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## **UNB's 2016-2017 budget places burden on students**

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Fredericton, NB – The University of New Brunswick has released the approved operating budget for 2016-2017. The budget includes an increase in tuition by 5%, with a 3% tuition rebate to New Brunswick students and a 10% increase in international student differential fees. The Government of New Brunswick froze operating grants to universities and put a two percent (2%) cap on tuition increase for New Brunswick students.

“We are more than disappointed with this tuition increase because it continues to place a financial burden on students”, states UNBSU President Travis Daley. Daley continues, “this increase sets an unnerving precedent that could discourage students from studying in New Brunswick.”

UNBSU's Vice President Internal and international student, Herbert Bempah, states that “international students already incur major costs in attending UNB, our tuition is more than double and our Medicare equivalent is nearly \$1000 annually.” Bempah continues “unlike New Brunswick, other provincial governments have made significant efforts to attract international students.”

The provincial government made no efforts to regulate the cost of tuition for out of province and international students. This deregulation in combination with the freeze to operating grants has allowed UNB to shift its financial burden onto students.

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