

**A YEAR
IN
REVIEW
OF
2012-2013**

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION





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The General Assembly

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BACK TO FRONT

(left to right, back to front)

Zack Moline, Scott Anderson, Sean Glydon

Abby Morning Bull, Maxine Saretsky, Liisa Kleemola, Brady Schnell, Katie Kalmar, Michael Kawchuk,
Rafaela Da Cruz, Julia Adolf, Armin Escher, Shuna Talbot, Felipe Ferreira, Shashi Kant Ghai.

MISSING

James Forbes, Brandon McNally, Chris Hollingsworth, Victoria Wells, Jesse Mullett, Bonnie Farries (Chair).

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WELCOME

Introduction

Every year, the ULSU puts together a year in review that will cover all of the important initiatives, events, and other aspects of what the students' union does. This year as president has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. I can say with confidence that this has been the best job I have ever had and it is likely that this will be the best job that I will have for a while. I also know that my fellow executive council members Julia Adolf, Shuna Talbot, and Brady Schnell would agree with me when I say that we will never forget this year.

The students' union was established under the Post-Secondary Learning Act to represent student interests to the university administration and all levels of government while enhancing student life at our institution. This year we once again hosted our most popular events; Fresh Fest, Last Class Bash, and brought Ken Jennings to campus as well. We also advocated on behalf of students for increased access and affordability of post-secondary education.

The students' union would not be able to operate without the help of our nine full-time staff. They are the glue that keeps our organization together by providing guidance and acting as mentors each year as new and eager executives come into their roles. On behalf of the 2012-2013 executive council, I would like to thank our general assembly, staff, volunteers, and all the others who made this year possible. *Armin Escher - 6th year B.Sc, Geography major*

How We Began The Year

The decision to run for the management representative position came from a desire to be more involved with activities on campus and to represent the interest of my peers. I truly believe the students' union provides value for our students by representing our interests across faculties and other demographics. I would be naïve to say that I have seen everything the organization has done, but coming into the position I did not realize the large scope of what the ULSU was all about.

The election results were announced and the excitement of the year began with meeting and developing commonality with many of the people present in the organization. The ULSU recognition dinner was an excellent chance to be able to see some of the work that members of the students' union accomplished and the important roles that they fulfilled. This was followed by the general assembly retreat that convened in Waterton National Park. This retreat gave us the opportunity to learn more about how the students' union operates and what was expected out of the various positions. At the retreat, details and procedures of the organization were taught and passed onto the incoming council. Our first actual general assembly meeting was slightly intimidating, however, the retreat provided knowledge and comfort to be able to settle into our positions. Our council duties began in September with Fresh Fest, the ULSU's largest event of the year. The event gave us many opportunities to dedicate our time in helping out wherever we were needed.

The faculty position I have held this year has been the best experience so far in my university endeavours and I cannot emphasize enough of the influence that such a position holds on the university-at-large. *Michael Kawchuk - 3rd year B. Mgt, Finance major*



Incoming President: Armin Escher
Outgoing President: Zack Moline



Shuna Talbot, Armin Escher,
Julia Adolf, Brady Schnell

Our General Assembly Chair - Bonnie Farries

Remarks from the Chair

I have been given a rare treat which has been the tremendous honor of chairing the 2012-2013 general assembly meetings. During this time, I have been reminded of what it was like to be a student, actively engaging not only the student population but other levels of administration and government. I have watched this year's council grow, evolve and mature individually, as well as come together as a fully functioning, responsible collective.

Bonnie Farries - ULSU 2012-2013 General Assembly Chair, Town of Coldale Chief Administration Officer



General Assembly Chair
Bonnie Farries

Your ULSU Experience - Essay Contest

"The ULSU changed the course of my life during my year as president in 1999-2000...what did it do for yours?"

The true inspiration for this came not just from me not wanting to do the paperwork necessary to create a grant or a bursary, but from a genuine attachment to this particular group of people. I wanted to honor council's contribution to the university because a lot of what they do goes unrecognized. While I was observing the general assembly discussion during the last meeting, it made me realize how important it was to have a closure outlet for each student council member.

The mandate of the contest was to convey in a written document; the importance of being a representative of the ULSU and how it impacted their life - the good, the bad and the ugly. "What was your experience like and how has it affected you?" Each essay needed to be honest, creative, interesting and thoughtful.

The winning document made me laugh, reduced me to tears, gave me goose bumps and made me want to share excerpts with others. The three winners were each awarded a cash prize; Felipe Ferreira (1st place), Armin Escher (2nd place), Liisa Kleemola (3rd place), and an honorable mention to Julia Adolf, who's submission was lost in the mail but truly inspired me after the fact...better late than never! Congratulations to the winners of the contest and to all of the student council and staff at the ULSU for a year well done! *Bonnie Farries - ULSU 2012-2013 General Assembly Chair, Town of Coldale Chief Administration Officer*



1st Prize Winner: Felipe Ferreira



2nd Prize Winner: Armin Escher



3rd Prize Winner: Liisa Kleemola



Honorable Mention: Julia Adolf



STUDENT COUNCIL & STAFF

General Assembly of 2012-2013

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Armin Escher
President



Julia Adolf
VP Academic



Brady Schnell
VP Operations & Finance



Shuna Talbot
VP Internal Affairs



Zack Moline
Board of Governors Rep



James Forbes
Arts & Science Rep



Sean Glydon
Arts & Science Rep



Katie Kalmar
Arts & Science Rep



Chris Hollingsworth
Arts & Science Rep



Maxine Saretsky
Arts & Science Rep
(May - December)



Brandon McNally
Arts & Science Rep
(January - April)



Victoria Wells
Arts & Science Rep



Rafaela Da Cruz
Fine Arts Rep



Michael Kawchuk
Management Rep



Scott Anderson
Health Sciences Rep



Liisa Kleemola
Education Rep



Abby Morning Bull
FNMI Rep



Jesse Mullett
Residence Rep



Felipe Ferreira
International Rep



Shashi Kant Ghai
Edmonton Campus Rep

Missing Photo

Danielle Bernier - Calgary Campus Rep (May - January)

New Staff



Maiko Ogita - Administrative Assistant

Maiko was born and raised in Japan, completed her college diploma and worked for Sumitomo Corporation in Tokyo for four and a half years. At the age of 24, Maiko married and the young couple decided to take a life's journey to Canada. They chose Lethbridge as their second hometown and then became immigrants. Maiko is a busy mom of two young children. Her family speaks Japanese at home and enjoys Japanese food every day. They also love camping in summer. She likes to meet new people and enjoys being a team member of ULSU as the administrative assistant. Please come and say "hi" to Maiko at SU180!



Marika Stevenson - Communications Coordinator

Marika joined the ULSU in December 2012 as the new communications coordinator following Abby Groenenboom's maternity leave. Marika holds diplomas/certificates in print Journalism, Professional Photography, Coastal Adventure Tourism and Small Business and Entrepreneurship. In her spare time she enjoys camping, hiking, kayaking, painting, reading, writing and anything else outdoors or art related. Her future goals include photography and traveling to as many places as possible.



Andrew Williams - Operations Coordinator

Andrew is a recent University of Lethbridge graduate who, as a student, remained very involved with events on campus and post-secondary issues. During this time he was involved with the ULSU as both an Arts & Science representative from 2010-2011 and VP academic from 2011-2012. He joins the ULSU as a temporary employee in the position of operations coordinator while Tracy Merrifield is on maternity leave.

Commissioners

Commissioner to the President

Chris Hollingsworth

Commissioner to the VP Academic

Katie Kalmar

Commissioner to the VP Internal

Rafaela Da Cruz

Commissioner to the VP Operations & Finance

Felipe Ferreira

Permanent Staff

General Manager

Cheri Pokarney

Bookkeeper/Service Centre Manager

Randy Ockerman

Operations Coordinator

Tracy Merrifield & Andrew Williams

Executive Assistant

Susan Curtis

Administrative Assistant

Maiko Ogita

Communications Coordinator

Abby Groenenboom & Marika Stevenson

Health Plan Administrator

Shelley Tuff

The Zoo Manager

Ben Giesbrecht

Kitchen Supervisor

Gary Ouellette



ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION

Notable ULSU Committee Activity - Getting It Done

Active ULSU Committee List

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

Advocacy Advisory Committee

ULSU President Armin Escher initiated the Advocacy Advisory Committee in the 2012-2013 academic year. The committee was comprised of both general assembly members and students-at-large. The committee was aimed at evaluating and analyzing ULSU advocacy on the federal, provincial, and local levels. Being the first year the committee had existed, its purpose and mandate grew as the year progressed into a committee of success and immense potential. The Advocacy Advisory Committee reviewed the policies and initiatives of CASA (Canadian Alliance of Student Associations) and CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students). Most importantly the committee broke ground for the direction of the newly created vice president external position that had been created this year, and began creating policies to provide continuity on issues for future general assemblies. The committee developed perspectives, goals, and initiatives around ULSU advocacy that can be utilized by the VP external in his/her role both within and outside of the university.

The focus of the committee during the second semester

was to generate and develop policies on various issues such as the quality initiatives program, sustainability, student spaces, fees, quality of instruction and several others. The committee successfully created a policy on tuition that was adopted by the ULSU general assembly (GA). These policies outline the current stance of the ULSU on a particular issue so that future GA's have a document to work from when having to address the issue in the future. The policies act as living documents, so that they may be amended to reflect any changes to the issues at hand, providing relevant information for all future GAs. *Brandon McNally 2nd year Bachelor of Arts major Political Science major*



Executive Council

Armin Escher, Brady Schnell, Shuna Talbot, Julia Adolf

Legislative Review Committee

The 2012-2013 year was quite successful for the Legislative Review Committee as they implemented some major changes to the bylaws and policies. They updated the documents, corrected spelling errors, and changed the club ratification voting allowance. The change allows general assembly members who are members of a club to have voting privileges on their clubs' ratification. The biggest and most exciting change was adding the new position of VP external. This meant adding the position and the requirements of this position, adjusting the other executive positions responsibilities, adjusting multiple policies and bylaws to fit and include the new vice president external position, and to have it approved through

a referendum. This was quite a large process especially to have it in place for the general elections so candidates could run for the new position. This referendum needed at least 10% of the student population to even vote and have a majority (51%) vote in favour. The referendum passed which puts the University of Lethbridge Students' Union on par with other universities across Alberta. The Legislative Review Committee lastly reviewed and approved a decision to increase the honorarium for each executive council position beginning in the 2013-2014 year. This meant that the students' union executive would be getting paid on par with other students' unions across Alberta. There were many other factors, but the LRC was in favor of the idea and supported it as it was brought forward to the general assembly.

