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)
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“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 21st, 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 22nd, 2013
- Daylong Summit (50-100 people) with student leaders, CivilServants, 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!!!