WHEREAS the AASUA Council moved on November 20, 2014, that “the Executive Director hire a Research Assistant by January 15, 2015, to collect information and liaise with CAUT to investigate and report on proposed changes to the university’s budget practices, and to work with the ad hoc [Research sub-]committee,” with a maximum budget of $20,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tasks of the Researcher will be to:

- investigate the model being discussed for the University of Alberta (compilation and assessment of information about this model from multiple sources);
- gather information on similar budget and management models as they have been implemented elsewhere in Canada, which may entail communication with the Canadian Association of University Teachers and other staff or faculty associations;
- analyze the implications of the introduction of any such model at the University of Alberta, including the implications for the likely impact on members’ academic freedom and their Collective Agreements (for example, concerning conditions of work, responsibilities, and accountabilities for full and part time faculty, administrative officers, librarians);
- undertake other research and report-writing tasks as assigned by the Research Committee;
- work with the ad hoc (Research) subcommittee of AASUA Council to bring forward reports and recommendation to Council within the timelines and other details outlined in the motion to set up that subcommittee.

Moved by: Laurie Adkin (AFC)
Seconded by: Ricardo Acuña (Trust/Research)