



# MacHall Dispute: SU Position Summary

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## MacHall Ownership

Since 1969, the Students' Union (SU) has invested more than \$20M for the construction, expansion, and redevelopment of MacHall - the popular student centre located in the heart of the University of Calgary main campus. As building manager of MacHall, the SU continues to make significant investments in MacHall's capital and operating costs.

The SU paid 55% of the original construction costs of the building and was promised a 55% ownership stake in the building by the University of Calgary. However, the university's current administration denies that the SU holds any ownership interest in the student centre. The SU does not believe the university's position is supported by the facts.

This has been the fundamental point of contention which has prevented the SU and the University of Calgary's current administration from reaching an agreement on a new operating and management agreement for the building. The SU will not accept any MacHall agreement that does not directly recognize our substantial historical and ongoing investments in the facility, or which does not explicitly address the issue of the SU's building ownership stake.

If such an agreement is not possible, the SU is prepared to pursue every available remedy to protect undergraduate students and the investments made on their behalf.



## ABOUT THE SU

As of 2016, the University of Calgary's Students' Union (SU) is in its 74<sup>th</sup> year. The SU is an effective advocacy and service group for all undergraduate students at the University of Calgary. All undergraduate students are members of the SU. The Students' Legislative Council (SLC), the SU's governing body, is made up of five executives - the president and four vice presidents - and 19 faculty representatives, elected annually to represent students' interests. The SU's operations are supported by a professional team of staff and hundreds of student staff. As well as managing MacEwan Student Centre (MSC), the SU runs a number of businesses. All proceeds from these student-owned ventures are reinvested directly into SU programs, services, events, and advocacy to benefit students and the campus.



Additional information available:

- Historic milestones in the ownership of MacHall
- Background of the MacHall dispute
- Financial summary of investments