

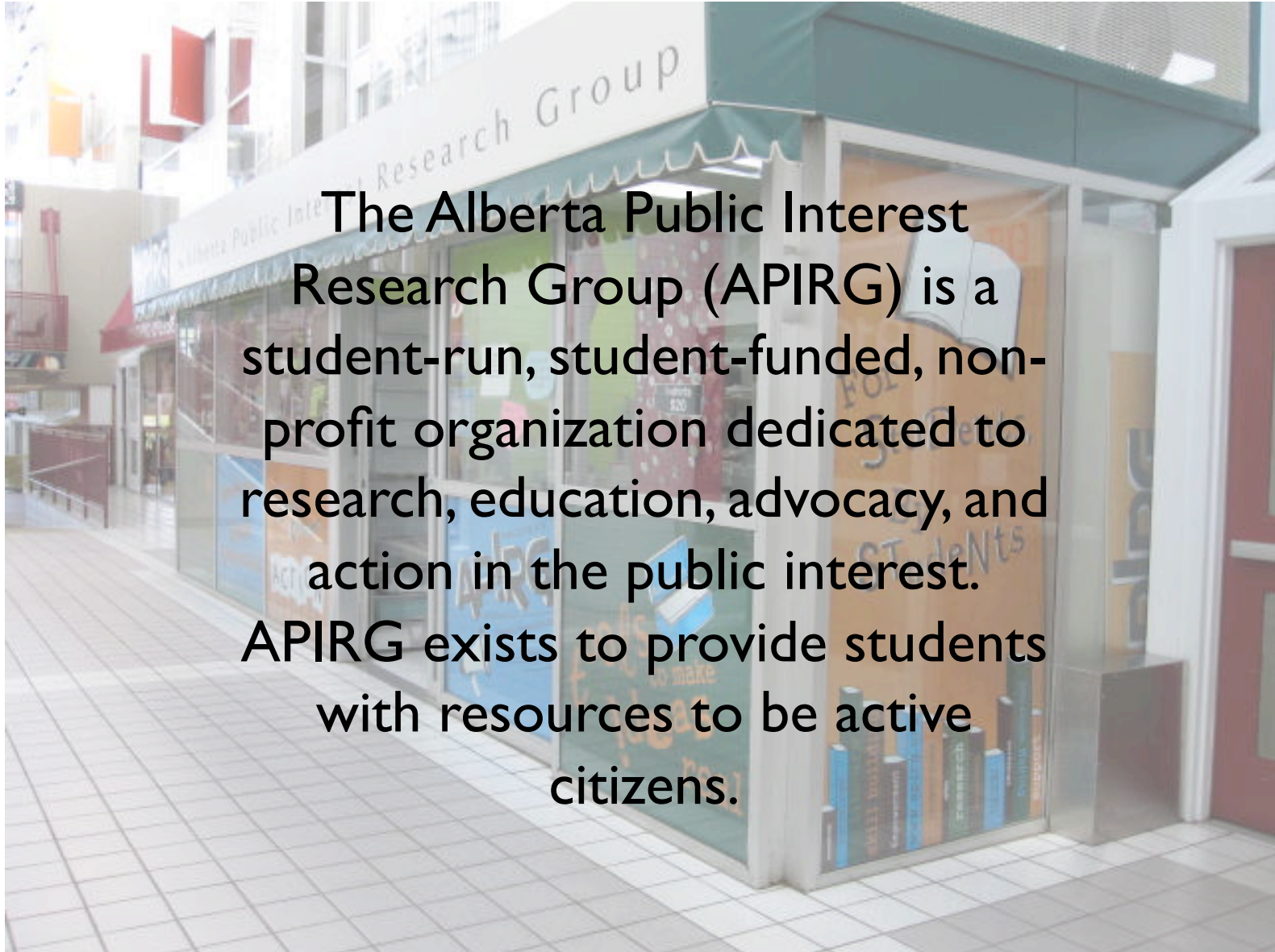
The logo consists of the letters 'AP!RG' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The exclamation point is positioned between the 'P' and the 'R'. The entire logo is contained within a black rectangular box with a thin white border. This box is centered on a dark blue-grey background.

**AP!RG**

A series of horizontal lines in shades of teal and light blue, located below the logo box. The lines vary in length and thickness, creating a decorative, layered effect.

**The Alberta Public  
Interest Research Group**

# What is APIRG?



The Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) is a student-run, student-funded, non-profit organization dedicated to research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest. APIRG exists to provide students with resources to be active citizens.

