CASA Policy and Strategy
Policy and Strategy is one of 3 general meetings in a CASA year
At P&S we decide what our lobbying & policy priorities for the year are
In this presentation I will explain CASA’s priorities for the year, and the process by which we prioritize
Ideas vs Asks

• Ideas: big picture concepts, that if CASA achieve, PSE in Canada will be improved
  – i.e. Increasing access to Aboriginal students or Affordability of Academic Materials

• Asks: specific steps that, if accomplished, will achieve the Idea
  – i.e. Removing funding cap on PSSSP or Removing Book Importation Regulation

• The goal of P&S is to take a bunch of ideas, turn them into asks then prioritize them
1) Removal of Book Importation Regulation/Make textbooks GST exempt
2) Copyright reform
3) International Student Visas and Work Permits
4) Increase funding for Canada Student Grant Program
5) Increase funding for Undergraduate Research through Tri-Council
6) Remove the 2% funding cap from PSSSP
Policy Framework

Green
Substantial Opportunity
Sufficient Policy

Purple
Substantial Opportunity
Insufficient Policy

Blue
Limited Opportunity
Sufficient Policy

Yellow
Limited Opportunity
Insufficient Policy

Opportunity:
A measure of political feasibility; given political will and CASA's political capital.

Policy:
A measure of whether or not CASA's current policy is current, comprehensive, and sensitive.
The Diamond

Exempt a Vehicle from CSLP
Eliminate Parental Income Assessment from CSLP
Access to International Student Visas and Work Permits
Allow for Useful Interlibrary Loans in Copyright Bill
Fully Fund the Post-Secondary Student Support Program
Formal Tri-Agency Student Transparency
End the Book Import Tax

Increase the CSLP Loan Limit
Streamline Immigration for Grads
Increase the Canada Student Grants Envelope
Allow Part-Time Students Access to CSLP
Issue Predictable Tri-Agency Funding
Draft a Pan-Canadian FNMI Vision

Fixed Rate Assessment of Summer and In-Study CSLP Contribution
Eliminate Mega Grants
Allow Grads to Access Grants

Dedicated PSE Transfer
Exempt In-study Income from CSLP
Implement an Individual Student Debt Cap
Improve Undergraduate Research Opportunities
Exempt Textbooks from the GST
National Early Outreach Strategy
National Pedagogy Research
Lower the Student Loan Interest Rate