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1. A Welcoming University for students

Students who are welcomed and accepted are better able to thrive in their studies and extracurriculars.

- Strengthen student rights
- Support diverse student identities
- Improve accessibility to resources, services, and supports

2. Support Student Culture

Students who feel at home, both on their campus culture and in their city, are better equipped to foster community with their peers.

- Support student representatives
- Enhance the student group experience
- Collaborate to make Edmonton a better place to learn and thrive

3. Bringing Students back to Campus

If students stay on campus they are better able to connect with their peers and meet new friends, all in a supportive and sustainable environment.

- Promote a vibrant campus
- Improve campus spaces
- Make a better Students' Union Building

4. A Predictable and Affordable Future

Students should be able to focus on their education and extracurriculars while at University. Reducing financial stress on students will improve their university experience, ensure they are able to complete their degree, and set them up for success post graduation.

- Advocate for affordable Post Secondary Education
- Regulate Post Secondary Education costs
- Advocate for affordable non-academic costs

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Strengthen student rights

- Draft a Charter of Student Rights
- Advocate for student tenant rights, on and off campus.
- Increased rights and access to work for international students.

Support diverse student identities

- Raise awareness of diversity in the classroom
- Finish large internal research projects
- Increase collection of demographics by the University
- Collaborate with indigenous students to work towards reconciliation.

Improve accessibility to resources, services, and supports

- Establish student access to syllabi and improve scholarship accessibility
- Increase accessibility to mental health resources, including completing the mental health website and increasing supports to marginalized students
- Strengthen the network between SU, University, and local services, including
 - supporting community mental health and Wsexual violence prevention initiatives
- Reanalyze Access Fund fee model

2. Support Student Culture

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Support student representatives

- Strengthen relationships with faculty associations and residents associations
- Promote inclusivity in student governance
- Promote transparency with Residence Services
- Expand training for student leaders for mental health and sexual violence prevention

Enhance the student group experience

- Achieve student group autonomy
- Increase accessibility to information about Student groups, including exploring alternatives to BearsDen
- Offer full suite of operational supports to student groups.

Collaborate to make Edmonton a better place to learn and thrive

- Work with the City of Edmonton to establish community orientation
- Increase education about housing options in Edmonton
- Develop employment strategies for recent graduates

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Promote a vibrant campus

- Promote campus recreation and athletics at U of A
- Establish a student event calendar

Improve campus spaces

- Housing and residence development
- Champion deferred maintenance

Make a better Students' Union Building (SUB)

- Create a student video creation space in SUB
- Solidify the SUB student event centre plan
- Create a comprehensive plan for the Myer Horowitz Theatre renovations and fundraising campaign

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Advocate for affordable Post

Secondary Education

• Reduce base tuition costs in line with the efforts of provincial and federal advocacy.

Advocate for affordable non-academic costs

- Advocate for an affordable meal plan
- Advocate for affordable housing on campus
- Advocate for subsidized work programs and graduate retention strategies

Regulate Post Secondary Education costs

- Advocate for provincial regulation for all new Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees (MNIFs)
- Pursue stability and predictability in International Student Tuition

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