



Premier of Alberta

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January 23, 2012

Ms. Laurie E. Adkin
7308 - 105A Street
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Dear Ms. Adkin:

Thank you for your January 10, 2012 email regarding funding for the University Of Alberta Faculty of Arts.

The Government of Alberta is committed to developing a globally-recognized, high quality advanced education system that meets the needs of Albertans. Although the current fiscal environment has created challenges in the short-term, supporting Alberta's publicly-funded post-secondary institutions continues to be a high priority for the province.

While government's role is to set high level direction for the system, institutions are better positioned to decide how the direction will be accomplished. Advanced Education and Technology provides overall funding to post-secondary institutions and it is up to the institution to determine the budget for each faculty. Institutions have latitude in managing their budget pressures and priorities internally through established consultative and decision-making processes.

As the government moves toward the final stages in the budget process, we will continue to work closely with the University of Alberta and other post-secondary institutions as they strategically position programs and services for long-term excellence and sustainability.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your comments with me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alison M. Redford', written over a horizontal line.

Alison M. Redford, QC

cc: Honourable Greg Weadick
Minister of Advanced Education and Technology