All-in-all, the Legislative Review Committee made many big changes this year to benefit the students' union as well as the students. *Rafaela Da Cruz - 5th year Bachelor of Fine Arts, Drama major*

Executive Accountability Committee

The Executive Accountability Committee is an internal ULSU committee which performs the vital role of evaluating the performance of the executive council (EC) for a specific year. In any setting, performance feedback is a vital component of a team achieving the highest level of competency possible within a given organization, and the ULSU is no different. Each year, typically during the October general assembly meeting, a committee is formed consisting of several GA members as well as the ULSU

general manager. This committee is then tasked with determining the most efficacious way of polling the GA and the ULSU staff concerning all performance aspects of the executive council. Further to this, while it is important that the EC as a whole is evaluated, it is doubly important that each individual is also given the opportunity to receive feedback on their own performance. In order to accomplish this, the most ubiquitous tool that the committee exploited has been surveys. In fact, this year was no different. Our EAC was fortunate enough to have followed a committee that completely revamped the survey last year. With this template it was quite easy to tailor a survey that was able to encapsulate all aspects of the executive council that we wished to evaluate. Once the survey was completed, it was released to the GA and the staff, and they were given three weeks to complete the survey. We ended up with a response rate of 65%, not ideal, but far from a paralyzing blow to our cause. Upon review of the data collected, we were able to determine that the EC as a whole had done an excellent job, and no glaring errors had been observed by any of the respondents. The only major area of improvement suggested in the survey was for the inclusion of more team building activities between the GA and the executive council. Once the results were compiled, a report was given at the December general assembly meeting, in conjunction with individual feedback sessions scheduled with each executive. At the time of writing, I can say unabashedly that the executive council has continued their high level of performance, as well as taken all necessary steps to promote greater team cohesion between themselves and the GA. *Sean Glydon - 3rd year B.Sc, Environmental Science major*

University Affairs - Working Together

Teaching Centre

On March 4, 2013, the Centre for the Advancement of Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CAETL) as well as the Curriculum Re-Development Centre (CRDC) merged to become the University of Lethbridge Teaching Centre. CAETL and CRDC have been critical to the university's commitment to excellence in teaching and learning in both our undergraduate and graduate programs. The combination of CRDC and CAETL into a single Teaching Centre department meets the growing teaching development needs of the university, and supports our university strategic and academic plans. Through its commitment to scholarship, research, and best practice in teaching and learning, the Teaching Centre promotes and enhances the professional development of university level instructors. The Teaching Centre also advances creativity, originality, and discovery in teaching. *Julia Adolf - 5th year B.Sc. Psychology major*



Alcohol & Drug Awareness Committee

The Alcohol & Drug Awareness Committee (ADAC) has been extremely busy this year. After releasing a couple of controversial posters that sparked a strong discussion on campus, the committee reached out by actively engaging students for their input. This was done by recruiting new student members and initiating a student driven advertising campaign. Students-at-large were invited to create a poster campaign based on alcohol and drug related issues relevant to their peers at the university, with the winner receiving a free iPad.

The ADAC was extremely excited with the increased engagement of the student body and is looking forward to the upcoming years. Their hopes are to increase the amount of student participation, awareness and discussion surrounding alcohol and drug related issues.

Andrew Williams - Operations Coordinator



U of L Budget Advisory Committee

As VP operations & finance, it is my responsibility to sit on the University of Lethbridge Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) and the University of Lethbridge Budget Priority Committee (BPAC) as the sole undergraduate representative.

In March 2013 the Alberta government announced an

unexpected 7.3% reduction to the base operating grant of the University of Lethbridge; cuts that were experienced by post-secondary education (PSE) institutions across Alberta. When combined with the approximately \$4 million deficit that was already projected by the university, this reduction in funding left us with an urgent need to cut approximately \$11.9 million dollars from the operating budget; a budget which is approximately \$100 million dollars in total. In addition to this unforeseen change, the government also put a freeze on tuition and recommended non-instructional student fees remain at current levels as well. A letter of expectation was released by the government and suggested other significant changes and expectations to the PSE system in the future. As a result of these cuts, the student administration fee which was \$12.50 per course in the 2012-2013 year has increased to \$37.50 per course. The international tuition differential has gone from 2.26 to 3.0. Thankfully, the QIP Funding remained untouched. Several other changes to faculty funding support, staffing, and annual salary negotiations took place as well. I fought long and hard in every meeting to control these sharp increases to student fees and the international differential. Believe it or not, the university administration was shooting for \$40.75 but I was able to influence them in the other direction. Small win. The international fee is hard to fight when the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta charge 3.4% and 3.48% respectively, but, even with this increase the University of Lethbridge remains among the lowest. The students' union was able to negotiate that the fee be grandfathered in such that all current international students will not face the increase but rather only new international students. QIP was originally on the table to be cut 7.3% or approximately \$34,000. Along with other deans and staff from the university we were able to steer the committee away from this move and leave it as is.

For more information on the BAC, BPAC, or the Spring 2013 budget reductions to PSE, please refer to my Budget Committee report, the president's report, or contact one of your elected representatives. *Brady Schnell - 4th year B. Mgt. Finance major*



Safetymatters



Joint Work Safety Health Safety Committee (JWSHSC)

The JWSHSC is a university committee with representation from all major groups on campus. Their mandate is to identify and solve health and safety problems. This year along with general campus renovation issues, biology and chemistry lab problems, and Aperture Park construction, there were two significant issues of note:

1. Parking Lot Renovations & Expansion (F/FS): The construction of the F/FS parking lots blocked one entrance onto campus and created mild chaos at another. There were several pedestrian-vehicle collisions and problematic traffic congestion as a result.
2. Smoking Policy on Campus: To smoke, or not to smoke, that is the question. The committee went through a process considering concepts of designated non-smoking areas verses designated smoking areas verses smoke-free campus. They are expecting changes in the near future. *Brady Schnell - 4th year B. Mgt. Finance major*



Travel - Conferences, Seminars & Meetings



CAUS Government Orientation



CAUS Conference: Duncan Wojtaszek, Raphael Jacob, Hardave Birk, Minister Stephen Khan, Colten Yamagishi, Armin Escher, Petros Kusmu, Julia Adolf, Justin Williams



CAUS Conference: Armin Escher, Danielle Smith, Raphael Jacob, Colten Yamagishi, Duncan Wojtaszek

CAUS Report

CAUS set four specific priorities for the year. It was decided that we would continue to lobby for the regulation of mandatory non-instructional fees and market modifiers, and we would continue to fight for changes to the Alberta Elections Act. This would make it easier for students to self-determine their ordinary residence. CAUS also set two new priorities for the year, increasing post-secondary participation among rural and aboriginal Albertans and eliminating property taxes on residences. We believed that there was no better time than now to lobby the government on these points as a new bursary aimed at rural and aboriginal Albertans was promised by Alison Redford's PCs (they failed to come through with this promise when the Budget was announced in March) and because we need the government's help to stop municipalities from being able to levy property taxes on postsecondary residences.

On Tuesday, November 20th, changes made to the Election Accountability Amendment Act were announced during a media release in Edmonton, AB. The Election Accountability Amendment Act is a large bill addressing several aspects of elections beyond student voting and had not been without controversy. The bill made headlines across Alberta as MLAs dealt with the various provisions on campaign finance and new changes to municipal elections. The bill was based on the recommendations from the chief electoral officer; however, his recommendation around student voting was rejected in favour of the proposal from CAUS. That recommendation was met with universal agreement from all parties in the legislature, even as other aspects of the bill were met with opposition. This change to the act is going to make voting much easier for students in all future elections, and will stop students from being turned away at the polls as was done previously because their place of ordinary residency was at their parents homes and not where they were living during school. This was something CAUS had been working towards changing since the 2008 election and it was wonderful to finally see our recommendation be put into legislation. *Julia Adolf - 5th year B.Sc. Psychology major*



CAUS Conference: Colten Yamagishi, Julia Adolf, Armin Escher, Conner Brown, Premier Alison Redford, Hardave Birk, Petros Kusmu, Adam Woods, Raphael Jacob, Duncan Wojtaszek



CASA Conference:
Brady Schnell, Armin Escher



CASA Conference:
*Michael Onobolu, Armin Escher, Michelle Dennis,
Matthew Rios, Joelle Martin*



CASA Conference:
*Lisa Barrett, Earl Dreeshen (MP for Red Deer),
Amanda Nielsen, Armin Escher*

CASA Report

CASA is one of the largest federal student advocacy groups in the country with 24 member schools from coast to coast, representing more than 300,000 students in Canada. Recently becoming a significant player among all lobby groups in the country, CASA has shown this executive council that membership fees are dollars well spent. This year, along with a former VP operations & finance, I served as treasurer to the board of directors and President Armin Escher sat on the board as ULSU's primary delegate.

Annually, there are four conferences bringing together approximately 50 delegates to learn about the organization and the government, develop policies and strategies, pound the pavement on Parliament Hill, and finally to reflect and plan for the future. These four conferences create an annual process aligned with that of our federal government. It's designed to bring the problems and potential solutions in post-secondary education to the attention of senators and members of parliament. It is the reputation of CASA amid politicians that got us 130 meetings in four days and the strategically planned research that made them listen to us. CASA has a long list of successes in shaping policy and legislation for post-secondary education on a federal level; let's keep our influence going.

Holding an office in Ottawa only blocks from Parliament, CASA has the support of six staff members including both a government and member relations officer, two policy & research officers, an office manager, and a national director. Our staff has continually worked hard in a timely and effectively manner with both passion and a smile. As someone who has three years of conferencing experience, I feel I can truly speak to the fact that CASA staff know what's up. Strong leadership and ethics from the national director, unbridled support from the staff, and guidance from the student lead board, all contribute to CASA's success. *Brady Schnell - 4th year B. Mgt. Finance major*



Media Coverage on University Budget Cuts

On March 7, the provincial government announced the 2013 budget, which included massive funding cuts to the 26 post-secondary education institutions across Alberta. This massive cut in funding translated to a 7.3% cut to the operating grant at the University of Lethbridge which left our institution with an \$11.9 million deficit. This cut was implemented following a promise in the 2012 budget to have 2% increases over the next three years; therefore, this was over a 9% swing in what was promised. The Redford government promised that the budget would not be balanced on the backs of students and froze tuition for the 2013-2014 academic year. However, the government did not freeze or regulate fees, which means that across the 26 Alberta PSE institutions, fees could increase at any given moment. In addition to the budget cuts, the ULSU received media coverage on the letters of expectation, the tuition freeze, and the cancellation of the STEP program.

Throughout the months of March and April, Armin and Julia were interviewed for Global Lethbridge, the Lethbridge Herald, the Calgary Herald, CBC Radio, CTV Lethbridge, local radio stations, and CityTV about the Alberta 2013 Provincial Budget. In addition to this, Raphael Jacob, the CAUS chair, and other CAUS delegates were quoted in various additional media outlets in the month following the budget cuts. *Armin Escher - 6th year B.Sc. Geography & Julia Adolf - 5th year B.Sc. Psychology major*

Ignite Conference

The Alberta Graduate Council (AGC), the Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC), and the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) hosted Ignite: Ideas for post-secondary education, in Edmonton on February 21st and 22nd of this year. Ignite was a two day conference that looked at the future of Alberta's post-secondary education system. The ideas brought forward at the conference will be taken back out into our broader university communities for feedback and action. Ignite brought stakeholders from all areas of the post-secondary education system to sit down and develop inclusive outcomes that moved beyond our individual objectives to find a common goal. People were invited from across the province, including government officials, institution delegates, faculty, civil servants, industry, K-12 school boards, and of course, students.

