the virus spreading then we will be taking that into consideration. At the Arts and Science Council on May 15th is when they will be deciding on classes. I do like Marks suggestion of approving the cost of only hiring the committee and then we can do a mailbox ballot closer to the event once we are more sure of the circumstances. I feel comfortable just approving the payroll.

The General Assembly approved to amend the motion of the full Fresh Fest budget to just approving the payroll costs of the Hiring Committee at this time.

MOTION [22504GA]

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/C. Fleischman

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$9,700 for the Fresh Fest budget of the 2020-2021 year. Monies to come from QIP.

Carried

8.6 SWAG - Cheri

Council will make choices on what to order and this is our budget for it. There are a lot of choices to pick from and will be working with Tracy on it. Moving forward with promotion, this builds brand recognition.

MOTION [22505GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/C. Fleischman

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$5,000 for ULSU swag. Monies to come from Council Promotions.

Carried

8.7 ULSU APPAREL - Cheri

This is an annual expense where each Council member and permanent staff receives \$40 toward a ULSU branded jacket or sweater to wear throughout the year. We would like to order these items so you have them for September. You can get your name and position embroidered on them if you want. Tracy will email everyone the link to the catalogue.

There are 22 Council members including the chair as well as 10 Staff members.

$\$40 \times 32 = \1280

10% contingency = \$128

Total = \$1408

MOTION [22506GA]

MSC: Mark/B. Parkkari

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$1,408 for ULSU branded apparel at a maximum of \$40 each for each council member and permanent ULSU staff. Monies to come from Council Advertising and Promotions.

Carried

8.8 EXTRA SUMMER CLASS - ETHAN – Ethan

It is in the ULSU policies that the EC can only take one class but Ethan needs two classes to graduate and it is in policy to get GA approval to take an extra class.

MOTION [22507GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/R. Lindblad

BIMT the General Assembly approve VP Operations & Finance Ethan Pullan to enlist in one additional summer class for summer session one under Policy 5.1.4. *"Policy 5.1.4: The Executive Council Member may enroll in one (1) additional course per semester if approved by the General Assembly."*

Carried – Ethan abstained

8.9 EC & STAFF OFFICE ITEMS - COVID-19 – Ethan

Notes:

Given the extenuating circumstances some additional costs may be incurred to our permanent and Executive staff. Items such as a proper office chair or ergonomic desk may be required to effectively complete positions. This funding would allow each full-time staff member to expense up to \$250 each for similar items.

MOTION [22508GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/R. Lindblad

BIMT the General Assembly approve a maximum expenditure of \$2,400 to cover the expenses of Students' Union staff and Executive Council members to purchase necessary office supplies or equipment in order to effectively accommodate people to work remotely during the COVID-19 crisis. Monies to come from Special Funding.

Carried – EC abstain

8.10 EMERGENCY BURSARY FUND – Ethan

We had a mailbox ballot last year to approve funds to put into the ULSU Emergency Bursary fund and we see that we have extra funds in the budget line and would like to support more students with it.

MOTION [22509GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/C. Fleischman

BIMT General Assembly approve the expenditure of \$1880 to support the ULSU Emergency Bursary Fund with the intention of supporting undergraduate students through the financial uncertainty caused by COVID-19. Monies to come from Student Assistance Travel.

Carried

8.11 COCA MEMBERSHIP – Ethan

COCA stands for Canadian Organization of Campus Activities. We partner with other universities across Canada. We share resources and ideas, get in touch with artists etc.

MOTION [22510GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/S. Dauncey

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$400 for 2020-21 COCA membership. Monies to come from COCA Membership.

Carried

8.12 INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE (Insert 8.12) - Richard & Toni

This is an Ad Hoc committee and would like to have it as an annual standing committee. Please send Richard a message after the meeting if you are interested in sitting on the committee. This is a very important initiative.

Comments

- This is a great initiative but I feel this is a lot to put on Toni. To make this successful we need to engage with already standing committees within the university. This should be composed of the various indigenous groups on campus. We need to do our best to work together.
- This is more as a base for the Students' Union to be on the same page with the university.
- This is a first great step. A lot of us on the strategic planning committee didn't feel we had the tools to move forward with this. It would be great to work with the university and other groups.
- Suggest that you try to find one student-at-large.
- #notyourtoken
- Want to add value.

MOTION [22511GA]

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/B. Parkkari

BIMT the General Assembly approve the creation of an Indigenous Relations Committee that will be active until April 30, 2021.

Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Ryan – any GA member who wants to be involved with the campaign I mentioned earlier on, please send me an email. ulsu.external@gmail.com.

Mark – with all of us being at home, I would like to invite more students to our GA meetings. I wonder if there would be an interest in having GA profiles as well as EC.

Ethan – we approved just over \$8,000. If you are interested in gaining more information on our budget please contact me.

Richard – if you are interested in helping me with planning and online program please email me. If you want to be involved, please send me a message about the indigenous information we have presented here tonight as well.

10. NEXT MEETING

TBD.

Jon will be collecting class schedules closer to the fall.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22512GA]

MSC: Andrew/ M. Serebryansky

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of May7, 2020.

Carried

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2nd MEETING OF 2020-2021

JULY 7, 2020 AT 6:00-7:00 PM
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ABSENT: **AMY LAMBERT** - A & S REP, **CAYLEY FLEISCHMAN** - A & S REP, **HALEY GRAY** – HEALTH SCIENCES REP, **TONI PASHE** - INDIGENOUS REP,

GUESTS: NONE

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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MOTION [22552GA]	<u>MSC: M. Serebransky/B. Parkkari</u> BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of July 7, 2020. Carried
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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION [22553GA]	<u>MSC: H. Kletke/S. Dauncey</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of May 7, 2020. Carried
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3. CHAIR REMARKS

Jonathan will be acting as chair for this meeting. Please raise your hand for approval and seconding of motions.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None at this time.

5. REPORTS

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5.1 PRESIDENT – Jonathan

- My detailed report is on the website.
- I met with Cayley regarding an idea she has about a mentorship program with GA.
- Ethan and I, along with GSA, are trying to get our seats back on the Budget Advisory Committee. This is the committee that makes a lot of the budget decisions, we feel it's important to have a student voice.
- Compiling some documents on COVID.
- Researching the 2030 AB Government initiative. We are hoping the ULSU can work with the University on this.

5.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Ethan

Report & Financial Update

- My detailed report is on the website.
- Trying to find ways to raise funds for our food bank.

5.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Richard

- My detailed report is on the website.
- Most of my time as been spent on Fresh Fest.
- If anyone is interested in helping the Pride Centre get up and running, please let me know. They are looking for a core group.
- I have been running programing over the past few weeks, cooking, bingo, sketching.

5.4 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- My detailed report is on the website.
- The Last Lecture was great.
- Reworking the Advising Model for the sub working groups.
- Hosting Bingo.

5.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- My report is on the website.
- Working on 2 new policies for the ULSU.

- CAUS will be launching its campaign, we should know what it will be called by the end of the week.
- Jonathan and I will be doing CAUS Counterparts.

5.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 GA SUMMER COMPENSATION - *Richard*

EC has been discussing how to compensate GA for summer hours. We would like to set a standard beginning in August. There is no expectation for GA to contribute summer hours but if you are, we would like to compensate you. It's hard to find employment during this time. We thought that any little bit would help. We welcome all of your feedback.

Comments

- Having GA submit at least 10 hours would add up to regular monthly honorarium. If it gets to 20 then that would be the cost of 2 honorariums.
- Could have a single summer report and submit it at the end of the summer and will get compensated in the fall for their total hours worked.

6.2 MAILBOX BALLOT - *Ethan*

May 19-25, 2020

QIP - IGEM

MSC; E. Pullan/R. Lee-Thai

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$6000 for the University of Lethbridge iGEM team to attend the 2020 iGEM Jamboree. Monies to come from QIP Conference Grants.

Carried

Rationale: This opportunity would allow for at least 21 Undergraduate students to compete in their field of study furthering their education and progression in the field.

Notes:

- The proposal is requesting \$11200. We only have \$11000 in this particular budget line and I am uncomfortable proposing the entirety of a budget line for one event. Through discussion with the iGEM team, we decided a \$6000 motion would allow them to find some other funding sources with a high probability of success.
- The UofL iGEM team has requested funding for this event previously twice. Firstly in 2017-2018 then in 2018-2019. These events were similarly priced and were approved.

- The application notes that two graduate students will be in attendance as well. The fee for attending the conference is not dependant on the number of applicants specifically so these students have no impact on the cost thus no money will be going directly to supporting non-undergraduate students.

Additional Notes:

Ethan - In hopes of getting some conversation flowing here are some of my thoughts on the proposal!

- It's a lot of money, there's no way around it. Even with the reduced \$6000 price tag, it's still going to take just over half of this QIP budget line. That being said, the UofL has a reputation to be one of the best competitors at this event and it has immense value for the students that attend. It's not a terribly large amount of money per student being \$6000/21 people = ~\$285 per person. I think their willingness to work with a lower amount was a good sign. If y'all are uncomfortable with this amount, we could always approve a lower amount, however, that might jeopardize their ability to attend.

6.3 DEFERRAL OF ADMISSION – Jonathan

You can defer your admission. Taking classes in the fall is your choice. If you want to defer your admission and still want to be part of the GA we could look into our bylaws and help make it happen. Please let Jonathan know if you have any thoughts about it.

- The problem is that you're not a student if you're not taking classes.
- We don't need a referendum to change bylaws and policies, we just need two GA meetings to do it.
- How will we be facilitating GA in the fall? EC has not heard anything on how committees will be operating in the fall. A lot of our student representatives won't be present. With GA we could have a mixed attendance where some people call in. A lot of GA hours come from attending committees. We will get back to everyone once we learn anything concrete.
- Liam can change things around and find a way for GA to have committee hours.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

None at this time.

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

8.1 QIP - FRESH FEST (Insert 8.1) - Richard

- We will be targeting new students.
- Fresh Fest will be approximately held on September 6th – 12th.

- There will be an online concert and so far 20 schools have confirmed.
- We will be giving active input for this concert. It will be Thursday Sept. 10th in the evening.
- We will have a speaker panel with McEwan to talk about social justice issues.
- We are currently contacting other schools to collaborate.
- These are the two large activities, all the other ones won't cost as much.
- Riley Miller – our Production Coordinator has suggested a Minecraft festival with a map of our campus.
- There will be a swag bag, it will be an online version of that. This is an opportunity for local businesses to give away coupons.
- We will try our best to limit our expenditures.

Discussion

- We worked hard to keep the amount low and if all goes as planned it will come in under. This is a pretty solid event.

MOTION [22554GA]

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/E. Pullan

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$14,776.00 for Fresh Fest 2020. Monies to come from QIP - Student Experience Initiatives.

