

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL
PLENARY SESSION
AND GENERAL
MEETING**

The Annual Plenary Session and General Meeting of the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations will be held this year on April 23, 2005 at the Wu Centre, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B.

The Annual Plenary Session will commence at 10:00 a.m., and the Annual General Meeting will follow immediately thereafter.

**YOUR OPINIONS ARE
WELCOMED**

A special invitation is extended to those members of local associations who are interested in commenting upon university life in general. Readers are invited to send their opinions and/or comments, in writing, to:

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ANNUAL PLENARY SESSION

10:00 A.M., Saturday, April 23, 2005
Wu Centre, University of New Brunswick,
Fredericton, N.B.

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Reading and Approval of the Agenda.
 2. Introduction of Guests.
 3. Report of the Nominating Committee.
 4. First Call for Nominations of Officers for 2005-2006 FNBF A Executive.
 5. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Plenary Session of April 27, 2004.
 6. Second Call for Nominations of Officers for 2005-2006 FNBF A Executive.
 7. Business Arising from the Minutes.
 8. Last Call for Nominations of Officers for 2005-2006 FNBF A Executive.
 9. Election of Officers.
 10. Report from CAUT (Prof. Loretta Czernis, President).
 11. Report from the President.
 12. Report from the Executive Director.
 13. Report from the Treasurer.
- Lunch break.**
14. Reports from the Standing Committees.
Communications Committee
Legal Defense Fund Committee
Prix Nicole Raymond Award Committee
Scholarship Awards Committee
Status of Women Committee
 15. Policy Recommendations of Plenary Session.
 16. Other Business.
 17. Annual General Meeting (See AGM Agenda.)

President's Message

Much has taken place since I last discussed the Federation's activities in detail in these pages, and space limitations still prohibit me from being able to report on them as fully as I would wish to do. Be assured, however, that a comprehensive report will be forthcoming at the Annual Plenary Session and General Meeting of the Federation [see announcement on front page – Ed.], and I hope to see a large delegation from each member association there to more fully explore the many issues which the FNBFA/FAPPUNB has addressed in the last several months.

Since the late summer of 2004, we have been actively lobbying both provincial and federal politicians. Once the issue of federal funding transfers to the provinces for health care had been resolved, it seemed obvious that we should be lobbying for post-secondary education to become the next major priority of governments. Subsequently, a Decima poll conducted in October, 2004 confirmed that this was, in fact, the foremost policy priority among Canadians; and the Federation having actively pursued this initiative has been worthwhile.

With the assistance of CAUT's Associate Executive Director David Robinson, the Federation made a presentation of the Decima poll data to Hon. Andy Scott, MP, federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, at the Fredericton Inn on January 25, 2005; and urged Mr. Scott – who has two universities in his riding – to embrace the issue. Always a strong supporter of post-secondary education, Mr. Scott agreed to do so.

Subsequently, the Executive Director,

Desmond Morley, was invited by Mr. Scott to attend the federal Liberal Policy Conference, held in Ottawa early in March of this year, to address its Education Workshop on the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to consider legislation that will ensure stable and predictable funding for post-secondary education;

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to create the Canadian Education Transfer (CET), a separate transfer of funds dedicated to post-secondary education;

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to reach an agreement that prevents provinces/territories from decreasing their own funds for post-secondary education once additional federal funding has been provided;

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to change the funding formula for post-secondary education to provide that per capita funding be granted to the province of place of learning of the student.”

Owing, I hope, at least in part to this intervention, the foregoing resolution ultimately went before the conference's Plenary Session; and I am pleased to report that it passed, without debate, virtually unanimously.

We have also held meetings with, and/or made presentations to, federal Liberal Caucus Chair Andy Savoy, MP, and numerous provincial Cabinet

Ministers and other members of the legislature; including Premier Bernard Lord, Hon. Peter Mesheau, Hon. Percy Mockler, Hon. Jeannot Volpé, Opposition Leader Shawn Graham, and MLA's Kelly Lamrock and Mike Murphy.

