



Nova Scotia

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA
AND
THE NOVA SCOTIA UNIVERSITIES
2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011

CONSUP
COUNCIL OF
NOVA SCOTIA
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS

- 1) Whereas the Province of Nova Scotia recognizes that as a result of its eleven universities it places highest among the provinces in undergraduate participation rates and has one of Canada's most educated workforces,
- 2) And whereas the Province of Nova Scotia recognizes that its universities produce a well educated citizenry that is essential for the success and maintenance of a modern, civil society, that the civic engagement resulting from an effective post-secondary education system leads to high social cohesion, that an educated population tends to be healthier and more productive, that universities are a key requirement for economic sustainability and growth, and that investing in young minds, and providing the resources necessary for university education, is the foundation upon which to build a stronger, more competitive Nova Scotia,
- 3) And whereas the Higher Education sector in Nova Scotia represents 60% of the research and development conducted in the province, a contribution which is twice the national average,
- 4) And whereas the Province of Nova Scotia wishes to maintain the outstanding quality of its university system and ensure that all qualified students are able to access a university education, if they so desire,
- 5) And whereas excellence in education and training leads to personal fulfillment and a productive, prosperous society,
- 6) Therefore, the Parties agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding for the fiscal years 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 as outlined below.
- 7) [a] The Province agrees to provide the Nova Scotia universities with the following funding:
 - additional funding in 2007-08 of \$72,451,000 on or before March 31, 2008
 - funding for the 2008-09 fiscal year of \$216,294,347
 - funding for the 2009-10 fiscal year of \$318,745,347
 - funding for the 2010-11 fiscal year of \$348,745,347

[b] Special funding for deferred maintenance has been included in the operating grant amounts given in Clause 7[a] above. In 2008-09, the deferred maintenance allocation will equal \$353,614. In 2009-10, deferred maintenance funding will increase by \$461,765 to total \$815,379. In 2010-11 deferred maintenance funding will decrease by \$428,220, to \$387,159.

[c] Collège de l'Acadie funding in 2008-09 will be \$3,762,799, \$4,165,589 in 2009-10, and \$4,580,515 in 2010-11. These amounts are included in the funding referenced in Clause 7[a] but will not be distributed by the allocation formula; rather they will be provided as targeted funding to Université Sainte-Anne.

[d] In 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 university tuition for all students studying in Nova Scotia universities, including students studying medicine, law, and dentistry, and international students, will remain at 2007-08 MOU levels subject to any additional funding provided by the government for tuition reduction in each of these fiscal years or previous fiscal years.

- 8) The Province agrees to allocate this funding according to the Transition Funding Allocation Formula. Details of the formula are set out in Appendix 1.
- 9) The Transition Funding Allocation Formula utilizes an enrolment average for the years 2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06. However, in each year of the MOU, for information purposes, each university will be provided with a notional allocation based on updated enrolment. In 2008-09, the notional allocation would be based on 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 enrolments. In 2009-10, the notional allocation would be based on 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07 enrolments. In 2010-11, the notional allocation would be based on 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08 enrolments.
- 10) The Province agrees to enter into discussions with the universities during the third year of this agreement to discuss the methodology for future funding.
- 11) The Parties agree to examine the impact on universities of legislative changes to mandatory retirement, which will come into effect on July 1, 2009, once data becomes available, and provide additional funding if it is shown that a material impact has occurred.
- 12) The Province agrees that where a legislative, regulatory, or administrative action taken by the Government of the Province would decrease the revenue of the universities in Nova Scotia by a material amount, or increase the expenditures of the universities in Nova Scotia by a material amount, the Province will make adjustments to ensure that the funding arrangements in this agreement are not violated. This provision does not apply with respect to any legislation, regulation, or administrative action applying to the province generally, and not mainly to universities.
- 13) Each university agrees that over the three year period from 2008-09 to 2010-11 there will be no tuition fee increases for any university credit programs with the exception of full-cost recovery programs. Full-cost recovery programs are programs where students pay the full cost of their education. Institutions will consult with the Department of Education prior to converting a regular program to a full-cost recovery program to ensure that the proposed change does not violate the provisions of the MOU.
- 14) The universities agree that tuition fees for new programs will be set at rates comparable to existing programs as per Clause 13 above.
- 15) [a] The universities agree that they will not increase auxiliary fees or ancillary fees within their control to compensate for an inability to raise tuition fees.

