

FREDERICTON (CP) - Canadian universities will soon face a shortage of faculty, says a New Brunswick university official.

More than half of the professors in Canada will retire within the next decade, said Desmond Morley, executive director of the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations. "There is going to be a 20,000 to 30,000 person shortage in university faculties across Canada, depending on which estimates you look at," he said in Fredericton on Saturday. "We have nowhere near enough people to fill those vacancies." Morley made the comments at a series of panel discussions about the future of Canada's universities, held at the University of New Brunswick.

Similar forums were held at colleges and universities throughout the Country over the weekend.

Morley said universities in Atlantic Canada will have an especially difficult time solving the shortage of faculty, due to a lack of financial resources. "Salaries are not competitive with industries and the research Facilities are not there," he said. "The local interest (of the shortage) is that UNB is being rated[sic] by Other universities. Potential faculty will be attracted away to universities elsewhere in Canada and the United States." In addition to Fredericton, the Canadian Association of University Teachers organized similar hearings in Vancouver, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Montreal, Halifax, St. John's, Nfld., Toronto, Sudbury, Ont., and Windsor, Ont.

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