



**Council of Alberta University Students**  
*Income Contingent Loan Repayment Policy*  
Policy #05-05

WHEREAS the Alberta Student Loan Program is intended to ensure no financial barriers exist to qualified Albertans to receiving a post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS income contingent loan repayment schemes are a method of shifting the cost of post-secondary education away from the government and onto students; and

WHEREAS income contingent loan repayment schemes result in those with lower incomes paying substantially more for the cost of their education; and

WHEREAS jurisdictions such as New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom that have income contingent loan repayment schemes have seen a corresponding and dramatic increase in tuition fees and other education costs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students oppose the introduction of an income contingent loan repayment scheme for the Alberta Student Loan Program that:

- a) seeks to permit institutions to further increase tuition at Alberta universities;
- b) through the use of annual interest rates ensures that lower-income Albertans pay more for their education than higher-income Albertans;
- c) erodes the commitment of government to funding public post-secondary education or transfer the responsibility for funding from government to students and their families.