

SUBJECT: Position Statements	POLICY NO: GOV-8	LAST REVISED: March 25, 2018
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Policy

The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Students' Association Inc. general council recognizes that it is important to take an official stance on particular matters of concern. The official stance will be communicated by means of a position statement.

Whenever the need arises, new position statements will be established at general council meetings, whether they be mandatorily scheduled or on an as needed basis.

Procedure

1. A position statement is the collective opinion or stance of the general council relating to a specific issue, concern, policy or practice. Each statement will include:
 - a. the topic which the position statement is addressing;
 - b. the date of adoption, the date of renewal and date of expiration;
 - c. the official position of the general council;
 - d. the goal or ideal outcome of the general council;
 - e. contact information of the appropriate SPSA representative for the topic at hand; and
 - f. the official SPSA markings/logo must appear on the statement.
2. Once the position statement is drafted it will be adopted by the general council. Upon ratification, a copy of the position statement will be distributed to the SPSA membership and then made available to the public.
3. Each statement shall remain in effect for a minimum of 3 years, at which point it may be renewed, amended or retired by the current general council.
4. At the assessment and recommendations meeting, all position statements that are up for renewal will be reviewed at this time. Any position statements can be brought forward at any time for an emergency general council meeting should the need arise.
5. Outdated or retired position statements will be properly archived by the general manager or designated staff.
6. Development Procedures Options:
 - a. Any member can bring a draft position forward to general council. General council shall ensure that sufficient research has been done and presented to defend the draft and rationale for adoption. Should not enough research and supporting documentation be provided and a decision cannot be reached, the position statement will not be adopted.
 - b. Any member can bring an issue to the attention of the student affairs committee or executive council who will coordinate research and bring the position to general council for approval.