Carried

8.2 ADDITIONAL SUMMER CLASS - ETHAN PULLAN - *Ethan*

Ethan would like to take one more class in the summer and then an applied study in the fall.

MOTION [22555GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/K. Gillespie

BIMT the General Assembly approve VP Operations & Finance Ethan Pullan to enlist in one additional summer class for summer session two and the fall, under Policy 5.1.4. *"Policy 5.1.4: The Executive Council Member may enroll in one (1) additional course per semester if approved by the General Assembly."*

Carried – Ethan abstained

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Richard – as opportunities arises for GA to help with Fresh Fest, I will let you know.

10. NEXT MEETING

TBD.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22556GA]	<u>MSC: M. Serebransky/L. Connel</u> BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of July 7, 2020. Carried
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ABSENT: **ANDREW NOVELLO** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, **CAMILO TIQUE** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP.

GUESTS: **KBG, CAUS, WILLIAM** (CLUBS COORDINATOR), **TRACY, ETHAN MCGINNIS** (BY-ELECTION CANDIDATE).

1. RATIFICATION OF OUR 2020-2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHAIR - *Jon*

MOTION [22603GA]

MSC: J. Diaz/M. Serebryansky

BIMT the General Assembly ratify Brady Horning as the Students' Union General Assembly Chair for 2020-2021 academic year.

Carried

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - *Jonathan*

Jonathan gave a Blackfoot land acknowledgement.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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MOTION [22604GA]	<u>MSC: B. Parkkari/C. Fleischman</u> BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of September 22, 2020. Carried
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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION [22605GA]	<u>MSC: E. Pullan/C. Fleischman</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of July 7, 2020. Carried
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5. CHAIR REMARKS

I'm excited to be Charing this year. I was on the GA as a Residence Rep for a couple of years previously. It's great to be back and I do have some experience Charing meetings.

6. BY-ELECTION FOR 1ST YEAR STUDENT REP - Cheri

Welcome/introduction, speeches (each 2 min max), Q&A, voting, counting, announcing.

Candidates:

- Ethan McGinnis
- Elisha Wong – Winning Candidate

7. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

7.1 KAPPA BETA GAMMA - Jonathan

Presentation by KBG on opting out of centralized banking. As they have transitioned from one International Body based in America to two separate Nationals Boards, KBG Canada is requesting that all Canadian Chapters move to TD.

[here is access to our Budgeting Template for the 2019/2020 Financial Year](#). There are comments made by Imogen on the document for the GA to read. Moreover, the document is "commenting" mode for GA, so please comment on questions directly to the sheet so that they can prepare for them at the meeting and are not forgotten.

Comments:

- The information in the presentation all makes sense. What would happen in the worst case scenario, if something happens financially with KBG and the ULSU? KBG is insured, and the signers might be held liable. All credit cards are under personal names and will be held liable.

- Cheri – the ULSU would be brought in if there was a law suit but KBG have a lot of checks and balances and don't see an issue.

7.2 CAUS CHAIR - ROWAN - *Ryan*

Rowan is the VP External of the U of A and National Director for CAUS.

Rowan

- CAUS's mission is to advocate for student priorities to the provincial government including; student financial aid, funding of universities, student representation, mental health support and sexual violence response.
- We are a lobby group, we do research and policy development, student organizing and public and media relations.

7.3 UVOLUNTEER - *Jonathan*

Presented by Nicolas Canning, UVolunteer Coordinator

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mll7mdK_Q9Q&t=2s

Comments:

- Will there be a volunteer fair this year? Still trying to figure things out.
- The program in the past has created a lot of events for clubs to participate but this year it will be a little different. All the non-profits in the community can help out clubs this year.

8. REPORTS

Please read each report as posted on the ULSU website. Reports are due by the 5th of each month.

8.1 PRESIDENT – *Jonathan*

- I have been working mainly on GooseChase and Fresh Fest.
- CAUS Counterparts – we discussed 2030 review. We've had a lot of meetings with EC to discuss our talking points.
- Participated in workshops run by Pride.
- We have been hard at work adapting to our new circumstances.
- Attended a lot of meetings across campus.
- GA bonding – we haven't had much time to get to know each other this year. We would love to hear your ideas on what we could do. If you are interested in planning something please let me know.

8.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – *Ethan*

Report & Financial Update

- Ethan shared a budget screen showing what are active budget lines.
- The Zoo and Rockerman's is open.

- We have been working hard on reopening things.
- We finished Fresh Fest and got sponsors.
- Working with Cheri and Shelley about the Health and Dental plan increases.
- Looking into ways to revitalize our handbook.
- I sit on the Meliorist Board and have attended meetings.
- Supporting and accessing events committee with the university.
- Working on applied studies.
- Looking into other Students' Union policies to incorporate them into ours.
- Attending a lot of meetings.

8.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Richard

- Fresh Fest was expanded to 5 days. It was successful but we had lower engagement, this was the same across Canada. Those who attended had a good time.
- We had 1st Lecture.
- We had speed friending and presentations.
- We spent less than what was approved for Fresh Fest by about \$4,000.
- Clubs Week will be going on until September 25th.
- Supported the Pride Centre over the summer, they now have a new executive.
- LGBTQ 101 is this Friday.

8.4 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- Made adjustments to committee placements.
- Have been planning for Stress Less speaker series.
- Planning an undergraduate research symposium.
- Committee meetings have picked up, a lot have been cancelled.
- Some people are struggling with the online format.
- Met with counterparts to share notes.
- If you come up with ideas that fit under my portfolio please send me an email.

8.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- The campaign that I ran over the summer has been wrapped up now. Ill be sending a personal letter to the Minister.
- Jon and I have been working on our AB 2030 submission. Can't stress enough how big of a deal this is.
- Working on internal policies, on is on racism and one on student affordability.
- I'm on two CASA boards as an observer.
- Had a CBC interview on tuition.
- Having first meeting of indigenous relations.
- Forming the Advocacy Advisory Committee soon.

- Justin Trudeau will be giving a speech from the throne. There will be a Federal election within the next year, not within the next 4 months.

8.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holly – I have started a ULSU podcast to replace the Meet the GA Day we had last year to engage students with our council. We recorded the 1st episode already. Let me know if you are interested with being in an episode please email me.

Madi – working on local resources and businesses so we can reach out to the community.

Cayley – Worked on an initiative, making the most of our experience and how intimidating it is to be a new rep. I have the foundation laid out and have spoken with the faculty. Would like to have something in place for the 2nd semester.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9.1 CLUB & GREEK LIFE RATIFICATIONS (Insert 9.1) - *Richard*

Please see the insert for the full list of clubs and Greek life that were ratified over the summer.

9.2 STUDENT STAFF HIRING – *Richard*

We have hired William as our Club Coordinator and has been doing a lot of work.

9.3 ONLINE ENGAGEMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE – *Richard*

We would like to strike up an ad hoc committee for online academic events. It's for building a community in our online world. It will give a great opportunity for GA to volunteer their hours. Please message me in chat or send me an email. I would like to meet within the next two weeks. If spots aren't filled, I will open it up to the student body.

9.4 LETTER TO THE MINISTER (Insert 9.4) – *Ryan*

Please see the letter attached, it's the one I will be sending out. It's pretty straight forward, if you have any comments please let me know.

10. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

10.1 KAPPA BETA GAMMA – *Jonathan*

Comments:

- Their transition is the same as Kappa Sigma.

MOTION [22606GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/C. Fleischman

BIMT the General Assembly approve Kappa Beta Gamma to opt-out of Centralized Banking.

Carried – Abstained: Selena, Liam, Richard, Cayley, Haley.

11. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

11.1 CLUB STORAGE LOCKERS - Cheri

https://www.uline.ca/BL_2240/Bulk-Storage-Lockers

\$926.00 - 2 single tier units

\$1680.00 - 3 double tier units

\$130.00. - GST

\$159.25 - Shipping

\$300.00 - Installation

\$3195.25 - TOTAL

We have problems with clubs not having space to store items. We do have lockers downstairs but they are very tiny. I've received some prices to get some cage size lockers for equipment and things. Our thoughts are to remove some of the smaller lockers and install these larger ones. We will come up with a process on how they will be assigned.

MOTION [22607GA]

MSC: M. Serebryansky/S. Dauncey

BIMT that the GA approve \$3195.25 to purchase 5 bulk storage lockers to be installed by our club rooms to accommodate our clubs for storage.

Monies to come from CRF.

Carried

11.2 LAPTOP - EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - Cheri

We need GA to formally approve this even though it has already been purchased. There are circumstances when there is an emergence situation and we buy something ahead of time and then put it on the GA agenda. We talked amongst the EC about it first and they gave me the go ahead. Our Executive Assistant needs to be able to do her job.

MOTION [22608GA]

MSC: K. Gilispei/S. Boutilier

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$1,399 + GST for a new laptop for our Executive Assistant. Monies to come from Capital Replacement Fund.

Carried

11.3 LAPTOP - ACCOUNTANT – Cheri

We haven't purchased this one yet. Our accountant had to take her desktop home but it isn't working very well. Nicole suggested that we get her a laptop instead. She gave me 3 prices. I would like to get the most expensive option so she can run her Sage program. KPMG recommend the 1st option to their accountants.

MOTION [22609GA]	<u>MSC: E. Pullan/H. Gray</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$3,737 for a new laptop for our Accountant. Monies to come from Capital Replacement Fund. Carried
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11.4 ULSU FOOD BANK PART-TIME POSITION – *Ethan*

We would like to put up a posting by the end of the week and hiring before October 1st. The position will run until the end of the academic year in the spring. The pay amount would be small enough that it would be approved in EC. This motion is just for the position.

MOTION [22610GA]	<u>MSC: E. Pullan/ S. Boutilier</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the creation of a part-time position to support the ULSU Food Bank operations. Carried
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11.5 IN-CAMERA – *Ryan*

MSC: R. Lindblad/E. Pullan
BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera
Carried

Shae left the meeting

General Assembly moved out of camera.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Toni – how do we count our hours? Jon - In light of our circumstances, sharing what the ULSU has been up to can take up the time someone would do while tabling. Brady – I agree with Jon, one or two hours would be ok.

Toni – one of my classes is using a system where I have to pay for access. The bookstore made the comment that secondary access is listed as free access but it's actually \$45. I was told that it is illegal in the post-secondary learning act. I couldn't find it in there though. She then said I should talk to Liam. Cheri suggested to talk with Kathleen Massey and go from there.

Jonathan – if anyone is interested in helping out with planning GA bonding please contact me.

Ryan - nothing has been confirmed but we had a discussion about doing some fun Halloween stuff. If you have any fun COVID friendly Halloween ideas please let me know.

13. NEXT MEETING

TBD.

