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### ADVOCACY AND STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS

Over the last two months, I have had numerous government relations contacts with senior officials in Advanced Education, TBF, Labour, and Executive Council as well as with Western Diversification. The subject of those contacts included Alberta 2030 implementation, COVID 19 guidelines, RABBCA, provincial bargaining, ACC/COPPOA talent task force and international student recruitment measures. I have also participated in briefings on the Federal Budget through meetings with Universities Canada, CICAN and a private government relations firm. I have provided extensive support to Chairs and Presidents on RABBCA including an initial meeting with the “working group” immediately following the joint session with Board Chairs and Presidents. Working with Executive, we established an internal project-working group to develop a recommended long-term strategy. We also led the creation of the letter to the Minister of Advanced Education and the Minister of Treasury Board and Finance requesting an urgent meeting to address the challenges with RABBCA.

I also supported the process to create a COVID 19 planning guide for submission to the Province through working with my colleagues in British Columbia and the team creating the draft guidelines.

There have been several meetings and calls supporting the Talent Task Force and the Relationship Framework with the student leaders. I attended the SSSO meeting to provide a briefing and connect the group with the student leaders working on the campus sexual violence policy position of the student umbrella groups.

I also convened a regular call for the government relations leads from the member institutions to foster collaboration on key messages and to share intel.

### POLICY AND SHARED SERVICES

I have worked with my colleague at the Council of Ontario Universities to support the introduction of MyCreds in the institutions across our two provinces. This included a letter signed by the two of us sent to both Ministers of Advance Education. Alberta and Ontario have been the early adopters of My Creds that is a digital wallet that the student owns. It gives them control over tracking and sharing their credentials with a high degree of privacy protection and ease of use for institutions. I also arranged and supported two meetings with Advanced Education on the province’s desire to work with the system on a long-term digital strategy. I provided support to the Executive Committee members addressing the strategic direction for APAS and the Apply Alberta system. Worked with Annette - Vice Chair policy on the draft governance roles input document. I am continuing to work with Advanced Education on the timelines for implementation of various aspect of Alberta 2030. I have also worked with my colleague at the Council of Ontario Universities on our common interest in the deconsolidation of financial statements referenced in Alberta 2030.



**MEMBER RELATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION**

I have supported the Executive Committee through drafting meeting agendas, minutes and ensuring those items are posted to the member's web portal. I also have supported the scheduling of and agenda development for quarterly meetings and Presidents roundtables at the direction of the Executive Committee. I continue to represent Alberta on the CICAN and Universities Canada regional contact meetings. These contacts allow us to post relevant information from other jurisdictions to our members' web portal and monitor policy and program trends in our comparator provinces. I have also provided support to individual Presidents on a request basis. These contacts are from individuals seeking clarification on system level initiatives or have additional questions on government relations issues. I recently attended the LAPP sponsor organizations meeting to receive a briefing on proposed changes to the process for appointing representatives to the LAPP Board of Directors and the sponsor Board representatives. This item will be on the agenda of the next quarterly meeting.

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