



**The Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations urges the GNB to make a significant investment in public universities**

(Fredericton, March 10, 2025) “Given the prevailing geopolitical situation with the rise of political, economic and social threats, it has become even more crucial for the GNB to invest more in public universities,” affirms Jean Sauvageau, President of the Federation of New Brunswick University Faculty Associations (FNBFA).

It should also be noted that public subsidies for the operating costs of public universities in our province have decreased from 82% (1979-1980) to 56% (2019-2020) over the past four decades.

“University education and research foster innovation and the economic development of our province; subsidies to public universities are an investment, not just an expense to be controlled.” Professor Sauvageau reminds us.

“It is therefore essential that the provincial financial contributions to public universities be predictable, based on a fair and equitable formula, adjusted to their true operating costs and inflation. They will thus be better able to adequately fulfill their educational and research responsibilities,” added the President of the FNBFA 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.