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22611GA]

MSC: L. Connel/K. Gray

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of September 22, 2020.

Carried

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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4th MEETING OF 2020-2021

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ABSENT: NONE

GUESTS: NONE

- 1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Brady**
Brady gave the Blackfoot land acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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MOTION [22634GA]

MSC: A. Lambert/H. Kletke

BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of October 20, 2020.

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION [22635GA]

MSC: H. Gray/M. Ing

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of September 22, 2020.

Carried

4. CHAIR REMARKS - *Brady*

I enjoyed the first meeting as Chair, please let me know if you have any feedback and if there is anything that I can help you with.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None at this time.

6. REPORTS

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6.1 PRESIDENT – *Jonathan*

- We had a good LGBTQ workshop.
- Toni and I attended an event in Patterson Centre, it will be moved to Uhall hopefully around 2021.
- I'm on a university task force about space booking.
- The VP Advancement Search Committee starting up.
- A few of us sit on the university Senate.
- Sat on our first Board meeting.
- I have been talking with Maiko about GA photos by Lifetouch. We are trying to book a time at the studio.
- The EC have been meeting with the Faculty Association and the GSA in regards to a possible university partnership with Navitas, regarding international students. So far just some research going on.
- Went through the audit with Nicole, Cheri, Ethan and KPMG.

6.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – *Ethan*

A. Report

- Attended a meeting regarding Navitas.
- I have been appointed to the Meliorist Board.
- Attended a Health and Safety Advisory Committee meeting.
- Had a couple of Global interviews about the ULSU Food Bank.

- Attended Senate.
- Attended a Board finance meeting.
- Board of Governors meeting was mostly in closed session, it was long.
- Events on campus working group meetings have become by-weekly.
- Met regarding our audit.
- We approved some emergency grants.
- We interviewed for the position of Food Bank Assistant.

B. Financial Update (Insert 6.2 B.)
Ethan reviewed the budget.

6.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Richard

- Hosted the LGBTQ workshop.
- Chaired a Club Council meeting.
- I've been providing optional club training sessions.
- Planning the spring Club Week.
- Formed the online engagement ad hoc committee.
- VPSA Chairs the ULSU awards committee and transition committee.
- I've been starting to brainstorm for LCB, it will look different this year.
- I have been streaming TEDx talks. The next viewing is Friday.
- Spooky trivia event is coming up.
- Planning an event for January.

6.4 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- I've attended a lot of committee meetings.
- There are quite a few student issues.
- I attended a Teaching Centre Advisory committee meeting. Students and teachers are experiencing the exact same issues. If you here of any issues with people's classes please send them my way.
- Curriculum Coordinating committee.
- Career Bridge – sent questions my way.
- I've been reading a lot of very long agendas.
- The VP Research Search Committee is fully underway.

6.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- Working on AB 2030.
- I had a call with the Minister, it went well.
- I have begun interviewing for the Advocacy Research position.
- We need 2 students-at-large for the Advocacy Advisory Committee.
- I will be writing a letter to the Lethbridge Herald about the CAUS campaign.
- I will be writing a white paper about university students leaving the province.
- There is a lot of CASA meetings coming up.

- Halloween program is coming next week.

6.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark - This Friday at 2pm – 4pm there will be food trucks on campus.

Ryan - The student campaign has been sent to the Minister as of today.

Elisha - Holly gave me access to the 1st year Facebook page, trying to get 1st years involved. Please let 1st years know that there is a Facebook page for them.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 CLUB & GREEK LIFE RATIFICATIONS – Richard

This is a list of all the ratified clubs this year so far.

1	Agricultural Students Society	28	Kappa Sigma - Fraternity
2	Archaeology Club	29	KinPhyEds
3	Art Society	30	Lethbridge Lifesavers
4	Arts Marvels	31	Let's Get Mental
5	Association of Political Science Students	32	LoveWorld Campus Ministry (B.S.G.G.)
6	Audio Engineering Society	33	Medieval Club
7	Biology Club	34	Musical Theatre Society
8	Board, Ski & Surf Club	35	Neuroscience Club
9	Calgary MSS	36	Nursing Student Association
10	Campus Roots Garden Association	37	Operation Smile Club
11	Circle K International	38	Organization of Residence Students
12	Climbing Club	39	Philanthropy, Advancement, Community, Tradition (PACT)
13	Covid Cohort Connections & Conversation	40	Pre-Law Society
14	Craft Club	41	Pre-Med Club
15	Dance Team	42	Rotaract Club
16	Delta Eta Iota - Sorority	43	Smash Club
17	Dhillon Business Students' Association	44	T.R.A.P.S. (Table-top Roleplaying And Players Society)
18	Education Undergraduate Society	45	Taking Strides Lethbridge
19	FNMI Students' Association	46	The Unscripted Theatre Society
20	French Club	47	Theatre Arts Society
21	Geek Entertainment of Every Kind (GEEK)	48	Trolls Rugby Club
22	Geography Club	49	Uleth Swing
23	Historical Undergraduate Society	50	Undergraduate Science Research & Mentorship Association
24	Humans of Uleth	51	University Catholic Young Adults
25	Intersivity Christian Fellowship	52	Vocal Harmony Singers
26	Ismaili Student Association	53	World University Service of Canada (WUSC)
27	Kappa Beta Gamma - Sorority	54.	Global Drums

7.2 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE - Jonathan

(Insert: [page 16](#), Policies 2020-21)

This is a committee that is being struck up. The strategic plan was recently created last year and will run for 5 years. It outlines several larger umbrella priorities for the ULSU to strive for over the 5 years. The membership will be all of the EC members and at least 2 GA members. Please let me know if you are interested.

7.3 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP - Ethan

The primary focus of this committee is the review all of our policies and procedures. We need two GA members at least. The committee would be meeting bi-monthly or monthly. Would like to focus on policies that might need a change or maybe some that we might want to incorporate. Please let Ethan know if you want to be on this committee.

7.4 EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (Insert: policies 2020-21) - Jonathan

(Insert: [page 15](#), Policies 2020-21, All Internal committees [page 10-16](#))

This committee should have been struck up in September, sorry about that. The main deliverable of this committee is to send out surveys and compile the information. Please let me know if you want to be on this committee and then you can choose the Chair amongst yourselves. It's a low to moderate commitment. We already have old survey's we could use and the committee just needs to rewrite some of the questions, then send it out.

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

None at this time.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

9.1 BY-ELECTION RATIFICATION OF 1ST YEAR REP - ELISHA WONG - Jonathan

MOTION [22636GA]

MSC: J. Diaz/L. Connel

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the By-election results with Elisha Wong as the ULSU 1st Year Student Rep for the 2020-21 academic year.

Carried

9.2 LAPTOP FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Cheri

Our Administrative Assistant's laptop had died and she was sharing her computer with her husband. We had to purchase a laptop for her since she is the 1st point of contact for the Students' Union and felt it was an urgent situation. She wasn't even able to attend meetings for two weeks while she was waiting for it to arrive in the mail.

MOTION [22637GA]

MSC: A. Novello/S. Boutilier

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$1,250 for the purchase of a new laptop for our Administrative Assistant. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

Carried

9.3 QIP - SPEAKERS COLLABORATION EVENT - Richard

Part of the Fresh Fest budget was to have a speaker event. This committee thought it would be best to host two events, one in September and one in January. This is the second event. The university finance office didn't want us to use the Fresh Fest money for the January event. This is the motion for this event. Any remaining money will be reimbursed.

Discussion

- Why does each university give \$5,000 when U of A and U of C have a lot more students? We need to support our students and feel this is a large portion for the ULSU.
- The reason is because it was originally just Richard working with the university and then other schools just joined in as we planned. We were the main partners and that's why we pay that much.

MOTION [22638GA]

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/H. Gray

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$2100 for the funding of an online speaker event in January 2021 to be co-hosted with other Students' Unions. Monies to come from QIP - Student Experience Initiatives.

Carried

9.4 RESIGNATION OF CAMILO TIQUE (Insert 9.4) – Jonathan

Please see the insert regarding his resignation. We will be running a by-election for this position.

MOTION [22639GA]

MSC: J. Diaz/C. Fleischman

BIMT the General Assembly accept Camilo Tique's resignation, Dhillon School of Business Representative, as of October 20, 2020.

Carried

9.5 FINANCIAL AUDIT (Insert 9.5) - *Ethan*

Ethan reviewed the ULSU Financial audit from KPMG. An item to note is that the Zoo lost \$140,000 last year and it has been a trend over the past couple of years. The auditors noted a few ways on how we can turn that around.

MOTION [22640GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/N. Crespo

BIMT the General Assembly ratify the Students' Union annual financial audit from KPMG.

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Jonathan - I've been considering doing a GA transition refresh on duties and stuff. Please let me know if you are interested.

Liam - Talks have begun to combine undergraduate and graduate research symposium. Please have them get in touch with me if anyone asks.

Shae - How do students get their Health and Dental plan card? If you go to the portal from our website, students can get a copy of their H&D card, or they can come into the office on Wednesday and pick one up.

Ethan – EC & GA corn maze event is this Friday.

11. NEXT MEETING

November 24th at 6:30pm - (Agenda items due Nov 17th at 4pm)

December 8th at 6:30pm - (Agenda items due Dec 1st at 4pm)

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22641GA]

MSC: A. Lambert/K. Gillespie

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of October 20, 2020.

Carried

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ABSENT: NONE

GUESTS: KEIFER JENNINGS - CANDIDATE

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Brady
Brady gave Blackfoot land acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION [22656GA]

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/M. Serebryansky

BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of November 24, 2020.

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION [22657GA]	<u>MSC: K. Gillespie/B. Parkkari</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of October 20, 2020. Carried
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4. CHAIR REMARKS - *Brady*

Let me know if I can do anything to make your role easier.

5. BY-ELECTION - DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP (Insert 5) - *Cheri*

Welcome/introduction, speeches (each 2 min max), Q&A, voting, counting, announcing.

Candidate:

- Keifer Jennings - WINNER

6. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

6.1 NAVITAS - *Jon, Ethan*

Navitas targets international students who do not meet acceptance criteria for English and or performance. It replaces the first year of University with their own Navitas courses. They collect tuition fees directly from students and remit royalty to pay the university. They keep their own rights but operate under the U of L brand.

Overall Navitas will get most of the money but the returns variety at different institutions. They want a 10-year contract and are quite harshly negotiated. The U of L is one of their top priorities.

Some concerns are: Student deception, alienation from student representation, vulnerable labour conditions, threat of scope creeping and further privatization.

This pathway program is expensive for students to go through it. The pathway is very restrictive and once you get in, it's hard to get out. The ULSU has a lot of concerns with this. This could change the face university for decades to come.

