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New tuition policy pushed back to later date

CHLOÉ FEDIO
Managing Editor

Despite reports that Alberta's new tuition policy would be announced yesterday, the government has extended the timeline again, with the possibility that the announcement will be made later this month.

Sunday's edition of the *Edmonton Sun* featured an interview with Advanced Education Minister Denis Herard, who outlined his goals to reduce the cost burden on students. The article ("Band-Aid Solution") also said that the tuition policy would be announced on Wednesday, 11 October.

However, Michael Shields, director of communications at Alberta Advanced Education, explained that the policy still needs to be approved by members of the government outside of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

"It has to go through government approval process," Shields said. "There was an anticipation that we might be able to do it, but it just requires more work and it has to go through the final stages of approval."

The article described Herard's plan to include communities and employers to help defray the costs of a student's education in exchange for a contract that would commit the student to work in the community for several

years after they graduate. And, though Herard hinted that the plans are well underway, no official announcement has been made.

The Ministry of Advanced Education has been reviewing postsecondary education since January 2005, when then-minister of advanced education Dave Hancock began consultations to make changes to the system. In February of the same year, Premier Ralph Klein promised to create the most affordable tuition policy in the country, and in June 2005, the *A Learning Alberta* review began, headed by a 17 member Steering Committee.

Since that time, Herard replaced Hancock, who resigned this April to run in the Conservative leadership race.

Dave Cournoyer, Vice-President (External) at the University of Alberta, said that he was expecting the policy to be announced yesterday.

"It's a way overdue policy right now. It was originally hinted that it was going to come out in March, and then it was hinted it was going to come out in May," Cournoyer said. "Following up from the premier's original commitments to give Alberta the most affordable tuition in the country, [Herard] had promised it would be done by September 2006. Now it's October 2006, so it's a bit concerning that it's taking them so long to fulfill this policy."



JOSH NAULT

THE SUN MAY COME OUT TOMORROW Cournoyer is waiting for the policy.

In May, the government passed Bill 40, which effectively took tuition out of legislation allowing Cabinet flexibility to reform the policy—something Herard referred to as the possibility for continuous improvement. But Cournoyer argued that by de-legislating the policy, the provincial government can change tuition policy on a whim, in a closed-door Cabinet meeting without any public scrutiny—or debate by other MLAs.

"No matter what comes out when the Minister finally releases this overdue tuition policy, how long will this policy actually stay and be Alberta's tuition policy if it's not in legislation?" Cournoyer wondered. "Albertans have no assurance, especially with a new premier coming along, a potential Cabinet shuffle, a new government, a provincial election—Albertans have no assurance of this tuition policy."

STREETERS

This Monday, Canada celebrated the Thanksgiving long weekend.

What did you do for Thanksgiving?



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Saturday night I watched an Oilers game at my friend's house. Saturday and Sunday, I had two consecutive Thanksgiving dinners with two different families. That's about it.

I went hunting with my dad up near Vegreville. I also had Thanksgiving dinner with my cousins up by Tofield.

I went to Kamloops to visit my boyfriend. A whole bunch of my friends got together and made turkey dinner and just had fun.

I went home, back to Hanna. Visited some family. Did a little too much boozing, but it was fun.

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