



**UNIVERSITY OF
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**Report to the Board of Governors from the
University of Calgary Students' Union**

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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 a vacancy for the position of VP External and will be filling it, along with the faculty representative position in the Schulich School of Engineering in a by-election held Oct. 10 to 12, 2018. The position of Faculty Representative for the Werklund School of Education was filled through an acclamation.

Annual Budget

The SU's 2018-19 Annual Budget was approved by SLC in July and 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

MacHall Expansion Survey

The SU ran an online survey Sept. 6 – 27 to gather campus community feedback on the future of the student building. Over 4,100 respondents took the survey which will be used to focus any proposed expansion or redevelopment of the MacEwan Building.

Quality Money

Applications are now available for this year's Quality Money funding. Quality Money is a unique partnership between your SU and the university. Each year the SU is provided with approximately \$1.65 million from the Board of Governors to invest in projects that will enhance the overall student experience. Decisions on projects will be made in the new year by the Quality Money Committee.

Orientation, Campus Expo, and Kickoff Tailgate

During the two days of Orientation, the SU interacted with first-year students at "Pop-Up Patio" and MacHall courtyard activations, participated in the Student Life Core Session panel, and hosted four elective sessions: Clubs, Volunteer Services, Student Government, and Student Life Balance. The SU had booths at Campus Expo and collaborated with UCalgary Alumni and the Dinos to host the Kickoff Tailgate event.

Dr. Seuss in the Park

Between June 23 and Aug. 25, Volunteer Services offered Dr. Seuss in the Park, our only program that runs exclusively during the summer. Based in Riley Park, volunteers spent their time reading and doing crafts with kids to promote childhood literacy. Turnout was down this year due to smoke from the forest fires in British Columbia.

	2014 Attendance	2015 Attendance	2016 Attendance	2017 Attendance	2018 Attendance
Total attendance	256	452	571	558	377
Average attendance	25.6	50.2	71.4	55.8	47.1

Vet Med Lunch and Learn

In past years the SU hosted a BBQ for students at the Spy Hill Campus but this left us limited engagement opportunities. This year we hosted an indoor “lunch and learn” session with sandwiches that allowed us to capture a smaller audience for longer to deliver much more detailed information.

Open House

The SU participated in the university’s Open House at the end of September. Traffic was high at both the SU Clubs and Volunteer Services tables, and we had an estimated 1,000 interactions with prospective students.

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. 222 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 2017	September 2018
Number of Hampers	44	61
Number of Adults Fed	74	81
Number of Children Fed	30	17
Total Fed	104	98

Information Centre/Lost and Found

During the school year, the Information Centre/Lost and Found is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 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 2017	September 2018
Items handed in	440	489
Items returned to owner	143	247
On campus directions	703	690
Campus services questions	202	143
Total number of clients	1467	1605

Refugee Student Program

The SU is excited to welcome two new students to the Refugee Student Program. Hussein Maow Mohamed and Abdikarim Ibrahim Osman, both from Somalia and living in refugee camps in Kenya, arrived late in August. Hussein will be studying natural sciences while Abdikarim will be studying economics.

Pride Parade

On Sunday, Sept. 2, 25 SU Elected Officials, staff, and students represented the Q Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity in the Calgary Pride Parade.

Student Clubs

Clubs Week was held the week of Sept. 17. This year, a record number of clubs participated with 231 registered clubs and 14 prospective clubs participating.

New projects for this year include a revamped Clubs Website which aims to improve usability and ease of access to club information.

There are currently 342 student organizations registered with the SU.

Advocacy and Representation

Get Out The Vote

The SU has launched their Get Out The Vote (GOTV) campaign for the upcoming provincial election. The campaign aims to gather 6,000 student pledges. The SU will then remind students to vote and answer any questions about when, where or how to vote. The campaign is non-partisan in nature and focuses on the act of voting rather than who a student votes for.

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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