



**Council of Alberta University Students**  
Alberta Elections and Post-Secondary Students  
Policy #08-02

WHEREAS voter turnout in general and specifically by post-secondary students in Alberta Provincial General Elections is low; and

WHEREAS post-secondary students often find themselves disenfranchised by the legislation and rules within the Elections Act; and

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has made several recommendations relating to post-secondary students within his report on the March 3, 2008 Provincial General Election.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to adopt the recommendation of the Chief Electoral Officer to amend the Elections Act to allow an Albertan attending post-secondary education for six months or longer to have their temporary residence deemed their ordinary residence from the date the student begins to reside there.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to adopt the recommendation of the Chief Electoral Officer to establish additional advance voting stations at post-secondary institutions and to allow Albertans the opportunity to vote by special ballot at those stations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to adopt the recommendation of the Chief Electoral Officer to allow “anywhere voting”, permitting electors to vote at any returning office or at established additional advance voting stations at post-secondary institutions by special ballot within the writ period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to adopt the recommendation of the Chief Electoral Officer to appoint returning officers earlier in the electoral process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to direct Elections Alberta and returning officers of constituencies with post-secondary institutions or a concentration of post-secondary students to work with students’ unions and student associations to ensure that all post-secondary education students are made aware of their rights during the election and are encouraged to vote if eligible.