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Dear Ms. Canning:

Further to your letter of October 19, 2009, sent to the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development, and written on behalf of members of the Graduate Representative Council, we have reviewed the proposed increase to mandatory fees at the University of Victoria (UVIC).

In completing the review, it has been determined that the proposed mandatory fee increase (introduction of a new athletics and recreation building fee) at UVIC is not in keeping with the current tuition limit policy. A student consultative ballot or other referendum format cannot be used as a sole basis to introduce the proposed new athletics and recreation building fee.

In relation to the Ministry's contribution of funds for this capital project, the Ministry has informally advised UVIC that it is not Ministry policy to fund athletic buildings.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Susan Brown
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister

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