Comments:

- Concerned about figuring out the gray area, one being that they aren't U of L students but are using our name.
- The U of C has invested a lot of money into their international recruitment team and are able to do recruitment on their own.

- In the Arts & Science council meeting they mentioned that they would match the price that the U of L has set for international student's tuition. Instead of offering 3 credit courses, they offer 4 which makes it more expensive but the students only get credit for three.
- Wondering if anyone has information on whether or not they have a backup plan or if they have researched other places than Navitas. Plan B was to double down on their current internationalization. The working group is hesitant.
- A part of the reason this is being pursued is because of the AB government.
- Who makes the decision on whether Navitas is happening or not? We don't know.
- Students could remember that the U of L failed them if they join up with Navitas.
- What are the lessons to learn from places who have this program? What can we do to ensure it doesn't go through on the U of L campus? Take opportunities to be vocal when you can. We can talk about it with people just to get the information out there. Our biggest strength was that we were able to quickly get a large group together to meet about this. As students we have a large voice on campus.
- Our working group is planning on writing papers as to why it shouldn't be happening on campus. It's about how Navitas would fail our students. If you need more information, please talk with Jonathan or Ethan and they can get you set up.
- If they come to Lethbridge, would they be able to use our services? They would only be members of the ULSU during the last few years.
- Would it be to our best interest to get it out to the general population? We are trying to get information prepared and pivot our attention to a broad audience.

7. REPORTS

Please read each report as posted on the ULSU website. Reports are due by the 5th of each month.

7.1 PRESIDENT – *Jonathan*

- I'm on a task force about bookings on campus.
- I have been Involved in a lot of advocacy meetings – CAUS & CASA.
- We've been doing a lot of strategic planning with CAUS.
- Arts & Science Council - you might have heard about the possibility of the holiday break being extended so that we would start on the Monday after the 1st Wednesday.
- BoG retreat is coming up.

- If you are interested in running for an EC position next year please reach out to us and we can chat.

7.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – *Ethan*

A. Report

- Helped organize a town hall.
- We are working on supporting and assessing events in the working group meetings.
- Talked with Jonathan and upper finance.
- Sat on committees.
- Will be bringing forward a motion on something the university is implementing.
- Made some great plans for a food bank fundraiser, that will have to be put on hold.
- Had an LRC meetings.
- CAUS Counterparts.
- The Meliorist – I am now the Board Treasurer.

B. Financial Update

Ethan gave a budget update.

7.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – *Richard*

- Online engagement committee has met several times.
- Running some online games.
- Running contests.
- Looking into ways we can support events etc.
- Sat in on a preventing sexual violence meeting.
- Worked with RBC on campus.
- Currently working on a speaker's event. It is slated to happen in late January.
- Contacting other Students' Union across campus to see what they do for club operations.
- Working on a Moodle course for club training where they can get a certificate after passing the course.
- Was able to create two new club awards, both will be sponsored. In the process to writing the terms of reference.
- Working on Club's Week.

7.4 VP ACADEMIC – *Liam*

- I've had a lot of committee meetings.
- VP Research meetings have been quite busy.
- Have been talking with teachers and students.

- The career bridge webinar this month will be a three-part series.

7.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- Massive amount of time commitment with AB 2030.
- Meeting with MLAs.
- CAUS will be doing a campaign in the new year.
- CASA – have been attending meetings.
- Sexual violence committee meeting, we will be sending a letter off to the Government.
- Had a call with the deputy minister of health last week about COVID.

7.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cayley - I am moving forward with my proposal and am meeting with the Associate Dean who is the faculty correspondent and a presentation.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 CLUB & GREEK LIFE RATIFICATIONS - Richard

Please see the following for the current list of clubs and Greek life that were ratified by the Executive Council since our last General Assembly meeting:

- Social Work Students' Association
- U of L Singers Club
- Cancer Awareness Club

8.2 ULSU AWARDS COMMITTEE (Insert 8.2) – Richard

This committee is being struck up. I'd like to have the first meeting before winter break so we can discuss the award ceremony and how everything will work. The commitment is 3 to 4 meetings in total. You can send a private message to Richard if you are interested in being on this committee.

8.3 TRANSITION COMMITTEE (Insert 8.3) – Richard

This committee is also being struck up. The TOR is a little different than what it says in the operation manual. I would like our first meeting to discuss what transition will look like this year and how we want to move forward with it. Commitment will be 5 meetings in total. Please send a private message to Richard if you are interested.

8.4 DRIVE-IN MOVIE EVENT – Richard

We would like people's input on having a drive-in movie event for Last Class Bash. Looking at hosting this event in lot G. The ULSU does own a movie license. This event won't be on the last day of classes.

8.5 GFC TASK FORCE RESPONSE – Jonathan

Received an email from a professor on GFC. There are a lot of task forces struck up and are reaching out to student representatives wanting our support as a signature on a letter. Ethan will be the one on this committee but everything will be confidential. They have asked for our signature, or would the entire GA or individuals would want their names on this. Please let Jonathan know and he will add your name to the list.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

None at this time.

10. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

10.1 STAFF VACATION TIME – Cheri

This is something that will be brought up in our LRC meeting. This is a clause put in because we had a previous employee didn't take holidays and when he retired, we had to pay him for an entire year. Due to COVID though, Cheri doesn't want staff to lose their vacation time due to these unique circumstances. It would be Cheri, VP Operations & Finance and the President who would decide on what an extenuating circumstance is.

Considering the urgency for this change, I would like the GA to allow a one-time meeting to implement this policy. The General Assembly agrees.

Current policy:

3.2 Vacation time for employees may be carried over into the next fiscal year, to a maximum of 2 months cumulatively.

3.2.1 Employees who attempt to accumulate more shall be paid a prorated salary per day over the maximum;

MOTION [22658GA]

MSC: E. Pullan/L. Connel

BIMT the GA make an amendment to Policy 9 - Employee and Executive Council Vacation Time - Clause 3.2 and 3.2.1 to add the following:

3.2 - Vacation time for employees may be carried over into the next fiscal year, to a maximum of 2 months cumulatively. Exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances.

3.2.1 - Employees who attempt to accumulate more shall be paid a prorated salary per day over the maximum. Exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances.

Carried

10.2 FIREPLACE FOR THE ZOO – Cheri

Our Pub Manger has been looking to improve the ambience in the Zoo.

Comments:

- I'm hesitant with spending this money for the Zoo.
- I'm also hesitant, not sure that having a fireplace is the vibe the Zoo should be going for from a student perspective. Moving forward would be to ask students what they would prefer to have in the Zoo.
- This might be a discussion to have later instead of now when we might be going into a lockdown.
- We are trying to get as many people in there that we can but we can certainly readdress this later.

<https://www.rona.ca/en/paramount-premium-slim-20-in-x-42-in-wall-mount-electric-fireplace-330000018>

Fireplace	\$689.00
GST	\$ 34.45
<u>Delivery</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
TOTAL	\$798.45

MOTION FAILED	MSF: M. Serebryansky/C. Fleishman
MOTION [22659GA]	BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$800 to purchase an electric fireplace for the Zoo. Monies to come from Capital Replacement Fund.
	Motion Failed

10.3 LAPTOP FOR GENERAL MANAGER - Cheri

I have been working from home on an iPad and it is really hard. I have found one this is on an amazing sale, it's regular twice that price.

There is a concept called deferred maintenance where people put off upgrading equipment and that is what the ULSU has done. This is a common thing across Canada with other institutions.

Would it be beneficial for the ULSU to do an inventory to ensure everyone has the equipment they need? Cheri – I think everyone is good now.

Lenovo T480x Ultrabook	\$1225.19
<u>GST</u>	<u>\$ 61.26</u>
TOTAL	\$1286.45

MOTION [22660GA]

MSC: C. Fleishman/R. Lee-Thai

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$1286.45 to purchase a laptop for the General Manager. Monies to come from CRF.

Carried

10.4 IN-CAMERA – Richard

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/S. Dauncey

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.

Carried

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/A. Novello

BIMT the General Assembly move out of in-camera.

Carried

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Holly – Calling for GA members, if you want to join our efforts to swipe out hunger please let me know.

Richard – Proposing how Secret Santa could work this year is that there is a website or google form to organize gifts and they can be shipped to people's homes. Maximum cost including shipping would have to be decided upon. Haley put it in the team bonding chat, just send her a message.

Mark – is there any value for an anit-Navitas? We are looking at spring time for opportunities.

12. NEXT MEETING

December 8th at 6:30pm - (Agenda items due Dec 1st at 4pm)

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22661GA]

MSC: N. Crespo/E. Wong

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of November 24, 2020.

Carried

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



MINUTES

6th MEETING OF 2020-2021

DECEMBER 8, 2020 AT 6:30-8:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting ID: 969 0974 5538

Passcode:253831

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ABSENT: **KEIFER JENNINGS** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP

GUESTS: MIKE FRANK

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - *Brady*
Brady gave Blackfoot land acknowledgment.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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MOTION [22669GA]

MSC: B. Parkkari/A. Novello

BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of December 8, 2020.

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION [22670GA]

MSC: K. Gillespie/C. Fleishman

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of November 24, 2020.

Carried

4. CHAIR REMARKS - *Brady*

I hope everyone finals are going well and you are taking care of yourselves.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

5.1 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME - MICHAEL FRANK - *Jonathan*

I am the Director of Indigenous Education at the University. I'm part of the Mastercard program. I was told a long time ago to study hard and that it would pay off. I was a research assistant as an undergraduate student. I want to reset communications and build a better relationship with our undergrads.

We are going to revamp the indigenous programs. We will have some key people joining us and we will have a strong group. There will be about six new hires within the next year.

Comments:

- Moving forward, how will you mobilize indigenous bodies?
- Faculty is not affected by this. Communication has always been a central part. I have started to revamp on how a student can identify because I think we are missing a lot of voices. I will be reaching out to Jonathan within the next 2 weeks or so.
- Do you have any information about student voices who are sitting on the committee, those who are funded by the Mastercard program?
- The Mastercard foundation has been in place for about 2 years, they are helping globally. Student participation within the funding stream is a really good question. I would like to have an info session to answer this.
- Can you define what you determine as an indigenous student?
- There are 21 legal definitions. When a student marks the box on their application to the University, they are best served if they self-identify.

6. REPORTS

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6.1 PRESIDENT – Jonathan

- I finished up advocacy meetings with CAS and CAUS.
- I am in the midst of doing the student fee review.
- Ethan and I had a BoG retreat.
- I've been attending a lot of internal committee meetings.
- I attended Senate, we will be doing "Pass the Hat" for the food bank.
- Good luck on all of your final papers and exams.

6.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Ethan

A. Report

- I attended Meliorist Board meetings.
- I've been working with Cheri to find ways to keep the Zoo running smoothly.
- Attended GFC.
- Jon made a Slack channel that has all of the ULSU and GFC.
- Working with Max to get some advertising out.
- I have a Board finance meeting.