Our presentation to M. Volpé, the New Brunswick Finance Minister, seems to have been fruitful: after last year's disappointing increase of only 2% in university operating funding, the allocation of 4.6% in this year's provincial Budget puts the Lord government back on track towards the “13% over 4 years” promised two years ago.

Although our recent emphasis has been on political lobbying, the Federation also has continued to have its editorials published at strategically appropriate times in the popular print media. After the Decima poll was conducted, “Canadians Want Federal Funding Increased” appeared in the Telegraph Journal on December 7 last, and “University Funding Boost Urgent” appeared in the Times-Transcript on March 5, 2005.

This message would not be complete if I did not, on behalf of the Federation, offer our thanks and sincere wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful retirement to our staff secretary, Ms. Patricia Lewington. Patricia has given loyal service to the Federation since October, 1992 and will be retiring on April 30, 2005. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well.

Richard Hudson
President

FNBFA Student Essay Prizes

OBJECTIVE

To increase awareness of feminist issues and to promote feminist scholarship among New Brunswick students.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PRIZES

The contest is open to male and female undergraduate students on New Brunswick campuses. Two (2) prizes will be awarded. One prize will be awarded to a student in the first or second year of study. The other prize will be awarded to a student in the third or higher year of study. The Committee reserves the right to determine the eligibility of a submission for a prize.

GUIDELINES

Essays should be:

Written in English or French.

Typed double-spaced and include a title page, the student's home address and year of study, a bibliography and an abstract.

Prepared in the framework of an undergraduate course.

Recommended and forwarded to FNBFA by the professor teaching the course. Not more than one essay per class should be submitted by the professor. Essays should not be marked in any way by the professor.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING ESSAYS

Relevance to feminism.

Style and organization.

Documentation and research approach.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS AND DATE OF JUDGING

Essays written with the regular academic year will be eligible for the contest. All essays must be submitted

to FNBFA by May 31 of that year. The essays will be judged during the course of the summer and the winner will be announced at the beginning of the following academic year.

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The members of the FNBFA Status of Women Committee will select the recipient of the prize. Professors of Women's studies and other disciplines may be invited to act as resource people. The decision of the selection committee is final, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the FNBFA.

Essays submitted for the contest will become the property of FNBFA.

For further information, please contact the President of your local association:

Paul Deguire (ABPPUM)
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Prix Nicole Raymond Award

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are sought for potential recipients of the 2005 Prix Nicole Raymond Award, sponsored by the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations.

Nature of the Award

The Award is given to a person, group of persons or an organization in recognition of a distinguished contribution to the advancement of post-secondary education. It is awarded by the Federation in memory of the contributions to academic life through her teaching, research activities and involvement of the late Professor Nicole Raymond of l'Université de Moncton.

Selection Procedures

Nominations for the Prix Nicole Raymond Award should be forwarded to the FNBFA office prior to May 15, 2005. A Committee of three members of the Board of Directors will study the nominations and will present its recommendation to the Board. The Award will be presented in the Fall.

Only one Prix Nicole Raymond Award is given any academic year, but is not necessarily presented annually.

For further information, contact the Federation office.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, April 23, 2005
Wu Centre, University of New Brunswick
Fredericton, N.B.

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Reading and Approval of the Agenda.
 2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the March 19th, 2005 Board Meeting.
 3. Business Arising.
 4. Reports from Local Associations.
 5. Consideration of Recommendations of Plenary Session.
 6. Appointments to Committees.
 7. Other Business.
 8. Coffee Break:.
- 3:00 p.m. Order of the Day: Guest speaker: To Be Announced
(Wine and cheese reception to follow.)
9. Adjournment.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION FOR 2005-2006

The Nominating Committee has proposed the names of the following members for the positions listed below:

- President:** Richard Hudson (MAFA)
- Vice-President:** Saba Mattar (AUNBT)
- Treasurer:** Daniel Bélanger (ABPPUMCE)

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

(The following is excerpted from Article 10.7 of the By-laws of the Federation):

“...additional nominations may be given to the President or the Secretary/Treasurer up to the close of nominations at the Annual Plenary Session as long as these nominations are signed by at least five (5) members from the constituent faculty associations/unions in good standing and by the person nominated to indicate a willingness to stand for election”.

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