The first day of the conference featured an opening reception and a post-secondary education art and science fair. This was followed by a keynote address that framed the conversations planned for the next day. The second day was more structured, including three panels and six breakout sessions to explore individual topics in greater depth. *Julia Adolf - 5th year B.Sc. Psychology major*

Conference List

TYPE	PLACE	DATE	WHO ATTENDED
CAUS Transition	Edmonton/Canmore	May 11th - 16th	Armin, Julia, Zack
Board Retreat	Fernie	May 16th - 17th	Armin
CASA Transition	Winnipeg	May 26th - 29th	Armin, Brady, Leyland
AMICCUS	Montreal	May 27th - 31st	Cheri
COCA	Montreal	June 22nd - 27th	Shuna, Chris
Leaders Hall/ Executive Retreat	Calgary	July 3rd - 9th	Shuna, Brady, Julia
CASA Policy and Strategy	Sackville	July 18th - 21st	Brady, Armin
Government Orientation/CAUS	Edmonton	July 25th	Julia, Armin
CASA Executive Retreat	Ottawa	August 25th - 27th	Brady
CAUS Mini Lobby Conference	Edmonton	October 31st	Armin, Julia
CASA Advocacy Week	Ottawa	November 19th - 23rd	Armin, Brady
IGNITE PSE Conference	Edmonton	February 21st - 22nd	Armin, Julia, Shuna, Katie, Abby, Shashi
CAUS Lobby Con	Edmonton	March 11th - 13th	Armin, Julia
CASA AGM	Vancouver	March 20th - 22nd	Armin, Brady

Meetings with Politicians - Our Voice in Action

Minister of Enterprise & Advanced Education Stephen Khan

Stephen Khan visited the U of L campus for a tour and met with the board of governors, the executives of the ULSU and the Graduate Student Association (GSA). This was our first official meeting with the minister and we were able to introduce some of our priorities, in particular non-instructional fees. In February, Deputy Premier Thomas Lukaszuk was named the new Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education.

Pat Stier, Wildrose MLA for Livingstone-Macleod

Julia met with Pat Stier, a new MLA elected in the 2012 election. It was a great initial meeting to introduce him to the student point of view on post-secondary education.

Premier Alison Redford

The premier visited the campus and Armin had the opportunity to go along on a tour of the trading room in Markin Hall and the University Hall science labs.

Greg Weadick, PC MLA for Lethbridge-West

Armin and the university Vice-President Finance & Administration Nancy Walker, met with Greg Weadick once again with regards to residence property taxes. This issue will continue to be a priority for a while as the Municipal Government Act will be reopened in the next few years and that will be the best opportunity for us to advocate on this issue.

Following the provincial budget announcement, Greg Weadick had an open house at his constituency office and Armin and Shuna attended in order to ask questions about the massive budget cuts to post-secondary education.

Budget Consultation to the Alberta NDP Caucus

Armin and Shuna presented to the four members of the NDP Caucus in Lethbridge on the various promises that had been made by the current government such as a bursary for rural and aboriginal students and their intention of keeping the tuition cap in place.

Raj Sherman, Alberta Liberal Leader

Armin had the opportunity to go along on a tour with Liberal leader Raj Sherman of the skills lab in Markin Hall. Following the tour, Raj and Armin had a 20 minute talk in advance of the provincial budget announcement on March 7, 2013.

Armin Escher - 6th year B.Sc Geography major

Gary Bikman, Wildrose MLA for Cardston-Taber-Warner

Armin and Julia met with Gary Bikman, the official opposition of advanced education critic at the ULSU office. We introduced him to CAUS and our priorities for the year. In January 2013, Bruce McAllister, the MLA for Chestermere-Rocky View was named the new advanced education critic.

Bridget Pastoor, PC MLA for Lethbridge-East

Armin and Julia met with Bridget Pastoor at her constituency office in Lethbridge with regards to the various CAUS priorities. She was very receptive of our requests and has always been supportive of the U of L.

Ian Donovan, Wildrose MLA for Little Bow

Julia met with Ian Donovan, a new MLA from a rural riding just outside of Lethbridge. It was a great initial meeting to introduce him to the student point of view on post-secondary education.

Jim Hillyer, Conservative MP for Lethbridge

During the fall constituency week, Armin and Brady met with our MP at his Lethbridge office to discuss this year's CASA priorities such as changes to student loans and increased funding to aboriginal students through the post-secondary student support program.



CLUBS, FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES

Report & Award Winners

Clubs & Greek Life

This was our first year separating the Greek organizations on campus from the clubs. Overall, I think we had a fantastic year. Clubs were fairly active and the Greek organizations working relationships were stronger than ever. Clubs hosted the biggest variation of events that the ULSU has ever had; we had a Hoof-it Run, the Relay for Life, all ages metal concerts and a variety of fundraisers. It impresses me with how many clubs every year help contribute to student life on campus. We ratified 87 different clubs on campus this year. Our Greek organizations Kappa Sigma, Kappa Pi Chi, and Delta Eta Iota were as strong as ever, all three had some of their largest pledge years. This year I partnered with the LPIRG coordinator Kristina Larkin, and organized three different club workshops. These were relatively well attended and allowed for a smoother ratification process. We also had some of the most efficient clubs council meetings, clocking in around 30 minutes per month. I look forward to seeing how much the clubs expand next year! I have high hopes that the upcoming year will be even more successful since the new VP of Student Affairs Adam Long will be able to provide greater focus on clubs and will be more available for them.

Afro-Caribbean Student Association Wins the Club of the Year

This award has always been the most difficult to present due to the variety of clubs on campus but it was my pleasure to present the award of Club of the Year to the Afro-Caribbean Student Association. They did an excellent job of collaborating with all clubs on campus. If a club ever needed extra help or some entertainment they were always the first group to volunteer. They kept all their members updated and hosted a wide range of events. Their most notable being their Black History Month event in February, which had outstanding attendance. If you did not have an opportunity to attend their events I highly recommend them to you for next year. You could

also find their club manning tables throughout the year promoting their club and fundraising. This ensured they could keep the cost of their events and activities as low as possible for their club members. They brought enthusiasm, diversity, and quality to everything they did and improved student life on campus exponentially.



Board & Ski Club Wins the Outstanding New Club Award

This award was new for 2012-2013 and allowed us the opportunity to recognize those clubs that are brand new and may not be as well established as other clubs on campus. We had a lot of new clubs ratify on campus this year which made for a very difficult decision. The Board & Ski Club was consistently promoting their club on campus and was one of the only clubs to have frequent sponsorship. They held numerous ski trips, not necessarily on the large scale, but they would coordinate mini ski trips among members during the weekends. They brought enthusiasm, excitement, and collaboration to our campus. I look forward to seeing what the future brings for their club and I am blown away with the amount of success they had this year. *Shuna Talbot - 4th year of B.F.A in Theatre Studies, Dramatic Arts major*



5 Days for the Homeless: Katie Kalmar, Jana Clark, Aaron Gilbert, Sean Glydon, Felipe Ferreira

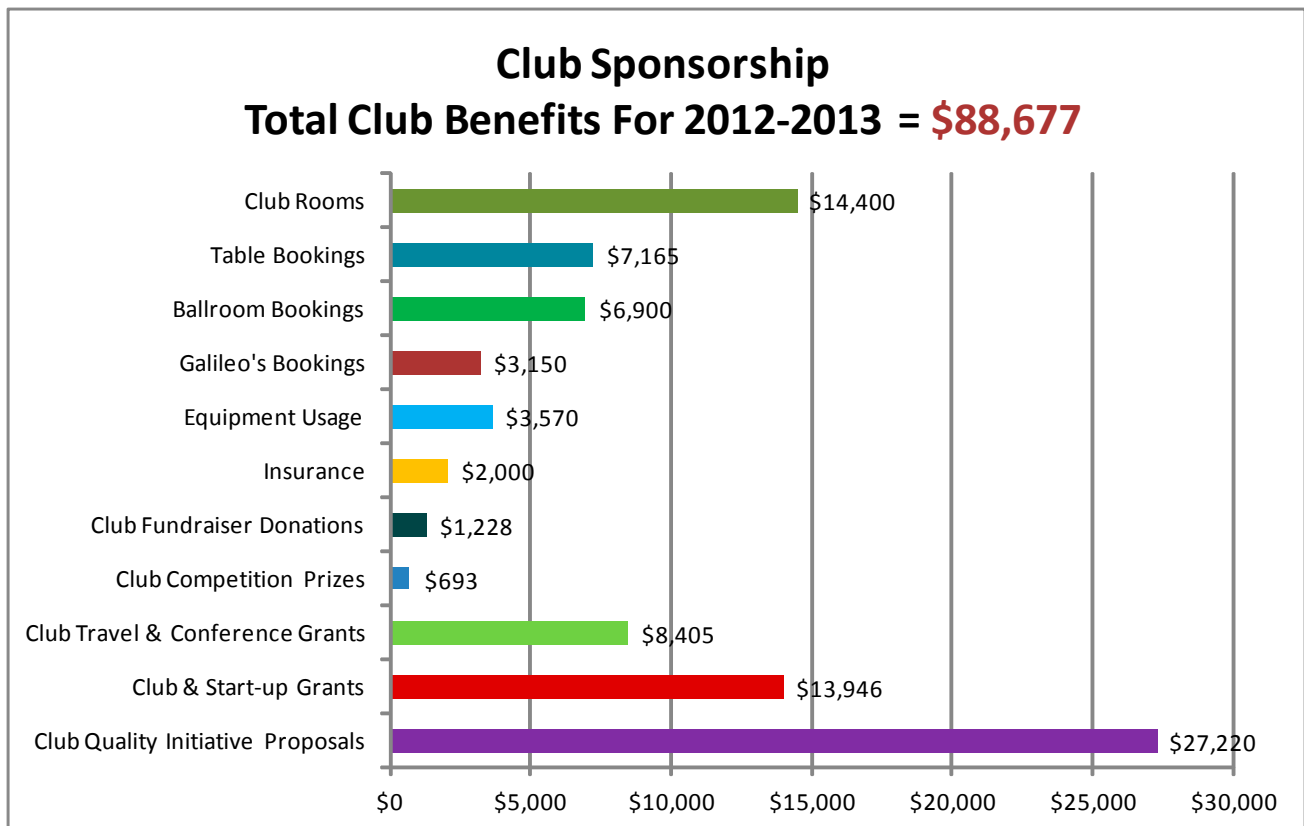


Relay for Life: Scott Anderson, Brady Schnell, Julia Adolf, Katie Kalmar, Sean Glydon, Shuna Talbot, Felipe Ferreira, Armin Escher, Chris Hollingsworth

Club Benefits

How does the ULSU Sponsor Clubs, Fraternities and Sororities?

