2026 - 2027

BUDGET PROPOSAL

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Financial Report 2025/2026

Categorized Summary

Income

Faculty Funding	$15,346.19
Space Rentals for Arts Lounge	$90.00
Event income (market night, PARKing Day)	$830.00
Ticket sale revenue (Arts Gala, Puppy Yoga, and interfaculty trivia night)	$3,096.54
Bank Account, as of May 15, 2025	$3,441.10
Total Income	**$22,803.83**

Expenses

President	$546.57
Department Representative Events	$546.57
Academic	$3,044.82
Arts Undergraduate Research Symposium	$2,426.58
Academic Advocacy	$618.24
Communications	$785.04
First Year Committee	$153.64
Web Development	$631.40
Events	$11,575.99
Arts Gala	$6,362.74
Arts Exhibition	$463.53

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	Heart the Arts	$272.20
	PARKing Day	$102.95
	Municipal Mayoral Panel	$515.63
	Law Panel	$925.02
	Holiday Movie Event	$208.26
	Puppy Yoga	$1,087.44
	Open Mic Night	$214.54
	Market Night	$81.58
	Interfaculty Trivia Night	$621.31
	IT purchases	$149.81
	Other Reimbursements	$570.98
External		$559.54
	FASA Scholarships	$559.54
Operations		$284.56
	Clubs Insurance	$60.00
	Admin Supplies	$164.56
Finance		$14.00
	Bank fees	$14.00
Total Expenses		**$16,750.52**

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Assets

Bank Account, as of June 15, 2026	$8,482.87
Total Assets	**$8,482.87**

Liabilities

N/A	$--
Total Liabilities	$--

Cumulative Summary

Total Income	$22,803.83
Total Expenses	$16,750.52
Total Assets	$8,482.87
Total Liabilities	$--

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Commentary

Context

This past year was a huge success regarding collaboration on campus for FASA. Over 10 big events were hosted by FASA, with 4 being in collaboration with the City of Calgary and other University of Calgary clubs. A landmark event that was introduced this year was the Art Exhibition that was hosted at the Calgary Central Public Library. There were 33 art submissions to the event, 16 of which were chosen to display. Additionally, there were over 70 people who attended the event. The collaboration allowed FASA to present the opportunity for students in the Arts to display their artwork to the public, while keeping the cost of the event under $500.

The Arts Undergraduate Research Symposium is another initiative that influenced FASA's popularity among the Arts students. Twenty students from different departments presented outstanding research and were evaluated by top instructors from the institutions with a total of 50 people in attendance. This event heavily promotes an important driving factor of FASA: to create opportunities for Arts students to showcase their research to students, professors, and alumni.

Income

Our income is composed in large part from funding provided by the Faculty of Arts, space rentals of the Arts Lounge, revenue from tickets from events, and carry-over funds from our bank account balance on a yearly-basis.

Expenses

With the great success of the events team in FASA this past year, there were also many costs associated with this success. The expenses by the events team were the highest among all executive teams. However, this is highly influential to FASA's mission to support, advocate for, and enhance the academic and social experiences of Arts students. This would not have been possible without the generous support and funding of the Faculty of Arts. The financial contribution by the Faculty has allowed the club to thrive by creating space for Arts students to meet and socialize with their peers.

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Assets & Liabilities

Our assets and liabilities reflect the difference in income and expenses within the club. As per the club's bylaws, we cannot have any liabilities, making that section not applicable. The assets section is the balance in the Community Spirit Fund account at the beginning of the 14th Council's term (May 2026).

