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## The Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations commends the provincial government for wanting to do things differently

(Fredericton, February 25, 2025) "The province is ranked last in the provincial rankings, well below the national average, in terms of the percentage of its population holding a university degree" deplores the President of the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations (FNBFA), Jean Sauvageau.

"For more than two decades, the province has been experiencing a chronic deficit in university graduation, and given this state of affairs, it's high time our government "do things differently", states Professor Sauvageau.

For all the reasons set out in <u>its letter to the Minister of Finance in the context of the budget</u> <u>consultations for the 2025-2026 provincial budget</u>, the FNBFA is asking that the province adopt a policy aimed at significantly reducing university tuition fees, with the objective of eliminating them completely as soon as possible. This would undoubtedly be a way of "doing things differently", adds the FNBFA President on behalf of all members.

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About the FNBFA

The Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations represents the interests of approximately 1,500 professors, contract academic staff, librarians, and researchers at six campuses of the province's four public universities. It advocates the advancement of their profession, the protection of the institutional autonomy of universities and academic freedom and aims to improve the quality of post-secondary education and research in the province.