Throughout the year clubs receive thousands of dollars in monetary funding from the ULSU by way of grants, donations and prizes. There is also a large amount of operational costs that the ULSU absorbs in order for clubs to receive their benefits for free. The operational benefits amounted to over \$37,000 for such things as club rooms, space bookings, equipment usage, and insurance. In total, club benefits added up to \$88,677 for 2012-2013. *Susan Curtis - Executive Assistant*





Rotaract Fundraiser: Chris Hollingsworth, Andrew Williams, Brady Schnell, Julia Adolf, Shuna Talbot, Armin Escher, Katie Kalmar, Michael Kawchuk, Liisa Kleemola, Sean Glydon



Chillin' for Charity - JDC
Shuna Talbot



Relay for Life - Management Students Society
Brady Schnell, Julia Adolf, Sean Glydon, Katie Kalmar, Shuna Talbot, Armin Escher, Chris Hollingsworth

Ratified Groups for 2012-2013

FRATERNITIES

Kappa Sigma

SORORITIES

Kappa Pi Chi Sorority
Delta Eta Lota Sorority

Club List

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| 1. Accounting Club | 30. Finance Club - (Calgary Campus) | 60. New Media Student Society |
| 2. Afro-Caribbean Students Assoc. | 31. Freedom House Club | 61. Night Club |
| 3. Amnesty International | 32. French Club | 62. Nursing Students' Club |
| 4. Anthropology Club | 33. Geek Entertainment of Every Kind | 63. Object Manipulation Club |
| 5. Archaeology Club | 34. Geography Club | 64. Organization of Residence Students |
| 6. Art Society | 35. Global Drums | 65. Pagan Students Association |
| 7. Assoc. of Political Science Students | 36. Hand Game Club | 66. Philosophy Club |
| 8. Biology Club | 37. Headbangers Club | 67. Pre Med Club |
| 9. Bioscience Journal Club | 38. Health Sciences Undergrad Assoc. | 68. Pre Vet Club |
| 10. Board & Ski Club | 39. Historical Undergrad Society | 69. PRIDE Centre |
| 11. Calgary Accounting Club | 40. International Students' Association | 70. Psychology & Neuroscience Club |
| 12. Campus Conservative Association | 41. Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship | 71. Public Health Students' Association |
| 13. Campus Roots Community Garden | 42. JDC West Lethbridge | 72. Red Cross Club |
| 14. Computer Club | 43. KinPhysEd | 73. Rooted on Campus |
| 15. Canadian Breast Cancer | 44. Latter Day Saints Students' Assoc | 74. Rotaract |
| 16. Canadian Cancer Society Club | 45. Legionaries of Loyola Society | 75. Spanish Club |
| 17. Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy - CSSDP | 46. Lethbridge JC's | 76. Students for a free Tibet |
| 18. Chem BioChem | 47. Lethbridge Students for Liberty | 77. Surf Club |
| 19. Chess Club | 48. Lethbridge Students for Life | 78. Synthetic Biology Club |
| 20. Climbing Club | 49. Literature Club | 79. Theatre Arts Society |
| 21. Comitatus Latinus | 50. Management Students Society | 80. Trolls Rugby |
| 22. Crocheting & Knitting Club | 51. Mathematics & Physics Club | 81. Ultimate Club |
| 23. Dance Team | 52. Medieval Club | 82. University Singers |
| 24. Disc Jockey Student Assoc. | 53. Mixed Curling | 83. Unscripted Theatre Society |
| 25. Economics Students Association | 54. Model UN | 84. VoCal |
| 26. EDGE | 55. Musical Theatre Society | 85. Vocal Harmony Singers |
| 27. Education Undergraduate Society | 56. Muslim Students' Association | 86. Wind Orchestra Club |
| 28. Environmental Science | 57. Native American Student Society | 87. Yoga Club Lethbridge |
| 29. FDOC Doctors of Tomorrow | 58. Native American Students Assoc. | |
| | 59. NDP Club | |

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CHEM BIOCHEM CLUB





NOTABLE INITIATIVES

New & Re-occurring Initiatives

Mobile App

During 2011-2012 the students' union released the first edition of the iULSU Mobile App. After a year of sorting out all the bugs, we decided to update it. The initial proposal from College Mobile cost upwards of \$25,000 to include everything from the ULSU wish list that we wanted to update. After a long summer of discussions with your elected representatives, and five different proposals from College Mobile later, the improvements cost \$5,680 to include integration with the library's mobile website, the Pronghorns schedule enabling users to select event reminders for their favourite sports team or select games, and an improved clubs section with club descriptions and contact information, with the ability to select and follow clubs' Twitter feeds.

With these major changes on the upper level, the rest of the app had to adapt as well. With the new clubs section, clubs were pulled out onto the home screen to leave room in the 'About Us' section for the ULSU staff. With the Pronghorns being pulled out onto the home screen as well, users saw the 'Events' sections re-named 'Sports & Recreation' and 'Intramurals' to provide students with easy access to the gym and intramural schedules. The app also features contact information for the ULSU general assembly and executives, which was missing before.

Android and iOS devices received the full updated package, whereas the Blackberry devices were only updated to include the library's mobile website and a tweaked club section that will make it run smoother. *Julia Adolf - 5th year B.Sc. Psychology major*

Note Bank

Beginning in the Fall Semester of 2011 the Note Bank program began to unfold. Back in 2011, I started this project with the then VP Academic Andrew Williams, to replace the old Test Bank which had become a burden as obtain-

ing exams from professors became increasingly difficult. Students were asked to submit notes in collection boxes, e-mail them to the Note Bank online, or to drop them off at the students' union office during the fall and spring semester final exam periods. Paper copies were all scanned and uploaded to the students' union website under the Note Bank link, making them accessible to all students. The Note Bank now contains just under 200 different sets of notes covering a wide variety of courses and classes.

Julia Adolf - 5th year B.Sc. Psychology major

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom started off as an idea for an informational book for first year students. It was intended to have a variety of information about various services on campus, as well as, have a great deal of student testimonials. We were hoping that by including student testimonials it would give the book a more personal feel, and with advice for new students, it would be something they could use throughout their university experience. After running into some issues with how it would be distributed and the costs associated with making a book, it looked as though it was too costly to follow through with. From the individual book idea we started looking at other places to have advice and such for students. That's when the idea to add tips in the agenda came into play. White boards, with questions such as "What is something you wish you had known in your first year?" had been set up in the atrium on numerous occasions. The feedback received via the whiteboards was not as useful as I had hoped and unfortunately the idea hit a wall due to lack of information gathered. In theory, the idea of using the whiteboards to gather information was great, but that was not the case, many of the responses we got were irrelevant to the question posed. I hope to continue to look at ways in which to restructure and complete this project, at this point it doesn't look like anything will come from it this year. *Katie Kalmar, 4th year B.A., History major*

Dodgeball Tournament

On February 8th, 2013 the ULSU held the first annual "ULSU Dodgeball Tournament" on campus, which was organized by our Arts and Science representative Victoria Wells in conjunction with Maxine Saretsky. Seven teams battled it out in a round-robin and were then ranked for playoffs. The intermission was not only a well-deserved breather for the teams, but we were also treated to an enthusiastic performance by the Dance Team, as well as a draw for some great swag. The players were then at it again in the single elimination playoffs. After an exhilarating final match, our winning team was awarded an all-expenses paid round trip to the Big Rock Brewery in Calgary for beer tasting. Through this event, the ULSU was able to engage another sector of the student body through physical activity, teamwork, and fun. *Victoria Wells - 3rd Year B.A. Humanities/B. Mgt. Human Resource major*



Dodgeball Tournament

ULSU/EUS Clothing Drive and Sale

One of the education rep's duties is arranging a fundraiser in joint with the EUS (Education Undergraduates' Society) to raise money for a scholarship. This scholarship would be granted to a PSIII student: a pre-service teacher in their final year of schooling. Given the option of continuing with the Clothing Drive and Sale, I spoke with the previous education representative as well as our President Armin Escher. They both assisted me and we set the date for the sale to be held Feb. 27th and 28th in the students' union ballrooms. Advertising through posters, Facebook, word-of-mouth, and the campus TVs, we were able to get the word out very quickly. Volunteers were recruited through the ULSU general assembly, executive council, ULSU volunteer core, EUS, and the Student Engagement Committee. Placing five collection bins around campus allowed for the university community to donate gently used clothing throughout the month of February. We were overwhelmed with the amount of support we received for this initiative from the ULSU, EUS, and the general student body. We had a very successful sale and raised an impressive amount of \$570. I am proud of what we were able to accomplish and that we are able to continue our support for education students with this initiative. *Liisa Kleemola - Faculty of Ed. Rep., 4th Year Education Student - General Humanities major*



ULSU/EUS Clothing Drive & Sale
Liisa Kleemola

ULSU Office Renovations

This past summer, the ULSU offices underwent a number of renovations. Notable items included new carpeting, new office furniture, and a fresh coat of paint. A number of chairs in the office were re-upholstered and the result of all of the renovations was a fresh and clean office which made it aesthetically welcoming to students. The ULSU has plans for further renovations to add two offices by splitting a conference room in half to accommodate the new VP external position, as well as, to make a space available for future commissioners and Fresh Fest organizers. *Andrew Williams - Operations Coordinator*



EVENTS OF 2012-2013

Notable ULSU Academic Events



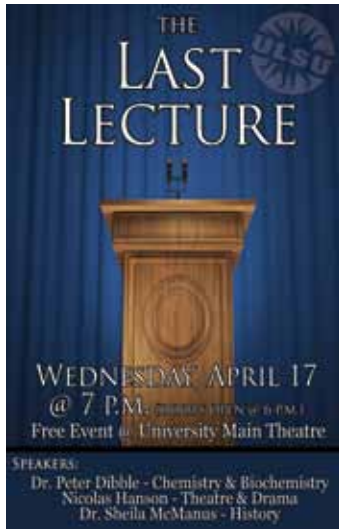
Ken Jennings Event:
Michael Kawchuk, Brandon McNally, Katie Kalmar, Julia Adolf, Ken Jennings, Felipe Ferreira, Chris Hollingsworth, Victoria Wells

Academic Speaker - Ken Jennings

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union brought in Ken Jennings on March 20th as our academic speaker this year. Ken Jennings is a world record holder for the longest winning streak (74 games) on the U.S. game show Jeopardy! He is also the holder of the all-time leading money winner (\$3,172,700) on American game shows. He spoke on the rewards of being curious and his adventures on Jeopardy. He left the spectators with three important aspects of trivia that everyone should understand: (1) your brain is like a net, the more facts you know the smaller the holes in the weaving and more knowledge is retained; (2) facts allow you to make good decisions, you never know what facts will be useful; and (3) facts change the way we deal with other people, the more you know the more you can relate to someone else. Lastly, Ken reminded us all to stay inquisitive and to always ask questions. It was a great event with roughly 100 students, faculty, and staff in attendance. *Julia Adolf - 5th year B.Sc. Psychology major*



Ken Jennings Event:
Julia Adolf & Ken Jennings



The Last Lecture

Suppose you went to the doctor for a check-up and you were diagnosed with a terminal illness. Of course you would be taken aback by this, and yes, the topic is disheartening and sad but given the opportunity, how would you give a sincere good-bye to the ones you love? The Last Lecture is a chance to do just that, leave a message – a legacy – for those who are here now and those who are yet to come. It will give them the advice that you wish you had taken, it will let them learn from your mistakes and let them learn from your accomplishments. The students here at the University of Lethbridge look at their professors for assistance and advice. The Last Lecture is no different, but instead of finding textbook knowledge and published journals, they find guidance and wisdom that only personal experience can offer.

