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Alberta Students are pleased to see priorities reflected in the expert panel report and are keen for continued collaboration.

EDMONTON, AB – Student leaders from across the province have been eagerly awaiting the release of the expert panel’s report since learning about it last Fall in discussions around the critical need for increased government funding to post-secondaries.

Alberta Students’ Executive Council (ASEC) was consulted by the panel in May and is delighted to see its priorities reflected in a number of recommendations; specifically: the inclusion of student experience in performance metrics, accounting for student services in base funding, recognition of the high cost to deliver apprenticeships, tuition predictability, increasing non-repayable student aid, and valuing international students. Additionally we applaud the transition of IT related expenses from operating to capital funding.

“When we met with the panel in May, we spoke a lot about affordability for students and the importance of student experiences in the evaluation of post-secondary success. We are happy to see these comments had an impact and look forward to working with the government and the Minister to continue including student voices as they consider the report’s recommendations. ”

- Joe Mooney, ASEC Chair

Recognizing that the report includes recommendations, ASEC looks forward to continued consultation to champion the adoption of student-supporting policies while offering insight into areas of opportunity. ASEC is grateful to the members of the panel and the ministry of Advanced Education for their support of this process to best position Alberta’s post-secondary sector for success.

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The Alberta Students’ Executive Council (ASEC) represents more than 90,000 college, polytechnic, and university students from 14 member associations across Alberta on Treaty 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 territory and all five territories of the Métis Nation within Alberta.

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