B. Financial Update

Nothing to report.

6.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Richard

- Chaired a GA transition committee meeting last Friday.
- I will be Chairing the ULSU Awards Committee tomorrow.
- There will be online games and contests running on the discord server.
- Clubs Week Jan is 11 – 22nd. I've sent out info to clubs on how they can become involved.
- I oversee the "MyExperience Transcript". I will send out an additional email so you can log your hours. I will be validating it against your monthly report posted on the website.

6.4 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- The Career Bridge @you is this Friday.
- The VPR Search Committee resumes on Thursday.
- Mental Health Week planning is the last week in January and then one in March.
- The Advocacy Advisory Committee has met.

6.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- We had a meeting with Demetrios. Talked about performance-based funding.
- Indigenous Relations committee has met and have made some progress.

- The Advocacy Advisory Committee has met and are focused on health and safe campus.

6.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy: Looking to gauge interest on how to reach out to social science measures. Please let me know.

Shea: The EC Accountably Survey will be sent our soon. There will also be a staff executive survey as well.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 GA MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE – Cayley

This is for an open line of communication. We are looking to do this with the Arts & Science reps first, then we will do it for the rest of them. The Deans all like this idea. Today I met with an Associate Dean and it went well, she is excited about the initiative. We discussed logistics. We talked about who would best be a mentor. Our timeline is looking at the middle of January. Please reach out to Cayley if you have questions.

7.2 THE ZOO - Toni

I would like to have some background of the Zoo because we talk about it and are asked to make decisions. When was it last profitable? One of the reasons the Zoo started to lose money was due to the minimum wage going up, as well as other costs increasing substantially as well. The last time the Zoo turned a profit was in 2016. Cheri goes to annual meetings with campus Managers all across Canada and it is the same with other institutions of operate a student pub/restaurant. We have had staff issues in the past who really mismanaged it which caused a dismissal. We are happy with who we have now but the minimum wage really hurt us. We lost a lot of wedding bookings, partly because the university wants them to purchase insurance at \$400 and customers didn't want to pay that fee. Then also, food prices have skyrocketed. We now have two Managers in the Zoo which is great and needed but that has also increased the costs. We are in the red right now because of COVID but we could potentially get up to \$75,000 back from the government. There is also potential to apply for other government funding in January. We have tried a lot of different things to encourage students to come to the Zoo in the evenings.

This is just part of it and Cheri has a lot more details if you want more information. In January some of the plans we want to put in place – we will be minimizing the menu so the food costs are lower. We are cutting back on staff. We are looking into doing “Skip the Dishes” but our hours will only be 11 am – 2pm.

7.3 INDIGENOUS LEVY - Toni

I would like to hear your viewpoint on a possible Indigenous levy. Indigenous students are paying for spaces. Why don't we think about putting an Indigenous levy in place? Nothing really happens until there is money attached to it. Do you think a levy would be a good idea for something like an Indigenous building?

Comments:

- Would this be for all student or just indigenous?
- If we did it for all students it would have to go to referendum. It could be a university non instructional fee.
- You are identifying a huge problem but I just can't fathom Indigenous students having to pay for this. This is a problem from the institution. A referendum shouldn't be the solution.
- It would be awful put this fee in place but sometimes it is a solution, a step towards something. It would be tough to get the word out and to get support. The Meliorist tried to get \$1 from a referendum and it did not pass. It would be easier to get a small amount like .50 cents.
- This should be a last case scenario. We should look at other places for funding first. I don't feel right about asking indigenous students to have to pay to go to university on their land.

7.4 CLARITY OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS & CONSISTENCY - Toni

Because we were online from COVID, there are a lot of inconsistency amongst classes. Some extra fees are part of it. How do we talk about standardization with the university so they aren't over charging students?

Comments:

- Maybe it's a matter of talking to the faculty Deans. Maybe look into course evaluations.
- If you have other thoughts to share please talk with Liam so you can come up with a plan to move forward.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

None at this time.

10. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

10.1 RATIFICATION OF NOVEMBER'S BY-ELECTION – Cheri

We welcome Keifer to the team and are happy that he is joining us. Looking forward to a great semester.

MOTION [22671GA]	<u>MSC: C. Fleishman/R. Lee-Thai</u> BIMT the General Assembly ratify the December 2020 By-election results with Keifer Jennings as the Students' Union Dhillon School of Business Rep. Carried
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10.2 NEW COOLER FOR ROCKERMAN'S (Insert 10.2) – Cheri

All of the coolers in Rockerman's are owned by Coca Cola except for one that has our dairy products. It's really old and it broke down beyond repair, we need to replace it.

Cooler	\$3,123.28
GST & Delivery	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$3,233.28

MOTION [22672GA]	<u>MSC: H. Kletke/S. Dauncey</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$3,233.28 to purchase a new cooler for Rockerman's Service Centre. Monies to come from the Capital Replacement Fund. Carried
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10.3 GENDER-BASED ANALYSIS+ CONFERENCE - Richard

Explanatory Note: The conference provides a wide breadth of training around equity, diversity, and inclusion, and the usage of GBA+ as a methodology in organizations. More info here: <https://canadianequality.ca/training/gba-conference/>

I was contacted through email and looked at their conference schedule. If we have less people attending than what is budgeted for in the motion, we won't spend that much. Also, if more people want to attend, we can revisit the motion to include extra costs. We can pass more funds in EC if need be. The staff part of the motion is for student staff members.

MOTION [22673GA]

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/N. Crespo

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$1575 to cover the costs of sending GA members and ULSU staff to the GBA+ (Gender-based Analysis+) Conference on Tuesday, January 12 and Wednesday, January 13. Monies to come from Special Funding.
Carried

10.4 NEW MANDATORY INSTRUCTIONAL FEE FOR 2021 - FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

(Insert 10.4) - *Jonathan*

To introduce a new MNIF, institutions must receive formal approval from their student council(s). Institutions must demonstrate approval prior to introducing a new MNIF by attaching a resolution passed by its student council(s) with the following basic elements of the new fee:

- The fee title
- The fee level, and
- The goods and services supported by the fee revenue

Currently in the established student fee policy, it doesn't include anything for mandatory instructional fees. We voted only on this fee during the committee meeting but the General Assembly still needs to vote on it. It is a new fee. Up to 50% of all tickets can be reserved for students. All remaining tickets with two weeks left to the event will be release for free to students. This is to make Fine Arts events more accessible. It would be put into effect starting in May 2021.

MOTION [22674GA]

MSC: J. Diaz/E. Pullan

BIMT the General Assembly approve the Faculty of Fine Arts Access Fee as presented in Attachment 10.4, effective May 1, 2021, and the proposed fees for the years 2022-2023, 2023-24 in principle.
Carried

10.5 IN-CAMERA – *Richard*

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/M. Serebryanski

BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.
Carried

MSC: M Serebryanski/C. Fleishman

BIMT the General Assembly move out of in-camera.
Carried

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Richard - Secret Santa information was sent out Monday. Shipping reimbursements will be added to your monthly honoraria. I would like to set up a Zoom call to open gifts.

Jon - Please email me if you want to be put on the GFC/ULSU slack channel.

Shae - What happened to our ULSU clothing order? It should arrive any day now and we will let you know when it comes in.

Cheri - Thanks for all of you, it's been an amazing semester. Please be safe over the holidays.

12. NEXT MEETING

January 2021, date TBD

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22675GA]

MSC: L. Connel/S. Boutilier

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of December 8, 2020.

Carried

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES

7th MEETING OF 2020-2021



JANUARY 18, 2021 AT 6:00-8:00 PM

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1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – *Brady*
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2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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MOTION [22688GA]

MSC: K. Gillespie/A. Novello

BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of January 18, 2021.

Carried

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION [22689GA]

MSC: C. Fleishman/K. Jennings

BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of December 8, 2020.

Carried

4. CHAIR REMARKS - Brady

Welcome back folks, I hope your break was great and ready to start 2021.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None at this time.

6. REPORTS

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6.1 PRESIDENT – Jonathan

- Ryan and I attended a meeting with Faculty Association regarding a campaign about the state of post-secondary.
- Attended the GBA+ conference.
- Attended search meetings for the VP Advancement position.
- Reviewed our ULSU investments.
- GFC is next Monday.
- VP Development search.
- Please send in your class schedule so we can set the GA meetings for the rest of the semester.

6.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – Ethan

A. Report

- I attended the Board Finance meeting.
- Had some Navitas discussions.
- Attended the GBA+ conference.
- Clubs are sending in grant requests.

B. Financial Update

Finances are in good shape.

6.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Richard

Jon gave Richards report.

- VPSA position – elections are coming up, please contact me if you are interested.
- My experience transcript, deadline is the 31st.
- Clubs week is going on until January 22nd.

- Information about finding identity is in the email I sent out, please check it out.
- Working with students to advocate to the university to request a legal name change with the Registrar's office.
- Working group – task force.
- ULSU Awards,
- LCB – will be sending an email out.
- Working on Transition.

6.4 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- Mental Health Week is next week. Check out TAO online.
- Daily workouts with the fitness Centre.
- Keynote speaker at the end of the month.
- @You on the Career Bridge.

6.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- CTV Interview on student affordability. Students need more money than ever.
- Met about consolidation.
- A group is building lawn signs, we will be sending signs to any MLA who want one.
- Had a meeting with AB Health Services last week.
- Advocacy Advisory meeting will be meeting soon.
- AB 2030 is delayed another four months.

6.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haley – received an email from York university about a survey to post graduate students.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 STUDENT MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE - Cayley

Met with Jennifer, I was supposed to have the outlined documents. I will have them done by the end of January. They will be outlining expectation. Jennifer said she has found mentors. If you have any information that would be important for me to know, please contact me.

7.2 ROYAL BANK OF CANADA (RBC) – Cheri

Met with Facilities last week. RBC would really like to have some space in the Students' Union building. They would like to be in the corner of the food court where the computers are but they want 700 square feet and that would take too much space up. They are interested in taking close to half of Galileo's. They would pay for all of the renovations and we would get funds for rent. The only downside is the space we would lose in Galileo's. The potential for revenue is good though. It was suggested the maybe we could put in some caveats like them giving financial seminars to students and we could ask for scholarships.

Comments:

- Think this is a wonderful idea.

- I like the idea of a scholarship.
- RBC would be paying a monthly rent.
- We need to decide what is more important, the space for students or revenue from RBC. Maybe students could get some kind of an exclusive deal from RBC.
- I think it's a win all around for the ULSU.
- GA is all OK with Cheri moving forward with this.