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New Year Recommendations

Removal of Categories

	2025/2026
External	$0.00
Philanthropy	$0.00
Events	$1,575.19
Law Panel	$825.19
Municipal Mayoral Panel	$450.00
PARKing Day	N/A*
Holiday Movie Night	$300.00
Total Removed Amounts	$1,575.19

*Was not included in the proposed 2025/2026 budget

Revisions of Existing Categories

	2025/2026	2026/2027	+/-
President			
Department Representative Events	$1,200.00	$1,500.00	+$300
Academic			
Arts Undergraduate Research Symposium	$3,877.00	$2,900.00	-$1,177.00
Academic Advocacy	$3,143.43	$300.00	-$2,843.43
Communications			
First Year Committee	$50.00	$150.00	+$100.00

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Web Design	$631.40	$75.00	-$556.40
Printing	$76.00	$275.00	+$199.00
Events			
Arts Gala	$8,000.00	$2,000.00	-$6,000.00
Arts Exhibition	$0.00	$2,000.00	+$2000.00
Heart the Arts	$350.00	$200.00	-$150.00
Puppy Yoga	$150.00	$300.00	+$150.00
Open Mic Night	$350.00	$250.00	-$100.00
Market Night	$350.00	$200.00	-$150.00
Interfaculty Trivia Night	$300.00	$300.00	+$0.00
External			
FASA Scholarships	$500.00	$3,000.00	+$2,500.00
Operations			
Clubs Insurance	$60.00	$63.00	+$3.00
Admin Supplies	$100.00	$100.00	+$0.00
Arts Lounge	$0.00	$1,980.00	+$1,980.00
Total Revised Amounts	$19,137.83	$15,593.00	-$3,544.83

Addition of Categories

	2026/2027
President	

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Committee Meetings	$100.00
Communications	
Marketing and Design	$208.00
Events	
Honours Night	$200.00
Bouldering Night	$100.00
Laser Tag	$400.00
Plaza Film Festival	$1,200.00
CCPD Resume and Cover Letter Workshop	$150.00
CCPD Budgeting and Financial Literacy workshop	$150.00
Valentine's Event	$200.00
FASA Slumber Party	$700.00
Operations	
Lounge Food Pantry	$960.00
Lounge "Take What You Need" Station	$150.00
Lounge Toiletries Station	$520.00
Lounge Maintenance	$150.00
Lounge Rejuvenation	$400.00
Community Engagement	$450.00
Total Added Amounts	$5,408.00

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Proposed 2026/2027 Budget

	2026/2027
Office of the President	
Department Representative Engagement	$1,500.00
Committee Meetings	$100.00
Strategic Planning	$100.00
Office of the Vice President Academic	
Academic Advocacy	$300.00
Arts Undergraduate Research Symposium	$2,900.00
Office of the Vice President Communications	
Advertising	$20.00
Web Design	$75.00
Marketing and Design	$208.00
Printing	$275.00
First Year Committee	$150.00
Office of the Vice President Events	
Heart the Arts	$200.00
Market Night	$500.00
FASA Slumber Party	$700.00

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Honours Night	$200.00
Bouldering Night	$100.00
Laser Tag	$400.00
Plaza Film Festival	$1,800.00
Open Mic/Food Drive	$250.00
CCPD Resume and Cover Letter Workshop	$300.00
CCPD Budgeting and Financial Literacy Workshop	$150.00
Puppy Yoga	$300.00
Valentine's Event	$350.00
Fine Arts Night	$2,000.00
Arts Celebration	$2,000.00
Office of the Vice President External	
FASA Scholarships	$3,000.00
Office of the Vice President Operations	
Arts Lounge	$1,980.00
Club Insurance	$63.00
Office Supplies and Administration	$100.00
Community Engagement	$450.00
Total Budget	$20,471.00

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Rationale

Office of the President Budget

1. Department Representative Engagement

   Increased by $300 to account for a new split of SCPA into drama, dance, and music to better represent the student body. The projected allocation is $100/department representative to host an event for their department.
2. Training

   Training budget replaced by Committee Meetings category.
3. Committee Meetings

   Added to replace the training category in hopes to better categorize this area of the budget. Money in this category will be used to fund the needs of the Policy Review and Amendment Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, the Scholarship and Grants Committee, Council, the Executive Committee, and the AURS Working Group.
4. Strategic Planning

   This allocation will support Strategic Planning initiatives related to FASA's long-term organizational development, including the approximately $53.05 cost associated with the nonprofit registration process. The remaining funds will provide a modest contingency for any related filing, administrative, documentation, or processing expenses that may arise. They may also support additional governance and strategic-planning needs connected to strengthening FASA's organizational structure, long-term sustainability, and future growth.

