

September 30, 2014

Honourable Amrik Virk  
Minister of Advanced Education  
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Victoria BC  
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*Dear Minister Virk,*

*Please find attached the signatures for the Selkirk College Board of Governors for the 2014/2015 Taxpayer Accountability Principles transition letter.*

*As members of the Selkirk College Board of Governors we individually and collectively acknowledge our statutory obligations to act in the best interest of Selkirk College and affirm, as Governors, to take into account the recently government announced Taxpayer Accountability Principles in exercising our duty.*

*Please contact me with any questions.*

*Yours sincerely,*



*Bruce Morrison, Chair*  
Selkirk College Board



Our Ref: 97914

September 16, 2014

To: All Public Post-Secondary Institution Board Chairs

Re: Taxpayer Accountability Principles Addendum to 2014/15 Government's Letter of Expectations

Further to the Taxpayer Accountability Principles (attached) recently announced by Premier Christy Clark, this letter amends the 2014/15 Government's Letter of Expectations.

The principles recognize that the boards of public sector organizations have a higher accountability to the taxpayer – in addition to their traditional fiduciary duty to the organization. These principles are to be built into the ongoing operations of your institution to ensure that its decisions reflect the priorities and values of government and the shareholders – the citizens of British Columbia.

The following Taxpayer Accountability Principles actions are to be implemented this fiscal year, in addition to the existing direction outlined in the 2014/15 Government's Letter of Expectation:

1. Adopt the Taxpayer Accountability Principles – *cost consciousness (efficiency), accountability, appropriate compensation, service, respect and integrity* for your board and throughout your organization.
2. Complete and make publically available your institution's revised comprehensive Code of Conduct by November 2014, as per the July 2014 letter from the Minister of Finance, containing government's guidance about standards of conduct – including but not limited to conflict of interest provisions and post-employment restrictions.
3. Collaborate with the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education to implement a strategic engagement plan for the public post-secondary system for 2014/15.
4. Demonstrate that your institution has undertaken comprehensive and appropriate communication, orientation and training on the Taxpayer Accountability Principles, accountability framework and roles and expectations for the board and executive.

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5. Participate in regular meetings with myself, and ensure your President meets regularly with the Deputy Minister to focus on performance against the Taxpayer Accountability Principles, results and strategic decision making.
6. Complete an annual Chair/President letter, which will be published in the 2014/15 Institutional Accountability Plan & Report (Report) that reports on your institution's performance in relation to the mandate letter. The Report must include a Taxpayer Accountability Principles implementation progress report.
7. Work with the Ministry to develop an evaluation plan with specific efficiency and performance measures as determinates of the institution's health and performance against the Taxpayer Accountability Principles, which may include annual feedback from government. A "transitional" phase one evaluation plan may be used for 2014/15 and published in the 2014/15 Report. The fully developed evaluation plan is to be used in 2015/16 and reported in the 2015/16 Report.

The Taxpayer Accountability Principles are being implemented to enhance public sector governance, increase accountability, promote cost control, and ensure the provincial public sector organizations operate in the best interest of the taxpayers. To support the implementation of the Taxpayer Accountability Principles, please ensure all board members sign this addendum to the 2014/15 GLE, by September 30, 2014. This letter and signed addendum is to be posted publicly on your organization's website.

The principles have a strong focus on improved two-way communication between government and the provincial public post-secondary institutions, to ensure a complete understanding of expectations. I look forward to working with you further on the implementation of Taxpayer Accountability Principles.

Should you have questions please contact Ms. Sandra Carroll, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education.

Sincerely,



Amrik Virk  
Minister

Attachments


pc: Distribution List attached



Name Tiffany Snauwaert  
Title Ex-Officio, Chair, Education Council



Name Angus Graeme  
Title President and CEO Ex-Officio



Name Danica Lee  
Title Government Appointed Board Member



Name Russell Stocks  
Title Government Appointed Board Member



Name Harry Pringle  
Title Instructional Staff Elected Member



Name Patricia Dooley  
Title Government Appointed Board Member



Name Dave DeLong  
Title Government Appointed Board Member




Name Elsa Wyllie,  
Title Government Appointed Board Member




Name Sharel Wallace  
Vice-Chair of the Board/ Government Appointed



Name Garry Kalinski,  
Title Government Appointed Board Member



Name Bruce Morrison  
Chair of the Board / Chair, Government Appointed



September 29, 2014

Date

**Vacant Positions at the Time of Signing:**

- Two student positions
- One support staff position
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