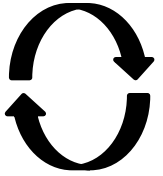


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ATTN: Dr. Larry S. Rosia, President & CEO of Saskatchewan Polytechnic

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in response to the recently announced cuts to Recreation Services at Sask Polytechnic. As I compose my thoughts, I feel I should indicate the various hats I wear that have contributed to my concerns over this decision. I am a graduate of Sask Poly (Recreation Technology Diploma-1980-formerly Kelsey Institute); I was an active student graduating from the institution with not only a diploma but numerous athletic and leadership awards; I am a Recreation Professional and have worked in community recreation and leisure services field in Saskatchewan for 38 years ; at present I am the Chairperson of the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals; and finally I am extremely passionate and committed to recreation and the inherent benefits of recreation that this service provides towards the wellbeing of all individuals, the wellbeing of the community, and the wellbeing of all natural and built environments.

Eliminating recreation services from an institution that houses two faculties that in fact educate our future recreation professionals is somewhat unbelievable. Furthermore, the fact that this decision was made without consultation of members of your own faculty nor individuals and organizations from the actual field of recreation in our province is even more unbelievable. The process of service elimination without consultation and without a strategy in place to fulfill the wellness needs at Sask Polytechnic is simply put , not acceptable. This decision begs to be reversed and the consultation process implemented immediately.

There are so many unanswered questions that spawn from this decision, but first and foremost really is the process; on behalf of all Sask Poly students, staff, alumni, as well as recreation professionals in Saskatchewan, I implore you to step back ,and re-think these cuts, and invite consultation towards a collaborative strategy that contributes to the overall wellness of all stakeholders involved.

I, as well as our vast field of recreation (who play an integral part in wellness to our populations) look forward to your response to this request, as well as being a part of the solution.

Looking forward to your response

Yours in recreation and wellness,

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