

Students Without Borders, Universities Without Illusions.

Some liked what they heard, others wished the message could be different, but none of the audience was left indifferent.



Brian Lee Crowley warned Canada's guardians of post-secondary education to prepare for a brave new world.

"Today's universities in my opinion have become lethargic, with little apparent institutional interest and concern for the relevance and usefulness of the curriculum, and demonstrating little or no capability for innovation," AIMS president Brian Lee Crowley told the annual conference of National Association of University Board Chairs and Secretaries (NAUBCS).

Crowley gave the keynote address on the second day of the annual meeting in which he told the university chairs and secretaries from across the country their institutions must prepare for a brave new world, where students are international and the post-second education market is global. He warned the guardians of Canada's post-secondary education that they need to think outside the sacred, but physical, halls of academia because technology and the increasing mobility of Canadian and international students means that universities that let standards slip and are not accountable will find the going very tough indeed.

Crowley warned that ignoring these trends will make today's brick and mortar institutions irrelevant.

Others on the conference programme included former Ontario Premier Bob Rae who leads the Ontario Royal Commission on Post-Secondary Education, and Eva Egron Polak from the International Association of Universities in Paris.

[AIMS has published Dr. Crowley's presentation as a commentary, *Students Without Borders*. To read the complete document, click here.](#)



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