



Council of Alberta University Students

Post-Secondary Tuition and Education Tax Credits Policy

Policy #10-01

WHEREAS the global economic downturn and decline in non-renewable resource prices has caused a reduction in the revenue stream of the Government of Alberta; and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has requested interested groups to table ideas on where best the Government of Alberta could cut expenditures or increase revenue; and

WHEREAS post-secondary tuition and education tax credits offered by the Government of Alberta equal approximately \$200.6 million in forgone revenue; and

WHEREAS post-secondary tuition and education tax credits are demonstrated to be a poor public policy choice for encouraging participation and for lowering costs; and

WHEREAS post-secondary tuition and education tax credits disproportionately favour higher socioeconomic groups for whom financial incentives provide for little or no increase in the post-secondary education participation rate.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta to remove all post-secondary tuition and education tax credits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students advocate to the Government of Alberta that all funds received from a change to post-secondary tuition and education tax credits be used to encourage access to post-secondary education by upfront needs-based grants to students.