This year we had Dr. Peter Dibble of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Nicholas Hanson of Theatre and Drama, and Dr. Sheila McManus of History speaking at the Last Lecture event. Professor Dibble enlightened the crowd on always being skeptical of what you read and hear about the sciences in the media, and even within peer reviewed journals, and to always have a questioning mind when dealing with facts day to day. Professor McManus gave a heart-felt last lecture to her students thanking them for allowing her to grow and shaping her into the person she is today. Professor Hanson ended off the evening with the lessons he had learned so far throughout growing up and explained his worst and best days of his life and how they impacted the way he responds to the world. It was a fantastic event watched by a full theatre of students and faculty as everyone laughed and shed a tear along with our speakers for the evening.

Julia Adolf - 5th Year B.Sc., Psychology Sciences major

In the Lethbridge Community

Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council

This year, one of my initiatives was to look at municipal advocacy in a more official capacity than before. An opportunity presented itself to provide a students' union representative for the City of Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council, which acts as an advisory body to city council on behalf of the youth of the city.

One of the most common issues which have come up at YAC meetings relevant to our students has been public transit. This year, the City of Lethbridge approved a new transit master plan, and for the first time, public transit was a central aspect of this plan. The Youth Advisory Council was active in the consultation phase and gave feedback to city council on the plan.

The Youth Advisory Council will also be looking to present to city council on the importance of post-secondary education, and on the benefits of our two institutions to the Lethbridge and Southern Alberta economy. Going forward, the new VP external will be the students' union

representative on the Youth Advisory Council and will continue to advocate at a municipal level. *Armin Escher - 6th year B.Sc Geography major*

Project Paint Brush

The ULSU Executive Council upheld tradition this year by volunteering once again for Project Paintbrush. This charitable activity is a Volunteer Lethbridge initiative created to assist Lethbridge seniors and special needs residents that are physically and financially unable to paint their fences or home exteriors. We were able to spend a hot



Project Paint Brush
Brady Schnell

and sunny day painting a lovely woman's fence along side some youth volunteers from the community. A worthwhile cause and a great way to get a tan. *Brady Schnell - 4th year B.Mgt. Finance major*

LEMON PARTY



FRESH N BREEZY LUAU



THANK YOU FRESH FEST SPONSORS

GOLD: Rogers, Servus
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and numerous bronze sponsors

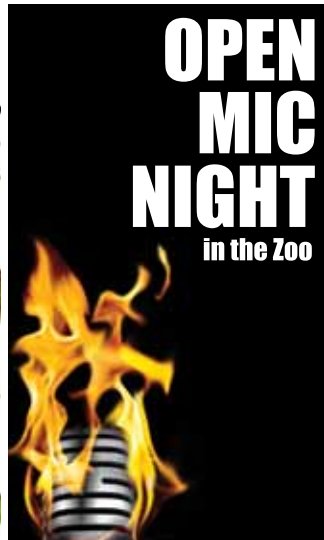
FRESH FEST REVIEW

Fresh Fest 2012 lasted from September 6th to September 8th. It featured four events, including the Fresh N' Breezy Luau, Fresh Flix, the Lemon Party and the Fresh U Jamboree. There were over 450 Freshies who attended all of these events, and there were close to 1000 attendees at the Fresh U Jamboree. From an organizational standpoint, Fresh Fest seemed to suffer fewer hiccups than had been experienced in previous years, and bands were booked well in advance. However, street-team efforts and sales were down in comparison to previous years. As a result, sales inside the Jamboree suffered. This may have been due to band choices or due to less active street teams. Despite these drawbacks, Fresh Fest still drew a large attendance, provided students with a positive experience in welcoming them to the University of Lethbridge, created new student bonds and was, overall, a success.

*Chris Hollingsworth - 5th year, Bachelor of Arts with a major in
Political Science & declared major in Philosophy*

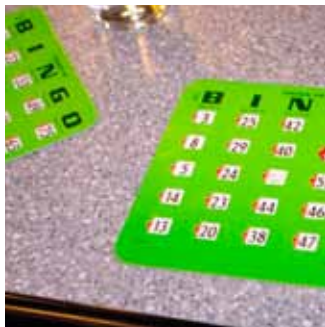
FRESH U JAMBOREE





EVENT LIST OF ULSU 2012-2013

- Hokkai Gakuen Exchange Dinner - August 2012
- Project Paint Brush - August 2012
- Karaoke in the Zoo - September 2012 - April 2013
- Open Mic in the Zoo - September 2012 - April 2013
- Dirty Bingo in the Zoo - September 2012 - March 2013
- Fresh Fest 2012 - September 2012
- Club Rush Week - September 2012
- Club Workshops - September/October 2012
- The Non-Fire Bonfire - October 2012
- ULSU Garage Sale - October 2012
- Oktoberfest & Stuff A Bug (Volkswagen) Competition - October 2012
- Imagnus Poster Sale - October 2012
- Humans vs. Zombies - October/November 2012
- Feed or Famine Food Drive - October/November 2012
- Halloween Cab - October 2012
- Volunteer Fair - November 2012
- Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life - November/December 2012
- Notebank Collection - December 2012 - April 2013
- Ender Bender - December 2012
- Frostbite featuring Daniel Wesley - January 2013
- Club Rush Week - January 2013
- Constitutional Referendum - January/February 2013
- Piggy Bank Foodbank Fundraiser - February 2013
- Imagnus Poster Sale - February 2013
- Dodgeball Tournament - February 2013
- Sexy Week: Raising Sexual Awareness - February 2013
- Sexy Talk with Dr. Justine Shuey - February 2013
- EUS/ULSU Clothing Drive - February 2013
- Academic Speaker: Ken Jennings - March 2013
- Clothing Drive to benefit International Students - March 2013
- Alcohol Awareness Campaign Poster Competition - March 2013
- Student Feedback Forum on Alberta Budget - April 2013
- ULSU Recognition Dinner at the Galt Museum - April 2013
- The Last Lecture & Teaching Excellence Awards - April 2013
- Last Class Bash - April 2013





FROSTBITE - JANUARY WELCOME BACK

FREE BBQ FOR
STUDENTS

OBSTACLE COURSE
& GIANT SLIDE

EVENING CONCERT
with
Jesse and the Dandelions,
The Ruby Plumes
Daniel Wesley





CAMPUS COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rez Move-in

On August 31, 2012, the four ULSU executives helped new students move into their campus residences at Kainai and U-Hall. The ULSU also donated lanyards for the purpose of attaching student ID cards.

NSO Welcome

The presence of the ULSU in a student's campus experience begins in their first year. For most students, New Student Orientation (NSO) is where that introduction takes place. This year volunteers were on hand at the ULSU booth to greet new students and introduce them to the services and events offered by the students' union.

Volunteer Fair

The focus of the students' union table at the Volunteer Fair this year was twofold: first, we wanted to recruit new members of the ULSU's volunteer core, an organization that enlists student help for various events and offers incentives for frequent contributions. Second, we wanted to inform students about the Serving Communities Internship Program (SCiP). Students who volunteer at a non-profit organization enrolled in the SCiP program can be eligible to receive a \$1,000 bursary from the province for their contribution.

Leadership Conference

This year's Leadership Conference took place in March 2013, hosted by the ULSU and the University of Lethbridge. The conference offered students a chance to receive instruction and foster personal development as tomorrow's leaders.

James Forbes - 5th year BA History and Religious Studies double major.





THE MEDIA

Media Coverage

On Friday, November 2nd I was interviewed by David Grey on the CBC Calgary's Eye Opener. We conversed about the University of Lethbridge's recent ranking in MacLeans magazine (we were ranked 3rd in the undergraduate category) and our ranking as #1 in undergraduate research across Canada. We also spoke about what made our campus so inviting and why our students choose to come here. Overall it was a great interview that allowed me to expand on why our students receive such a great education at the University of Lethbridge and why they have such a great experience while they are here.

On Monday, November 19th an article in the Lethbridge Herald was released that spoke about the issue of student debt. Both Armin and I had an interview with the Herald in the weeks past to go into greater detail on the issues about tuition and student debt and then I followed up with another interview to talk about my personal student debt situation. The article highlighted that post-secondary students carry heavy financial loads and spoke to the growing concern that students are not finishing, or even entering post-secondary education due to debt loads they obtain.

On Tuesday, November 20th, changes made to the Election Accountability Amendment Act were announced during a media release in Edmonton, AB. The Election Accountability Amendment Act is a large bill addressing several aspects of elections beyond student voting and had not been without controversy. The bill made headlines across Alberta as MLAs dealt with the various provisions on campaign finance and new changes to municipal elections. The bill was based on the recommendations from the chief electoral officer; however, his recommendation around student voting was rejected in favour of the proposal from CAUS. That recommendation was met with universal agreement from all parties in the legislature, even as other aspects of the bill were met with opposition. This change to the Act is going to make voting much easier for students in all future elections, and will stop students from being turned away at the polls as was done previously because their place of ordinary residency was at their parents homes and not where they were living during school. This was something CAUS had been working towards changing since the 2008 election and it was wonderful to finally see our recommendation be put into law.

Throughout the months of March and April, Armin, Shuna and I spoke with the Lethbridge Herald, CTV Lethbridge, and Global TV Lethbridge about the Alberta 2013 Provincial Budget. You can read more details of the budget cuts on page 12 of this book. *Julia Adolf - 5th year B.Sc. Psychology major*



GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Non Faculty Year End Reports

Board of Governors Report

The Board of Governors had a busy year in 2012-2013. Filled with difficult decisions, it was certainly a watershed year which will have enormous effects on our university in the years to come.

The year began on an incredibly positive note with a well-attended and planned board retreat in Fernie, B.C. It featured a guest talk from the president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, Paul Davidson, and included sessions on issues ranging from strategic thinking, to risk management.

The board also welcomed a new chair this year after the term of Bob Turner came to a close. Gord Jong, a PC insider, and former chair of the Lethbridge College board and a University of Lethbridge board member was appointed as chair half way through the year. Gord brought passion for the university and a wealth of experience to the position. We are looking forward to seeing how he will guide the board through the tumultuous times we are entering.

It was with great shock and regret that the board accepted the news that our operating grant would be cut by 7.3% by the provincial government. This decision will have undoubtedly negative long term effects on the quality of education, finances, and student fees at our institution. For the last portion of my report, I feel the need to summarize as quickly as possible the issues which the ULSU will need to watch in the near future as a result of this cut.

Long term, there will almost certainly be pressure to increase student fees significantly. This year the university increased its student administration fee by 20%, and appealed to ministry for permission to increase tuition by 2% above CPI for the next four years. This was when the university believed its operating grant would increase by 2%. I shudder to imagine what the university will do in future years if its funding is cut again, and the government doesn't hold the line on tuition.

The university's new agreements with its faculty and staff groups will need to be remarkably more sustainable for this institution to be stable in the coming years. Salaries make up around 80% of our total budget, and they increase each year between 4-6%. To illustrate how unsustainable this is: even with a 2% increase to our grant, we would have had to cut approximately \$2.5 million from the budget. In order for our beloved university to grow in the future, I believe that we must get salary growth under control but balance that with our need to attract quality people.

