



Council of Alberta University Students
Non-Instructional Mandatory Fees
Policy #09-02

WHEREAS non-instructional mandatory fees represent a cost of pursuing a post-secondary education beyond tuition fees; and

WHEREAS historically Alberta's universities have imposed few non-instructional mandatory fees without a referendum of the student body; and

WHEREAS university students and society have an expectation that certain services are vital to promoting a campus learning community and that those services are provided within the context of tuition and government operating funds; and

WHEREAS the imposition of large non-instructional mandatory fees to offset the cost of certain services that are vital to promoting a campus community should be seen as a tuition increase by another name; and

WHEREAS the administration of all non-instructional mandatory fees must be accountable and transparent;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is seeking to make the post-secondary education system more affordable and accessible to Albertans.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to place limits and policy regarding non-instructional mandatory fees within regulation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to clarify that certain services and activities such as campus security and groundskeeping are considered essential to providing a learning environment and as such are not to be covered on a cost-recovery basis by a non-instructional mandatory fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta that all new non-instructional mandatory fees and increases to existing fees beyond CPI be subject to a campus-wide student referendum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to require the imposition of new non-instructional mandatory fees and increases to existing fees beyond CPI be subject to a consultation with students' unions and associations not less than that of the consultation required for tuition increases.