



**Council of Alberta University Students**  
*Student Housing Policy*  
Policy #06-04

WHEREAS there is a affordable housing shortage in Alberta; and

WHEREAS the monthly living allowance within student financial aid calculations are inadequate for the Alberta rental housing market; and

WHEREAS university students are adversely affected by the housing shortage as vacancy rates are lowest in areas close to university campuses; and

WHEREAS many university students are unable to sign leases for longer than eight months; and

WHEREAS many students, such as rural and international students, are unable to live with their family while attending university; and

WHEREAS all university residences in Alberta are often full to capacity; and

WHEREAS building more residence space at Alberta's universities is often cost-prohibitive for universities; and

WHEREAS the Residential Tenancy Act excludes tenancy agreements between post-secondary institutions and students for non self-contained dwelling units; and

WHEREAS students deserve housing rights and protections comparable to other Albertans.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students urge the Government of Alberta to make funding and financing available for constructing new residence spaces at Alberta's universities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students urge the Government of Alberta to prohibit the collection of municipal taxes on university residences, and if taxation remains, those tax revenues go back into residence maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to consult students and post-secondary institutions, and legislate tenant rights for students.