Campus Saint-Jean & AUFSJ

Ahdithya Visweswaran, SU Councillor

Chiara Concini, AUFSJ VP External
Today’s presentation

1. Introduction
2. How we got here
3. Current situation
4. Our advocacy
5. Why should CSJ matter to you?
6. What we would like to see from Council
7. Ressources
Introduction
Campus Saint-Jean

🌿 Francophone campus of the University of Alberta
🌿 Serves the Francophone communities of Alberta, Saskatchewan, British-Columbia, Yukon and the North-West Territories
The AUFSJ

- Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean
- Faculty association with a unique role to represent & defend a growing population of students
How we got here
Prolonged financial difficulties

April 2020: Almost ¼ of CSJ courses cut

April 2020: #SauvonsSaintJean launched

August 2020: ACFA announces lawsuit against the government of Alberta and the UofA

April 2021: Laurentian University insolvency
Current situation
$121.3 million over three years to post-secondary institutions offering instruction in a minority official language

This includes Anglophone institutions in Québec

Conditional funding

Funding cannot be offered directly to CSJ

Provincial vs federal jurisdiction
Our fair share

Attention from GoC and Minister Mélanie Joly

Support from Francophone and Anglophone student groups across Canada

Support from other leaders
Our advocacy
What have we been up to?

- Meetings with student groups across Canada and creating partnerships
- Francophonie within Québec and outside of Québec
- Meetings with political representatives
- Attention of GoC
- Relaunch of #SauvonsSaintJean on social media
Supporters
(1/2)

- Association canadienne française de l’Alberta (ACFA)
- Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l’Université Laurentienne (AÉF)
- Confédération des associations d’étudiants et étudiantes de l’Université Laval (CADEUL)
- Francophonie jeunesse de l’Alberta
- Fédération jeunesse canadienne-française
- Fédération des associations étudiantes du Campus de l’Université de Montréal
- Union étudiante de Québec (UÉQ)
Supporters (2/2)

- Senator Chantal Petitclerc
- Senator Raymonde Gagné
- Senator Lucie Moncion
- Senator Paula Simons
- MP Joël Godin
- MP Steven Blaney
Why should CSJ matter to you?
Importance of CSJ

- Limited options for French-speaking students
- Cultural and linguistic hub
- Value of language education and bilingualism
What would we like to see from Council?
How can you support us?

- Inform yourself
- Share with students in your faculty - be outspoken
- Repost AUFSJ content (we post in both French and English!)
Want to learn more?

- AUFSJ Website
- AUFSJ Instagram
- AUFSJ Twitter
- ACFA #SaveSaintJean Website
- The Gateway Article
- Mouton Noir Column
- 630CHED Radio Interview
Merci.