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INTRODUCTION

I have been asked to provide periodic updates on the work of my office and the Executive Committee. I have decided to use the members' only portal on the website to allow for open dialogue with the members on our efforts on behalf the system. This format gives you the opportunity to share your questions and comments with your colleagues for the benefit of all of us. If you want more information on anything in the report feel free to reach out to me directly as well.

ADVOCACY AND STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS

Since our quarterly meeting on March 19th 2021, I have had an opportunity to participate in meetings with other regional representatives of Universities Canada and CICAN on issues related to international students and COVID 19 as well as their other advocacy efforts with the Federal Government.

I received a brief heads up from my government contacts on the RABBCA OIC on March 24th. The Executive Committee met March 25th immediately following the government of Alberta OIC on RABBCA. We were able to coordinate briefing materials and the scheduling of a zoom briefing for Board Chairs. The Executive convened again on April 1st to direct the preparation of additional briefing materials and I was able to connect with the level 1 Presidents through the chair of that group to include some of their input. This has since led to the scheduling of a Minister initiated consolidated Board Chairs and Presidents call for April 12th to follow-up.

Start-up action has been scheduled on the ACC/COPPOA Talent Task Force with Nancy Broadbent joining the task force as our Northern region representative, the Co-Chairs initial meeting occurring and the first full meeting of the Task Force agenda planned and scheduled. The initial meeting to follow up on the student leaders' relationship framework has been scheduled.

No further update is available on provincial bargaining at this date.

POLICY AND SHARED SERVICES

Executive committee has discussed next steps as a follow-up to the quarterly meeting discussion on governance related to Alberta 2030 and the Executive Director will be pulling together an initial role clarification document as follow-up. The Vice Chairs of Policy and Shared Services together with the Executive Director will be meeting later today with the Ministry to review the current work of the GOA on a digital strategy that may impact several policy agenda items as well as our current application system and other planned efforts on transfers in the system.

I was able to participate in a national seminar for CIO's on the current development of my Creds and had a follow-up discussion with the Executive lead on My Creds on next steps on the role out here in Alberta.

MEMBER RELATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

As part of the follow-up from the quarterly meeting, SAIT staff and my office are taking the necessary steps to change the fiscal year to better align with our Service Alberta filing. In addition, I did a presentation to the Executive Committee of one of our member institutions on the role of COPPOA. I also responded to information from sister organizations requests on role and mandate as well as current priorities. Attended the meeting of College Presidents to provide an update and answer questions.

I assisted the Executive Committee in providing information on the expressions of interest from members who wanted to be considered for the role of Vice Chair Advocacy and Stakeholder Relations. Congratulations to Alice Wainwright-Stewart for accepting the role and welcome aboard.

Thanks to all of you for the opportunity to continue to support your efforts and all the best!