



Council of University Executives

Agenda

February 17, 2022, 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET – Virtual Event

Theme: Economic Priorities in the Canadian Academy

Meeting objectives

The goal of this virtual event is to connect, discuss, and engage in questions and considerations regarding the role of Canadian universities in pandemic economic recovery.

This event will focus on open discussion of current trends affecting higher education such as student enrollment, skills for growth, and strategies that may help Canadian universities cope with budgeting and funding challenges as post-secondary institutions plan for the future of higher education.

Questions to Address:

- How can universities help equip students with the skills needed to prepare for the climate transition and labor shortages?
- What are some outlooks and labour market trends (i.e., job creation, employment demand, funding, and international student enrollment) that could aid in post-secondary institutions' plan for the future?

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- 4:00 – 4:05 p.m.** **Welcome and Opening Remarks, Michael Burt, Vice President, The Conference Board of Canada**
- 4:05 – 4:15 p.m.** **Cynthia Leach, Senior Director, Economic Thought Leadership, Royal Bank of Canada**
- 4:15 – 4:20 p.m.** **Brett House, Vice-President and Deputy Chief Economist, Scotiabank**
- 4:20 – 4:30 p.m.** **Pedro Antunes, Chief Economist, The Conference Board of Canada**
- 4:30 – 4:35 p.m.** **Dwight Duncan, Senior Strategic Advisor at McMillan LLP**
- 4:35 – 4:55 p.m.** **Question and Answer / Panel Conversation with Speakers**
- 4:55 – 5:00 p.m.** **Higher Education Trivia & Prize Giveaway/Closing Remarks**

Next meeting

Council of University Executives Experiential Study Tour

May 9-13, 2022, Halifax & Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Theme: [Returning to Campus: Approaches to Sustainability and Growth](#)