



**October 18, 2019**

We are pleased to submit this update on the Students' Union's (SU) governance, programs, services, and advocacy initiatives.

### **SU Governance**

#### **Current Vacancies**

The SU currently has vacancies for several faculty representatives. These vacancies are in the Haskayne School of Business (1), Cumming School of Medicine (1), Faculty of Social Work (1) and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (1). These positions are currently held by temporarily appointed students and will be filled in the SU's upcoming By-Election, running from October 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

#### **Annual Budget**

The SU's 2019-2020 Annual Budget was approved by SLC in July. The full budget is available on the SU's website.

#### **Executive Annual Operating Plan**

SLC has approved the SU executive's annual operating plan, which aligns with the SU's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan. The full SU Executive Annual Operating Plan is now available on the SU website.

### **SU Programs and Services**

#### **Refugee Student Program**

The SU is excited to welcome two new students to the Refugee Student Program – Yahye Bashey and Console Ufitinema. Yahye is originally from Somalia and was previously living in a refugee camp in Kenya. He is currently pursuing his first year of studies in the Schulich School of Engineering. Console is from Rwanda and was previously living in a refugee camp in Malawi. She is currently enrolled in the Faculty of Arts and will be pursuing a major in Law and Society.

#### **SUPERWork**

The Students' Union Program for Education Related Work (SUPERWork) provides a \$1,000 wage subsidy to undergraduate students that are earning less than a competitive wage in a summer employment position related to their field of study. This year, 236 undergraduate students applied to SUPERWork. 75 of these applicants will receive funding.

#### **Pride Parade**

On September 1, approximately 23 SU Elected Officials, staff, and student volunteers represented the SU Q Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity in the Calgary Pride Parade.

### Orientation, Campus Expo, and Kickoff Tailgate

During the two official days of Orientation, the SU interacted with first-year students at several activations in MacEwan Hall and hosted six elective sessions on the following topics: Clubs, Volunteer Services, and Student Life.

During the first week of classes, the SU held booths at the annual Campus Expo and collaborated with both UCalgary Alumni and the UCalgary Dinos to host the annual Kickoff Tailgate.

### SU Campus Food Bank

The SU Campus Food Bank provides emergency food hampers to current students, staff members, and alumni (within two years of their graduation date). The food bank has noted a significant increase in demand for services, particularly among international students, and has appealed to the surrounding community for support.

May to August	2017	2018	2019
Number of Hampers	86	111	130
Number of Adults Fed	135	178	192
Number of Children Fed	55	52	69
Total Fed	190	230	267

### Information Centre/Lost and Found

During the spring and summer terms, the Information Centre/Lost and Found operates from 11 AM to 2 PM. It provides visitors with directions and information about on-campus resources and events. It also stores and returns lost items to their owners.

May to August	2017	2018	2019
Items Handed In	543	692	1,425
Items Returned to Owner	166	165	142
On-Campus Directions	1,005	1,065	1,202
Campus Services Questions	7	378	314
Total Number of Clients	1,900	2,246	2,561

### Dr. Seuss in the Park

Between June 22 - August 24, Volunteer Services offers Dr. Seuss in the Park, the only SU Volunteer Services program that runs exclusively during the summer. Based in Riley Park, volunteers spent their time reading and creating crafts with children to promote childhood literacy.

	2017	2018	2019
Total Attendance	558	377	701
Average Attendance	55.8	47.1	100

### Veterinary Medicine Lunch and Learn

On October 1, the SU Executives hosted a lunch and learn session at Spy Hill Campus that was tailored specifically to Veterinary Medicine students. Information was shared regarding SU programs, services, and the upcoming SU By-Election.

## **Open House**

The SU hosted a booth at the university's Open House on October 5. The booth included several tables with information on SU Clubs, SU Volunteer Services, and several other SU programs and services. Over 1500 prospective students interacted with the SU's booth.

## **SU Clubs**

After an annual review of all SU Registered Clubs, 337 clubs are currently active and registered with the SU. All 337 clubs have completed their mandatory requirements for registration and are in good standing for the upcoming year.

The fall SU Clubs Week was held from September 16-20. 210 SU-registered clubs and 15 prospective SU clubs hosted tables throughout the week to encourage student involvement.

## **SU Advocacy Initiatives**

### **Get Out the Vote (GOTV)**

In September, the SU launched a non-partisan campaign focused on encouraging students to engage with the upcoming federal election and vote. This campaign, done in partnership with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), asks students to pledge to vote and reminds them when, where, and how to vote on October 21. Students are also eligible to win a variety of prizes, including a series of Apple products and MacEwan Hall gift certificates.

### **Federal Election**

The SU Executives have met with multiple federal candidates and spoken about undergraduate priorities in the upcoming federal election. In addition to these meetings, the SU coordinated with Elections Canada to support on-campus voting stations from October 5-9.

On October 2, the SU, the Graduate Students' Association (GSA), and the University of Calgary collaborated to host a federal election forum between all Calgary-Confederation federal candidates.

### **Provincial Budget**

The SU Executives have met with multiple MLAs to convey the priorities of undergraduate students in anticipation of the upcoming provincial budget.

## **Conclusion**

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



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