What is CAUS?
Why does the U of A SU care?

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Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)
Where we started
What has happened

2010 PSE participation rate, 18-34 years
What has happened

Average undergraduate tuition

Canada
Alberta

1991 $1,452 $1,318
2002 $3,548 $4,130
2008 $4,756 $5,393
2009 $4,952 $5,424
2010 $5,146 $5,505
2011 $5,366 $5,662

Canada
Alberta
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

Students

Executive Director

Staff

Chair & Vice-Chair

CAUS

Members (Execs, Councils, Students’ Unions)

Members
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
Get out the vote

NEW LEADERS.
NEW PARTIES.
NEW VOTERS.

ALBERTA IS ABOUT TO GET INTERESTING.
Questions?

• Ask right now!

• Ask later!

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