7.3 MAILBOX BALLOT (Insert 7.3) - Liam

January 7, 2021

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

MSC: L. Connel/R. Lee-Thai

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$4186.88 for Mental Health Week. Monies to come from Mental Health Funding.

Carried

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

None at this time.

10. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

10.1 ULSU GENERAL ELECTION BUDGET (Insert 10.1) – Cheri

It probably won't come to this amount but I left printing costs in the budget just in case we decide to go ahead of hanging banners and posters.

<u>ITEM NAME</u>	<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COST</u>
Posters	25 posters	\$ 50.00
Banners	4 large banners	\$150.00
Exec. Cand. Reimbursement	\$50.00 each for approx. 6 cand.	\$300.00
Office supplies/miscellaneous		\$150.00
<u>Marketing /Advertising</u>		<u>\$150.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$800.00

MOTION [22690GA]

MSC: C. Fleishman/J. Diaz

BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$800 for the Students' Union general elections held during February & March of 2021. Monies to come from the Election budget line.

Carried

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Shae – Please submit the executive accountability survey, I will give you until the end of the week.

Liam – the faculty is going through the same problems that the students are going through. They brought up to me the idea of inviting students to the spark 2021 teaching conference. They will be reviewing both working on line and living on line.

Comments:

- Sounds fun but then students could follow it up with a place on zoom to grab a refreshment and hang-out.
- Students would like some direction on how to manage their online time. It's getting hard for students to work around every one's schedules.
- Liam will keep everyone updated.

12. NEXT MEETING

Please send your schedules to Jonathan.

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22691GA]

MSC: L. Connel/M. Serebryansky

BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of January 18, 2021.

Carried

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MINUTES

8th MEETING OF 2020-2021



FEBRUARY 24, 2021 AT 6:00-8:00 PM

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GUESTS: **JOHN CARTER**

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2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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MOTION [22710GA]	<u>MSC: M. Serebryanski/C. Fleischman</u> BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of February 24, 2021. Carried
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3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION [22711GA] MSC: K. Gillespie/R. Lee-Thai
BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of January 18, 2021.
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4. CHAIR REMARKS - *Brady*

Keep up the great work everyone for running in the elections.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None at this time.

6. REPORTS

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6.1 PRESIDENT – *Jonathan*

- Fall 2021 Taskforce – to increase the in-person activity on campus.
- Taking part in a committee for CAUS, transformation group.
- VP Development and Alumni relations meetings.
- Helped review applications for some awards.
- Met with the Minister of Advanced Education about tuition and AB 2030.
- Attended a GFC convocation meeting.
- Thank you to the EAC for doing the survey and talking with me about it.

6.2 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – *Ethan*

A. Report

- Thanks to Nicole for working on a wage subsidy from the government.
- Working on a new inhouse pharmacy provider. It could possibly mean a pharmacy on campus.
- We had our year-end review of our Health and Dental plan, it was is the red. Next year the EC will have to make some tough decisions regarding the plan.
- We met with our Health and Dental plan provider.
- The Zoo has been doing really well since it has reopened.
- The Board finance meeting happened.
- Big news on our hiring front, looking into hiring a new accountant for Nicole's maternity leave by May 1st.
- We are finishing up our LRC review and will bring it to the next GA meeting.

B. Financial Update

- Ethan gave a financial update.

6.3 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Richard

- The GA Transition Committee and the Awards Committee have met.
- Sat on the Fall 2021 task group, community building.
- Sat on the PSVAC committee, programing awareness on International Women's Day.
- Programming – had our Finding Identity Speakers Panel. Hosting a trivia night with the Art Gallery. Also, two RBC financial workshops on financial planning and debt. We plan on hosting another workshop.
- We are expanding our discord server. Tried hosting a moving night.
- We had Club's Week.
- Appreciated the feedback from the EAC.
- Sat on a hunger committee. We plan on running an online campaign to raise awareness for food insecurity.
- Sat on the Laurence Decore Awards committee.

6.4 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- Met with Mark to go over the EAC results and feedback.
- Had two preliminary meetings, one was about the last lecture.
- Have been working on a committee master document. It will be a more comprehensive document for GA to have access to. It will make the process a lot more streamlined.
- Attended the GFC Library meeting.
- Deana McMartin is the new VP Research.

6.5 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- Thanks for the work the EAC has done and for the feedback.
- Attended a committee about sexual violence.
- Indigenous relations committee met.
- Big shout-out to Madi for helping with the penguins.
- Distributed about 40% of the lawn signs.

6.6 COMMITTEES – Richard

6.1 ONLINE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE - FIRST YEAR NIGHT – Elisha

In discussion about having a 1st year night. We would like students to be aware of the programs that they have access to and would like to have people speak at this event. If you have any ideas who would be good to speak, please send their contact information to me.

6.7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy - I talked to the EC about three weeks ago. I was thinking of some structural changes and would like us to hold about three meetings so outgoing and incoming GA can talk about their experience. I've noticed some structural issues with monthly reports and transparency as well as GA honoraria. A pay increase for GA Reps has been brought forward to the LRC. We are looking at GA meetings and if there is enough time for GA members to talk.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 STUDENT MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE – *Cayley*

Met with the faculty and the reps, there is a lot of interest. I have an agenda and a guiding document.

7.2 NEWLY RATIFIED CLUBS – *Richard*

Q-Space was formally the Pride Centre, it has just been rebranded.

- Q-Space
- The FentaNIL Project, University of Lethbridge Chapter

7.3 TRANSITION SCHEDULE & RESPONSIBILITIES (Insert 7.3) – *Richard*

- The transition schedule has a monthly schedule and an itinerary.
- The green highlighted items are optional.
- Kumo Space test run, I will explain how it works in other business.
- April - there are a lot of other events.
- Transition retreat is tentative during the last week of April 24th & 25th
- I have been working with Susan on the development of a transition manual that you can refer to throughout the year.
- I will be looking for volunteers.
- There will be a staff session.
- There will be a presentation for GA members.
- Would like presentations from Levy groups.
- Would like a presentation on our sexual assault policy.
- The last day of classes was originally scheduled for April 12th. but is now April 13th.
- There is a separate document template for all outgoing council members to fill out and submit to Susan so we can document it and have it for future years.

7.4 STRESS LESS WEEK – *Liam*

I was faced with options and there is enough money in the budget to hire two speakers. But what I want to do instead, is host some game nights, maybe bingo. I would like prizes to be so students can buy groceries or something needed. I would like people to send in pictures of drawings and people could win prizes. I would like prizes to be based on followers to increase our social media presence. The GA like this idea. Liam will need help with the game nights.

7.5 NEW COUNCIL REPORT TEMPLATE (Insert 7.5) – *Richard*

This is in response to institutional continuity and goal setting. My intention was to provide more structure. This is not a final draft yet and I'd love some feedback being as it would take more time for GA members to complete.

Comments:

- I really like this new template, it's a good idea.
- I would love to see the monthly reports attached to the GA agenda as one document.
Richard – they will all be on Basecamp.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

None at this time.

10. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

10.1 QIP - LAST CLASS BASH - 2021 (Insert 10.1) – *Richard*

I was thinking of hosting an online party with DJs. I attended a living room concert in December and I reached out to the organizers of it. They are very interested in doing this. The artists are not headline artists. I would also like to have giveaways to students because the success of the event will be dependent upon students showing up.

MOTION [22712GA]	<u>MSC: R. Lee-Thai/S. Boutilier</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$8111.80 to host the 2021 Last Class Bash. Monies to come from QIP - Student Experience Initiative. Carried
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10.2 ULSU DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT (Insert 10.2) - *Richard*

We have an annual awards dinner and since we can't do it in person, we are doing it online. We will be giving out Skip the Dishes gift cards to the award recipients.

MOTION [22713GA]	<u>MSC: R. Lee-Thai/M. Serebryanski</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$5610 for the 2021 ULSU Awards Dinner. Monies to come from Changeover Dinner Carried
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10.3 GA TRANSITION RETREAT (Insert 10.3) – *Richard*

The retreat will be on April 24th and 25th. We will be giving out Skip the Dishes gift cards since we won't be meeting in person.

MOTION [22714GA] MSC: R. Lee-Thai/E. Wong
BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$6440 for the 2021 GA Transition Retreat. Monies to come from Council Transition.
Carried

10.4 BASECAMP & SOFTWARE (Insert 10.4) – *Richard*

Richard reviewed Basecamp and showed a video.

It is a flat cost to however many people we have on it. If we decide to past this, we could start using it and have it working and in place for the for incoming council. We could have passed this in EC but decided to bring it to GA so we could get your feedback.

Comments:

- Not sure what would happen to the documents if we don't renew it but I will look into it. It does come in an app form for the phone.
- There is a not-for-profit pricing but it's only for the US, nothing for Canadians.
- I've been working with Basecamp with CAUS and CASA. It's not really good for communications but is really good for shared topics.
- We would still need to use slack for communications and one-on-one chats.
- For a non-COVID year, a need for conversations will be reduced.
- I think for GA communication, I propose we move away from slack since they are both new communication channels. We should stick with something more common than slack.
- Basecamp would be more successful if the incoming council would be interested in.
- Suggest to spend \$99 for a one-month subscription and then discuss it with the incoming GA.

Holly/Andrew Moved to table item 10.4 to the March GA meeting. 9/8/0 TABLED

MOTION [22715GA] MST: R. Lee-Thai/E. Pullan
TABLED BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$1331.75 for a 1-year subscription to Basecamp, a project management and team communication software, from March 2021 to March 2022. Monies to come from Computer Supplies.
TABLED

10.5 DISHWASHER FOR THE ZOO (Insert 10.5) – *Cheri*

This particular model was recommended to us by our repair guy and by Crown Foods. This should last at least a decade

Dishwasher	\$8394.75
Shipping	\$ 100.00
Installation	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$8694.75

MOTION [22716GA] MSC: E. Pullan/C. Fleischman
BIMT the General Assembly approve the maximum expenditure of \$8694.75 for a new dishwasher for the Zoo. Monies to come from Capital Replacement Fund.
Carried

10.6 IN-CAMERA – *Cayley*

MSC: C. Fleishman/S. Dauncey
BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.
Carried

MSC: C. Fleishman/E. Wong
BIMT the General Assembly move out of in-camera.
Carried

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Liam – Committee document - I will be reaching out to each of you on your experience sitting on committees. Spark conference 29th & 30th. Last Lecture – we will be meeting to go over the format, we will be doing our first planning meeting this Friday.

Jonathan – at that student leaders meeting, we asked if there was anyone close to getting covid-19 if they could be considered in phase 1 of the vaccine rollout and they said no.

Amy – curious if there are any updates on ULSU swag? Tracy – Amy your swag item is not available. There are a few others coming in but I don't know the date. There have been a few reasons why it has been delayed. One was a lost shipment, another is COVID and Christmas. Upon talking with the company, I tried to re-order certain things.

