

April 11, 2018

His Honour the Minister of Advanced Education  
Government of Alberta  
403 Legislature Building  
10800 – 97 Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Schmidt

**Re. Acknowledgement and Appreciation**

On behalf of ACIFA, I would like to express our appreciation to you for coming through with a 2% increase in operational funding to post-secondary educational institutions in the recent provincial budget. Thank you for making good on that undertaking despite the restrictive fiscal situation in which the province finds itself. This action testifies to the high regard you and the rest of the cabinet have for post-secondary education, and to your understanding that quality post-secondary education requires stable predictable funding. Thank you for following through.

We would also like to congratulate you on taking a principled stance against excessive executive compensation by trimming back executive remuneration in our sector. ACIFA has repeatedly expressed concern about the disproportionate allocation of funds to administrative functions compared with the allocation of funds for frontline operations such as teaching and research. Your move on executive remuneration provides a welcome signal that this trend must be reversed. It is also encouraging that the savings from these cutbacks in executive remuneration will be given back to post-secondary institutions in a way that will benefit students.

We wish you every success in your work ensuring the healthy functioning of the post-secondary sector in our province.

Sincerely,

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