Office of the Vice President Academic Budget

1. Academic Advocacy

   Includes budget for Alumni Panel and Mentorship Program.
   The budget for the mentorship program was altered due to a collaborative agreement between the Vice President Academic and the Student's Union Arts Representative.

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2. Arts Undergraduate Research Symposium
   This category is reduced in the 2026/2027 budget proposal to compensate for the over-budgeting of the event last year. This reduction is made in hopes of allocating the excess into other categories.

Office of the Vice President Communications Budget

1. First Year Committee
   Increased because it went over budget last year. As a joint effort of the Vice President Communications and the Vice President Events, this category is listed under Communications to balance the budget per executive member.
2. Web Design (formerly "Web Hosting")
   Accounts for domain payments and website improvements. Reduced because domain purchase was paid last year for a two year period.
3. Printing
   Increased to account for a higher number of events in the upcoming year, and the potential materials needed for them.
4. Marketing and Design
   Added to create space for elevated digital and physical media that is currently unavailable due to restrictions on tools used for creation. This area of the budget would greatly help the club in creating eye-catching media that can better advertise the club.
5. Advertising
   Previously called "Marketing," the reduction of this area of the budget will go towards digital and physical advertising for club events.

Office of the Vice President Events Budget

1. Arts Celebration (formerly "Arts Gala")
   Revised to reflect the changes in the event planning. This year, we will change the scope of our final celebratory event. Rather than a costly gala with limited reach, we will host two separate events.

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Firstly we will host an arts showcase (Fine Arts Night); a classy evening in the Cenovus Energy Great Hall (Rozsa Centre) where student artists may display, speak on, and sell their work. This event will be accompanied by UCalgary Music students' live jazz combos.

The second event will be a year end celebration for arts students, incorporating the high-energy dancing and music our students have always loved at past Arts Galas. We hope to host this event off campus to increase our student's community engagement and familiarity with the greater Calgary area.

2. Law Panel
   Removed from budget as it was costly last year, and is not planned to repeat this upcoming year.
3. Municipal Mayoral Panel
   Removed due to redundancy for municipal political climate this year. It was hosted last year to allow those voting to learn more about their mayoral candidates.
4. PARKing Day
   Removed because it is currently not planned to be repeated by the council.
5. Holiday Movie Night
   Removed because it is currently not planned to be repeated by the council.
6. Fine Arts Night (formerly "Arts Exhibition")
   The Arts Exhibition in 2025/2026 was not budgeted for in the initial budget, but was a hugely successful event. It has been increased to account for its planning this upcoming year and to better fit its new description (see 'Arts Celebration' section).
7. Heart the Arts
   Reduced because the event was under budget last year and was successful.We are hoping to re-allocate the reduced funds to accommodate more funds to other categories.
8. Puppy Yoga
   Increased as it was over budget last year.
9. Open Mic Night
   Reduced because it was under budget last year and was successful. We are hoping to re-allocate the reduced funds to accommodate more funds to other categories.

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10. Market Night

    Reduced because it was under budget last year and was successful. We are hoping to re-allocate the reduced funds to accommodate more funds to other categories.

11. Interfaculty Trivia Night

    No change.

12. Other Events (Honours Night, Bouldering Night, Laser Tag, Plaza Film Festival, CCPD Workshops, Valentine's Event, FASA 5k/10k Race)

    Added to tailor events to the diversity of students within the Faculty of Arts, and to work towards FASA's mission to support, advocate for, and enhance the academic and social experiences of Arts students.

