



Athabasca University
Students' Union

POLICY 9.05

POSITION

Technology and Infrastructure: Web Services for Students

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY

Council

POLICY

WHEREAS the nature of distance education requires advanced information technology tools to help students navigate the virtual university campus and online education, and to successfully complete their course work;

WHEREAS Athabasca University (AU), as a leading distance education provider, should lead the distance education industry in tools and services;

WHEREAS Athabasca University Student's Union (AUSU) believes that high quality online tools, resources, and course materials for Athabasca University courses contribute to student success, and the enhanced quality and availability of these materials support an enriched learning environment;

WHEREAS Athabasca University is significantly behind in instituting current versions of certain information technology tools;

WHEREAS AUSU believes that Athabasca University should continue to add and improve upon the services and tools in the "myAU" portal so that students may access all university resources from a single point of entry;

The AUSU position is that AU should be the leader in online distance education technology, and should ensure AU is at the frontier in implementation of new educational technologies.

POLICY HISTORY

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