## APIRG provides...



- Funding and support for student working groups and student-initiated projects and events
- Administrative, informational and technological resources
- Opportunities for skill development through internships, educational events, public campaigns and partnerships with community organizations

## Who is APIRG?

- All U of A undergrads who have not opted out of the APIRG fee
- Community members
- Volunteer Board of Directors
- Three part-time staff positions



## The APIRG Board of Directors



- The APIRG Board of Directors Consists of nine undergraduate students elected in March of each year
- All U of A undergrads who have not opted out of the APIRG fee are eligible to run in the APIRG election
- Students' Council appoints one of its members to sit on the APIRG Board of Directors

# Board Responsibilities

- Oversee all APIRG operations
- Set annual priorities and budgets
- Review funding applications
- Develop and maintain policy
- Outreach to community
- Hire and oversee staff
- Commit at least 3 hours/week
- Attend biweekly board meetings
- Attend three one-and-a-half day retreats (May, September and January)



# What legislation governs APIRG?

- APIRG Bylaws
- Alberta Societies Act
  - APIRG is incorporated as a society
- U of A Students' Union Bylaw 6000
  - APIRG is an external dedicated fee recipient
- U of A Students' Union Bylaw 3000
  - APIRG is a Class B Fee

# How is APIRG accountable to students?

- APIRG is a democratic organization that is accountable directly to the people who fund it – students at the UofA.

- Any student member can run in the elections for the APIRG board of directors, and all board meetings and general meetings are open to the public.



**AP!R!G** board elections 2011/12  
vote march 9&10 at Students' Union polling stations or online

The Alberta Public Interest Research Group is an incredible resource based at the University of Alberta for student- and community-based research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest. We provide the administrative, informational and technological resources to help students to transform social concern into effective action. APIRG exists to provide students with resources to be active citizens.

**Your vote matters!**  
You contributed \$3.14 per term to APIRG. Choose the students who match your vision for where "the public interest" lies.

There are 9 equal voting positions on the APIRG Board. These people are seeking your vote on March 9 & 10

[apirg.org](http://apirg.org)

**Amina Mohamed**  
As an Arts student, I've had the opportunity to learn about various issues that affect the community. By running as a board member for APIRG, I hope to become better involved with the community and the university. As a board member, I will strive to ensure that APIRG works with groups that advocates for student needs and issues. As a minority, I hope to bring a unique perspective to APIRG. I'll try to bring to light issues that relate to certain minority groups by incorporating my outlook into the discussion. Working with APIRG is an opportunity that I would greatly appreciate and I will take every step in fulfilling my responsibilities to the community.

**Justin Bartlett**  
Hello all! I am Justin Bartlett, and I spend my academic time as a Women's Studies major. I've been involved with an APIRG working group for the past two years, participated in many of its amazing workshops, events, and now I want to get more directly involved with APIRG. I see APIRG as a vital piece of the University of Alberta Community, and of Edmonton as a whole. I would like to do my part to help carry out the vision of a progressive future for current and future students. One way I believe this can be achieved is by continually and increasingly fostering the growth and development of a community in which progressive people can feel supported and encouraged, both personally and professionally. I intend to use my own network and APIRG extensive network to encourage the growth of such a community. We are stronger together and with your vote I can help build that strength. Vote for community!

**Sansitny Ruth**  
When I look at APIRG I see a resourceful organization that is ready to open the doors to social change. And anyone who is willing and determined can step through these doors and discover the vast possibilities in a world that requires us to take action. It is through my own organic inclinations that I have stepped on this path, and it is my deepest desire to continue forward as a member of APIRG's Board of Directors, actively animating the student body and other individuals in the building of the picture that they and myself have envisioned, one that is nothing short of a equitable and harmonious society.

**Jil Jorgensen**  
I am an undergraduate student in the department of Human Ecology. I understand how it can be difficult for students to foster a connection to social/environmental justice issues they are passionate about through coursework alone. I recognize the value of organizations that foster a link between learning that takes place on campus, and the learning & living that exists in the rest of the world. I know APIRG is an excellent resource to help students become engaged in issues and contribute active change. As a member of the Board of Directors for APIRG I want to ensure my peers continue to have access to the tools and resources they need to work towards change. I look forward to learning more about the specific skills I can offer to the rest of the Board as I get to know everyone in the next year.

