

Policy Statement VI – ULSU Contributions to University Capital Projects

Adopted: November 14, 2013

Expires:

Motion from the 5th ULSU General Assembly meeting of 2013-2014:

MOTION [20316GA]	<u>MSC: S. Glydon/B. Scott</u> BIMT that the General Assembly ratify ULSU Policy Statement VI - "ULSU Contributions to University Capital Projects". Carried
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Background

The Students' Union has contributed on three occasions to the University of Lethbridge; for building the Library, First Choice Savings Centre¹ and the Daycare Centre. Contributions from the Students' Union amounted to \$1,300,000 for the Library, \$200,000 for the Daycare Centre, and will amount to \$2,500,000 for the First Choice Savings Centre^{2,3}. The benefit to the Students' Union or our student population has been marginal compared to the University's benefit.

WHEREAS the purpose of the Students' Union fees are to directly benefit the students through advocacy, representation, and services.

WHEREAS the contributions to capital projects through the Students' Union building has lead to revenue generating opportunities. Any contributions made to University capital projects have had no benefit to the Students' Union.

WHEREAS other Students' Unions in Alberta have not traditionally given funding for University capital projects.

WHEREAS the University of Lethbridge has not honoured all commitments made during negotiating processes in regards to the University of Lethbridge Students' contributions to University capital projects⁴.

¹ University of Lethbridge Students' Union 2005 Student Referendum Question(s)

² University of Lethbridge Students' Union General Assembly Minutes, September 9th, 2005, Motion 16722GA

³ University of Lethbridge Students' Union Regional Health and Wellness Centre Referendum Proposal, September 2005

⁴ First Choice Savings Centre Building Agreement Between the University and the University of Lethbridge Students' Union, Section 2 "Responsibilities of the University" September 2007

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union advocate for a policy that:

- A. Ensures contributions to any University of Lethbridge capital project must have a direct benefit to the Students' Union by creating direct financial revenue from operations within the new capital project or a significant reduction to new services fees that result from the capital project.
- B. Ensures the University of Lethbridge Students' Union capital projects take priority over the University of Lethbridge capital projects, unless that capital project is providing a service that cannot otherwise be provided by the Students' Union.
- C. Ensures that University of Lethbridge Students' Union funds shall not subsidize University capital projects unless negotiations between the two equal parties have been passed via student referendum.