What is CAUS?

Why does the U of A SU

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Where we start...
What has happened

- QC: 25.9%
- ON: 24.8%
- BC: 23.8%
- PEI: 23.5%
- NL: 22.6%
- NB: 21.7%
- MN: 20.9%
- NS: 20.8%
- YK: 20.8%
What CAUS

Represent 70,000 undergrads to the government, public and stakeholders

Three members:
University of Alberta SU
University of Calgary SU
How CAUS works

Students

Executive Director

Staff

Chair & Vice-Chair

CAUS Members

(Execs, Councils, Students' Unions)
What you do for

Participate, participate, participate

Come to meetings

Propose policy and get feedback

Find out where problems are

Make campaigns local and successful

Pay fees
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
POLICY INFLUENCE

Gov’t of Alberta: Increases in grants 2004-08; tuition freeze and cap; end parental contribution

Opposition: Liberal and
Opportunities

A new premier with a new mandate
A new opposition with fresh faces
A new minister with lots to prove
A new willingness to cooperate
Priorities

• Regulate non-instructional fees
• Close the market modifier loophole
• Make elections more accessible for students
• Create a new rural and aboriginal bursary
• End property taxes on residences
Questions?

• Ask right now!

• Ask later!

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