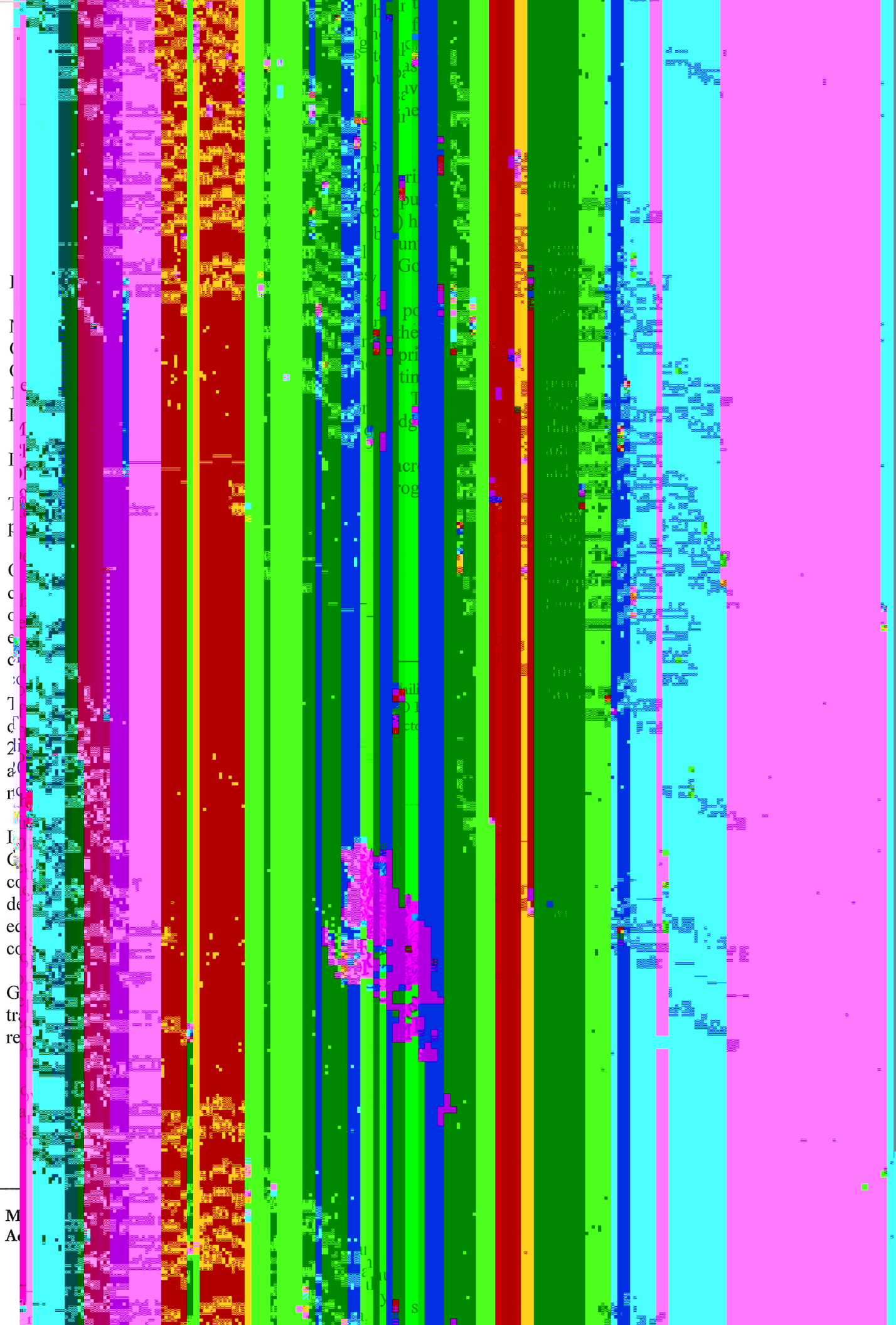




Government is responsible for providing funding for post-secondary education, setting the legislative, regulatory and policy frameworks in which public post-secondary institutions operate along with establishing the institution's mandate. This includes the following statutory provisions:

Sections 5 and 6 of the *College and Institute Act*

- In meeting the needs of its designated students, a college provides adult basic education, English as a second language and adult special education programs. It also provides first and second years of university of baccalaureate degree programs, as well as career, technical, trades and continuing education programming. A college may also offer applied baccalaureate degree programming. Furthermore, a college supports community economic development.

Within the terms of the legislation, the Okanagan College will, in fulfilling its mandate, consider the strategic priorities of Government when allocating resources. The strategic priority actions of Government for 2017/18 are:

- Develop and implement an updated Skills for Jobs Blueprint
- Continue to deepen the talent pool, support of the BCTECH strategy, ensuring opportunities for students in the technology sector;
- Work in partnership with the Government of British Columbia and Aboriginal communities, organizations and institutes to implement the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education and Training Policy Framework and Action Plan to increase participation and success of Aboriginal students;
- Continue to deliver provincial priorities for international education, including pursuing opportunities to advance the two-way flow of students, educators and ideas;
- Continue to actively encourage and promote the development and use of online resources and open textbooks to support post-secondary affordability for students;
- Continue to actively participate in the development and implementation of a common application system to all public post-secondary institutions in the province and develop a strategy to fully onboard to education BC application services at your institution;
- Promote safe campus by developing policies and activities to prevent sexual misconduct and respond to assault of all types;
- Meet or exceed the financial targets identified in the Ministry's three-year Service Plan as tabled under Budget 2017, including maintaining balanced or surplus financial results;
- Continue to maximize the efficient use of public post-secondary administrative resources through participation in the Service Delivery Transformation initiative.

Principled public sector governance remains a priority for Government. Public post-secondary institutions are expected to undertake comprehensive professional development to enhance orientation of their board members and senior executives. Government will be providing programs and resources designed to assist with the transition and ensure understanding of the accountabilitys and expectations of public sector boards and organizations. For detailed

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Each board or committee acknowledges this Mandate Letter by signing the attachment to this letter. The Mandate Letter is to be posted publicly on your institution's website and a copy signed by all board members is provided to the Ministry and made available upon request.

I look forward to our regular meetings focusing on strategic priorities, performance against TAP, and working together to protect the public interest at all times.

Sincerely,



Andrew Wilson
Minister

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Accountability Principles

To: Hon. Christy Clark
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