

NEW BRUNSWICK FACULTY COUNCIL Resolution on the Course Atlas Appeal to the University Senate

Background

The administration is in the process of implementing Course Atlas. This implementation is a major decision affecting faculty and students.

It has been a long established practice that faculty have a significant responsibility for scheduling courses. Indeed, the Bylaws of many schools explicitly state that faculty have that responsibility. For example:

SAS: "Department bylaws shall include:

acknowledgment of the department's responsibility to provide a full and diverse curriculum, including appropriate options within the major, and to provide such offerings at a range of times and places for all students."

Mason Gross: *Duties of the Faculty "providing for the schedule of courses."*Bloustein: Duties and Powers of the Faculty "providing a schedule of classes."

Faculty Bylaws have long served to express the will of the faculty and to define their responsibilities. We are unaware of any previous instance of the administration ignoring the faculty Bylaws of a number of Schools.

While a committee that included faculty was appointed by the administration prior to implementation of what was then called "Infosilem," the recommendations of that committee were largely ignored. Other than that committee there has been virtually no consultation with faculty. In addition, there has been no consultation with students.

Accordingly, by a unanimous vote, the New Brunswick Faculty Council adopted the following Resolution:

Resolved

The New Brunswick Faculty Council appeals to the University Senate the implementation of Course Atlas without adequate consultation according to University Regulation 50.2.2C.