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Mr. John Wilson
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your letters sent to the Honourable Christy Clark, Premier, and the Honourable Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of Advanced Education, regarding delivery of developmental programming and other student services at Capilano University. Your letter has been forwarded to me for response on behalf of the Premier and Minister Yamamoto.

While the Ministry of Advanced Education provides core funding for Capilano University, the institution operates under the *University Act*, (the Act) which provides that the Board of Governors of Capilano University has jurisdiction over all matters relating to the management and administration of the institution. Consequently, Government does not intervene in these matters.

As you may be aware, Section 47.1 of the Act provides that a special purpose, teaching university that serves a region of the province must "*provide adult basic education, career, technical, trade and academic programs leading to certificates, diplomas and baccalaureate and masters degrees*" and "*so far as and to the extent that its resources from time to time permit, undertake and maintain applied research and scholarly activities to support the programs of the special purpose, teaching university.*" A regulation under the Act provides that Capilano University must also provide English as a second language and adult special education programs.

Developmental programming is an important part of the total offerings at Capilano University. The Ministry FTE target for developmental programming at Capilano University is unchanged at 528 FTEs, and the Ministry expectation is that Capilano University will continue to deliver at least that number of FTEs in this important programming area.

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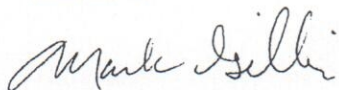
The Province's priority is to protect funding for core services including program delivery at post-secondary institutions and support for students. Government has provided stable funding for post-secondary education in 2010/11, recognizing the vital role that post-secondary institutions play in delivering education and ensuring a healthy and prosperous economy.

In addition, the Ministry provides \$2.4 million annually to support more than 64 community organizations and their public post-secondary partners to deliver quality literacy programs across the province. Capilano University currently has partnerships with nine community service providers.

The Ministry is confident that, given the policy of tuition-free Adult Basic Education and the conditions of current funding, the institutions are best suited to reach decisions involving program and service adjustments.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Mark Gillis
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister

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