



*The Future of Alberta's  
Post-Secondary Education  
System Conference*

Presentation to Students' Council  
Tuesday, November 6, 2012

*“Alberta is in a state of renewal...”*



*“A strong post-secondary education system is essential to unlocking opportunity for tens of thousands of Albertans... Unfortunately, the current PC government has done little to make post-secondary education more available or affordable...”*  
– Wildrose Party’s Advanced Education Policy (Online)



# *“Alberta is in a state of renewal...”*



*“There is no better investment of public funds than in learning... We need outstanding schools and post-secondary institutions... Our government is committed to strengthening our universities and post-secondary institutes...”*

*– Premier Alison Redford during her State of the Province Address*



# Conference Objectives...

1. Create an inclusive vision for Alberta's PSE System

2. Foster alliances between all PSE stakeholders in Alberta

3. Increase the awareness of PSE issue



# *Proposed Program*

## *Reception and Keynote Speakers*

- *Thurs, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013*
- *Large evening reception (300+ people) with MLAs, MPs, and Civil Servants*
- *PSE "Science & Arts" Fair*
- *Speech from the Premier and Keynote Speaker*

## *PSE Stakeholder Daylong Summit*

- *Fri, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013*
- *Daylong Summit (50-100 people) with student leaders, Civil Servants, and Industry Leaders*
- *Modeled after the Provincial Government's Social Policy Framework & Budget Consultations*



# *PSE Stakeholder Summit Structure*

*Three Keynote Speakers that each cover a theme of PSE (e.g. Costs, Quality, Technology)*

*After each Keynote, two breakout sessions will occur simultaneously. Each session will cover a subtopic (e.g. Quality Teaching, Quality Research)*

*Each session will be kicked off by a speaker/panel of speakers and then the room will be divided into various groups*

*Each group will have a series of questions to answer and share with everyone. (Which will be documented by a note-taker.)*



# Post-Conference...

- *Develop a post-conference report based off of the responses made in the summit*
- *Ensure that discussions and stakeholder gatherings continue to happen in order to “map out” how we’re going to achieve our collective vision*



# Next Steps...

- *Conference is in 3.5 months*
- *Need to fundraise from the Ministry of Enterprise & Advanced Education, CAFA, ACIFA, and from our respective institutions*
- *Work on a tentative budget*
- *Create a marketing identity*
- *Start securing speakers*
- *Finalize Summit themes, topics for breakout sessions, and questions for each session*
- *Confirm the attendance from MLAs, MPs, and the Ministry*
- *Keep the momentum and the energy going!!!*

