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MAJOR CAMPUS REPRESENTATION IN PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY

SACKVILLE, NB — On Saturday, May 2nd, 2015, Vice-President External, Annie Sherry, was named Chair of the New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA). Mount Allison Students' Union (MASU) has been a member of the NBSA (originally named Canadian Federation of Students – New Brunswick (CFS-NB)) since 1992. NBSA is a provincial advocacy organization that represents the student associations of universities in New Brunswick to the provincial government.

In addition, Sherry was also named one of the two General Directors-at-Large of the Canadian Association of Student Alliances (CASA) on Friday, May 22nd, 2015. MASU has been a member of CASA prior to its renewal in 2010 that was passed through referendum after a temporary leave.

“One of my election promises to students was that I would take leadership roles within our external organizations to demonstrate the value they have for our members,” says Vice-President External, Annie Sherry. “There has been some discussion in the past few years about the value of our CASA and NBSA memberships, and I want to ensure that Mount Allison students have the ability to have open dialogue with an informed representative on campus.” Sherry comments that her direct representation on these boards will “increase accountability [within] the two organizations”.

“Having a strong voice at the table, such as our VP External, Annie Sherry, when these organizations discuss their priorities, is an invaluable service that our Union provides Mount Allison Students,” says President Dylan Wooley-Berry. “Both provincial and federal budgets, announced this past spring, saw significant asks from CASA and the NBSA in them. The federal budget saw an additional \$889 million going directly into the hands of students. The federal government has vowed to decrease the expected parental contribution in the assessment of needs process for student financial aid. It’s a huge advocacy win from CASA.”

“I firmly believe that there is strength in a collective voice for post-secondary advocacy and that Mount Allison Students will benefit from having an informed and dedicated student in these leadership roles,” says Sherry.

The Mount Allison Students' Union represents all full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick.