

From: [Brewster, Kevin AEST:EX](#)
To: [Hancyk, Phil AEST:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting with President of VCC
Date: November 25, 2020 11:54:36 AM

Thanks – nothing to add – sorry for not getting back to you sooner

From: Hancyk, Phil AEST:EX <Phil.Hancyk@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 20, 2020 9:15 AM
To: Brewster, Kevin AEST:EX <Kevin.Brewster@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Meeting with President of VCC

Good morning Kevin - just wanted you to be aware this is being discussed.

From a finance/technical perspective, there are no concerns from us and I'm planning on responding in that manner, unless you have something to add. ^{s.13}
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From: Dusterhoft, Carrie AEST:EX <Carrie.Dusterhoft@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 19, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Hancyk, Phil AEST:EX <Phil.Hancyk@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Meeting with President of VCC
Importance: High

Hi Phil, Nicola has a meeting with the VCC President on Wednesday and one of the topics he wants to discuss is to "seek some clarity on program tuition policy."

We don't know exactly what about the TLP he wants to discuss but I know some institutions have been making inquiries about reducing tuition or not raising it the full 2% and what the implications would be for future increases if they do this. I have drafted up some proposed wording for Nicola, if this is what the President wants to know.

Dean has asked if you could review the last bullet in particular, as we have not explicitly make this suggestion to PSIs before. From a policy perspective, we do not believe this approach would contravene the Tuition Limit Policy but would appreciate your perspective from the Finance side.

Thanks

Topic: Seek some clarity on program tuition policy. (Dean)

- The TLP policy continues to apply through the COVID-19 period, that is, a cap of 2% per annum on tuition and mandatory fee increases.
- Tuition may be re-set on non-degree programs if the program has been substantially revised. If this is the case, there is a process for PSIs to submit information about the revised program to the Ministry, who will engage a third party reviewer to assess the changes and make a

recommendation to the Ministry. If approved, the PSI may re-set the tuition and the TLP would apply in following years.

If asked about reductions or not instituting increases to tuition or fees:

- Some institutions have made inquiries about what happens if they don't raise tuition or fees this year or next and what happens in subsequent years, from a TLP perspective.
- If a PSI chooses not to raise tuition or fees or not raise them the full 2%, they cannot, "make up" for this in subsequent years: that is, if they don't raise tuition and fees by 2% this year, they cannot raise them by 4% in future years to make up for the year they did not increase.
- One option that PSIs may wish to consider is raising their tuition and fees by 2% but then providing a rebate of some portion to students. This approach would be in compliance with the TLP and also enable a flexible approach at the institution level if they wish to provide a break to students.

Oaten, Jeremy AEST:EX

From: Baskerville, Shannon AEST:EX
Sent: December 9, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Francis, Darren IGRS:EX
Cc: Muir, Julie AEST:EX; Nichols, Alisha AEST:EX
Subject: Priority Mandate Initiatives - Tuition Limit Policy
Attachments: a - Tuition Limit Policy.docx

Approved – note I added student association and Indigenous stakeholders to the engagement. Lens.....

Thanks, Shannon

Preliminary Timeline for Key Ministry Commitments/Initiatives

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From: [Brewster, Kevin AEST:EX](#)
To: [Weiss, Cheryl AEST:EX](#)
Subject: FW: ADVICE: Request for Bullets (COVID-19 and Operating Grants/Tuition Revenue): SFSS Meeting with MLA Kang (due Feb 2)
Date: January 22, 2021 12:12:38 PM

Hi – s.13

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s.13 Some other thoughts I've added to the bullets I send

1. COVID-19 Messaging relating to PSI's decision-making during pandemic –s.13
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2. Decreases in operating grant funding resulting in increasing proportion of tuition revenue to cover costs at PSIs
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From: Brewster, Kevin AEST:EX
Sent: January 22, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Weiss, Cheryl AEST:EX <Cheryl.Weiss@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: ADVICE: Request for Bullets (COVID-19 and Operating Grants/Tuition Revenue): SFSS Meeting with MLA Kang (due Feb 2)