The need for effective representation from the ULSU is dire now more than ever, and I'm optimistic that we will rise to the challenge. *Zack Moline - 5th year Bachelor of Arts, Economics & Political Science Double major*



The University of Lethbridge Board of Governors December 2012

Front Row (L-R): Patrick Forrest, Andrea Amelinckx, Janice Varzari, Gordon Jong, Mike Mahon, Marianne Gray, Kevin Nugent, James Berezan

Middle Row (L-R): Sharon Sproule, Chris Horbachewski, Nancy Walker, Laurel Corbiere, Richard Westlund, Jodie Black, Kathleen Willms, Elizabeth Karbashewski, Marilyn Smith, Kathy Lewis, Doug McArthur

Back Row (L-R): Andrew Hakin, Matthew Wang, Jennifer Copeland, Ron Scrimshaw, Blaine Kunz, Zack Moline, Armin Escher, Tim Waters

Missing: Shirley McClellan

First Nations, Métis & Inuit Report

Every year the FNMI support team works incredibly hard to ensure that there is a strong FNMI presence on campus, and support for the students. We have FNMI students from across the country, as far away as Nunavut, and as close as the Blood Tribe and Piikani Nation. We all know how hard it is being away from home, and sometimes culture shock can take its toll. A lot of the FNMI activities on campus are about building community and a family as many students are far from the comforts of their own family and friends. In Blackfoot the word is *nikso'kowaiksi* meaning my relations, my relatives, my extended family.

Being the FNMI rep, I attended as many events as I could that the FNMI support team provided on campus. This gave me a great opportunity to explain the ULSU's role on campus and all the different services it has to offer students. The FNMI NSO and Welcome Back BBQ were great opportunities to get this message across as this was where new FNMI students and senior students came together to network. The Likyaakimaat Round Dance which was a response to racism that ensued following the October fire was another great chance to show students that racism and discrimination are not tolerated on our campus. It was great to see people from the surrounding communities come together and celebrate in a night of song and dance. I learned that the best way to connect the ULSU with FNMI students was through face to face conversations about what the ULSU had to offer. Hallways, Tim Hortons, the library and the NASA lounge were all great places to meet up with students to open a discussion on this topic.

There is still room to grow, and I hope that the ULSU will continue to provide a high level of support to all incoming students. *Abby Morning Bull - 4th year Arts and Science, Native American Studies major*



FNMI Rep
Abby Morning Bull



International Rep
2012-2013 - Felipe Ferreira
2013-2014 - Avro Mazumder

International Report

The University of Lethbridge is one of the selected universities in Canada that offers exchange programs to all continents on the planet, making it home for many international students that come to Canada for a better life and career. The International Centre for Students continues to improve the quality of life and academics for all international students. I could not write this report without highlighting the outstanding job that this department does for this diverse group of students. The centre offers full support to the students, ranging from academics to personal counselling.

This year was quite special for me and for all international students. I had the opportunity to work closely with the International Centre organizing several different events that provided me with the opportunity to advertise the ULSU and its services. The most important event that the International Centre held this year was the International Christmas Dinner. I worked closely with the centre to make this event happen. The ULSU sponsored the dinner and it was a great success. More than 110 international students had the chance to have an authentic Canadian Christmas dinner and we even had Santa Claus visiting us at the photo booth.



International Dinner
Julia Adolf, Sean Glydon, Brady Schnell

It was quite incredible to see how many students came to the dinner to share the Christmas spirit with other international students. With the International Centre, I also had the opportunity to participate and organize several social events for international students. At all these events, I promoted the services that the ULSU offered to all students. 'ULSU on Air' was one of my initiatives this academic year. From the start, my goal with the radio show was mainly to increase awareness of the ULSU among the student body and the community. Eight months have passed since I started my first radio show, and I can honestly say that awareness has been increased and many students enjoyed listening to the current events and services that the ULSU has to offer. I had many members of the ULSU interviewed on my radio show. I believe that having a show at CKXU designated to the ULSU is an effective and efficient way to approach students for a stronger presence on campus.

Regarding committees, the international representative sits on several ULSU and university committees. I was involved with the Student Engagement Committee and the Admission Standards Committee. Both committees have a strong student importance, and I believe that the efficiency goals that were established this year for both committees were met.

Lastly, the clothing drive for an international student scholarship was created this year. The clothing drive that was originally operated by the education representative was a big success, and I took the opportunity to take over the remaining clothing and created another sale which raised more than \$460 in proceeds. I believe that the clothing drive could run for a longer period of time in upcoming years. I would also recommend that the education and the international representative work together to make one greater clothing drive that would benefit both the education and international students.

In summary, 2012-2013 was a special year not only for international but for all students. Many exciting and effective events and initiatives were held these past eight months. Opportunities and amazing experiences that could not be measured were shared and created for all faculties, staff and most importantly, the students. *Felipe Ferreira - 3rd year International Management major*

Edmonton Campus Report

Overall it has been a pleasure and a very satisfying experience managing the students' union office on the Edmonton campus. When I started it was like I had to start from scratch as a lone man on an island as there was no contact with the outgoing representative. Other challenges I faced was the travel distance from my place of residence to the new campus at Concordia (about 12km). However, with good support from the Edmonton campus manager and staff, along with student volunteers, we could move forward to facilitate and enrich the student campus experience.

Volunteer Team Building

After the initial efforts put in by me, seven students came forward out of which four were active participants in weekly meetings by sharing their ideas. The team represented students from each academic major and just to inculcate a gender equality theme, I made up a small team of two males (Hassan and Maisam) and two females (Michelle and Janet). All of them represented a different major of study like accounting, human resources, finance and general management.

Event Management/ Student Surveys

With help from the Concordia I.T. department and their students' union, we had a short videocon link-up event. A student survey was conducted to analyze why the canteen could not be opened at late hours. There were 86 students who participated in the survey and gave their honest opinions.

New Office Management - Setup

As we moved to a new place, I had to devote extra efforts to set up the office. A computer terminal and new chairs were added, and we installed a stand-alone printer but it needs new ink cartridges. Looking at the available space, we propose to add a small coffee brewer and use the popcorn maker in the upcoming semester.

Proposal For New Clubs

I initiated a discussion and proposal to start two Edmonton campus clubs; Accounting Club which has been almost non-functional and a Management Student Club. Extra efforts were made from the team members to involve more students in making it a success. This will help our networking efforts with alumni and will also be helpful in hosting any career events in the future.

Liaison With Edmonton Office Staff

I have linked up all the student activities through the Edmonton office so as to involve them and take their help whenever required. The Edmonton campus manager was updated regularly and we were also called for new proposals for any student surveys/ feedback sessions. *Shashi Kant Ghai - 1st year B. Mgt, General Management major*

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STUDENTS' UNION AWARDS

Award Winners

John Brocklesby Students' Union Award of Excellence

2012-2013 Award Winner: Katie Kalmar - Arts & Science Representative

This award was presented to the general assembly member who has made the most significant contribution to the students' union, students, and the university community.

Katie has shown phenomenal dedication not only to the students' union, but to the greater university throughout the year. You can find her frequently running to university committee meetings across campus and in the students' union itself. She has also contributed not only on the front lines of all the ULSU events this year, but also behind the scenes setting up, taking down, selling tickets, etc., and most recently she was seen being involved in the 5 Days for the Homeless charity event. Katie always has a positive, energetic attitude and has been a delight to work with throughout the year.

Bill Chapman Students' Union Certificate of Distinction

2012-2013 Award Winner: Victoria Wells - Arts & Science Representative

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

Victoria proved that her perseverance and hard work really paid off. She overtook the ULSU's 1st annual Dodgeball Tournament as her own initiative shortly before Christmas break and turned it into an outstanding success. She did this not to seek recognition, but to help a friend in need and provide an exceptional event for our students on this campus.

Employee of the Year

2012-2013 Award Winner: Maiko Ogita - Administrative Assistant

This annual award was presented to the students' union employee who has made the most outstanding contributions to our organization over the past year, and best displays the values of the students' union.

Maiko was a relatively new addition to the ULSU office; however her ability to adapt to our student-based environment, her willingness to accept new and unique tasks, and the initiative she has shown over the year has all been outstanding. Regardless if a project was innovative and new or if it was repetitive and mundane, Maiko jumped at the opportunity, performed beyond expectations, and did it all with a positive attitude and a smile.

Student Employee of the Year

2012-2013 Award Winner: David Mate - Zoo Security/Kitchen

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

David has been an employee of the students' union for several years. Filling roles such as porter, cook, and security at the Zoo. He has proven to be beyond reliable and is appreciated by his coworkers and those he serves. Beyond that, as an active club member and event participant, the ULSU has been able to rest at ease just knowing that his attendance at an event provides us with supervision and responsibility we can count on. After years of outstanding service this choice feels just oh so right.

Helping Hand Award

2012-2013 Award Winner: Desmond Tien - Building Maintenance & Jodie Black - Director, University Secretariat, Office of the President

This award was presented to the University of Lethbridge employee who has made the most significant and lasting contribution to the University of Lethbridge Students' Union and its members over the past academic year.

We found it difficult this year to select just one staff or faculty member, as all of our interactions with the university have been positive throughout the year. However, we were ultimately able to narrow it down to two outstanding individuals who have proven to be over-the-top helpful to the students' union council and its operations.

Many of the operations of the ULSU whether they be in the ballrooms, the Zoo, the Grove or in the U-Hall atrium require a lot of coordination and collaboration with university departments and staff. Desmond has gone out of his way time and time again to assist with set-up, take down and everything in between. We at the ULSU feel he has gone above and beyond the expectations of his job and as such have made our lives a lot easier!

Another aspect of ULSU activity on campus relates to committee work... a lot of committee work. Jodie, who we found deserving of this award helps and supports us behind the scenes on an almost daily basis. Through e-mail, telephone, and face-to-face communication she has kept the ULSU in the university loop. Ensuring we are aware and prepared for all the happenings around campus, the work that Jodie does directly impacts our ability to represent our undergraduate students at all levels. And that, after all, is what it is all about.

Outstanding Dedication Award

2012-2013 Award Winner: Bob Muskovich - Security Supervisor

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

Bob acts as the primary security liaison for the largest events on campus such as Fresh Fest and Last Class Bash, which have been immensely popular with our students. He has also been a great supporter of scholarships for students, which shows through the many hours of observing videotape to find culprits of recycling theft. It was also his idea to sell unclaimed lost and found items in a garage sale. The money from both recycling and the garage sale goes towards student scholarships.



Continued Support Award

2012-2013 Award Winner: Bill Chapman

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

Bill has been a huge supporter of the students' union for over 10 years. He has been involved as a general assembly member being the board of governors representative for three years, and since his graduation he has served as chair of our general assembly for multiple years. Bill also has an award named after him due to his dedication, and generously contributes to our annual award program. We very much appreciate his support to the ULSU and the students at our university.

Student of the Year Award

2012-2013 Award Winner: Scott Anderson - Health Sciences Representative

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

Scott has been involved as an executive member of one of our many on-campus clubs, volunteered at the Lethbridge Regional Hospital, volunteered as a youth mentor at Big

Brothers Big Sisters, and volunteered as a tutor. He also has been very involved with the Flying Doctors of Canada as a Doctors of Tomorrow team leader all while maintaining an exceptional GPA and acting as a model student to those around him.

