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Minister of Advanced Education

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March 20, 2019

Ms. Shelley Brown, Chair
Board of Governors
University of Saskatchewan
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Dear Ms. Brown:

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 \$343,746,600 in the University of Saskatchewan from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. This total maintains an additional \$5 million that was provided in 2018-19 as a partial repayment of the \$20 million reduction to operating funding that occurred in 2015-16. 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. Peter Stoicheff, President, University of Saskatchewan
Greg Fowler, Vice-President, Finance and Resources, University of Saskatchewan
Mark McLoughlin, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education

APPENDIX 1
Schedule of Funding
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Operating Grant Funding	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
Prior Year Operating Grant Funding Base ¹	\$ 312,461,700	
Funding Formula Shift	\$ (1,924,000)	
<u>Targeted Funding:</u>		
Western College of Veterinary Medicine	\$ 162,600	
Total Operating Grant Funding	\$ 310,700,300	\$ 312,461,700
Other		
Partial repayment of 2015-16 operating funding reduction	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Supplementary Funding – Facilities	\$ 13,530,000	\$ 13,820,000
Total Other/Supplementary Facilities Funding	\$ 18,530,000	\$ 18,820,000
TOTAL OPERATING AND OTHER FUNDING	\$ 329,230,300	\$ 331,281,700
Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship (SIOS)		
Innovation and Excellence Scholarships	\$ 687,100	\$ 662,100
International Education Scholarships	\$ 76,500	\$ 73,700
Opportunity Scholarships	\$ 526,700	\$ 507,600
Total SIOS Funding	\$ 1,290,300	\$ 1,243,400
TOTAL OPERATING, OTHER AND SIOS FUNDING	\$ 330,520,600	\$ 332,525,100
Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Funding	\$ 13,226,000	\$ 13,226,000
OVERALL TOTAL (as shown on page one of letter)	\$ 343,746,600	\$ 345,751,100

¹ Excludes \$5 million that was provided in 2018-19 as a partial repayment of the \$20 million reduction to operating funding which occurred in 2015-16.

APPENDIX 2
Targeted Funding
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

TARGETED OPERATING FUNDING

College of Medicine

Total funding from the Government of Saskatchewan for the College of Medicine is \$171,543,200. As described below, total funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education of \$88,224,200 includes \$82,685,000 in operating funding, \$5,096,000 for library accreditation and information and communications technology, and \$443,200 for the academic renal transplant program. Total funding also includes an estimated \$83,319,000 from the Ministry of Health for the Clinical Services Fund agreement and all other Ministry of Health contracts. This total funding amount represents a net increase of \$4,850,000 over 2018-19 funding, after funding transfer of some clinical services to the Saskatchewan Health Authority, attributable to the Ministry of Health.

Funding from the Government of Saskatchewan for the College of Medicine supports 100 undergraduate medical seats and 120 post-graduate residencies, including academic and clinical costs related to teaching, research and leadership.

College of Medicine – General Operating Funding

The 2019-20 Budget includes targeted operating funding of \$82,685,000 for the College of Medicine to be used to cover the academic operating costs required to operate an accredited medical school in Saskatchewan. No portion of the targeted operating funding may be used to repay any cumulative deficit from prior years.

The Ministry of Advanced Education will require the University of Saskatchewan to submit the following information to report on the plans and outcomes of the College of Medicine:

- On or before July 30, 2019, an updated five-year financial plan providing evidence as to the required funding to support a successful, accredited medical school that provides quality medical education in Saskatchewan;
- Within 30 days of the end of each quarter, quarterly financial reports that include annual budget information, year-to-date results, a detailed annual forecast and relevant variance explanations; and,
- An annual report for the College of Medicine, including: financial information; staffing complement; student enrolment; enrolment through the Aboriginal and Diversity and Social Accountability Admissions Programs; strategic initiatives; capital planning; investments; revenues; and, program outcome measures.

College of Medicine – Library and Information and Communications Technology

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$5,096,000 for library accreditation and information and communications technology. The Ministry of Advanced Education requires the College of Medicine to submit a report on the use of the funding provided for library accreditation and information and communications technology, which is not accounted for in the College of Medicine's revenue and expenditures.

College of Medicine – Academic Renal Transplant

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$443,200 in targeted funding for the College of Medicine's Academic Renal Transplant program.

Nursing

Ongoing support from the Government ensures that there are 345 intake seats in the non-direct entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the University of Saskatchewan. 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 \$211,000 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's portion of this commitment was realized in 2013-14 with the addition of 10 seats at the College of Nursing.

Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Government funding to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine totals \$11,699,700, including: \$8,291,300 to support the costs of student training, which includes a 2% annual increase (\$162,600) as provided in the Interprovincial Agreement; \$2,052,200 for indirect costs; and \$1,356,200 in targeted funding to support the costs related to additional space since 2007-08.

Health Sciences Building Operating Costs

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$4,975,700 in targeted funding to support the University's additional costs associated with operating the Health Sciences Building.

Canada Excellence Research Chair in Water Security

2019-20 funding for the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Water Security has been deferred.

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 includes \$100,000 in targeted funding for Library Outreach, as it has been since 2011-12.

Meewasin Valley Authority

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$647,200 in targeted funding as flow through for the Meewasin Valley Authority.

OTHER

Partial Repayment of 2015-16 Reduction to Operating Funding

In both 2018-19 and 2019-20, \$5 million in other funding represents a partial repayment of the \$20 million reduction to operating funding that occurred in 2015-16.

Supplementary Funding – Facilities

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$13,530,000 based on estimated costs for 2019-20.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship Funding

The 2019-20 Budget includes \$1,290,300 for the Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship. Of this total, \$687,100 is targeted for the Innovation and Excellence component; \$526,700 for the Opportunity component; and \$76,500 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 \$13,226,000 in funding for base Preventative Maintenance and Renewal.