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### Federal Economic Statement and Budget Update
- New funding for CFI: $500m
  - $400m for operating costs of research
  - $100m for Canadian participation in international research projects
- New funding for SSHRC: $100m
  - Research in the knowledge economy: management skills, educational requirements and lifelong learning

### Federal Economic Statement and Budget Update
- Tax provisions
  - Doubled eligible claims for student expenses from $200 to $400 a month (full-time) and from $60 to $120 a month (part-time)
  - Capital gains inclusion rate cut from 2/3 to 1/2 on donations of appreciated securities

### Post-Secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act 2000
- Minister can approve new degree-granting institutions
- Minister can approve colleges awarding applied degrees
- Post-Secondary Education Quality Assessment Board to evaluate new institutions
- New guidelines against OSAP abuse

### Post-Secondary Education Quality Assessment Board: Western’s Position
- Review process must be transparent
- Criteria based on current Ontario University standards
- Public funding is only for public institutions
- Accessibility and quality in Ontario requires more public funding for public universities

### Hong Kong Trip
- Convocation: Ivey Hong Kong Executive MBA Class of 2000
  - 23 graduating students
  - William Shumliak, Honorary Doctor of Laws Designate
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- Meetings - with Ted Garrard
  - Dr. Margaret Chan (MD '77) Director of Health
  - Colin Russel, Consul General of Canada
  - Andrew Au, Principal, Raimondi College

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