**Mitch Carlson**  
I am a philosophy student with an interest in social justice and getting students actively involved in the community. I became involved in APIRG by serving as a proxy for one of their current board members, and was inspired by its ability to assist and mobilize organizations within our community which might otherwise have difficulty finding support. As a board member I would maintain an active interest in encouraging students to get involved, particularly those who wish to be active in the community but may not know where to begin or what options are available. I would also endeavour to encourage dialogue between organizations as I strongly believe that like-minded groups, when aware of each other, can become much more effective by communicating and working together towards a common purpose.

**Maignan Van Der Geissen**  
I am a 4th year POLS major and MEAS minor, mother, musician, filmmaker and activist in Edmonton. My experience as a human rights youth educator, workshop facilitator and advocate in the community make me an excellent candidate for APIRG board member.





# APIRG 2010 annual report

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*student & community-based research education social activism.*

*providing students with support to be active citizens.*

*resources to help student working groups to transform social concern into effective action.*



- APIRG also keeps audited financial records and produces an annual report.

- Students who are philosophically opposed to APIRG or who cannot afford the dedicated fee can opt out of the fee and receive a full refund.

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to be active citizens

# APIRG

## Dedicated Fee Opt-Out Period

Every year APIRG provides approximately \$30,000 in direct grants, as well as in-kind services, support and training to student working groups, projects and events. We also maintain an office and resource centre, which is open to all APIRG members.

All of this is made possible by undergraduate students like you, who pay \$3.17 (full time) or \$1.58 (part time) per term to help students turn their ideas and projects into reality.

**September 21 - October 28, 2011**

To opt out of the APIRG dedicated fee, simply fill out a form and bring it to the APIRG office (9111 112 St in HUB Mall). If you prefer, you can also mail in your form.

Opt out forms can be downloaded from [www.apirg.org](http://www.apirg.org) or picked up at the APIRG office (9111 HUB Mall), SU Executive Offices (2-B900 SUB) and SU InfoLink booths.

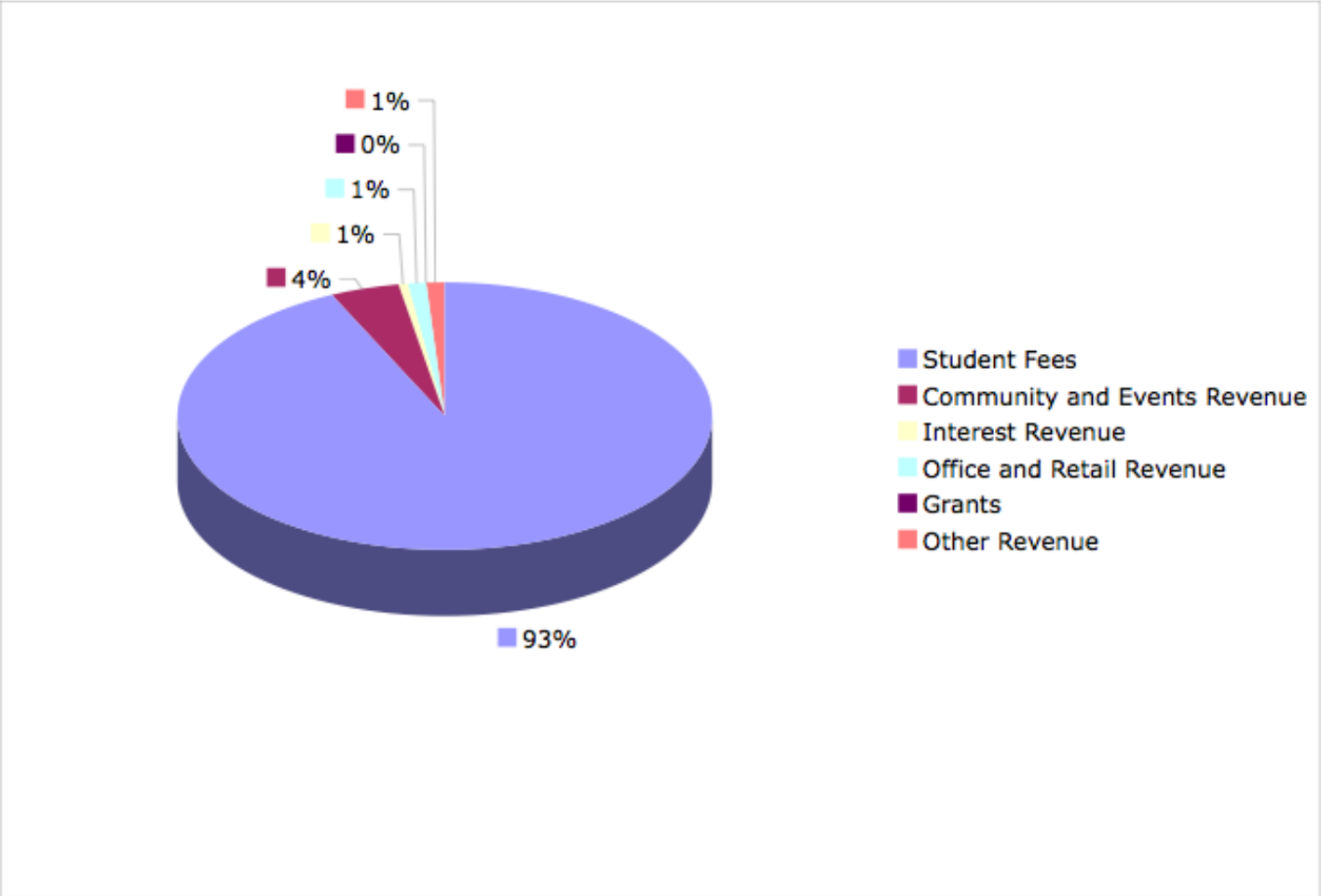
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## Where does APIRG get its money?

