ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOALS: STATUS AS OF NOVEMBER 2019

OF THE FEDERATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK FACULTY ASSOCIATION

The FNBFA is the voice of public university faculty and academic librarians across the province. We seek to advance our members' working conditions and to improve the quality of our post-secondary education system.

In recent years, the FNBFA has:	The results:	In 2019-2020, we will:	Done? YES/NO
Lobbied against government initiatives threatening to undermine the quality of post-secondary education in New Brunswick	 Resisted plans outlined in the Miner-L'Écuyer Report and the Government's Self-Sufficiency Action Plan to convert Saint John, Edmundston and Shippagan campuses into polytechnics Preserved the institutional autonomy of universities to determine objectives and programs independently from the needs of industry and the labour market Resisted governmentimposed performance indicators on universities 	 Continue to forcefully lobby and advocate against the imposition of performance indicators on our universities through regular meetings with the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, the Deputy Minister and other high ranking civil servants, as well as PSE critics from other parties Continue to raise awareness among government officials and the public about the chronic underfunding of our universities, and to lobby for increased funding 	• YES

		Develop communication tools regarding PSE funding	Not yet
Protected faculty associations' collective bargaining rights	 Prevented government interference in free collective bargaining by successfully lobbying to discontinue the practice of imposing conciliation boards In coalition with other unions, successfully opposed back-to-work legislation Supported our members during strikes and lock-outs in the media (interviews, commentaries), by facilitating meetings between member association presidents and journalists, being present at member association meetings and on the picket lines, and by providing donations, among others 	Strengthen the Federation's member associations for future collective bargaining by sharing experiences and strengthening solidarity between member associations and negotiating teams	• YES (2018)

Promoted equity for contract academic staff and supported the rights of minority groups in our universities	 Active participation in the annual Fair Employment Week through presentations on campus, media campaigns, and support for our member associations' activities Financial support for francophone faculty members to attend CAUT's Francophones' Conference Surveying public universities to identify the number and types of contract academic staff 	 Continue to support the efforts the FNBFA's ad hoc Committee on the Indigenization of the Academy Investigate the possibility of uniting with other unions in New Brunswick to lobby for legislation to protect workers against precarious working conditions Investigate measures to pressure university administrations to improve workplace accommodations; educate that the duty to accommodate is a legal responsibility 	 YES Begun (2018) YES (2019)
 Increased transparency in government and university administrations' decision-making and spending, through requests under the Right to Information 	 Information now publicly available: Salaries and benefits of university administrators Legal fees paid by university administrations 	 Continue to press for the government's funding formula for public universities to be made public Pressure to alter the composition of Boards of Governors (BoGs) so that they have less corporate 	YESBegun

and Protection of Privacy Act (RIPPA)	 Goods and services purchased by university administrations from off-campus Successfully lobbied to have faculty members included in the Steering Committee on Experiential Learning Successfully lobbied to make public the contents of the MoUs relative to university funding signed between the Government of New Brunswick and the 4 New Brunswick's public universities 	representation and more representation from the academic sector and other sectors not linked to the corporate world • Lobby for faculty associations to educate BoGs on collegial governance	
Defended post- secondary education in New Brunswick as a basic right, and lobbied for its accessibility to all, using evidence- based arguments and data	 Founded and maintained the Semeluk Scholarship, a merit- and needs-based full scholarship benefiting as many as 4 New Brunswick students each year since 1990 The Free Tuition Program and the Tuition Relief for the Middle Class are now 	 Monitor the results of tuition-relief programs as data becomes available; continue to lobby for improved accessibility to post-secondary education in New Brunswick Continue to advocate for increased public funding of New Brunswick's 	YESAwaiting possible dates

	available to New Brunswick students attending a public university or college in New Brunswick	universities through our annual day of lobbying and our presence throughout the provincial budget consultations process and through the media	
Increased the visibility of New Brunswick's university faculty, librarians and researchers	 Annual day of lobbying with provincial MLAs to discuss the work and concerns of New Brunswick's professors, researchers and librarians Established a presence in the media and with government officials as a distinct voice on university education in New Brunswick Redesigned the FNBFA's website in 2018, to be more accessible and informative for our member associations and for the public Prepared a post-secondary education promotion campaign for 	 Increase the visibility of the work of the FNBFA and of New Brunswick's professors, librarians and researchers by improving our communication with our members, government, and the public Maintain and increase our media presence and increase our presence in social media 	• YES

	the 2018 provincial elections		
Provided financial and non-financial support for individual member associations	Established a Legal Assistance Fund to provides aid to member associations experiencing financial difficulties as a result of legal costs pertaining to arbitration, court action, or action before the Labour and Employment Board or any governmental agencies such as, but not limited to, the Human Rights Commission and the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner Organized workshops and conferences on such issues as mental health and workplace accommodations, and academic freedom in the classroom	 Continue to respond to requests for financial support from Legal Assistance Fund Organize workshops and conferences of interest to university faculty, librarians and researchers 	• YES

- Protected and strengthened the labour movement and labour rights in New Brunswick
- Established coalitions
 with other unions and
 advocacy groups in New
 Brunswick, such as the
 Campus Labour
 Coalition, the Prosperity
 not Austerity Coalition,
 the Fredericton District
 Labour Council, the New
 Brunswick Federation of
 Labour, and the Atlantic
 Canada Council of
 Faculty Associations
- Participated in the creation of an Alternative Electoral Platform in advance of the 2018 provincial elections, in coalition with the Prosperity, not Austerity Coalition

- Provide support, on an ad hoc basis, to other academic and nonacademic unions involved in labour disputes
- YES