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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2015 5:43 PM  
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FYI

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**To:** "Rodney GCPE:EX Porter" <[Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Heads up

Hi Rodney,  
Just a heads up. We're announcing our new Chancellor tomorrow morning. It's James Moore (he's a grad - great story for us). This news is embargoed until noon or until you receive the news release from us.  
Thanks!

Matt Wood  
Communications and Media Relations Manager  
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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, November 30, 2015 5:47 PM  
**To:** Carroll, Sandra AVED:EX  
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**Subject:** Review - Draft IN on UNBC  
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Hi Sandy – IN for your review. Approved by Fazil and team.

UNBC got a lot of media calls on this topic today.

### **ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:**

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- Government is not involved in the selection process.
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- One of the main duties of the chancellor is to grant degrees at annual convocation ceremonies.

### **BACKGROUND REGARDING THE ISSUE:**

Questions may be asked about the appointment of James Moore as the sixth chancellor of UNBC. He is expected to be sworn in at the convocation ceremony in Prince George on May 27, 2016.

There are calls on social media including an online petition for UNBC to reverse its decision to appoint James Moore as chancellor.

<https://www.change.org/p/unbc-board-of-governors-unbc-must-reverse-its-decision-to-appoint-james-moore-as-chancellor>

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The university chancellor is selected through a process that includes a call for nominations issued by the Alumni Association of UNBC, consultation with the Senate, and appointment by the Board of Governors.

UNBC is celebrating its 25th anniversary and was recently ranked as the number one university in Canada in its class.

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## ADVICE TO MINISTER

<b>CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE</b>	<b>UNBC chancellor appointment</b>
Ministry: Advanced Education	
Date: Nov. 30, 2015	
Minister Responsible: Hon. Andrew Wilkinson	

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