    - Honours Night: A collaborative event designed to inform students about the UCalgary honours programs, what the advantages are, and what application processes can look like.
    - Bouldering Night: Hosted at the Active Living bouldering wall in the Kinesiology complex, this social event is designed to get arts students out of their comfort zones and try out something new!
    - Laser Tag: An event designed to provide students with the opportunity to go into the greater Calgary community and try new things with new people. Lightly subsidized by FASA to encourage participation.
    - Plaza Film Festival: A celebration of UCalgary film students and artists. This event gives our students the chance to see their work on the silver screen of a local, historic theatre.
    - CCPD Workshops: The Centre for Career and Personal Development provides collaborative workshops with various aims. FASA is looking to co-host a workshop on resume and cover letter building, as well as financial management.
    - Valentine's Event: This event will be the love child of FASA and various clubs under the Faculty of Arts umbrella. We will unite students from the different departments of the arts by inviting each respective club to collaborate on a mass Valentine's Day event. The event itself will consist of various activities, crafts, and short presentations.
    - FASA Slumber Party: Suggested by our Events Directors, this event would be a cozy movie night, hosted in the Atrium with hot

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chocolate and other light refreshments. The purpose of this event would be to focus on the mental well-being of students and provide a space for a stress-free break.

Office of the Vice President External Budget

1. Philanthrophy
   Removed because the 2025/2026 budget was $0.00 and had nothing spent in the category over that year.
2. Scholarships
   Increased with the goal to administer six scholarships at $500 each throughout the year.

Office of the Vice President Operations Budget

1. Arts Lounge
   Increased to provide materials and essentials to Faculty of Arts students, such as the communal fridge/pantry, academic supplies (pens, pencils, notebook paper), and toiletries (i.e., feminine hygiene products). Additionally, the rejuvenation fund will be put towards the lounge space for minor refurbishments and improvements.
2. Club Insurance
   No change.
3. Office Supplies and Administration
   No change.
4. Community Engagement.
   Added to create space for collaborative events between FASA and other clubs and organizations through supplies, survey materials, and survey printing costs.

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	2025/2026	2026/2027
Office of the President		
Department Representative Engagement	$1,200.00	$1,500.00
Committee Meetings	$0.00	$100.00
Webpage	$600.00	$0.00
Strategic Planning	$0.00	$100.00
Office of the Vice President Academic		
Academic Advocacy	$3,143.43	$300.00
Arts Undergraduate Research Symposium	$3,877.00	$2,900.00
Office of the Vice President Communications		
Advertising (Called Marketing on 2025/2026)	$0.00	$20.00
Web Design	$0.00	$75.00
Marketing and Design	$0.00	$208.00
Printing	$76.00	$275.00
First Year Committee	$200.00	$150.00

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Office of the Vice President Events		
Heart the Arts	$350.00	$200.00
Market Night (called Fall Crafts + Game Night on 2025/2026)	$350.00	$500.00
FASA Slumber Party	$0.00	$700.00
Honours Night	$0.00	$200.00
Bouldering Night	$0.00	$100.00
Laser Tag	$0.00	$400.00
Plaza Film Festival	$0.00	$1,800.00
Open Mic/Food Drive (called Food & Toy Drive on 2025/2026)	$50.00	$250.00
CCPD Resume and Cover Letter Workshop	$0.00	$300.00
CCPD Budgeting and Financial Literacy Workshop	$0.00	$150.00
Puppy Yoga	$0.00	$300.00
Valentine's Event	$0.00	$350.00
Fine Arts Night	$0.00	$2,000.00
Arts Celebration (formerly Arts Gala)	$8,000.00	$2,000.00
Study & Sip	$350.00	$0.00
Talent Show	$350.00	$0.00
Speaker Series	$250.00	$0.00
Holiday Movie Night	$300.00	$0.00

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Mayoral/Municipal Panel	$450.00	$0.00
Other Events	$39.00	$0.00
Office of the Vice President External		
FASA Scholarships	$1,700.00	$3,000.00
Office of the Vice President Operations		
Arts Lounge	$400.00	$1,980.00
Club Insurance	$60.00	$63.00
Office Supplies and Administration	$100.00	$100.00
Community Engagement	$0.00	$450.00
Total Revised Amounts	**$21,845.43**	**$20,471.00**

Request for Funding

Funding Amount Requested, 2026-2027: $ 20,471.00

Funding Amount Requested, 2025-2026: $ 21,845.43