



Council of Alberta University Students
Student Work Programs Policy
Policy #13-01

WHEREAS the youth unemployment rate in Alberta is nearly double the national average¹; and

WHEREAS the cost of attaining a post-secondary education has risen at a significantly greater rate than inflation since the 1990's²; and

WHEREAS costs related to attending university are a serious obstacle in accessing post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS private sector companies receiving a wage subsidy from a student employment program may still pay student employees minimum wage³; and

WHEREAS student employment programs should be geared towards implementing and developing skills learned in study; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students will advocate for the maintenance of a provincial student employment program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students will advocate for the enhancement of a provincial student employment program with year-long operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students will advocate that the provincial government review and update private sector wage minimums for employment programs that provide government funded wage subsidies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Alberta University Students will advocate that the provincial government review the criteria for funding student employment wage subsidy positions to ensure that funded positions have a positive impact on implementing and developing skills learned in study.

¹ "Youth Neither Enrolled not Employed", *Statistics Canada*

² "Paying for Higher Education", *Statistics Canada*

³ Albertan Minimum Wage Standards