
Calgary Student Leaders meet with Newly Elected Mayor Jeromy Farkas and Councillor DJ Kelly

Calgary, AB – October 28, 2025 – Representatives from the Calgary Students Alliance (CSA) — which includes the Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU), University of Calgary Students' Union (UCSU), University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association (UCGSA) and, SAIT Students' Association (SAITSA) — met this week with Calgary's newly elected Mayor Jeromy Farkas and Ward 4 Councillor DJ Kelly to discuss key priorities impacting students across the city.

The meeting, held on the mayor's first day in office, marks an encouraging sign of collaboration between the City of Calgary and post-secondary student leaders. Mayor Farkas emphasized that he would like to see transit treated as an essential service that doesn't rely on fee recovery. He and Councillor Kelly expressed intent to work with council to advance youth employment opportunities and increase investment in the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program, all of which play vital roles in improving student life in Calgary.

"It was great to meet with the mayor in the first week of his term and see that he recognizes the importance of including student and youth voices in this council's decision-making," said Tala Abu Hayyaneh, President of the Representation Executive Council (REC) at the Students' Association of Mount Royal University. "We appreciate this early opportunity to discuss how the city can help better support students and their importance to Calgary's future."

The SAMRU REC looks forward to continued dialogue with the Mayor's Office and City Council on these shared priorities, ensuring that Calgary remains a city where students can thrive, learn, and contribute to their communities.