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RE: University of Calgary Students' Union Report – Board of Governors

Governors of the University of Calgary,

Alberta's post-secondary institutions were significantly impacted by Budget 2019. The University of Calgary was no exception, receiving a substantial in-year cut of 6.9%. As Governors of the University of Calgary, we all have a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interests of this institution. This often means that we must make difficult decisions – ones that directly impact the people who work, live, and learn on this campus.

I serve as the elected representative of undergraduate students at the University of Calgary. I am also a current undergraduate student. As students, we understand that there is a cost associated with our education. We also understand that the absorption of an in-year cut has put the University of Calgary in a difficult position – and we appreciate the university's public commitment to minimizing the impact of cuts on student experience and our quality of education.

However, many students are in a precarious position. We are afraid. Our futures are uncertain. Interest on our provincial loans is increasing. Our post-secondary education tax credits have been eliminated. Increases to tuition are no longer tied to CPI – a predictable standard of inflation. International students have no tuition regulations or protections. Collectively, this represents a significant financial burden that will continue to impact students long after they have finished – or left – their post-secondary education.

The Students' Union has heard from concerned undergraduate students since the release of Budget 2019. We have compiled some of these concerns alongside this letter. These messages are entirely unedited. I strongly encourage each Governor to read through each of these messages in full – we **must** understand the human impact of the decisions we make today.

As Governors of the University of Calgary, we have a fiduciary responsibility to protect this institution and act in its best interests. Undergraduate students are integral to the success of the University of Calgary – our decisions today will demonstrate the extent to which we value this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Revington".

Jessica Revington
President
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CC: Hon. Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education
MLA David Eggen, Advanced Education Critic
Encl.: Student Feedback (Consolidated)