



## 2017-2018 ANNUAL PLAN

### **Organisational Priority A: Code of Conduct**

The Board has expressed interested in creating a Code of Conduct that would mitigate internal conflicts and provide a structured conflict-resolution system.

*Accountability:* Danica Garner (MASU) and Brianna Workman (STUSU)  
*Deadline:* First draft by January 2018 and approved at AGM 2018

### **Organisational Priority B: FEECUM Partnership**

Following several years of renewed cooperation, the NBSA has decided to fully pursue the establishment of a strategic partnership with la FEECUM.

*Accountability:* Philippe Ferland (STUSU), Danica Garner (MASU), and Sara Camus (MASU)  
*Deadline:* September 2017

### **Organisational Priority C: Growth and Sustainability Plan**

A plan is required to ensure that future expansion is done in a structured and purposeful manner, including Home Office succession plans and a member recruitment strategy.

*Accountability:* Philippe Ferland (STUSU), Jason Poirier (NBCCSA), and Madi Banks (UNBSU)  
*Deadline:* Building blocks by August 2017

### **Organisational Priority D: Multiyear Advocacy Plan**

The Board has decided to craft multiyear advocacy plans to address major issues impacting the postsecondary education sector. These plans will be created with action items for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Accountability:* Linked to Board leads for Student Mental Health, Indigenization of the Academy, and Sexual Assault on Campus

### **Organisational Priority E: NBSA Value-Added**

As the impact of programs such as the Free Tuition Program, Tuition Relief for the Middle Class, and the revamped SEED program begin to take hold, the Board has made an effort to quantify and showcase these success through the creation of campus-specific infographics and other forms of media a priority.



*Accountability:* Home Office and Sara Camus (MASU)  
*Deadline:* Draft by July-August 2017 and approved in October 2017

**Policy Priority A: Experiential Learning**

The NBSA will continue to advocate for the expansion of existing opportunities and the creation of new opportunities aimed at providing experiential learning in all disciplines.

*Leads:* Danica Garner (MASU) and Brianna Workman (STUSU)

**Policy Priority B: Increase University Operating Grants**

The NBSA firmly believes that the burden to fund public institutions should not fall primarily on students and that government funding ought to be increased to ensure that a higher percentage of total funding comes from government operating grants.

*Leads:* Herbert Bempah (UNBSU) and Sara Camus (MASU)

**Policy Priority C: Indigenization of the Academy**

The NBSA has a moral obligation as a key stakeholder in the public postsecondary education sector to respond to the TRC's Calls to Action.

*Leads:* Madi Banks (UNBSU), Philippe Ferland (STUSU), and Danica Garner (MASU)

**Policy Priority D: Physical Accessibility on Campus**

the Board has decided to move beyond narrow perspectives on accessibility (typically financial-based) to address some of the larger, more systemic issues for students, in particular non-traditional learners. These include the inclusion and maintenance of ramps and elevators, as well as advocating for gender-neutral washrooms on campuses.

*Leads:* Sara Camus (MASU) and Nick Hussey (NBCCDSA)

**Policy Priority E: Real Cost of Education**

While tuition remains a source of financial woes of students in New Brunswick, the NBSA recognizes that tuition fees does not represent the majority of the costs associated with postsecondary education. Costs such as housing, food, and textbooks play an equal, if not larger, role in student debt.

*Leads:* Kenya Plut (UNBSJ-SRC), Jason Poirier (NBCCDSA), and Kyle Rogers (UNBSJ-SRC)



**Policy Priority F: Sexual Assault on Campus**

The NBSA believes that the physical well-being and personal safety of students is a fundamental question of access and must be addressed through comprehensive and evidence-based policy and advocacy.

*Leads:* Kenya Plut (UNBSJ-SRC), Jason Poirier (NBCCDSA), and Brianna Workman (STUSU)

**Policy Priority G: Student Mental Health**

The NBSA will continue to advocate to secure adequate funding for on-campus resources to address the issue of mental health and mental illness among those studying in New Brunswick.

*Leads:* Madi Banks (UNBSU), Nick Hussey (NBCCDSA), and Kyle Rogers (UNBSJ-SRC)

**Policy Priority H: Timely Completion Benefit**

The Board has decided to build on last year's work on lowering the debt-cap imposed upon postsecondary students by changes to the Timely Completion Benefit in 2015. Additionally, the Board will aggressively pursue changes to the TCB's eligibility criteria.

*Leads:* Herbert Bempah (UNBSU) and Kyle Rogers (UNBSJ-SRC)