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Subject: RE: Conference Call for Academic Partnerships in Council Session

Hello Mary—

It is exciting to learn that there is so much interest from your universities! We do not envision a limit on number of universities or potential partnerships. I have a call into our weather center proposing to chat with them next week. We can approach this two ways:

- We can have our call as planned – gov + Canada Universities to talk through the concept of the two events and explore their interest and possibilities for partnerships
- (preferred) – we can have the call and include my main contact from the weather center so he can be part of the conversation and we can get deeper into potential collaboration/partnerships. This will depend on his availability once I hear from him.

I hope you have been able to share the links I provided to the NWS different initiatives with your Universities this might help identify initial interests.
Either way we proceed with the call, we would make progress in exploring potential ideas, opportunities and roles, and buy a little time for Mexico to identify their participants. We can then have a follow up call to shape ideas, partnerships, etc.

Please let me know if this approach makes sense to all of you.

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Good afternoon Luis,

For the upcoming call next week, do you feel there is merit to including the potential universities in the conversation? Or should we limit it to government officials for now?

We have heard from two Canadian universities who may be interested in participating in the academic partnership aspect of the Council Session.

First, the Solid Space Fabrication Lab/Workshop at Simon Fraser University (Vancouver, BC) do a lot of work related to sustainability and clean tech, and have indicated interest in participating in the University of Oklahoma FabLab academic partnership component of the Council Session.

Next, the Department of Physics and Atmospheric Sciences at Dalhousie University (Halifax, NS) is at the forefront of research in weather and atmospheric sciences in Canada. They have also indicated they may be interested in participating in the Council Session during the Weather Center portion of the program.

Both universities are curious as to what will be expected from them in terms of the activity itself, which is why we feel it could be valuable to include them on the conference call next week. However, please let us know if you feel that at this stage limiting the discussion to just officials is more appropriate.

Should they be invited to participate in the call next week, would they be accompanied by counterparts at the University of Oklahoma?

Kindly note we are also exploring the possibility for the University of Prince Edward Island to be an additional partner, is it possible to entertain the idea of adding more than two universities to the academic engagements anchored in the Council Session?

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your consideration,

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