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We are pleased to submit this update on the SU's governance, programs and advocacy.

SU Governance

Orientation and Transition – 77th Executive and SLC

The 77th SLC officially took office May 3, 2019. Incoming SU Executives and Faculty Representatives continue to participate in a rigorous orientation and training program to introduce and prepare them for their new roles as student leaders and advocates. For Executives, this orientation process has included job shadowing and a retreat with the outgoing Executives, a retreat with SU staff, issue-based orientation and transition sessions, provision of transition resources, and skills training.

Incoming SLC members have received a handbook and transition resources provided by their predecessors, participate in pre-orientation sessions, and receive orientation and training for SU and university governance processes, including Robert's Rules of Order.

Current Vacancies

The SU currently has a vacancy in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. This position will be filled through an appointment process.

SU Programs and Services

Teaching Excellence Awards

The SU honoured 41 faculty members, instructors, and teaching assistants for their commitment to student success at its annual Teaching Excellence Awards ceremony on April 23. Students determined the nominees and winners – 1,146 students submitted nominations for this year – and a SU committee selected the award recipients. The SU donated \$5,000 in recognition of the winners to the Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning. Since 2013 the SU has donated \$35,000 to the Taylor Institute.

Volunteer Tax Program

Every year, the Volunteer Tax Program provides free income tax return completion to current undergraduate and graduate students, staff, and faculty who meet the eligibility requirements. The Volunteer Tax Clinic (located in the MacEwan Building) was open between February 25 and April 5. This year the program completed 1,300 returns and served over 1,500 clients while adding almost \$77,000 in value to the campus community.

Q Centre Pride Scholarship

In its inaugural year, this scholarship recognized and rewarded students who have demonstrated exemplary contributions to and involvement with the LGBTQ+ community. Funded through Quality

Money, four scholarships of \$1,500 have been awarded in the 2018-2019 academic year and recipients were recognized at an April 5 awards ceremony in the Q Centre.

Committee of 10,000

The Committee of 10,000 is responsible for allocating funds given by students to non-profit and registered charitable organizations that have had a positive impact on the community and who provide meaningful volunteer opportunities to students. This year the committee allocated \$22,500 to 13 local charities including Ronald McDonald House, Bridges Social Development, and the Making Changes Employment Association of Alberta. An awards ceremony was held April 18.

SU Campus Food Bank

The SU Campus Food Bank provides emergency food hampers to current students, staff members, and alumni who have graduated less than two years ago.

	March/April 2018	March/April 2019
Number of Hampers	99	103
Number of Adults Fed	157	153
Number of Children Fed	41	38
Total Fed	198	191

Information Centre/Lost and Found

During the spring and summer, the Information Centre/Lost and Found is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It provides visitors with directions and information about on-campus resources and events. It also stores and returns lost items to their owners.

	March/April 2018	March/April 2019
Items handed in	766	1287
Items returned to owner	330	280
On campus directions	633	745
Campus services questions	219	142
Total number of clients	2153	2075

De-Stress Kits

The SU provides De-Stress Kits to help ease students’ stress during exam periods. These are re-useable drawstring bags that contain items intended to support students through the stress of final exams, including a stress ball, a pack of tissues, snacks, cereal, an apple, tea bags, guides to study spaces and on-campus de-stress resources, compliment cards, and more. A total of 1,500 De-Stress Kits are prepared and distributed to students by SU elected officials during exam periods in December and April (750 per semester).

Eric Lahoda SU Clubs Memorial Scholarship

Ten students have been named recipients of the Eric Lahoda SU Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes students who have made positive, meaningful, and unique contributions to on campus life through student club involvement. Each recipient receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

Club Awards

The SU held its annual Club Awards Banquet on April 3, recognizing excellence among registered student organizations. The club of the year is the Biology Students' Association and best new club was awarded to the African-Caribbean Student Association.

Advocacy and Representation

Get Out the Vote

The SU, along with our provincial partners at the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS), wrapped up our GOTV campaign in the lead up to the provincial election. The SU's campaign, which was non-partisan and focused on encouraging all students to vote, gathered 4,786 student pledges. Students who pledge to vote were eligible to win some great prizes including airline vouchers, Apple products, and gift certificates for Mac Hall. The SU will hold another GOTV campaign in the fall for the federal election.

Provincial Election Forum

Along with the university and Graduate Students' Association, the SU hosted a Provincial Election Forum. All parties represented in the Legislature when the election was called were invited to send delegates and we had representation from all five. The forum was attended by 100 people and was moderated by 76th SU President, Sagar Grewal and GSA President, Brit Paris.

Conclusion

The SU is proud to serve and represent undergraduate students in nearly every aspect of their experience at the University of Calgary.



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