

Hello Again

I said I would come back and update the university community on the financial situation for KPU in this very unusual year and going into what is going to be largely another unusual year and to see what impact that would have on our fiscal situation.

So here we are the Q3 report which is really the crucial one in determining how we going to look year in. It is much more positive than what we had anticipated. We have managed to reduce cost considerably by working remotely and studying remotely largely. In fact, reduced cost more than we had predicted. And we have also received some additional revenues that were not anticipated from government, so we find ourselves in the glorious position of predicting a modest surplus for 2021.

We are going to use that surplus very wisely. We are going to create some endowments and tuck some money away for future activities that are important to KPU at this time. Areas such as research, student support, more money for matters related to equity diversity and inclusion broadly defined. So, we are going to be able to do that and as well set ourselves up very well for fiscal 2022.

The 2021-2022 year that starts on April 1<sup>st</sup> and we are going through the final process now the final consultations before I take a proposed budget to the board on March 31<sup>st</sup> for that year and we are predicting a very small relatively small deficit budget. We are allowed to run on deficit yet next year a lot of institutions are finding themselves in that position, but it does mean that we are going to be able to sustain operations sustain our offerings and our services and all the backend services that are required to keep the university going.

Irrespective of whether we are back on campus sometime during that time or whether we have to continue remotely and that of course will all depend on how the pandemic is evolving and under the direction of the public health officer.

More on that in the future in terms of what exactly the Fall, in particular, is going to look like. We know the summer we are going to hold the course and be largely remote with some face-to-face hands-on learning but there is a lot of discussion going on about what the Fall will look like and we'll be talking about that as we go. But in the meantime, good news and thanks to everybody in financial services and across the university for being very careful with their money and for managing to wrestle both the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year into some pretty decent shape. Thanks very much.