

May 14, 2015

Our Ref: 99816

Mr. W. Tom Styffe
Chair of the Board
Okanagan College
1000 KLO Rd
Kelowna BC V1Y 4X8

Dear Mr. Styffe:

Re: 2015/16 Mandate Letter for Public Postsecondary Institutions

British Columbians have come to expect high quality programs from our public postsecondary institutions. The province is well served by our public postsecondary institutions. In signing this 2015/16 Mandate Letter, members of the Board of Okanagan College individually and collectively acknowledge their statutory obligations to act in the best interests of the institution and affirm their commitment to take into account the Taxpayer Accountability Principles in

efficiently as possible, to ensure British Columbians are provided with the highest quality programs and services. This requires constant focus on maintaining a conscientious and principled culture through the efficient and effective delivery of programs and services that stand the test of public scrutiny and help develop a prosperous economy and society in an environmentally sustainable manner. The foundation of this work is the commitment by Government to control spending and balance the budget.

Government is responsible for funding, setting the legislative, regulatory and public policy frameworks in which public postsecondary institutions operate along with establishing the , Q V W L W X W L R Q ¶ V P D Q G D W H 7 K L V L Q F O X G H V W K H I R O O R Z L

Sections 5 and 6 of the College and Institute Act.

- x In meeting the needs of its designated region, a college provides adult basic education, English as a second language and adult special education programs. It also provides first and second years of study of baccalaureate degree programs, as well as career, technical, trades and continuing education programming. A college may also offer applied baccalaureate degree programming. Further, a college supports community economic development.

- x Negotiating settlements with unionized employee groups consistent with the Economic Stability Mandate for all collective agreements that expire on or after December 31, 2013.
- x Ensuring that institutional operational and financial activities, including procurement and travel, are conducted consistent with Government standards for cost-consciousness and the most cost-effective use of taxpayer resources.
- x Conducting board matters in accordance with the best practice guideline.
- x Ensure board remuneration rates comply with Order in Council 180/95 and that UHPXQH UDWLRQ LV SXEOLFOL\ GLVFORVHG DQQXDOO\ RQ website as required by the Treasury Board Directives.

The Core Policy and Procedures Manual of Government can be found on the Ministry of Finance website at <http://www.fin.gov.bc.ca/ocg/fmb/manuals/CPM/CPMtoc.html> and other supporting GRFXPHQWV IRXQG RQ WKH 3XEOLF 6HFWRU (PSOR\HUV ¶ & R <http://www.fin.gov.bc.ca/psec/>

Government and the public postsecondary institutions share a commitment to ensuring that British Columbians have access to the high quality postsecondary education and training programs they need to fully participate in the provincial economy and society. This includes being responsive to student and labour market demands and addressing the overall socio-economic and regional employment needs of the province.

Government is committed to supporting the success of students and postsecondary institutions while at the same time making sure that funding is focused on the legislated mandate of the institution. Postsecondary education needs to be affordable for students and parents as well as taxpayers.

Making changes to align education, training and resources with the economic and social needs of the province will guarantee success for our province and students. Only by working together will we find additional efficiencies, further reduce duplication and position ourselves for even greater success.

Sincerely,



Andrew Wilkinson
Minister

Attachment

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