



## Policy Principle

This policy principle was updated and approved by the Board of Directors at their October 28th, 2018 meeting.

### Policy A03: Sexual violence support services on-campus

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**WHEREAS** the prevalence of sexual violence on postsecondary campuses in New Brunswick has created a need for trauma-informed support services specifically geared towards victims of sexual violence;

**WHEREAS** some postsecondary institutions have begun to provide this type of support services and they have become an irreplaceable service on these campuses;

**WHEREAS** a report by Denise E. Elliott et al. titled, "Trauma-Informed or Trauma-Denied: Principles and Implementation of Trauma-Informed Services for Women," states that creating policies and providing services that are "trauma-informed" allows for a systemic shift where all members of the reporting system are focused on respecting the emotional well-being of the victim;

**WHEREAS** the same report by Denise E. Elliott et al. also states that if policy and services are not conducted in a way where every individual involved in the reporting process is trauma-informed and focused on ensuring the emotional well-being of the victim, then the trauma can actually be deepened; and

**WHEREAS** a study conducted by the University of New Brunswick (Fredericton), which included responses from 1220 students, showed that 53% of those students indicated they would not know where to get help after being sexually assaulted and 61% indicated they would not know how to make a report.

**WHEREAS** a report released by the Government of New Brunswick in August 2018 titled, Preventing and Responding Sexual Violence in New Brunswick: A Framework for Action, which indicated a desire to, "Partner with post-secondary institutions on awareness and prevention initiatives focused on reducing the incidence of sexual violence in post-secondary institutions," stated that, "Victims require a wide range of services starting with their immediate needs in a crisis followed by an effective response from those involved in investigation (if the victims reports) and then supportive care to assist in reframing their lives and experience after the violence."



**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the New Brunswick Student Alliance advocate that the provincial government provide funding or directly fund specific, trauma-informed support services on all public postsecondary campuses so that these services may be accessible on campus for all survivors of sexual violence attending a public postsecondary institution in New Brunswick.