- Dedicated fees as part of annual student fees
- \$3.17 per term for full-time students
- \$1.58 per term for part-time students

# Projected Revenue



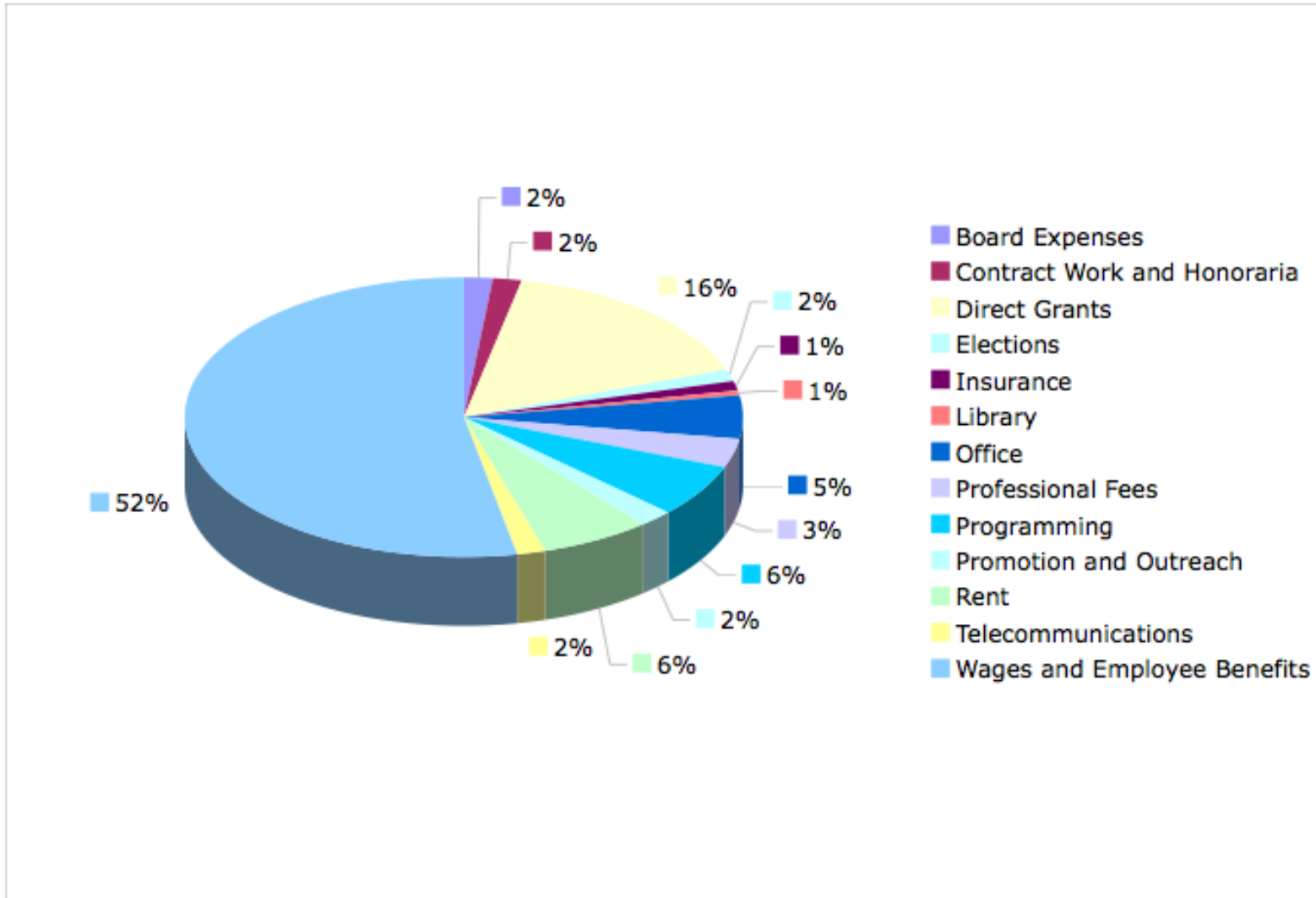


# Where does the money go?

## 2011/2012 Budget Projections

- Direct grants - 2 funding rounds per year
- Programming (Workshops, Events)
- Communications and Outreach
- Board Development
- Office and Resource Library
- Administration (opt outs, honoraria)
- Staff

# Projected Expenditures



# Direct Grants

(2010/2011)

## Events

- Aboriginal Student Council - Chief Clarence Louie speaking event
- Exposure Queer Arts and Culture Festival – D’Bi Young
- OUTlaw – Gary Kinsman speaking event
- Students Against Global Apathy – “Ancient Future: Learning from Ladakh film screening
- Film screening: The Obese Campus
- Film screening: The Economics of Happiness
- Native Studies Student Association – “Away from the Indian Act: Treaty Governance at Tsawassen” by Kim Baird
- Health and Wellness Movement Committee – 2011 Health Week
- Medical Students for Mental Health Awareness – Mental Health Awareness Week

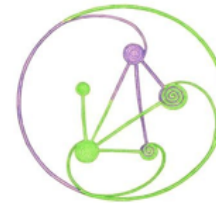
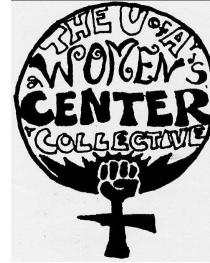
## Projects

- Oil Sands Student Delegation – trip to Ft. McMurray
- Peoples’ Poets – Artists for Palestine Project
- Students Against Global Apathy – Tuesday Seminars and Gender Equality Week
- Student International Health Association – Health Educator Training
- YYC – Magic Program
- Edmonton RebELLEs delegation to Winnipeg 2nd Pan-Canadian Feminist Gathering
- Music is a Weapon – People Powered Parties Initiative
- Rockin’ Docs Summer Camp
- Terra Informa – Northern Gateway Pipeline Story
- And more...

# Active Working Groups

(2010/2011)

- Centre for Organizing and Popular Education (COPE)
- Cardiovascular Health Advocates, Researchers, and Innovators of Tomorrow (CHARIOT)
