



Council of Alberta University Students
International Student Differential Tuition Policy
Policy #06-03

WHEREAS differential tuition represents a serious threat to affordability and accessibility; and

WHEREAS a diverse student body and institutional internationalization is a fundamental feature of a high-quality university education; and

WHEREAS international students bring in an estimated \$8.0 billion in expenditure to the Canadian economy, and the jobs created to service these students exceed 86,000 across the country¹; and

WHEREAS, international students may stay in Canada for up to two years after completion of their program and may also apply for Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status; and

WHEREAS, international students should not bear the burden of institutions' financial deficits; and

WHEREAS the A Learning Alberta review of Alberta's post-secondary education system recommends Alberta "develop and implement an international education strategy" and later states that Alberta will be "a place of choice for international students".

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students urge the Government of Alberta to reduce differential tuition for international students at Alberta's universities.

¹ Roslyn Kunin & Associates, Inc. (RKA, Inc.). "Economic Impact of International Education in Canada -- An Update Final Report." Global Affairs Canada. 2012. http://www.international.gc.ca/education/assets/pdfs/economic_impact_en.pdf (accessed September 12, 2016).