Club of the Year Award

2012-2013 Award Winner: The University of Lethbridge Afro-Caribbean Association

This award was presented to the students' union ratified club that demonstrated the most outstanding effort and dedication in its endeavors over the past year.

This award was one of the most difficult to select a winner for because of the wide range of clubs we had on campus this year. The Afro Caribbean Association held numerous events this year and all with fantastic attendance. They were always willing to support other clubs and help out wherever they could. They have a giant membership list and were consistently encouraging participation from everyone. They brought a positive attitude to our campus and promoted diversity, equality, collaboration and change.

Outstanding New Club

2012-2013 Award Winner: The Board & Ski Club

The Students' Union Outstanding New Club Award is a new award this year and is presented to the students' union ratified club that has demonstrated the most outstanding, creative and new endeavours over the past year. This club was a newly ratified club for the 2012-2013 academic year, they have held numerous successful events/activities and was in excellent standing with clubs council.

The Board and Ski Club has held numerous events and have made their presence known seriously to everyone. They were always willing to promote ULSU events along with other group events. They have collaborated in a lot of different ways and have raised the bar on the amount of success a new club on campus can have. They were fun, encouraging, exciting and help improve the student life on campus!

Volunteer Award

2012-2013 Award Winner: Melissa Bond & Brenna Scott
The volunteer of the year award is an annual award

presented to the most dedicated and enthusiastic student volunteer; specifically for students' union events and initiatives.

Both Melissa and Brenna have been present at almost every event the ULSU has hosted. If you couldn't find them helping out wherever possible at the events you could find them selling tickets or promoting the students' union at the various tables around campus. They always had a smile on their faces and brought a positive influence to the campus. There were no two people more suited to receive this award.

Legacy Award

2012-2013 Award Winner: Armin Escher - ULSU President

The Legacy Award was presented to the president of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union. It symbolizes the hard work and dedication by the outgoing council, under the guidance of the president.

Armin Escher was both charming and approachable, making him the ideal candidate for this award. With the years of service, time, and effort that Armin has contributed to the students' union there was no one more deserving. During his term in office as president, our relationship with administration grew stronger. We made significant changes to our students' union constitution which were approved by a student referendum; a difficult challenge with a not-so-sexy topic, yet he rose to the challenge. We restructured our executive council and we began reaching out to the Lethbridge community more than ever before. Without Armin's great leadership we would not have had the motivation or support necessary to accomplish all that we had throughout the year. Without Armin's advice, lessons, and knowledge we would not have had one of the strongest general assembly, executive, or relationships with major stakeholders as we had.

Teaching Excellence Award

2012-2013 Award Winner: Greg Patenaude - Chemistry & Biochemistry, Luz Ospina - Modern Languages

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union formally recognized and honoured teaching excellence at the University of Lethbridge. We accomplished this by offering students an avenue for nominating a professor, sessional staff or lab instructor who has shown outstanding efforts to increase the learning experience of their students. The

Teaching Excellence Award is based solely on teaching excellence. The winners were formally recognized as part of the ULSU Last Lecture event on April 17, 2013. The 3rd annual Teaching Excellence Awards were awarded to Greg Patenaude of the chemistry and biochemistry department and Luz Ospina of the modern languages department. During the evening, Marcie Wallace and Scott Anderson, the students who nominated Greg and Luz respectively, presented them with their awards, leaving both of them overwhelmed and overjoyed. It is great to be able to recognize the hard work our professors have done for our students at the U of L and we hope we can offer recognition for years to come. *Julia Adolf - 5th year B.Sc. Psychology major*

ULSU Alumni Achievement Award & Non-Fire Bonfire

2012-2013 Award Winner: *Melanee Thomas - ULSU President during 2002-2003*

This year we were privileged enough to participate in the 45th anniversary of the University of Lethbridge by hosting a Non-Fire Bonfire during the homecoming weekend in October. The Non-Fire Bonfire was originally going to be at the fire pit on campus, but due to unforeseen circumstances was moved indoors. This proved to be a success; it allowed us to book a student jazz group on campus and serve appetizers. We had a lot of past executives; other alumni, administration and students attend this event making it one of our most diverse events of the year. We also presented our first-ever Alumni Achievement Award to Melanee Thomas, a past president of the ULSU. During our selection process we were impressed with the success our

previous executives have had, but Melanee blew them out of the water. After completing her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Lethbridge in 2003 she moved on to be our first ever executive director of CAUS. She was quickly accepted at the University of Calgary to pursue her M.A. in political science with a specialization on Canadian politics. Melanee moved to McGill University and completed her Ph.D. in political science in 2011. She is currently an assistant professor at the University of Calgary. We see no one more deserving in receiving this honour and we are so glad to be the executive team to start such an exciting tradition. *Shuna Talbot - 4th year of B.F.A in Theatre Studies*

Laurence Decore Awards

2012-2013 Award Winners: *Charmaine Bonifacio, Saif Zahir, Chris Hollingsworth, Mohammed Chehade, Leyland Bradley, Kristin Poch*

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

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



ULSU Alumni Award/Non-fire Bonfire
Melanee Thomas, Armin Escher, Shuna Talbot, Brady Schnell



ULSU Alumni Award/Non-fire Bonfire
Brady Schnell, Armin Escher, Melanee Thomas, Shuna Talbot



FINANCIAL MATTERS

Sponsorship & Funding

External Sponsorship to the ULSU

Bursaries/Scholarships/Awards

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

General Sponsorship

- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Zoom Media
- West Jet
- Molson
- Big Rock
- Servus
- Roger's

Food Bank Donations

- Security lost & found
- U of L Chancellor's Dinner
- MSS Whoop Up breakfast
- Piggy bank fundraiser
- V Bohnert
- Pre-Med Club - Hoofit Run
- Registrar's Office & Don Hunt
- Physical Plant
- HH Smith
- Alumni
- Ken Jenning tickets
- Curling Club
- U of L Bookstore
- Club Feed or Famine food drive
- AB Civil Liberties
- Anonymous
- Individuals - students, faculty, staff, & community
- University of Lethbridge - QIP

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Sponsorship from the ULSU

- U of L Library Stress Free Zone
- Five Days for the Homeless
- Final Re Fresh
- Student Art Award
- Ignite Conference
- International Christmas Dinner
- Leadership Camp
- Recruitment Leadership Conference
- Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast
- Ikakylimaat Round Dance
- Student Exhibit at the Galt
- Volunteer Fair
- Edmonton Campus Graduation
- Relay for Life
- John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament
- Chancellor's Dinner
- Rotaract Dinner & Silent Auction
- NASA Food Cupboard
- Alcohol Awareness Poster Competition
- Club and Student QIP Applications

Quality Initiatives Program (QIP)

In 2005 the ULSU advocated for its students to be granted \$300,000 of the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 tuition for student initiative projects. In 2007-2008 the university allocated \$600,000 in continuing annual funding to what would be called QIP; this representing only 12% of the drastic tuition increase. In 2010-2011 these funds were reduced to \$470,000. More recently, the University of Lethbridge base-grant funding was cut by 7.3% for 2013-2014, leaving an \$11.9 million deficit and a looming 7.3% reduction to QIP. Thankfully, the ULSU's voice was heard at the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) and we were able to maintain the \$470K. The support expressed by other members of the BAC was encourageable and appreciated. Although maintaining QIP was a small win, the fact that the student administration fee is being raised from \$12.50 - \$37.50/course (\$250/year increase for F/T students) and the international differential is jumping from 2.26 to 3.0 times tuition will hopefully bring more QIP funding in the future.

QIP funding is distributed in several fantastic ways with \$210,000 going directly to scholarships, grants, and bursaries, \$75,000 for undergraduate research, and \$5,000 to the Tutoring Program. The Graduate Students Alliance was allocated \$32,900 and the remaining \$147,100 was allocated for use at the discretion of the ULSU general assembly and the university administration. For future initiatives it is recommended that the ULSU and students-at-large continue to advocate that QIP be restored to its original \$600,000. *Brady Schnell - 4th year B. Mgt. Finance*



QIP Expenditure List

QIP EXPENDITURES FOR 2012-2013	AMOUNT
Scholarships	\$210,000
Research Grants	\$80,000
Fresh Fest	\$50,000
NASA Food Cupboard	\$2,745
Leadership Camp	\$6,257
Mobile App	\$6,200
International Dinner	\$1,000
Ken Jennings	\$19,327
Frost Bite	\$10,934
JDC West	\$3,000
MSS	\$2,600
Chinese Students Association	\$2,000
Model UN	\$2,800
Last Clash Bash	\$8,171
Kyle Shulte - Theatre Production	\$1,672
Leadership Conference	\$4,290
Lloyd Vossebelt - Agri Case Comp.	\$1,200
Alcohol Awareness Poster Comp.	\$995
U of L Surf Club	\$1,743
U of L Singers Club	\$2,900
Club Carnival & Ocean Party	\$4,595
Campus Roots Garden	\$3,482
Final Re Fresh	\$1,845
ULSU Food Bank	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$432,756

Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards & Grants

Summary for May 1, 2012 - April 30, 2013

NAME	NUMBER AWARDED	SINGLE AWARD VALUE	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS			
Community Service Award Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Part-time Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU International Travel Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Scholarship	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Coca-Cola Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola North Scholarships	2	\$500	\$1,000
QIP Scholarships	106	\$1,000	\$106,000
BURSARIES			
ULSU Bursary	3	\$500	\$1,500
ULSU Emergency Bursary	1	\$500	\$500
ULSU Placement Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
ULSU Coca-Cola Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
Student Wise Bursary	2	\$500	\$1,000
Cardtronics Bursary	3	\$500	\$1,500
QIP Bursaries	104	\$1,000	\$104,000
AWARDS			
Campus Sustainability Recycling Award	8	\$1,000	\$ 8,000
Emerging Teacher's Award	1	\$500	\$500
TOTAL			\$229,000



Grants for May 2012 - April 30, 2013

NAME	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
Travel & Conference Grants	35	\$14,914
Club & Start-up Grants	61	\$13,946
Emergency Grants	8	\$ 4,000
TOTAL	104	\$32,860


Previous Year's Funding Comparison

TOTAL APPROVED GRANT APPLICATIONS T & C, Matching, Start-up, & Emergency	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
2007-2008	70	\$15,520
2008-2009	96	\$21,518
2009-2010	48	\$16,583
2010-2011	62	\$23,071
2011-2012	92	\$24,561
2012-2013	104	\$32,860



Health & Dental Plan, Room Bookings & Food Court



Health & Dental Plan	Direct2U
September 1, 2012 - August 31, 2013	
<p>Fall enrollment: Health 3702, Dental 3721 Family Fall add on: Health 42, Dental 39</p>	<p>In the 2012 – 2013 year we introduced Direct2U prescriptions to our health benefit plan. Direct2U prescriptions is run by Alliance Pharmacy, a robotic pharmacy in Ontario. They FedEx prescriptions to students for next day delivery on campus.</p> <p>With the introduction of Direct2U came changes in our prescription benefit plan. Students may use the drug card at any pharmacy and receive 80% off generic drugs and 50% off brand name drugs. With enrollment in Direct2U students receive 100% coverage on generic drugs and 80% on brand name drugs. The savings is substantial for students on a regular prescription and the convenience of having the prescription delivered to campus is a great benefit. <i>Shelley Tuff - ULSU Health and Dental Plan Administrator</i></p>
<p>Spring enrollment: Health 273, Dental 268 Family Spring add on: Health 5, Dental 7</p>	
<p>Health & Dental Plan underwritten by RWAM Prescription plan underwritten by Greenshields Accident Coverage underwritten by Chartis Travel Assist serviced & administered by Alliance Global Assist Plan arranged by C & C Insurance</p>	
 RWAM Insurance Administrators INC.	

