



Athabasca University
Students' Union

POLICY 9.10

POSITION

*External Relations
Athabasca University's National Presence*

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY

Council

POLICY

WHEREAS Athabasca University (AU) actively promotes itself as “Canada’s Open University”¹;

WHEREAS most AU students are located outside of Alberta²;

WHEREAS AU could provide more services and access other funding sources if it develops relationships with governments external to Alberta;

WHEREAS Athabasca University Students’ Union (AUSU) believes the federal government, and provincial and territorial governments external to Alberta, should be more aware of the benefit AU provides to students across and external to Canada.

AUSU’s position is AU should actively build relationships with the federal government, and provincial and territorial governments external to Alberta, to seek partnerships to distance education access for students across Canada and beyond, and provide financial sustainability for AU.

AUSU’s position is AU should actively build relationships with the federal government, and provincial and territorial governments external to Alberta, to seek funding for AU students residing external to Alberta.

POLICY HISTORY

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¹ Athabasca University. (2017). Make Yourself At Home. Retrieved June 27, 2017 from <http://www.athabascau.ca/aboutau/>.

² Athabasca University. (2017). Facts and Statistics. Retrieved June 27, 2017 from <http://www.athabascau.ca/aboutau/media/aufacts/>.