Can you go back to the requester

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2. Decreases in operating grant funding resulting in increasing proportion of tuition revenue to cover costs at PSIs
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Tuition limit policy is in Nicola's division

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From: Weiss, Cheryl AEST:EX <Cheryl.Weiss@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 22, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Brewster, Kevin AEST:EX <Kevin.Brewster@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: ADVICE: Request for Bullets (COVID-19 and Operating Grants/Tuition Revenue): SFSS Meeting with MLA Kang (due Feb 2)

MAK will be meeting with Simon Fraser Student Society Student Society – Likely mid Feb, no date confirmed. This is an introductory meeting with several topics identified. PSPP thinks this will be a 30 min meeting & coordinating the MN.

There are two items they are asking FTMS to provide bullets for. SFSS raises two items that I'm hoping your Division can assist with providing bullets on:

- COVID-19 Messaging relating to PSI's decision-making during pandemic
- Decreases in operating grant funding resulting in increasing proportion of tuition revenue to cover costs at PSIs

Currently they are asking for the bullets by Feb 2. Since there is no meeting date, I'm going back to Lianne to advise we will have bullets back end of day Feb 5. If they obtain a meeting date and require it sooner, to contact me with that information.

Question= are you drafting the bullets notes?

From: Watt, Lianne C AEST:EX <Lianne.Watt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 22, 2021 8:48 AM
To: Weiss, Cheryl AEST:EX <Cheryl.Weiss@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Request for Bullets (COVID-19 and Operating Grants/Tuition Revenue): SFSS Meeting with MLA Kang (due Feb 2)

Hi Cheryl,

Further to e-mail below, Minister will be meeting with the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) – date still TBD, but likely mid-February.

SFSS raises two items that I'm hoping your Division can assist with providing bullets on:

- COVID-19 Messaging relating to PSI's decision-making during pandemic
- Decreases in operating grant funding resulting in increasing proportion of tuition revenue to cover costs at PSIs

Can you please provide some brief bullets for inclusion in the note. This is an introductory meeting, with multiple topics identified for discussion, and it appears only 30 mins will be allocated. So really just need basic background and general messaging on these topics.

Hoping to have bullets back by end of day, **February 2** (Tuesday), as BN is due to our ADMO shortly thereafter.

Other areas of the Ministry will be providing info on the tuition limit policy (and that institutions determine whether or not to increase domestic tuition within the allowable 2% cap) and on international students tuition and fees.

A copy of an earlier letter the SFSS sent to the former Minister is attached, that provides some additional context on the topics identified.

Please let me know if any further information is required.

Thanks,
Lisanne

From: Samad Raza <vpexternal@sfss.ca>

Sent: December 4, 2020 1:27 PM

To: Minister, AEST AEST:EX <AEST.Minister@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: 120402 - Post-secondary tuition fee increases amidst the COVID-19 pandemic

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Dear Honourable Anne Kang,

Students at Simon Fraser University are facing increasing financial pressure as tuition is set to increase amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Post-secondary operating grants to universities in B.C. have been decreasing since the 1970s, shifting the burden of funding the operational costs of schools onto students. International students attending post-secondary school in British Columbia in particular face increasing

tuition fees that are not currently capped by the Tuition Limit Policy that applies to domestic students. Tuition and ancillary fees can rise by as much as twenty percent yearly, leaving international students increasingly vulnerable to financial instability and unpredictability. The SFSS, in November sent the letter regarding tuition fees increases and operating grants to former Advance Education Minister Melanie Mark, which I have also attached to this email. We would greatly appreciate meeting with you to discuss ways tuition in British Columbia can be more fair and transparent for both domestic and international students. We are available to meet via Zoom between 7-18 Dec. Please let us know if it works with your schedule.

Best regards,

Samad Raza

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Cc: [Hancyk, Phil AEST:EX](#); [Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX](#); [Weiss, Cheryl AEST:EX](#)
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