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### **New Program Announced for Academic Advising**

**SACKVILLE, NB** — On Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Vice President Academic Affairs, Mary Emma MacNeil announced a new booking program for Academic Advising. The booking program, powered by BookedIn, will enable students to schedule an appointment with their designated Academic Advisor more efficiently and easily.

The program will be accessible online on any Internet device. Scheduling an appointment through the Registrar's office will still be available, as well as directly emailing an Academic Advisor. The program is expected to reduce wait times especially during the first few weeks of a new semester when Academic Advising is heavily requested.

"The easy-to-schedule nature of the program will help make sure that students do not need to miss class time to see an Advisor," says MacNeil. "It allows students to see what times are available and which will best fit into their busy semester schedule."

The Mount Allison Students' Union (MASU) has been advocating for accessible and realistic approaches for students to seek the guidance they need to receive appropriate academic advising.

"I am extremely proud that Vice President Mary Emma MacNeil was able to accomplish one of her major goals - of improving Mount Allison's existing academic services for students. It is a great day to be a member of our organization," says President Dylan Wooley-Berry.

"Through the MASU's partnership with the Student Life office, Sarah and I have been discussing ways to best train the Academic Mentors in residence so they are best equipped with the skills to provide assistance to students facing academic difficulties. There's a lot more initiatives to come," says MacNeil.

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