

Policy Statement II – Quality Initiatives Program (QIP)

Adopted: May 6, 2013

Expires: May 6, 2016

Motion from the 1st ULSU General Assembly meeting of 2013-2014:

MOTION [20132GA]	<u>MSC: S. Glydon/K. Kalmar</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve "Policy Statement II – Quality Initiatives Program (QIP)" as presented by the 2012-13 Advocacy Advisory Committee effective immediately with an expiry date of May 6, 2016. Carried
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WHEREAS the Quality Initiatives Program was established in 2005 as a result of negotiations between the ULSU and the University of Lethbridge in response to approximately 7% tuition increases annually, for multiple years, following three years of a tuition freeze;

WHEREAS the Quality Initiatives Program provides \$210,000 towards scholarships and bursaries, \$75,000¹ in research grants for undergraduate research, and \$5,000 annually to supplement the tutoring program;

WHEREAS Quality Initiatives Program funding increases the quality of education by providing educational, travel, and conference opportunities to students that enhance the University of Lethbridge educational experience;

WHEREAS Quality Initiatives Program funding increases the quality of student life by providing unique event opportunities to students and student groups;

WHEREAS the Quality Initiatives Program facilitates interaction and communication between students and university administrators;

WHEREAS the Quality Initiatives Program often supplements university initiatives and departments²; and,

WHEREAS the Quality Initiatives Program was reduced from \$600,000 to \$470,000 in 2010-11;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Student's Union will actively advocate to the University of Lethbridge that:

- Notification of any changes to QIP will be provided to the Students' Union in a timely manner, within the guidelines of the University of Lethbridge's budget process
- Any changes to the funding allocation model within QIP require Students' Union approval
- There shall be no further reductions to QIP
- QIP is to be restored, at minimum, to the original amount of \$600,000

¹ Previously \$80,000, since 2012-13 \$5,000 has been reallocated to the Tutoring Program

² In 2012-13, QIP provided funding for Leadership Camp (\$6,256.24 to Recruitment & Student Life), the International Christmas Dinner (\$1,000.00 to the International Centre for Students), and the Leadership Conference (\$4,289.83 to Recruitment & Student Life).

The Student`s Union will communicate to the University of Lethbridge and the campus community that QIP funding is essential to quality of student services and student life.

The Student`s Union will not support the University of Lethbridge further decreasing QIP at any governance level.