Room Booking Summary

ROOM	ULSU & U of L BOOKINGS	CLUB BOOKINGS	EXTERNAL BOOKINGS	TOTAL BOOKINGS
Galileo's	55	63	1	119
Ballrooms	212	138	63	413
Council Chambers	86	10	2	98
Table Space	71	169	92	332

ULSU Food Court Tenants

- The Coffee Company
- Smoothie Hut
- Tivoli
- Hiroba
- Subway
- Icy's
- Red Fort Café
- U of L Bookstore
- Rockerman's Service Centre

ULSU Food Bank

ULSU Food Bank

This year, more than ever, the ULSU Food Bank is in demand and once again the university community and the generous people of Lethbridge have stepped up and supported the food bank and the students who use it. Donations vary greatly and we appreciate each and every one of them and are grateful for the thoughtfulness and generosity.

The university community has been very generous and creative with donations this year. Becky Colbeck and the U of L Bookstore created a wonderful cookbook and all proceeds from the sale of the cookbook were donated to the ULSU Food Bank. The bookstore also donated proceeds from sales of Ken Jennings books when he was speaking on campus.

Security Services donated all unclaimed lost and found items collected on campus to the ULSU and we hosted a "Lost and Found Garage Sale" with the proceeds going to the food bank. This year almost \$900 was raised.

Some other generous sources are from the following:

- H.H. Smith Ltd has financially supported the ULSU Food Bank with a large cheque for many years.
- Guy Vervoort, from the Registrar's Office, quietly drops off a bag of food on a regular basis.
- The Curling Club holds an annual bonspiel and collects donations.
- The Physical Plant Christmas party donates proceeds from their 50/50 draw.
- The Registrar's Office holds a "Peanut Butter and Jam Collection" and the generous Don Hunt matches whatever the staff brings in.
- MSS hosted a Whoop-up Breakfast and donated the proceeds.
- Resident students who moved out of their housing at the end of the year donated their unopened food rather than pack it to take home.

There are many other donations to mention, both large and small, and we would like to say thank you to everyone for their thoughtfulness and generosity. Without the kindness of so many people and organizations there wouldn't be enough food to go around and help the students who really need it.

Shelley Tuff - Health & Dental Plan Administrator



Bookstore Cookbook
Annette Bright, Julia Adolf

Pre-Med Club Hoof-it Run

This year the Pre-Med Club joined forces with the ULSU and LPIRG in planning and organizing the 2nd annual Hoof-it Run. Since last year's Hoof-it Run was an absolute success, our expectations were very high for the 2012-2013 race. These expectations, due to the collaboration of these three university groups, were exceeded. With 50 racing participants and 10 volunteers, we raised \$700 for the ULSU Food Bank along with some additional non-perishable food items collected at the registration table. This event has proven to be beneficial not only for the ULSU Food Bank but the community in general.

Scott Anderson - 4th year BSc., Neuroscience major

Piggy Bank Fundraiser

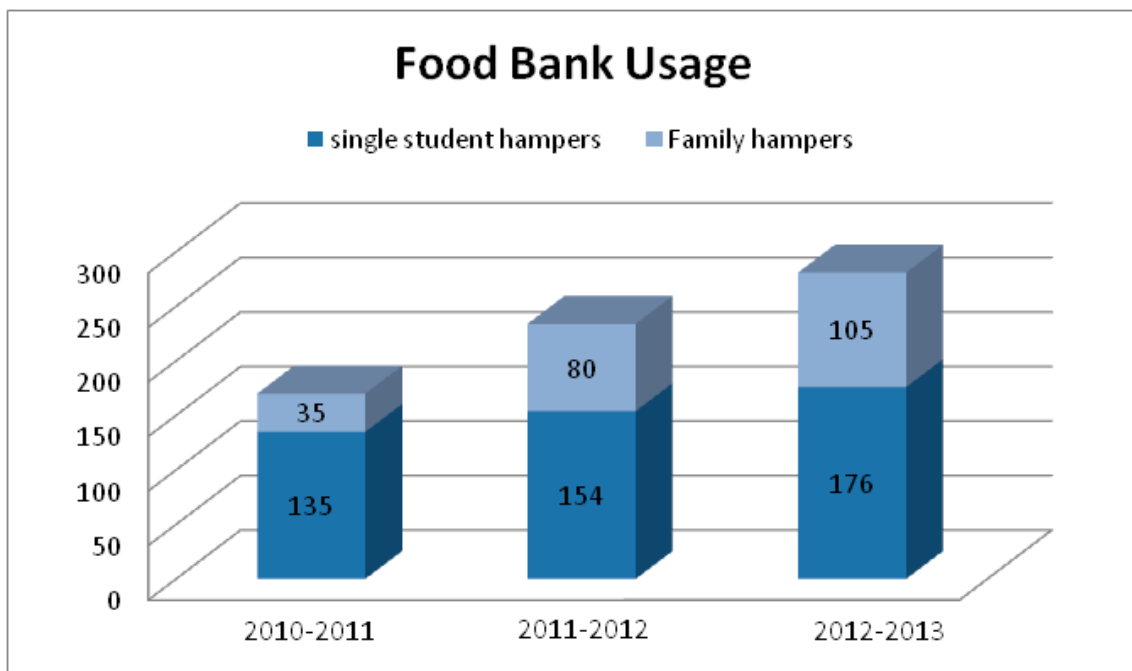
The ULSU decided to change the Piggy Bank Fundraiser this academic year. 16 pigs were distributed not only between faculties, but also departments. An informative poster was also attached to the locations where the piggies were. Over \$1500 in change was collected during February. The amount raised was almost four times higher than the year before. Departments and faculties involved with this fundraiser were very receptive and excited to help support the food bank. Overall, the piggy bank fundraiser was a huge success and I have no doubt it will only become better in the upcoming years since its been so well received among the staff and faculty. *Felipe Ferreira*
- 3rd year International Management major



Piggy Bank for Fundraiser

Feed or Famine

Every year we host a fundraiser in collaboration with the clubs for the ULSU Food Bank. In previous years it was called Trick or Eat but due to an organization that copyrighted that name we were forced to become creative. The event was held overlapping Halloween and was re-named Feed or Famine. This allowed clubs to leave handouts on the doors of Lethbridge neighborhoods giving notice to the residents that they would return for non-perishable food items. To encourage clubs to participate we turned it into a competition and the clubs with the most donations (per item) won club funding. This year we had outstanding participation and thought we would never run out of tomato soup, but we were wrong. Nonetheless clubs did a fantastic job. Trolls Rugby won first prize this year, followed by the Pre-Med Club in a close second, and our third place winner was the Geography Club. *Shuna Talbot* - 4th year of B.F.A, Theatre Studies, Dramatic Arts major





ELECTIONS & REFERENDUMS

Election & Referendums

Constitution Referendum

QUESTION

"Do you approve of amending the constitution of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union as proposed by the ULSU general assembly with the changes coming into effect on May 1, 2013?"

RESULTS:

YES votes: 700 votes - 88.83%
NO votes: 88 vote - 11.17%

Voter turnout: 11.15% (794 of 7123 voters)

Constitution Referendum Summary

Any changes to the ULSU constitution are required to be approved by referendum. Changes to the referendum were proposed by the general assembly in December 2012 for which a vote was held from January 30 to February 1, 2013. Any ULSU referendum requires a voter turnout of at least 10% to be valid.

The following is a list of noteworthy changes that were approved by the referendum:

- Adding a definition of the VP external
- Changing the name of the VP internal affairs to VP student affairs
- Updating the amendatory process for simplicity and transparency. Right now, there are two ways to amend the bylaws, so we cleaned it up so there is only one way.
- Changing quorum to update for a new five member executive council. Changing the conflict of interest so general assembly members are not in conflict of interest if they are ratifying a club.

As a result of this vote, the Spring general election for the 2013-2014 council included the newly restructured five member executive council.

Meliorist Fee Increase Referendum

QUESTION

"Do you support an increase of two (2) dollars to be applied to the levy fee collected during the fall/ spring semesters on behalf of the Meliorist Publishing Society, taking the fee amount per student to \$7 per semester?"

RESULTS:

NO Votes: 654 (51.42%)
Yes Votes: 618 (48.58%)

Meliorist Referendum Summary

The Meliorist is the campus newspaper and they had a fee increase referendum, however it was not approved by the student body at this time.



ULSU General Election

The ULSU general election process began February 4, 2013 and ended on March 8, 2013. There were a lot of candidacy interest, leaving all but one position filled, which was the Health Sciences rep position. There will be a fall by-election to fill the vacant position.

Overall, we had an 18.65% voter turnout, which is a slight increase from last year's voter turnout.

INCOMING AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL



Incoming Council



Incoming Executive Council
*Shuna Talbot, Sean Glydon, Adam Long,
Michael Kawchuk, Katie Kalmar*



Incoming President
Shuna Talbot

Incoming Council members for 2013-2014

Executive Council

President	Shuna Talbot
VP Academic	Katie Kalmar
VP Operations & Finance	Michael Kawchuk
VP Student Affairs	Adam Long
VP External	Sean Glydon

General Assembly

Arts & Science Reps	Victoria Wells Melissa Bond Dee Goyal Brenna Scott Charlie Smith Megan Sutherland
Residence Rep	Jesse Baker
International Rep	Avro Mazumder
Board of Governors Rep	Chris Hollingsworth
Calgary Campus Rep	Shelley Qian
Management Rep	Tye Cusack
First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Rep	Preston Crow Chief
Edmonton Campus Rep	Shashi Kant Ghai
Fine Arts Rep	Benjamin Goodwin
Education Rep	Nigel Peters
Health Science Rep	No candidate



Incoming VP External
Sean Glydon

Past Presidents

The years have seen many student leaders eager to make a difference at the University of Lethbridge. Times change, people change, initiatives change, but what remains the same is the dedication to student issues that makes each council unique in their endeavours to bring quality to student life.

The following is a list of past students' union presidents since the beginning of the students' union at the University of Lethbridge. *Susan Curtis - Executive Assistant*



Past, Outgoing & Incoming Presidents
Zack Moline, Armin Escher, Shuna Talbot



Taz Kassam



Jeremy Girard



Adam Vossepoel



Kelly Kennedy



Dustin Fuller



Tyler Tanner

2012/2013 - Armin Escher
2011/2012 - Zack Moline
2010/2011 - Taz Kassam
2009/2010 - Jeremy Girard
2008/2009 - Adam Vossepoel
2007/2008 - Kelly Kennedy
2006/2007 - Dustin Fuller
2005/2006 - Tyler Tanner
2004/2005 - Lorelee Edwards
2003/2004 - Paul Daniels
2002/2003 - Melanee Thomas
2001/2002 - Matthew McHugh
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