



The Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations is disappointed with the recently released provincial budget for 2025-2026.

(Fredericton, March 19, 2025) “A 1% increase in the budget envelope for public universities is not enough,” says Jean Sauvageau, President of the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations (FNBFA).

“So, it has to be said that when it comes to funding public universities, the GNB is content to do the same thing as usual, despite the desire it expressed during the budget preparation period to ‘do things differently’. The various provincial governments we've had over the years have adopted budgets in which increases to the budget envelope for public universities are simply not commensurate with their educational and research responsibilities,” adds Sauvageau.

The President of the federation also wishes to point out that university education and research foster innovation and economic development in our province; subsidies to public universities are an investment, not simply an expense to be controlled.

“For the FNBFA, it remains essential that provincial financial contributions to public universities be predictable, based on a fair and equitable formula, and adjusted to their true operating costs and inflation. The challenges we are currently facing do nothing to change this state of affairs, quite the contrary,” 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.