



This policy principle approved by the Board of Directors at their January 15th, 2020 meeting.

Policy A07: Implementing the Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA People.

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WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission process began after the release of the “Statement of Reconciliation” released in 1998, which included a mandate of gathering the stories of survivors and acknowledging the damage of residential schools;

WHEREAS the National Inquiry of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2LGBTQQIA People process began after the government of Canada announced the Terms of Reference and appoints Commissioners on August 3rd, 2016. This report includes the systemic causes of all forms of violence against Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2LGBTQQIA Peoples. This report included 229 “Calls to Action” which addressed many topics related to all forms of violence, including but not limited to: Calls to Institutions, Human Security, Health and Wellness, Culture, Education, Child Welfare, and Educators.

WHEREAS the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission along with the work of the National Inquiry of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2LGBTQQIA People currently forms the foundation of reconciliation efforts in Canada;

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s final report concluded with 94 “Calls to Action” which set out to address the range of issues raised during the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s process. These “Calls to Action” are divided into various areas including child welfare, health, justice, education, and more;

WHEREAS the “Calls to Action” regarding postsecondary education impact and relate to the advocacy work of the New Brunswick Student Alliance;

WHEREAS the creation of the participatory and inclusive work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s final report and the National Inquiry Report of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2LGBTQQIA Peoples includes a variety of recommendations specific to ensuring that postsecondary education is accessible to Indigenous learners;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Student Alliance possesses the ability to work closely with and support federal and local partners in regards to implementing these “Call to Action” at all relevant levels of government; and



WHEREAS the New Brunswick Student Alliance fully supports the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the National Inquiry Report of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2LGBTQQIA Peoples, particularly the “Calls to Action” geared towards ensuring that postsecondary education is accessible for Indigenous learners.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Brunswick Student Alliance support the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the National Inquiry Report of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2LGBTQQIA Peoples and the implementation of the “Calls to Action” specific to improving postsecondary education at the provincial level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New Brunswick Student Alliance support the work of federal partners and provincial partners striving to implement the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission within their respective jurisdictions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New Brunswick Student Alliance gives considerable attention and support to the following “Calls to Action,” given the pertinence of their implementation in the postsecondary education system in New Brunswick, and their impact and relation to the advocacy work of the New Brunswick Student Alliance: Calls 1.8, 2.2, 2.5, 4.6, 4.8, 6.1, 7.3, 7.5, 7.7, 11.1, 13.4, 15.1, 15.2, 15.6, 16-18, 28, 43, 57, 62, 63, and 86; 1

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New Brunswick Student Alliance support the work of federal partners and provincial partners striving to implement the recommendations of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2LGBTQQIA Peoples Commission within their respective jurisdictions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Brunswick Student Alliance advocate that the Government of New Brunswick implement a “Reconciliation through Postsecondary Education” fund to support reconciliation initiatives and programming at postsecondary institutions across the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Brunswick Student Alliance commit to further research on the mechanisms which strive to promote the goals of reconciliation within the postsecondary education sector in New Brunswick.