

# **What is CAUS?**

## **Why does the U of A SU care?**

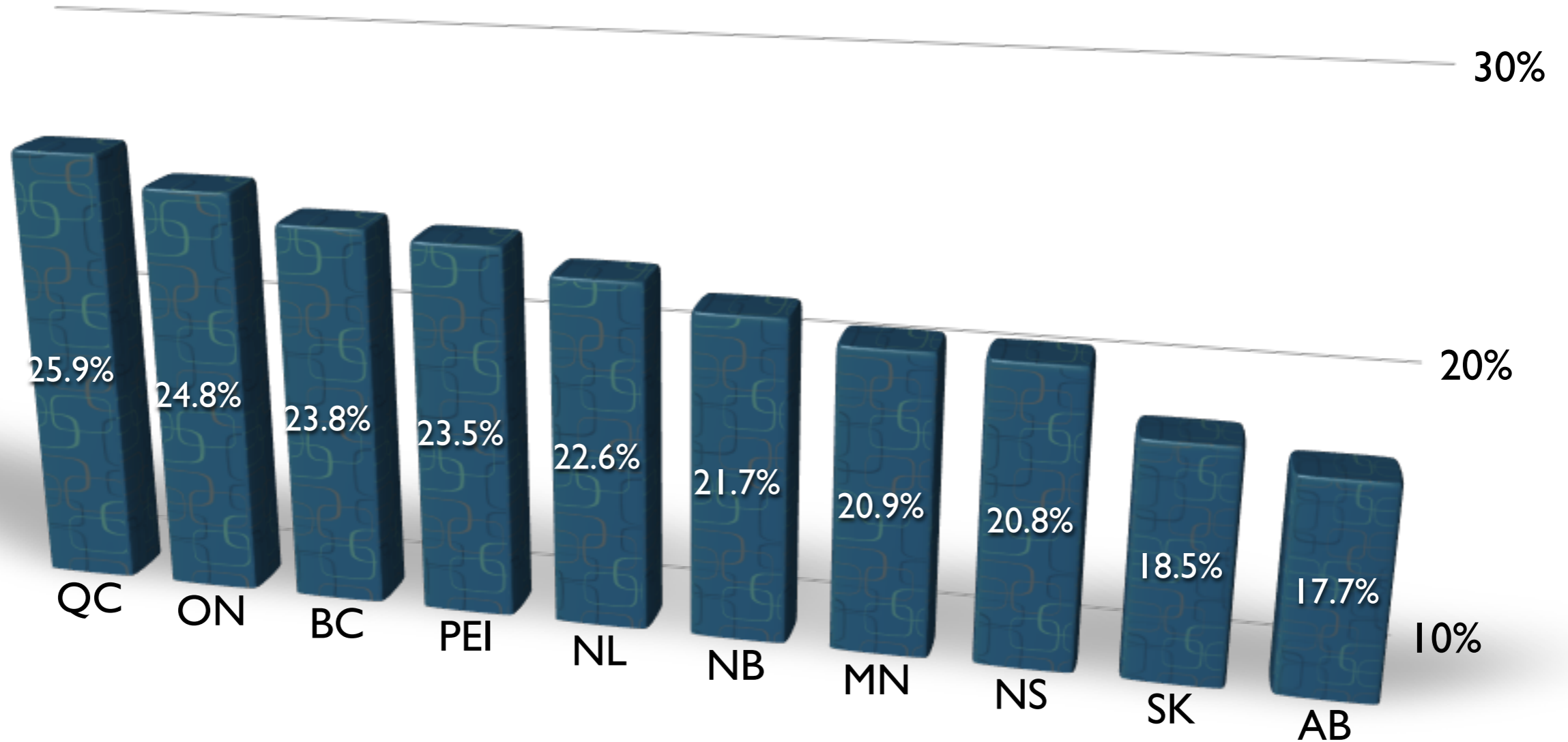
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# Where we started

