

# THE STUDENTS' UNION THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

## CONSTITUTION

### Article I Name

The name of the organized student body shall be "THE STUDENTS' UNION, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY," established in accordance with Section 93 of the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* and hereinafter referred to as "The Students' Union" or "The Union."  
(Constitutional Amendment – Feb. 04)

### Article II Object

The object of The Union shall be to provide for the administration of the affairs of the students of The University of Calgary, including:

- A. The development and management of student committees;  
(Constitutional Amendment – Feb. 04)
- B. The development and enforcement of rules relating to student affairs;  
(Constitutional Amendment – Feb. 04)
- C. The promotion of the general welfare and the furtherance of total education of the students consistent with the purposes of The University of Calgary, and;
- D. The protection of the joint and several rights of the body.

### Article III Membership

Membership in The Union shall consist of:

- A. All active members;
- B. (Constitutional Amendment - Oct. 96)
- C. (Constitutional Amendment - Oct. 96)
- D. All honorary members.

## Article IV Powers

In accordance with the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, all active members of The Union shall have the power to:

- A. Nominate to or be nominated for positions on the hereinafter defined Students' Legislative Council;
- B. Cast a ballot in any Students' Union election, referendum, or plebiscite;
- C. Petition the hereinafter defined Students' Legislative Council in respect of any matter, particularly the removal of any officer from his or her elected position;  
(Constitutional Amendment – Feb. 04)
- D. Exercise any other powers inherent in this Constitution or established in the by-laws of the Union.  
(Constitutional Amendment – Feb. 04)

## Article V General Meetings

The President shall call a general meeting of The Students' Union, called a town hall meeting, if the President is requested to do so in writing by 100 Active Members.

(Constitutional Amendment - Oct. 96), (Constitutional Amendment – Feb. 1999)

## Article VI Students' Legislative Council

- A. There is established in accordance with Section 95 of the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, a body entitled "The Students' Legislative Council, The University of Calgary", hereinafter referred to as "The Council" or the "SLC".  
(Constitutional Amendment – Feb. 04)
- B. Notwithstanding any Article of this Constitution, the Legislative power of The Union shall be and is hereby invested in The Council. The Students' Legislative Council shall manage the business and affairs of The Union through its position as the policy-making body of The Union. Except as stated in Article IX all legislative proposals become law after being passed by The Council.
- C. There shall be held a General Election of The Students' Union during each University year at which time The Council shall be elected by and from the active members of The Students' Union, as provided in the by-laws thereof. The organizational meeting of SLC shall be no earlier than the last day of the winter session final examinations and no later than the first Monday in May.  
(Constitutional Amendment - Oct. 96)

## **Article VII Students' Executive Cabinet**

- A. There is established, by this Constitution, a body entitled "The Students' Executive Cabinet, The University of Calgary," hereinafter referred to as "The Cabinet" or "The S.E.C."
- B. Notwithstanding any Article of The Constitution, the administrative and executive functions of The Union and The Council shall be and hereby are invested in The Cabinet.
- C. The Cabinet shall be elected by and from the members of The Students' Union as provided in the by-laws thereof.

## **Article VIII Students' Union Review Board and Students' Tribunal**

- A. There is established, by this Constitution, a body entitled "The Students' Union Review Board, The University of Calgary", and "The Students' tribunal, the University of Calgary" hereinafter referred to respectively as "The Review Board" and "The Tribunal".
- B. Notwithstanding any Article of this Constitution, the judicial functions within the jurisdiction of The Union shall be and hereby are vested in The Review Board and The Tribunal as provided in the by-laws thereof.
- C. The Members of the Review Board shall be selected by the Council as provided for in the by-laws thereof.

## **Article IX Amendment Process**

- A.
  - 1. Prior to the consideration by The Students' Legislative Council, the proposed amendments shall be posted on The Students' Union bulletin boards and published in the students' newspaper, where possible, at least five days prior to a regular Students' Legislative Council meeting.
  - 2. Prior to the consideration by The Students' Legislative Council of any amendment to the by-laws, notice of such amendment shall be given, by submitting the amendment in writing to a meeting of The Students' Legislative Council at least five days prior to the SLC meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon.
- B. It shall require a 2/3 majority of all voting members of Council:
  - 1. To present a proposed Constitutional amendment of The Students' Union;
  - 2. To amend, adopt, or rescind By-laws.
- C. It shall require a 2/3 majority of a Referendum of The Students' Union to pass an amendment to the Constitution.

- D.
1. The Union shall establish a new fee or increase an existing fee only if a majority of votes cast by members voting in a referendum are in favour of doing so.
  2. The Union shall eliminate a fee for all members or decrease a fee for all members only if a majority of the votes cast by members voting in a referendum are in favour of doing so.
  3. If substantially all the students registered in a faculty, session, or program do not have reasonable access to a significant portion of the services covered by a fee, the S.L.C. may amend The Unions' by-laws to decrease the fee paid by the students by an amount that fairly represents the services that student can not use.
    - 3.1 The SLC may amend the Union's by-laws to temporarily decrease The Students' Union general fee, the health plan fee or the dental plan fee for one year. The by-law amendment can only take effect at the end of the term of office of the SLC that passes the amendment, and remains in effect for only one year.
  4. The S.L.C. may amend The Union's bylaws to rescind any amendments made under subsection (3).