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## LHSA charges spur \$10,000 increase to SU legal budget

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The Lister Hall Students' Association has officially been charged under the Code of Student Behaviour by the University of Alberta, following an investigation by Protective Services.

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COLTEN YAMAGISHI  
PRESIDENT, STUDENTS' UNION

Due to privacy concerns, the nature of the allegations haven't been confirmed, but *The Gateway* has obtained evidence that Students' Council was asked by the SU executives to approve \$10,000 in legal fees during an *in camera*

Council session.

Although SU President Colten Yamagishi clarified to Council that this money would be an increase in their budget and not necessarily be given to the LHSA, the ultimate argument for the approval of this increase was to assist the LHSA with legal fees in regards to the case against them, which he called an “attack on the delegated authority” of the SU.

“When we go into a really complex issue like this, not only do we need someone with extensive legal background and material, but also someone who could advocate for the individual in that meeting,” Yamagishi explained.

“We think this is a really serious issue, and we need the best of the best.”

LHSA President Eric Martin was not able to comment on the situation as of press time, but Yamagishi told councilors that Martin had

been forbidden to investigate his own case.

“That's what (the Discipline Officer) told him. They said, “You can't go on the internet, you can't look up some of these videos.’ These investigations are just ridiculous,” he said.

SU Vice-President (External) Petros Kusmu added the reason for taking the meeting *in camera* was because Martin and his lawyer were told not to discuss the topic outside their meetings with the Discipline Officer.

“Doing so, they said, would lead to a direct investigation into (Martin),” Kusmu added.

Deborah Eerkes, the director for the Office of Student Judicial Affairs, said the process for charging a student group is nearly identical to the one used when charging an individual, although she couldn't comment on the specific case.

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## VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW



ZHENG BEN HAO

## Undefeated Bears look to secure perfect season

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Heading into the final stages of a perfect regular season, the Golden Bears volleyball team will play a third Manitoba-based team in as many weeks when they take on the University of Manitoba Bisons this weekend in a rematch of last year's Canada West semi-final.

Having secured top spot in the CanWest conference with Saturday's 3-0 victory over the University of Winnipeg Wesmen, the Bears will be looking for their 10th straight series sweep this season. Earlier this season,

Bears starting left center Jay Olmstead explained the team wasn't focused on going undefeated, and despite taking two steps towards that possibility this past weekend, he reiterated the same sentiment after Saturday's win.

“We are staying grounded. Obviously the team is pumped to be undefeated up to this point, but the key is to remain focused on this next weekend,” Olmstead said. “If we can get two wins against Manitoba then it comes down to that last series. But we aren't thinking about it until and if that happens.”

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