



## COLLECTIVE ADVOCACY

### OPEN TEXTBOOKS

For some time, CSA has advocated for implementation and funding of open textbooks for Ontario college students. Specifically, in our 2017 pre-budget submission, CSA called for \$1 million in funding for this initiative. On June 6, 2017, the Government of Ontario responded to CSA's ask of \$1 million and eCampus Ontario officially launched their open textbook library. Our next step – working with student associations and institutions to implement open textbooks on individual campuses.

### ANCILLARY FEES

Currently, CSA is researching college ancillary fees. From one campus to another, the cost of the fee, and what it includes, varies. To ensure students are receiving proper services and resources provincially – at a fair cost – is a CSA priority at this time.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

CSA is diligently working on a comprehensive strategy with recommendations focused on bettering the experience for international students in Ontario. From what we know, there are just over 3,000 international students at Sheridan currently and our advocacy can assist in providing information for health plan fees, on-campus resources, and creating a positive post-secondary education experience for international students.

### CAMPUS-SPECIFIC ADVOCACY

We recently launched our Project Planning Program (P3) to provide student associations the option to work with us to plan a local advocacy project using Results-Based-Management tools. We work one-on-one with the SA to complete their initiative. After speaking to SSU in November, we realize that your transit shuttle is currently a cost issue – CSA could assist in brainstorming solutions.



## TRAINING

### FEBRUARY AND MAY CONFERENCES

Conference delegates learn about current post-secondary education issues in Ontario and matters that directly affect students on college campuses. Conferences provide advocacy development sessions and opportunities for members to network with like-minded individuals.

### ADVOCACY SUMMIT

This three-day conference provides student leaders learning opportunities focused on the importance of advocating and pitching ideas to government and stakeholders. Delegates meet face-to-face with MPP's and decision makers to recommend changes to the provincial post-secondary education system.

### CSA IN A DAY

During this jam-packed one-day workshop, members are invited to participate in developing research priorities, understanding programs, and learning about current and upcoming advocacy initiatives. Member schools have the opportunity to send delegates and their General Manager/Executive Director to participate in sessions.

### BOARD CAPACITY BUILDING

CSA provides workshops and presentations on request from member student associations. Board and staff are available for transition retreats, board meetings, on-campus workshops and more. If SSU were to be a member of CSA, all you have to do is ask for specialized training and we will do our best to accommodate the request.



## ORGANIZATIONAL COMPETENCY

### CSA FEE STRUCTURE

We understand each student association has different resources and vary in size. We also believe the work we do, and the success of our advocacy efforts, are a benefit to all Ontario colleges. To provide a high level of service at a price that's fair to all, CSA members will be voting on a new fee structure at CSA in a Day.