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February 22, 2019

Re. City Summer Student Program

Dear Councillor Farkas,

The Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU) is writing to you in support of your motion co-sponsored with Mayor Nenshi to fully reinstate funding for The City of Calgary's summer student jobs program.

SAMRU strongly believes in the positive benefits of experiential and work-integrated learning for students as it complements the knowledge obtained during one's studies and allows for hands-on learning opportunities. Furthermore, graduating from your degree with relevant and diverse work experiences prepares students for the realities of the working world post-graduation. It also helps students finance their degree as they obtain work experience and encourages them to find their passion while still completing their studies.

The benefits of providing work experiences to students, in addition to the minimal program cost to The City, coupled as it is with the subsidies provided through the province's Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) and Ottawa's Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP), should make fully reinstating this funding an easy decision for Council.

SAMRU thanks you and Mayor Nenshi for taking this initiative, and we look forward to Council's decision.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor Nenshi and Councillors,

The University of Calgary Students' Union (UCSU) would like to voice our support of Councillor Farkas and Mayor Nenshi's Notice of Motion to reinstate the summer student hiring program at the City of Calgary.

We understand the importance of degree-relevant work experience while students are in their studies. Increasingly, students are expected to have this relevant experience upon graduation in order to get even the most entry-level position. Programs like the city's summer student hiring program allow this to happen.

The City of Calgary is one of our city's largest employers and, as such, should invest in the future of our city. This means tapping into the diverse, entrepreneurial and energetic talents that exist at all our post-secondary institutions. The impact of investing in youth employment now will pay off as students are ready to tackle the opportunities and challenges our city faces upon graduation.

We ask that you consider the positive impact that reinstating the summer student hiring program can have on both post-secondary students and on the City of Calgary.

Sincerely,

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Sagar Grewal
President, University of Calgary Students' Union

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