- Edmonton Organic Growers Guild (EOGG) (Formally University Farm of Organic Growers)
- Friends of the Lubicon Alberta (FOLA)
- Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom (FLIF)
- Greenpeace on Campus
- The Olive Reading Series
- Palestine Solidarity Network (PSN)
- Solidarity With Iran's Democratic Movement (SIDM-E) ('10)
- Stand With Fort Chipewyan
- University of Alberta Council of Canadians
- University of Alberta Women's Centre Collective (UAWCC)
- Voices for Choices





# Non-monetary Resources

- Free or low-cost meeting space
- A resource library, which includes books, videos, newspapers, and magazines
- Web hosting
- Text editing and graphic design training
- Computers, scanner and printer
- Phone lines and fax machine
- Video cameras, minidisk recorders, digital camera, PA soundsystem, and relevant software training
- Photocopier
- Button maker
- Staff support
- Assistance recruiting volunteers and promoting events
- Training opportunities
- On- and off-campus networking opportunities



# APIRG Elections

- Will occur in conjunction with Students' Union Executive elections in March.
- Nomination packages will be available in mid-January

## RECESSION-PROOF YOUR EDUCATION



Graduate with a resume stacked with enviable experience:  
leading. skill building. decision making. growth.

**RUN FOR THE 2011 APIRG BOARD**

# APIRG

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Visit us for more information or to pick up a nomination package

**DEADLINE FEBRUARY 11, 2011**



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# Funding Round Deadline!

- Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm



**Need Some \$\$\$\$  
for your project or event?**



**Apply for AP!RG's next Funding  
Round!**



**Application Deadline  
September 30  
Friday @ 5pm**



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