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Minister of Advanced Education

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March 20, 2019

Ms. Cathy Warner, Chair
University of Regina Board of Governors
University Secretariat Office
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Dear Ms. Warner:

I am pleased to continue our longstanding and successful partnership in the 2019-20 Provincial Budget.

Budget 2019-20 is focused on the Right Balance for Saskatchewan. It invests in priorities that will improve the quality of life for all Saskatchewan people. It is balanced. It is fiscally sound, keeps taxes low, invests wisely and supports economic growth. It ensures quality government programs and services for people and businesses in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan is pleased to invest \$115,198,100 in the University of Regina from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. The attached appendices provide additional detail about the funding and its intended uses.

We expect you to use this investment to enhance pathways for students to achieve their goals. Students must have access to the high-quality programs they need. We also expect you to keep developing and delivering programs that respond to the demands of Saskatchewan's evolving labour market.

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As part of Budget 2019-20, we remain particularly interested in your continued commitment to increasing the participation and success rates of Indigenous students. We encourage efforts aimed at improving student mental health and well-being.

Investment in post-secondary education has a significant impact on the provincial economy. We must continue to collaborate on ways to ensure the system is operating more efficiently. We must ensure Saskatchewan people are getting the maximum benefit for their substantial investment.

The Ministry will require certain reports from you to ensure we can demonstrate that benefit to Saskatchewan people. The Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, Mark McLoughlin, will write to you later detailing our requirements. We expect you to demonstrate how your high-quality programs are accessible to students and responsive to industry and community needs.

We have a strong history of working together and I thank you for your commitment. Please also extend my thanks to the Board, management, faculty and staff.

Sincerely,



Tina Beaudry-Mellor
Minister of Advanced Education

Attachments

cc: Dr. Vianne Timmons, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Regina
Dave Button, Vice-President, Administration, University of Regina
Mark McLoughlin, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education

**APPENDIX 1
Schedule of Funding
UNIVERSITY OF REGINA**

Operating Grant Funding	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
Prior Year Operating Grant Funding Base	\$ 105,193,700	
Funding Formula Shift	\$ 1,924,000	
<u>Targeted Funding:</u> MacKenzie Art Gallery	\$ (100,000)	
Total Operating Grant Funding	\$ 107,017,700	\$ 105,193,700
Other/Supplementary Facilities Funding		
French Language: Regular Funding ¹	\$ 626,900	\$ 626,900
Supplementary Funding – Facilities	\$ 1,722,000	\$ 1,879,000
Total Other/Supplementary Facilities Funding	\$ 2,348,900	\$ 2,505,900
TOTAL OPERATING AND OTHER FUNDING	\$ 109,366,600	\$ 107,699,600
Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship (SIOS)		
Innovation and Excellence Scholarships	\$ 389,800	\$ 375,600
International Education Scholarships	\$ 42,900	\$ 41,400
Opportunity Scholarships	\$ 330,800	\$ 318,800
Total SIOS Funding	\$ 763,500	\$ 735,800
TOTAL OPERATING, OTHER AND SIOS FUNDING	\$ 110,130,100	\$ 108,435,400
Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Funding	\$ 5,068,000	\$ 5,068,000
OVERALL TOTAL (as shown on page one of letter)	\$ 115,198,100	\$ 113,503,400

¹ Note: 2019-20 amount is an estimate, as the federal-provincial agreement is being negotiated.

APPENDIX 2
Targeted Funding
UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

TARGETED OPERATING FUNDING

Nursing

Ongoing support from the Government of Saskatchewan ensures that there are 345 first-year seats in the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the University of Regina. To ensure the Government's goal of delivering high-quality public services in the most efficient way, a collaborative review of registered nursing degree programs in Saskatchewan has been completed and endorsed by the Minister of Advanced Education. Recommendations from the review have been used as the basis for the Nursing Deans Forum two-year work plan.

Nurse Practitioner

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$290,700 in targeted funding for nurse practitioner seats. Government has fulfilled its commitment to increase Nurse Practitioner seats from 20 to 40 in the Province. The University portion of this commitment was realized in 2013-14 with the addition of 20 seats in the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner program.

Research and Innovation Centre Operating

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$1,697,000 in targeted funding related to additional space brought on-line since 2007-08.

First Nations University of Canada Infrastructure

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$478,900 in targeted funding to compensate the University for infrastructure costs associated with First Nations University of Canada. Funding has been provided since 2006-07 for costs related to services provided to First Nations University of Canada, such as snow removal, library usage and access to fitness facilities, with the intention that this funding would remain in place until First Nations University begins paying for these costs directly.

Computer Science

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$817,900 in targeted funding to support capacity in upper year classes in Computer Science programs.

Library Outreach

The 2019-20 Budget provides \$100,000 in targeted funding for Library Outreach, as it has been since 2011-12.

Wascana Centre Authority/Provincial Capital Commission

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$256,800 in targeted funding as flow through for the Wascana Centre, now administered by the Provincial Capital Commission.

Mackenzie Art Gallery

In the 2019-20 Budget, the targeted funding as flow through for the Mackenzie Art Gallery is \$100,000, which is a reduction of \$100,000 from 2018-19. It is planned that this funding will be completely eliminated by 2020-21.

OTHER/SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING

French Language: Regular Funding

As the next iteration of the Canada-Saskatchewan Agreement on Minority-Language Education and Second Official-Language Instruction is still being negotiated by both governments, the 2019-20 Budget is an estimation based on previous years of the agreement. Once an agreement has been finalized, the Ministry will identify the resources allocated to Le Bac, La Cité and the French Language Masters in Education program.

French Language: Complementary Funding

The Ministry will pursue its efforts to negotiate additional Complementary Funding with Canadian Heritage in 2019-20, to increase inter-institutional capacity development and foster inter-institutional collaboration so as to implement Vision 2030: Saskatchewan's Post-Secondary Education in French. In 2017-18, \$527,492 was distributed to La Cité and \$19,386 was distributed to Le Bac teacher education under this program. An application for Complementary Funding has been submitted to Canadian Heritage for La Cité and Le Bac for 2018-19.

Supplementary Funding – Facilities

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$1,722,000 based on estimated costs for 2019-20.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship Funding

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$763,500 for the Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship. Of this total \$389,800 is targeted for the Innovation and Excellence component, \$330,800 for the Opportunity component, and \$42,900 for the International Education component.

The Ministry of Advanced Education will disburse equal Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship payments to your institution in October 2019 and March 2020.

Post-secondary institutions are required to report annual Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship activity from July 1st to June 30th of each year and will have until July 31st to submit their reporting to the Ministry. Institutions are to advise the Ministry in writing by June 30th of their priorities for scholarships over the upcoming year and include the areas of study and student categories the institution will focus on.

Annual allocations are subject to budget appropriation and will be based on each institution's ability to match funds in the previous year. The Ministry will revisit the Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship reporting and fundraising progress with all institutions prior to the 2020-21 Budget.

CAPITAL FUNDING

Preventative Maintenance and Renewal

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$5,068,000 in Preventative Maintenance and Renewal funding for the University of Regina.