

February 14, 2019

Dear Dr. Neil Fassina,

I, Steve Swettenham, a student of Athabasca University in the Doctor of Education in Distance Education program, do hereby request to opt out of the Athabasca University Graduate Students' Association (AUGSA). Upon opting out of the AUGSA, I would like the \$13 CDN per credit to be redirected to my tuition.

The AUGSA does not represent me, nor do I support their discrimination of students based on location; a paradox of a distance education institution and antithesis of the Athabasca University website promoting learning anywhere, anytime.

I am a past graduate of Athabasca University at a time when the AUGSA did not exist, and I never missed such an organization. Thus, I look forward to resolving my request at your earliest convenience so that I may continue my doctoral studies unhindered by AUGSA membership conscription.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Swettenham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Steve Swettenham, B.A. Hons., B.Sc., Hons., B.Ed., M.E.D.