

## Tuition Policy

**E-14, U-14, P-14**

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### PREAMBLE

The purpose of this policy is to guide and outline CUSA's work and continuous advocacy for affordable tuition. It provides aims and objectives that CUSA shall advocate for and acknowledges the financial and psychological impacts that high tuition costs may have in students' lives. This policy shall be reviewed every two years by Council.

### INTERPRETATION

**1** This policy may be called the Tuition Policy

**2** In this Policy, the following definitions shall apply:

"Affordable" refers to "something that can be afforded; believed to be within one's financial means."

"Tuition Guarantee" refers to a guarantee on behalf of the university that the tuition fees that a student shall pay in a program should be made fixed throughout their studies. Tuition then should not increase or decrease as the student progresses in their years of study, therefore making costs and budgeting predictable for both the student and the university.<sup>1</sup>

"Provincial Cap" on Tuition refers to Provincial regulations limiting the maximum allowable increase in tuition fees for post-secondary education within respective provinces.

"Grant Programs" and "Tuition Subsidies" refer to financial aid initiatives provided by governments, institutions, or private organizations to support students in pursuing post-secondary education through scholarships, bursaries, or other forms of financial assistance.

"Installment Plans" refers to plans that allow students to pay their tuition fees in multiple installments over a specified period, easing the financial burden by spreading out payments throughout the academic term.

### POLICY

**3** CUSA commits to advocate on behalf of students for the access to affordable tuition to all students, regardless of background and origin

**4 (1)** Concerning Domestic Tuition:

**(2)** CUSA shall advocate at the provincial level for the maintenance of a Provincial Cap on tuition

**(3)** CUSA shall advocate at all possible levels for the extension of grant programs — such as but not limited to OSAP — and for the conversion of loans into grants

**(4)** CUSA shall advocate at all possible levels for the extension of subsidies for students from low-income families

**5 (1)** Concerning International Tuition:

**(2)** CUSA shall advocate within and for the University for the establishment of a Tuition Guarantee program for International Students

**(3)** CUSA shall advocate at the federal and provincial levels for the establishment of a Cap on International Tuition

**6 (1)** Concerning both Domestic and International Tuition:

**(2)** CUSA shall advocate within and for the University for more communication of fee deadlines and consequences of failing to meet such deadlines

**(3)** CUSA shall advocate within and for the University for the creation of installment plans and options for students to pay for their tuition

<sup>1</sup> Carleton University Students' Association, "Tuition Guarantee Report," pg. 1