Richard – Richard showed a Kumospace video.

12. NEXT MEETING

March 17, 2021 at 6pm

April 14, 2021 at 6pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22717GA]	<u>MSC: L. Connel/H. Kletke</u> BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of February 24, 2021. Carried
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ABSENT: **RICHARD LEE-THAI** - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS

GUESTS: **AMY MENDENHALL** – VPSA ELECT, **NATHANIAL** – GLOBAL DRUMS

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - *Brady*
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2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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MOTION [22732GA]	<u>MSC: J. Diaz/E. Pullan</u> BIMT the General Assembly adopt the agenda of March 17, 2021. Carried
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3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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MOTION [22733GA] MSC: C. Fleischman/H. Kletke
BIMT the General Assembly approve the minutes of February 24, 2021.
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4. CHAIR REMARKS - *Brady*

I'm using a digital copy of the agenda, if I miss anything please let me know.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

5.1 QIP - GLOBAL DRUMS (Insert 5.1) - *Ethan*

Presentation by Nathaniel

We are both a club and a class. Everywhere in the world has a different culture and our goal is to take all of those cultures and bring it back to Alberta. Participants and listeners experience an overwhelming feeling of joy and excitement. Every year we travel somewhere in the world.

The grant would go towards the expansion of Global Drums to include Zimbabwean Marimbas. We have members who have actually gone to Africa and have been taught but we don't have the instruments. With this grant, we could also bring in more members.

Who will benefit? Everyone will benefit but more specific; music students, non-music students, audience, workshop kids/students, Lethbridge-at-large and Canadian artisans.

The total budget comes to \$8,646. If we can't receive the entire amount, \$3,940 would be the minimum that we could move forward with.

Comments:

- How much is in our QIP? We have \$11,000 and haven't spent any of it this year.
- How long does the equipment last? We put a lot of care into handling the equipment and I can't imagine them ever wearing out, they are really well made.

6. REPORTS (Insert 6)

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6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – *Ethan*

A. Report

- I've been working with legal council

- Finished up some LCB work.
- Working on QIP.
- Finishing up the last details of Fresh Fest 2020.
- Committee work.
- Focused on getting materials ready for the transition.
- Health & Dental plan details.

B. Financial Update
Ethan gave a financial update.

6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – Richard
Absent

6.3 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- I've been taking care of a lot of emails and talking with students.
- Preparing for transition.
- Working on Stress Less Week.
- U of L Committees - things are in a state of limbo with the campus opening up in the fall.

6.4 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- Congrats to everyone who is returning and the new incoming people.
- If you have any questions about the AB budget let me know.
- Campus sexual violence - there isn't a budget line for this but he didn't say there wasn't funding for it. We have to wait until AB 2030 comes out.
- On the 23rd, the faculty association and graduation association will be doing a lawn sign event.
- On the 27th, CAUS is having an emergency conference session on the budget.
- One March 30th, there will be a virtual townhall and a lengthy discussion on PSE.

6.5 PRESIDENT – Jonathan

- Congratulations to those who will be on council next year.
- Involved with the internal hiring with internal director.
- Attended GFC.
- I've been going through reports on various task forces.
- COVID & Vaccine – as of March 15th students undertaking placement are eligible for a vaccine.
- I was contacted by instructors and professors regarding students who are removed from enrollment and are unable to pay their fees. Kathleen is looking into who is working on that. She wants to know what we think.
- GFC folks were contacted by Megan. The Learning Centre is looking for tutors. I will email you on which classes are looking for tutor partners.
- I will be meeting with Pronghorn student council.

- I'm working on transition materials.

6.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES - GA Reps

Amy – structural changes: I will be talking with everyone on that.

Cayley – Please reply to the email, we are trying to come up with a plan and your input is appreciated.

6.7 COMMITTEES

6.7.1 GA TRANSITION – Jonathan

The speakers have all been booked. We are in discussion on which levy groups to invite. If you haven't completed the documents that Richard has previously sent out, please do so. Please take a look at the email Susan sent out on the Year in review, everyone has something to submit for it.

6.7.2 SU AWARDS – Cheri

We have a meeting tomorrow morning to decide on who will be receiving the awards. We are still in the process of organizing our Awards Night. We are excited to finalize those recipients tomorrow.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 MAILBOX BALLOT (Insert 7.1) - Jonathan

March 8-10, 2021

UMAMI SHOP MEAL KITS

MSC: R. Lee-Thai/J. Diaz

BIMT the General Assembly approves the maximum expenditure of \$2980.31 to cover the costs of students purchasing Umami Shop Meal Kits for an online cooking event. Monies to come from *Council Events*.

Carried

Additional Notes: For the GA members who discussed and passed the ORS motion yesterday evening, you will notice that my proposal indicates 175 meal kits rather than 150. Prior to receiving the \$1000 Food for Thought grant, the ULSU was planned to contribute \$2924.41. After receiving the grant, the working group decided it would make sense for the ULSU to put forward close to their original amount. This is so that we could cover the cost of more than 150 meal kits if we get a lot of interest. Accordingly, I have indicated that we will be covering the costs of up to **175** meal kits total. This is so that the math makes sense, as I want to have a detailed breakdown of the expenditures and contributions from each of the partnering organizations, and how many meal kits that could cover. The final anticipated ULSU contribution is \$2980.31 instead.

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

8.1 QIP - GLOBAL DRUMS (Insert 5.1) – Ethan

It's very meaningful that this request is coming from students. It shows their passion and tangible effect that this group has had on students. They are ambassadors for music and bring culture to the university. Showing our support to Global Drums will be a testament to the U of L. A lot of times proposals are for events, but with this funding request going towards the purchase of tangible objects that will last indefinitely, is amazing.

MOTION [22734GA] MSC: E. Pullan/Haley
BIMT the General Assembly approves the maximum expenditure of \$8646.00 for the Global Drums club to purchase new materials. Monies to come from QIP Student Clubs and Organizations.
Carried

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

9.1 ELECTION RESULTS (Insert 9.1) – *Cheri*

Congratulations to all of our winning candidates. We had a good number of candidates and we will have a by-election in the fall for the missing positions. Welcome to our new team and thank you all for a great year.

MOTION [22735GA] MSC: J. Diaz/Keeley
BIMT the General Assembly ratifies the ULSU General Election results for 2021-2022.
Carried

9.2 BASECAMP SOFTWARE (Insert 9.2) – *Jonathan*

Richard looked into this after the last meeting and was able to procure a discount as a non-profit organization. We would get two months free on the set-up and will have one terabyte. The intention is so the SU will have a year to test out to see if we can work with and will be beneficial.

MOTION [22736GA] MSC: J. Diaz/L. Connel
BIMT the General Assembly approves the maximum expenditure of \$1197.87 for a 1-year subscription to Basecamp, a project management and team communication software, from March 2021 to March 2022. Monies to come from Computer Supplies.
Carried

9.3 BYLAW REVISIONS - 1ST of TWO READINGS (Insert 9.3) – *Ethan*

The revisions will include the sexual violence training for Zoo staff. Amy wrote in to request a criminal record check before council begin their term. We talked to our lawyer and they

recommended against it because it goes against their rights. We recommend the LRC look into it next year to see what else we could do that is more fitting. Another revision we made is that clubs have to have the majority of club executives to be undergraduates.

MOTION [22737GA] MSC: E. Pullan/C. Fleishman
BIMT the General Assembly approves the first of two readings to adopt the ULSU Bylaw revisions, excluding Bylaw 20 Honoraria, as presented by the 2020/ 2021 Legislative Review Committee.
Carried

9.4 BYLAW 20 HONORARIA REVISION – 1ST OF TWO READING (Insert 9.3) – Ethan

The committee talked about raising the GA honoraria and decided to raise it to \$150/month. That works out to minimum wage. The upcoming budget meetings will take this into account. Did we look at the Calgary Campus as well since they do more hours? Yes, because we lowered their hours so it works out.

MOTION [22738GA] MSC: E. Pullan/M. Ing
BIMT the General Assembly approve the first of two readings to adopt the ULSU Bylaw revisions to Bylaw 20 Honoraria, as presented by the 2020/2021 Legislative Review Committee.
Carried – *returning GA Shae, Cayley, Madi, Elisha abstained*

9.5 POLICY REVISIONS - 1ST OF TWO READINGS (Insert 9.4) – Ethan

Some changes include the Health and Dental plan appeal committee. It didn't seem right that the EC, as students, review those claims and now it will just be the GM and the Health & Dental plan Administrator. Increased per diem expenses. Travel and conference grant, it says they have to travel so we added digital conferences too.

MOTION [22739GA] MSC: E. Pullan/L. Connel
BIMT the General Assembly approves the first of two readings to adopt the ULSU Policy revisions as presented by the 2020/ 2021 Legislative Review Committee.
Carried

9.5 STRESS-LESS-WEEK (Insert 9.5) – Liam

There have been some changes in formatting but the spirit of the event remains the same. We still have a lot of money in the budget line. Shawn is requesting that the lower-level prizes be gift cards to the Zoo.

Comments:

- That would be a good idea for the gift cards be for the Zoo, but we should ask the prize winner first to see if they would prefer a different gift card. Liam will make that happen and leave it up to the winner to choose.
- A \$1,000 prize for only 4 people kind of sounds like a lottery. Are we cutting off the opportunity for more people to participate?
- Yes, I thought about this and the main difference is that there is no buyout, it's just participating, we aren't asking anyone to gamble. The grant prize is only a suggestion and as much as it bolsters the participation, we still have a lot of prizes for other winners.
- Giving out 4 large prizes is a lot easier for administrative purposes.
- I'm concerned that we are paying this amount of money and there is nothing about it on social media. If this event is by word of mouth then it limits who knows about it and who gets the prizes.
- Is this money use it or lose it?
- Is the incoming GA eligible or not?
- Since the videos are prerecorded should we move it to finals since mid-terms have already come and gone?
- There isn't a huge problem because there isn't a selection process. The reason I didn't want to push it back to finals is because I didn't want students to be distracted from studies. I also needed approval before it can be promoted.
- Feasibility to push the date back – based off the style of event and it's 100% online, it is possible to push it back.
- Date change would be open for a vote.
- I'm fine with having it next week. I would feel more comfortable to have eight \$500 prizes instead of four \$1,000.
- Money doesn't go very far especially if it's only \$100. As far as timing, with being a management student, there is no perfect time of calmness.
- It could be a good idea to extend the submission deadline by a couple of weeks so we have more time to promote it.
- What happens if we don't use up the money?
- It will get absorbed into the next year's operating budget.
- Liam likes the idea of having eight instead of four large prizes. Open to the idea of pushing back the submission deadline. I think we should keep the event date though.