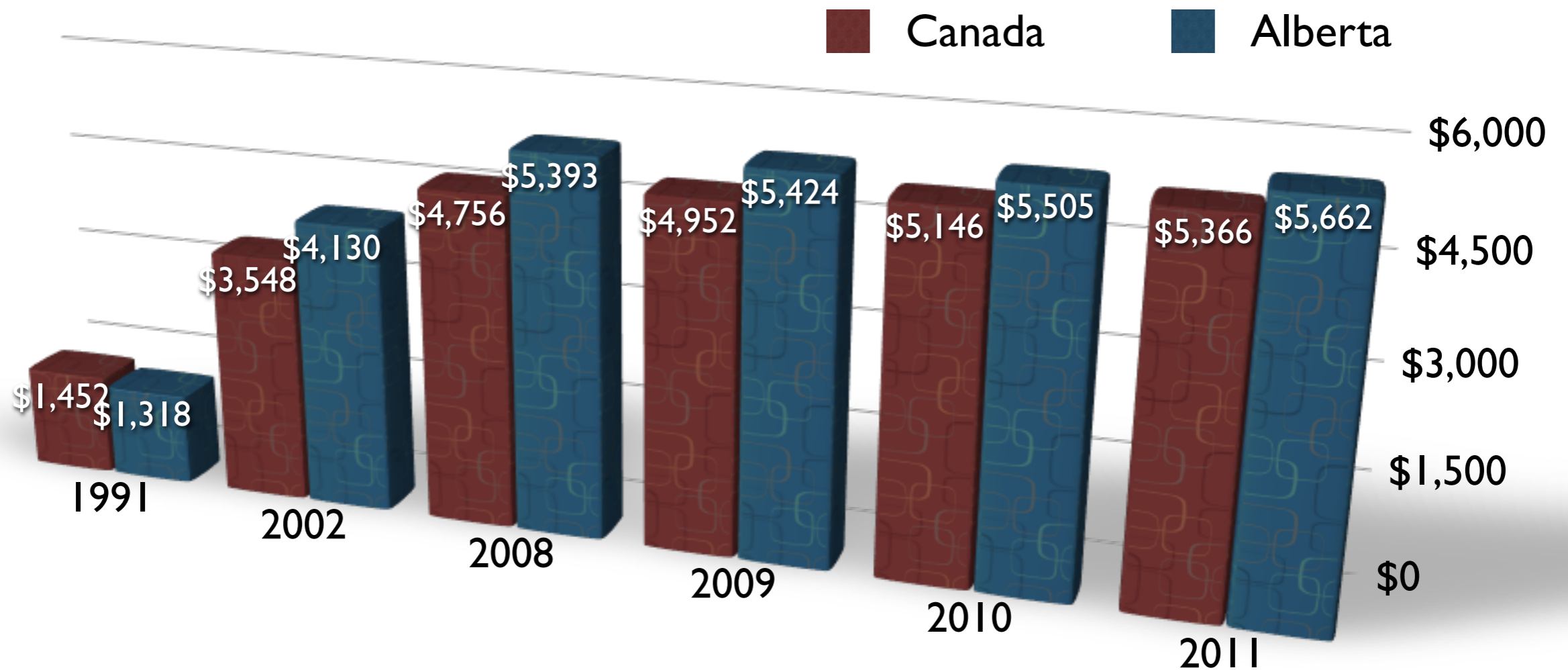


# What has happened



2010 PSE participation rate, 18-34 years

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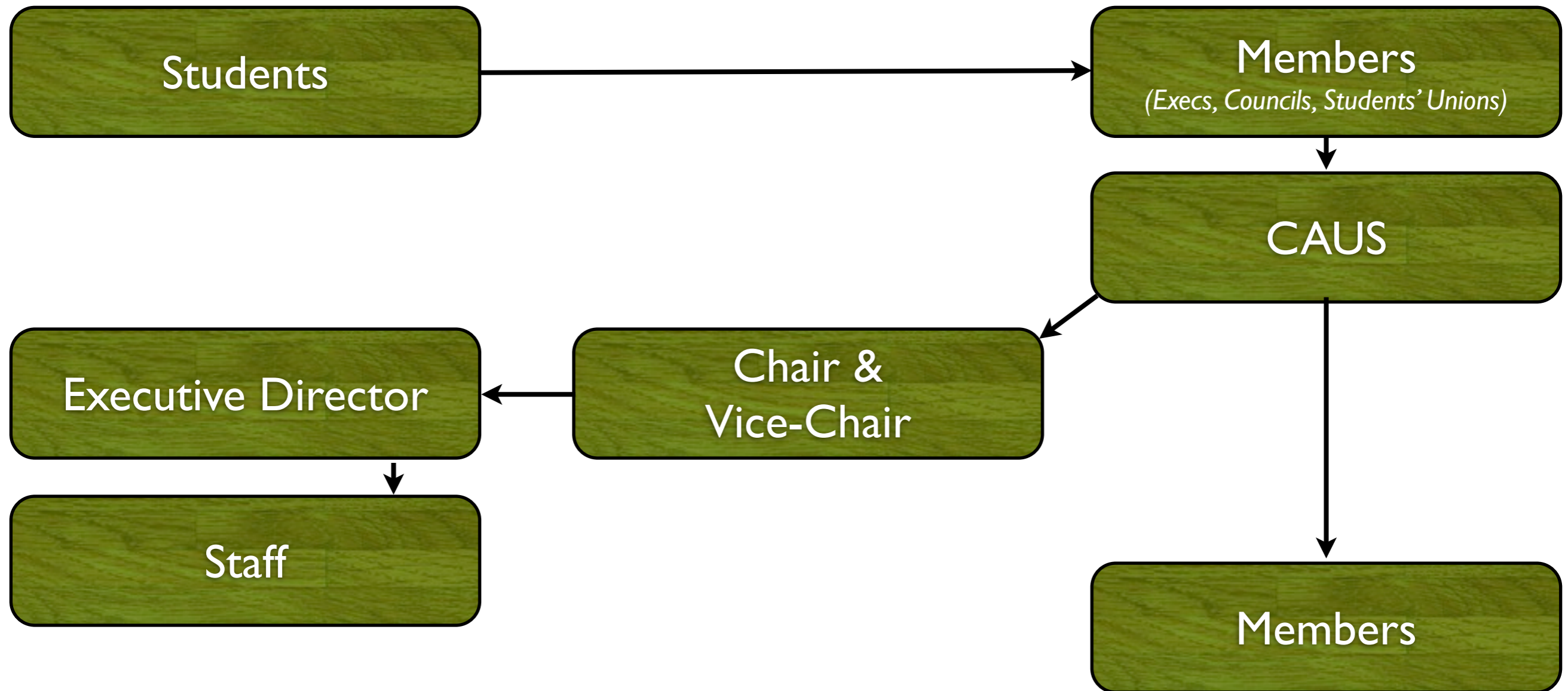
Average undergraduate tuition

# What CAUS is

- Represent 70,000 undergrads to the government, public and stakeholders
- Three members:  
*University of Alberta SU*  
*University of Calgary SU*  
*University of Lethbridge SU*



# How CAUS works



# What you do for CAUS

- Participate, participate, participate
- Come to meetings
- Propose policy and get feedback
- Find out where problems are
- Make campaigns local and successful
- Pay fees
- Represent your students
- Govern CAUS well
- Participate

# What CAUS has done

## ADVOCACY

- **Public campaigns:**  
Election and other campaigns to the public and on-campus
- **Coalition-building:**  
Other student groups, faculty, and other stakeholders





# What CAUS has done

## POLICY INFLUENCE

- ***Gov't of Alberta:***  
Increases in grants 2004-08;  
tuition freeze and cap;  
improved access to aid
- ***Opposition:*** Liberal and  
NDP policies in 2008; new  
Wildrose policy; contact with  
all five party leaders



# Opportunities

- New Premier, new leaders
- Provincial election in spring 2012
- Competitive political environment
- Appetite for change, appetite for activism

# Priorities

- Establish a vision for Alberta's post-secondary system with greater participation in PSE
- Regulate non-instructional fees
- Restore non-repayable student aid
- Close the market modifier loophole
- Make elections more accessible for students

 NEW LEADERS.  
NEW PARTIES.  
NEW VOTERS.

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ALBERTA IS ABOUT TO GET INTERESTING.

# Questions?

- Ask right now!
- Ask later!
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