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Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides  
Minister of Advanced Education  
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Advanced Education  
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10800 - 97 Avenue  
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Dear Mr Nicolaides,

On behalf of the Athabasca University Faculty Association (AUFA), I am writing to express my extreme disappointment and opposition to the recent replacements of public members and the Board Chair of Athabasca University Board of Governors.

The AUFA fails to understand why the need to replace members was so urgent that the Government could not have waited until the expiration of their terms. The AUFA views this action as a political stunt designed to dampen resistance to austere pressure from the Government.

We oppose this sort of sweeping change. It is disruptive and counter-productive to the governance of a public institution, especially given that the individuals recently appointed have little to no experience running a publicly funded institution or organization.

We implore the Minister to cease this sort of interference in University business.

Sincerely,

Jolene Armstrong, PhD.

President, Athabasca University Faculty Association.