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Saskatchewan

Minister of Advanced Education

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Regina, Canada S4S 0B3

April 10, 2018

Ms. Cathy Warner, Chair  
University of Regina Board of Governors  
University Secretariat Office  
Room 509, Administration-Humanities Building  
3737 Wascana Parkway  
REGINA SK S4S 0A2

Dear Ms. Warner:

In the 2018-19 Provincial Budget, our Government continues to invest in things that matter to Saskatchewan people. The Province is expected to post positive economic growth in both 2017-18 and 2018-19.

We recognize that we have more to accomplish, but we are meeting our fiscal challenges, controlling spending and shifting away from our reliance on resource revenue. Saskatchewan is on track with our fiscal plan to return the budget to balance in 2019-20. The Government of Saskatchewan is following its plan to invest in the services, programs and infrastructure that Saskatchewan people value – today and into the future.

Saskatchewan is pleased to invest \$112,876,500 in the University of Regina from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 which includes \$5,068,000 in base preventative maintenance and renewal funding. The attached appendices have additional detail about 2018-19 funding and its intended uses.

Five expectations guide the Ministry of Advanced Education and Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions. We must always be working to improve accessibility, responsiveness, sustainability, accountability and quality. By focusing on these five expectations, we will keep improving the system for students.

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The 2018-19 Plan for the Ministry of Advanced Education, and the post-secondary system, has three major goals:

- support students to succeed in post-secondary education;
- meet the post-secondary education needs of the province; and,
- ensure Saskatchewan's post-secondary sector is accountable and sustainable.

We will continue to focus on effective financial management this year. I expect our post-secondary institutions to continue to offer high-quality programs that students can afford. We will make strategic investments to maintain infrastructure. We will ensure long-term financial sustainability.

In 2018-19, I ask you to continue to:

- increase efficiency and reduce costs in your institution while maintaining high-quality programs and services for students.
- work on the creation of pathways to technology and entrepreneurship.
- work closely with other Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions to find efficiencies and minimize duplication through collaboration.
- improve the participation and success of Indigenous students.
- work with employers to align your programs with labour market needs.
- provide experiential learning opportunities for students, including study abroad.

I ask you to report on your progress on these items by no later than January 31, 2019.

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Please also continue to provide information that demonstrates the financial sustainability of your institution:

- quarterly financial forecasts reflecting your institution's consolidated operations, by no later than 30 days after each quarter end;
- advance notification of any program changes or expenditure reductions to be undertaken in 2018-19 that may have negative impacts on students; and,
- report on the state of infrastructure and investments made in preventative maintenance and renewal.

Ministry officials will be in contact with you in the coming weeks with more detail regarding the requested reports.

We have a history of working together to achieve our goals and we are confident that this will be another strong year.

Thank you for your partnership. Please extend my thanks to the Board, management and all your faculty and staff. I appreciate your efforts to provide quality educational experiences for your students and to meet the labour market needs.

Sincerely,



Tina Beaudry-Mellor  
Minister of Advanced Education

Attachments

cc: Dr. Vianne Timmons, President, 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**

<b>Operating Grant Funding</b>	<b><u>2018-19</u></b>	<b><u>2017-18</u></b>
Prior Year Operating Grant Funding Base	\$104,407,100	
Funding Formula Shift	\$ 886,600	
<u>Targeted Funding:</u> MacKenzie Art Gallery	\$ (100,000)	
<b>Total Operating Grant Funding</b>	<b>\$105,193,700</b>	<b>\$ 104,407,100</b>
<b>Other/Supplementary Facilities Funding</b>		
French Language: Regular Funding <sup>1</sup>		\$ 626,900
Supplementary Funding – Facilities	\$ 1,879,000	\$ 1,917,000
<b>Total Other/Supplementary Facilities Funding</b>	<b>\$ 1,879,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,543,900</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING AND OTHER FUNDING</b>	<b>\$107,072,700</b>	<b>\$ 106,951,000</b>
<b>Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship (SIOS)</b>		
Innovation and Excellence Scholarships	\$ 375,600	\$ 393,100
International Education Scholarships	\$ 41,400	\$ 43,300
Opportunity Scholarships	\$ 318,800	\$ 333,600
<b>Total SIOS Funding</b>	<b>\$ 735,800</b>	<b>\$ 770,000</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING, OTHER AND SIOS FUNDING</b>	<b>\$107,808,500</b>	<b>\$ 107,721,000</b>
<b>Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Funding</b>	<b>\$ 5,068,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,068,000</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL (as shown on page one of letter)</b>	<b>\$112,876,500</b>	<b>\$ 112,789,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Note: Agreement funding currently under negotiation.

**APPENDIX 2**  
**Targeted Funding**  
**UNIVERSITY OF REGINA**

**TARGETED OPERATING FUNDING**

**Nursing**

The ongoing support from the Government has guaranteed that there are 345 learner seats in the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. To ensure the Government's goal of delivering high-quality public services in the most efficient way, a collaborative review of registered nursing education in Saskatchewan is underway. The review will evaluate the goals and objectives of the two-provider model as well as the outcomes achieved to date including: the costs and benefits; distributed education; transfer credit and learner pathways opportunities; clinical placements; and, the general labour market demand for registered nurses. It is expected that the University of Regina will continue to actively participate throughout the review process.

**Nurse Practitioner**

The 2018-19 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 2018-19 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 2018-19 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 2018-19 Budget includes \$817,900 in targeted funding to support capacity in upper year classes in Computer Science programs.

**Library Outreach**

The 2018-19 Budget provides \$100,000 in targeted funding for Library Outreach, as it has been since 2011-12.

**Wascana Centre Authority**

The 2018-19 Budget includes \$256,800 in targeted funding as flow through for the Wascana Centre Authority.

### **Mackenzie Art Gallery**

In the 2018-19 Budget the targeted funding as flow through for the Mackenzie Art Gallery is \$200,000, which is a reduction of \$100,000 from 2017-18. It is planned that this funding will be reduced by a similar amount each year in the following two years until it is eliminated.

### **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 Ministry of Advanced Education is not able to identify a 2018-19 budget at this time. 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 2018-19 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 2016-17, \$1,017,000 was distributed to La Cité and \$86,400 was distributed to Le Bac teacher education under this program. An application for 2017-18 Complementary Funding has been approved by Canadian Heritage with \$527,492 for La Cité and \$19,386 for Le Bac.

#### **Supplementary Funding – Facilities**

The 2018-19 Budget includes \$1,879,000 based on estimated costs for 2018-19.

### **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING**

#### **Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship Funding**

The 2018-19 Budget includes \$735,800 for the Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship. Of this total \$375,600 is targeted for the Innovation and Excellence component, \$318,800 for the Opportunity component, and \$41,400 for the International Education component.

The Ministry of Advanced Education will disburse two equal Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship payments to your institution, one payment in October 2018, and the second payment in March 2019.

Post-secondary institutions are required to report annual Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship activity from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year and will have until July 31<sup>st</sup> to submit their reporting to the Ministry. Institutions are to advise the Ministry in writing, by June 30<sup>th</sup> each year, 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 2019-20 Budget.

## **CAPITAL FUNDING**

### **Preventative Maintenance and Renewal**

The 2018-19 Budget includes \$5,068,000 in Preventative Maintenance and Renewal funding for the University of Regina.