



University of Alberta Board of Governors affirms drive to excellence

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To faculty, staff, students, and post-docs,

As the University of Alberta moves through a critical period of transformation, we, the university's governors, stand united in our commitment to excellence across this institution and firmly endorse the University of Alberta's aspirations to compete with the best public research and teaching intensive universities in the world.

We have also charged President Indira Samarasekera to continue to lead the university through a process of change in fulfillment of the long-term vision and mission of the University of Alberta.

We unanimously declared our position at our recent retreat which took place April 16-18, 2013. The University of Alberta's strategic direction for the next decade was discussed, along with the immediate steps university leadership must take to ensure continued excellence as it adjusts to recent cuts made to the institution's operating budget.

The Board of Governors also affirmed the fundamental necessity of preserving university independence and autonomy in determining its future.

This university is critical to the future of the province of Alberta. At our retreat we affirmed the importance of governing at an excellent institution and we agreed on the vision and values that are required for higher education.

The board also agreed to the following at the retreat:

- We, as governors of the University of Alberta, unanimously are determined that our university compete with the best public research and teaching intensive universities in the world.
- We are united in purpose and committed to delivering excellence across the institution.
- We have empowered our president to deliver a change agenda and fully expect her to fulfill our vision.

We would like to thank the whole of the university community for coming together at this time. You are at the heart of what makes the University of Alberta excellent.

Sincerely,

Doug Goss

Chair

University of Alberta Board of Directors