



### **The New Brunswick Student Alliance urges parties to adopt PSE as election priority**

FREDERICTON, Friday, February 11, 2011 – The New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) has submitted a series of recommendations to the Department of Finance for implementation in the 2011-12 provincial budget. The document is entitled, “Educated Solutions for New Brunswick’s Future” and it contains New Brunswick students’ priorities for provincial spending in the upcoming year. New Brunswick must strengthen its commitment to public post-secondary education (PSE) to ensure a realistic and focused economic growth strategy. The NBSA proposes three targeted investments to guarantee a quality PSE system and increase access to the system and persistence within it.

1. Extend the funded tuition and ancillary fee freeze
2. Increase the operating grant transfer to public universities by 4%
3. Transfer the budgeted \$3.5 million for the Tuition Tax Credit to up front grants for underrepresented groups.

It is essential that the government and the public acknowledge spending in the PSE sector as an investment in the future prosperity and self-sufficiency of New Brunswick. “New Brunswick students and their families pay amongst the highest tuition in the country,” said Sam Gregg-Wallace, President of the NBSA. “Students and their families expect high quality education and that requires considerable support from their government.”

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The New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) is a lobby group which represents over 16 000 students in six university campuses across the province. It has been defending, promoting and campaigning for the issues that are fundamental to the students of New Brunswick for the last 27 years. Among the more important issues for the incoming Executive will be the New Brunswick Provincial elections, lowering the student debt cap, and developing new lobby initiatives.