WHEREAS tuition tax credits are currently available to all students in Canada, with no prerequisites;

WHEREAS grants and loans offered by the Government of Canada depend on factors such as province of residence, family income, dependents, tuition fees and living expenses, which poses a threat to students who would be excluded from the credit due to not meeting these rigorous factors;

WHEREAS other provinces (such as Ontario, Saskatchewan, BC, and others) have eliminated their equivalent of the tuition tax credit, raising costs for many students with no alternative benefits;

WHEREAS UMSU’s duty is to advocate for lower tuition costs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT UMSU ceases any lobbying efforts to eliminate the tuition tax credit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT UMSU receive Board approval for any lobbying efforts that eliminate financial support to students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT UMSU continue to work with UCRU for possible alternatives to lobby for further expansion of Government of Canada grants and loans.