

## Policy Statement X – Municipal, Provincial and Federal Elections

**Adopted:** April 8, 2014

**Expires:**

**Motion from the 10<sup>th</sup> ULSU General Assembly meeting of 2013-2014:**

MOTION [20497GA]	<u>MSC: L. Hildebrand/D. Goyal</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve ULSU Policy X "Municipal, Provincial and Federal Elections" Carried
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WHEREAS the needs of students need to be considered in municipal, provincial and federal elections;

WHEREAS it is often difficult for students to vote in elections based on residency rules;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta changed the Elections Act in 2012 in order to greater accommodate students who wish to vote and do not live in the same riding as their permanent address;

WHEREAS advanced polling stations are often put in place to accommodate those who may have limited mobility;

WHEREAS post-secondary students quite often do not possess reliable transportation to get them to the polls;

WHEREAS the City of Lethbridge was unaccommodating during the 2013 election;

WHEREAS the City of Calgary and the City of Edmonton went to significantly greater lengths to accommodate student voters;

WHEREAS the Fair Elections Act has the potential to greatly hamper student voting in federal elections;

WHEREAS many young adults attending post-secondary education would vote if barriers to their doing so were removed; and,

WHEREAS the University of Lethbridge is a central hub of the community of Lethbridge, and as a result, employs and teaches many people who reside in the city, and therefore is an ideal location for a polling station.

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT:*

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

- a) Results in polling stations on the University of Lethbridge campus during every municipal, provincial and federal elections.
- b) Makes certain that in any election, at any level of government, students are able to vote where they attend University.
- c) Secures open and easy access of all candidate platform information to students in all municipal, provincial, and federal elections.