

## SUGGESTIONS REGARDING PROPOSED TUITION HIKES

- 1. Predictability of International Tuition Fee Increases:** At present, International students do not have any certainty about their tuition fee. The university reserves the right to increase tuition by any amount without prior consultation with the affected party i.e. international students. We suggest that this process be reevaluated and the students be given some kind of confirmation that their tuition fee will only increase by inflation during their study at the University of Alberta.
- 2. Tuition Hike:** We strongly feel that tuition hikes should not be applied to existing students. International students come with a certain budget and unprecedented tuition hikes derail them from their plans. This may cause some students to reconsider their post-secondary education and may cause some to discontinue their studies altogether. At the same time, we acknowledge that the University needs to address its budgetary concerns and therefore we propose the tuition hikes be applied only to new incoming students who will be made aware of the tuition fee structure in their acceptance letter.
- 3. Discriminatory Policy Towards International Students:** The policy of tuition increase for international students while domestic students have a tuition freeze, reflect policies that go against Canadian values of inclusivity. International students feel that they are being discriminated against by such policies. Such plans will only make the University of Alberta unattractive to international talent.