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

SU Governance

Current Vacancies

The SU currently has vacancies for Faculty Representatives in the Faculty of Social Work, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, the Werklund School of Education, and the Cumming School of Medicine. We also have a Student-at-Large Senate Representative vacancy. The SU will fill these vacancies through a by-election held Oct. 11 to 13, 2017.

The SU is sad to report that Shubir Shaikh has, for personal reasons, resigned as VP External. The SU has governance processes in place to manage the resignation of Executive members between elections – he resigned too late to be included in our by-election. The SU's Nominations Committee will oversee this process and will report on their progress publicly at SLC meetings.

Annual Budget

The SU's 2017-18 Annual Budget, approved by SLC in July, is available on the SU website as part of the organizations commitment to transparency and openness. The SU's revenue is generated through student fees, SU-owned businesses and other areas. The SU then uses this money to fund the various programs, services, events, and advocacy to improve student life on campus. Additional details about the SU's budgeting process is available on the SU website.

Annual Operating Plan

SLC has approved the executive's annual goals, which align with the SU's 2016-19 Strategic Plan. The full Annual Operating Plan is available on the SU website.

SU Programs and Services

2017 SU Survey Results

The SU is pleased to share the results of its 2017 SU Survey, which asked students about their satisfaction with the university. 8.2% of undergraduate students responded to the survey, administered Jan. 5 to Feb. 17, 2017. Responses indicate that the cost of education and campus infrastructure continue to rank as high priorities for students. Respondents increasingly identify maintenance, renovation, and expansion of student spaces as critical areas of importance.

Orientation Week and Kickoff

The SU continues to partner with Leadership and Student Engagement to engage and inform new students. During Orientation Week, the SU interacted with over 2,325 students at “Meet your SU” sessions. 326 students attended the Night on the SU where the film Kickass was screened. Approximately 6,500 students attended the Kickoff football game where the SU hosted the pre-game tailgate party. Over the course of the week, the SU gave away 2,800 SU-branded sunglasses and 2,850 notebooks.

Pet Therapy

409 students participated in Pet Therapy in That Empty Space on Sept. 22, 2017. This monthly event is held in partnership with the Pet Access League Society (PALS) to engage students and relieve stress.

SUPERWork

The Students’ Union Program for Education Related Work (SUPERWork) provides a \$1,000 wage subsidy to undergraduate students earning less than a competitive wage at a summer employment position related to their field of study. 170 students applied to SUPERWork this year and 75 received funding.

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.

	September 2016	September 2017
Number of Hampers	39	44
Number of Adults Fed	61	74
Number of Children Fed	24	30
Total Fed	85	104

Information Centre/Lost and Found

During the school year, the Information Centre/Lost and Found is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It provides visitors with directions and information about on campus resources and events. It also stores lost items, returning them to their owners.

	September 2016	September 2017
Items handed in	402	440
Items returned to owner	197	143
On campus directions	1190	703
Campus services questions	388	202
Total number of clients	2530	1467

Vet Med BBQ

The SU hosted a BBQ event at the Spy Hill Campus on Sept. 19 to introduce students in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine to the SU’s programs and services. Over 100 students attended the event.

Student Clubs

Clubs Week was held the week of Sept. 18. 227 registered clubs participated, plus eight prospective clubs. This year new projects specifically for SU Clubs include the renovation of the Clubs East space, which will add 41 new club lockers and additional storage space, and ClubHub 201 which serves as an alternative for more experienced club executives to last year's mandatory ClubHub 101 sessions.

There are currently 335 student organizations registered with the SU.

Advocacy and Representation

Strong City, Stronger Campus

The SU has continued to meet with candidates for the upcoming Calgary Election and has outlined its priorities (Stronger City, Stronger Campus) to ensure that student needs remain a priority for Calgary City Council. The SU has made the following recommendations:

- Increase safety and affordability of housing by reforming current Secondary Suites legislation.
- Increase transparency of Calgary Transit by creating and implementing an administrative process for bylaw offences such as transit tickets.
- Increase base line access of Calgary Transit to new communities.

Mayoral Forum and Multi-Ward Meet and Greet

Along with the university and Graduate Students' Association, the SU hosted the premiere mayoral forum on Sept. 20. Nine candidates participated in the forum which was attended by 425 people and was moderated by CTV News anchor Tara Nelson. SU President, Branden Cave and GSA President, Brit Paris hosted the evening and President Cannon provided remarks. It was a great example of productive collaboration between all three organizations.

On Sept. 26 the SU and Graduate Students' Association hosted a Multi-Ward Meet and Greet. 43 candidates from wards across the city came and met with students for two hours about issues that matter to them.

Conclusion

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



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