MOTION [22740GA] MSC: L. Connel/Andrew
BIMT the General Assembly approves the maximum expenditure of \$5,250.00 to purchase prizes for stress less week. Monies to come from the mental health budget line.
Carried

9.6 IN-CAMERA - Selena
ULSU Staff is invited to stay.

MSC: S. Boutilier/R. Lindblad
BIMT the General Assembly move in-camera.
Carried

MSC: E. Pullan/ K. Gillespie
BIMT the General Assembly move out of in-camera.
Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Nicolas – I've been planning an event with International Centre and we want to do an event to teach sign language. If you are interested please send me an email.

11. NEXT MEETING

April 14, 2021 at 6pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22741GA] MSC: K. Gillespie/H. Gray
BIMT the General Assembly adjourn the meeting of March 17, 2021.
Carried

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



MINUTES

10th MEETING OF 2020-2021

APRIL 14, 2021 AT 6:00-8:00 PM

ZOOM Meeting ID: 955 8238 1441

Passcode: 064613

THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE **STUDENTS' UNION** - 4401 UNIVERSITY DR - RM SU180 - LETHBRIDGE AB, T1K 3M4
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS - 20 VOTING MEMBERS (QUORUM IS 11 VOTING MEMBERS)

BRADY HORNUNG – CHAIR, **JONATHAN DIAZ** - PRESIDENT, **ETHAN PULLAN** – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, **POSITION VACANT** - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, **LIAM CONNELL** - VP ACADEMIC, **RYAN LINDBLAD** – VP EXTERNAL, **MADI ING** - A & S REP, **AMY LAMBERT** - A & S REP, **SHAE DAUNCEY** - A & S REP, **CAYLEY FLEISCHMAN** - A & S REP, **BECCA PARKKARI** – A & S REP, **SELENA BOUTILIER** - A & S REP, **KEELEY GILLESPIE** – EDUCATION REP, **MARK SEREBRYANSKY** - RESIDENCE REP, **HOLLY KLETKE** – FINE ARTS REP, **HALEY GRAY** – HEALTH SCIENCES REP, **ANDREW NOVELLO** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, **KEIFER JENNINGS** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **MICHA BERMAS** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **TONI PASHE** - INDIGENOUS REP, **NICOLAS CRESPO** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **ELISHA WONG** – 1ST YEAR REP.

ATTENDANCE: **BRADY HORNUNG** – CHAIR, **JONATHAN DIAZ** - PRESIDENT, **ETHAN PULLAN** – VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE, **POSITION VACANT** - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS, **LIAM CONNELL** - VP ACADEMIC, **RYAN LINDBLAD** – VP EXTERNAL, **MADI ING** - A & S REP, **AMY LAMBERT** - A & S REP, **SHAE DAUNCEY** - A & S REP, **CAYLEY FLEISCHMAN** - A & S REP, **BECCA PARKKARI** – A & S REP, **KEELEY GILLESPIE** – EDUCATION REP, **MARK SEREBRYANSKY** - RESIDENCE REP, **HOLLY KLETKE** – FINE ARTS REP, **HALEY GRAY** – HEALTH SCIENCES REP, **ANDREW NOVELLO** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, **KEIFER JENNINGS** – DHILLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REP, **MICHA BERMAS** – CALGARY CAMPUS REP, **NICOLAS CRESPO** – INTERNATIONAL REP, **ELISHA WONG** – 1ST YEAR REP.

ABSENT: **SELENA BOUTILIER** - A & S REP, **TONI PASHE** - INDIGENOUS REP

GUESTS: KATHRYN DELUCIA, AMY MENDENHALL, JOHN CARTER

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - *Brady*
Brady gave Blackfoot land acknowledgement.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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MOTION [22755GA]	<u>MSC: K. Gillespie/C. Fleischman</u> BIMT the General Assembly adopts the agenda of April 14, 2021. Carried
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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION [22756GA] MSC: B. Parkkari/ E. Wong
BIMT the General Assembly approves the minutes of March 17, 2021.
Carried

4. CHAIR REMARKS - *Brady*

This is the last GA meeting of the year. It's been a treat Chairing these meetings. You all are doing a fantastic job. Thank you for voting for me for the Volunteer of the Year award. Thank you to those of you who bought me a gavel with my name engraved.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

5.1 HEALTH & DENTAL PLAN SYSTEMIC ISSUES - *Amy* Presented by Kathryn DeLucia

Gender is separate than sex that is assigned at birth. Hormone replacement therapy is a medical treatment prescribed by physicians for transgender individuals. Spironolactone and Estradiol are the medications that doctors prescribe. There is a \$500 cap on Estradiol. This would only be prescribed for trans women.

Why was this cap accepted initially? Why has it not been challenged?

Comments:

- Thank you for presenting these issues.
- We don't know why that cap was put in place. We do have to have caps otherwise the health plan wouldn't be sustainable, but don't know why that cap in particular was put in place.
- Moving forward, we are hoping to have a chat with yourself and the incoming EC. What ever we do there is a cost in another area so we need to look at that as well.
- It is a very small percent of the population for this medication and would hope this wouldn't be a financial burden.
- Thank you, Katie for presenting. Some of our policies aren't working because we aren't representing the students this affects.

6. REPORTS (Insert 6)

Please read each report as posted on the ULSU website. Reports are due by the 5th of each month.

6.1 VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE – *Ethan*

A. Report

- Working on health and dental plan assessments.
- Working with legal counsel on some issues.
- Our health plan is currently struggling. We will be meeting with our provider tomorrow.
- Working on our budget for next year.
- Committees have been taking up a lot of time.
- Have been working with folks on the awards committee.
- Have taken on a couple of the VPSA projects.
- Had a couple of Board Finance meetings.
- Transition meetings.
- Met with folks about renovations to our food court.
- We are looking at a \$500,000 shortage in the health & dental plan. We are looking to find areas of the plan that can be adjusted. We don't have the money to keep this plan going at the current costs. We are working hard to mitigate students feeling the adjustments.
- The AB minister passed some new laws for associate deans, adjustments have been quite severe with huge wage reductions. Within the next 12 months there might be some mass people leaving. That's coming into effect on May 1st 2022.

Comments about health plan:

- In the fee review committee, we increased the health plan to include counseling coverage.
- It's a lot of the drug usage that is causing the expenses.
- A lot of what people are being prescribed are name brand drugs instead of generic ones. If we were to get a pharmacy on campus, we could get rent from them and maybe other services. They could promote the generic drugs being prescribed.
- I think a pharmacy on campus would be the best option to keep the health plan running in a stable way.

B. Financial Update

Finances are looking great.

6.2 VP STUDENT AFFAIRS – *Position Vacant*

None at this time.

6.3 VP ACADEMIC – Liam

- The Last Lecture was today, we had great viewership.
- Stress Less Week happened.
- Lots of final meetings with committees.

6.4 VP EXTERNAL – Ryan

- We had a successful CAUS event.
- CASA came to an end; we had our AGM.
- Had the town hall in late March.
- Advocacy Advisory has been great.
- Have been looking over policies with Cheri, club executives will have to take sexual violence training.

6.5 PRESIDENT – Jonathan

- Lots of transition meetings.
- The food court renovation meetings.
- Navitas – the university is still looking into it.
- Kathleen reached out with concerns from profs and the cash office, and that is if you make a partial payment, you can stave it off.
- Thank you everyone for all of the hard work you've done this year.

6.6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES - GA Reps

Amy – I started with the EDI search committee in October, it has been a long process I will still be on the search committee until 2023 even though I won't be on the GA.

6.7 COMMITTEES

None at this time.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 VERESA VOTING - Holly

There is a student who contacted some of the incoming GA to talk about a potential voting software. They will come back to us with a more comprehensive information. If you have any opinions, please feel free to let me know. They are looking at how to get young people interested in voting.

Personally, it's not just a technology issues that is causing a low voter turnout.

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION: CLUBS, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS

None at this time.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION: ULSU BUSINESS

9.1 BYLAW REVISIONS - 2ND of TWO READINGS (Insert 9.1-9.3) – *Ethan*

As discussed in the last meeting, this document includes the amendments.

MOTION [22757GA]	<u>MSC: E. Pullan/L. Connel</u> BIMT the General Assembly approves the second of two readings to adopt the ULSU Bylaw revisions, excluding Bylaw 20 Honoraria, as presented by the 2020/2021 Legislative Review Committee. Carried
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9.2 BYLAW 20 HONORARIA REVISION – 2ND OF TWO READING (Insert 9.1-9.3) – *Ethan*

We separated these bylaws out because of the honoraria.

MOTION [22758GA]	<u>MSC: E. Pullan/A. Novello</u> BIMT the General Assembly approves the second of two readings to adopt the ULSU Bylaw revisions to Bylaw 20 Honoraria, as presented by the 2020/2021 Legislative Review Committee. Carried – abstained Shae, Cayley, Elisha, Madi.
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9.3 POLICY REVISIONS - 2ND OF TWO READINGS (Insert 9.1-9.3) – *Ethan*

We talked in great length at the previous meetings.

MOTION [22759GA]	<u>MSC: E. Pullan/N. Crespo</u> BIMT the General Assembly approves the second of two readings to adopt the ULSU Policy revisions as presented by the 2020/ 2021 Legislative Review Committee. Carried
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9.4 PROPANE HEATERS FOR THE ZOO - Cheri

2 propane heaters	\$599.98
2 propane tanks	\$150.00
GST	\$ 37.50
Shipping	free
TOTAL	\$787.48

<https://www.wayfair.ca/outdoor/pdp/jj-designs-waystock-48000-btu-commercialresidential-outdoor-umbrella-propane-patio-heater-86-tall-with-wheels-in-mocha-colour-iohi1138.html>

We are on semi lockdown but people can eat on the patio. These heaters put out a lot of heat and will draw a lot of business.

MOTION [22760GA] MSC: J. Diaz/C. Fleischman
BIMT the General Assembly approves the maximum expenditure of \$787.48 to purchase two propane heaters and tanks for the Zoo. Monies to come from CRF.
Carried

9.5 RESIGNATION - VP STUDENT AFFAIRS RICHARD LEE-THAI (Insert 9.5) – *Jonathan*

The voting on a resignation is a formality. We really wish him all the best. Richard has put a lot of time and effort into his position on behalf of the ULSU.

MOTION [22761GA] MSC: J. Diaz/R. Lindblad
BIMT the General Assembly accepts Richard Lee-Thai's resignation as VP Student Affairs, as of March 30, 2021.
Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Cheri – it has been a pleasure to work with this entire team.

Ryan – we couldn't have done what we have done without the staff.

11. NEXT MEETING

TBD by incoming Council - May 2021

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [22762GA] MSC: N. Crespo/S. Dauncey
BIMT the General Assembly adjourns the meeting of April 14, 2021.
Carried