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FNBFA Statement of Solidarity with the Dalhousie Faculty Association

“The Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations (FNBFA) stands in solidarity with the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) as they face a lockout initiated by the Dalhousie University Boards of Governors” states Jean Sauvageau, President of the Federation on behalf of all its members.

“The Board’s choice to abandon good-faith collective bargaining and impose a lockout demonstrates a profound disregard for students, faculty and the collective bargaining process itself. Furthermore, this employer-driven reckless action will undermine Dalhousie University’s academic mission and threaten the quality of public university education and research in Nova Scotia,” adds Sauvageau.

The President of the federation also points out that asking for fair wages that keep pace with the rising cost of living, job security for academic staff, and working conditions that allow them to deliver the high-quality teaching, research, and service on which Dalhousie students rely is far from unreasonable.

The FNBFA calls on the Dalhousie University Board of Governors to immediately end this reckless course of action and return to good-faith collective bargaining with the DFA.

The federation urges all faculty associations, students, labour allies, and community members to join in supporting the Dalhousie Faculty Association. Their fight is a fight for the future of public universities everywhere.

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.