[b] Auxiliary fees are fees for supplies, equipment, labs, field trips, or other items that students must pay in order to enroll in or complete a program or course.

[c] Ancillary fees are fees for non-academic services such as residence accommodation, food services, health services, and student association.

[d] Auxiliary and ancillary fees will be transparent with regard to the goods and services they are designed to be applied against.

[e] Increases in auxiliary and ancillary fees will not exceed increases in the costs of providing the services or goods provided.

[f] Universities will notify the Department of Education of proposed increases to auxiliary or ancillary fees.

[g] Any increases that appear to be inconsistent with these principles will be subject to review by the Department of Education.

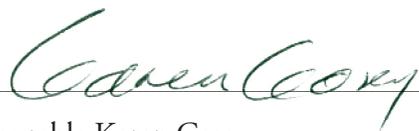
[h] In circumstances where students are to be faced with compulsory fee increases relating to ancillary operations, students on each campus will be consulted beforehand.

16) The universities agree to submit to the Higher Education Branch of the Department of Education, by July 31st of each year, tuition fee schedules for all programs.

17) [a] The Parties further acknowledge that universities need to spend beyond the amounts committed in this Agreement in order to address deferred maintenance and capital needs in the University sector and to achieve the objectives and principles outlined in Clauses 1 through 5 above.

[b] To this end, the Parties commit to annual meetings during the life of this Agreement that facilitate identifying a combination of funding mechanisms that will provide \$25 million of infrastructure funds over the 3 year period of this MOU.

18) The Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding and student representatives agree to meet as required during the period of the agreement to discuss opportunities, issues or concerns regarding any of the items covered by the MOU.



Honourable Karen Casey
Minister of Education

On Behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia



Date



Thomas Traves, Ph.D.
Chair, Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents

On Behalf of the Universities of Nova Scotia



Date

Appendix 1
Funding Allocation According to the Transition Formula

Institution	2007-08 Available Funding	2008-09 Available Funding			2009-10 Available Funding			2010-11 Available Funding		
		Transition Formula Funding	Increase over Previous Year	%	Transition Formula Funding	Increase over Previous Year	%	Transition Formula Funding	Increase over Previous Year	%
AU	27,183,188	27,862,919	679,731	(2.50%)	28,853,900	990,981	(3.56%)	29,682,989	829,088	(2.87%)
AST	957,109	995,445	38,336	(4.01%)	1,112,371	116,926	(11.75%)	1,216,847	104,476	(9.39%)
DU	125,564,960	139,436,253	13,871,293	(11.05%)	156,649,634	17,213,381	(12.34%)	175,762,052	19,112,418	(12.20%)
MSVU	16,277,279	18,440,998	2,163,719	(13.29%)	20,139,136	1,698,139	(9.21%)	21,870,749	1,731,612	(8.60%)
NSAC	5,315,353	6,195,404	880,051	(16.56%)	6,814,816	619,413	(10.00%)	7,099,244	284,428	(4.17%)
NSCAD	5,837,395	7,198,489	1,361,094	(23.32%)	8,210,814	1,012,325	(14.06%)	8,951,111	740,298	(9.02%)
SMU	26,278,400	31,676,335	5,397,935	(20.54%)	34,551,511	2,875,176	(9.08%)	37,336,099	2,784,588	(8.06%)
SFXU	22,461,637	26,002,225	3,540,588	(15.76%)	28,818,209	2,815,984	(10.83%)	31,401,112	2,582,904	(8.96%)
CBU	17,759,449	18,738,390	978,941	(5.51%)	19,421,458	683,068	(3.65%)	20,175,294	753,836	(3.88%)
UKC	3,912,149	4,806,784	894,635	(22.87%)	5,581,528	774,744	(16.12%)	6,325,762	744,234	(13.33%)
USA ³	3,839,891	3,275,690	-564,201	-(14.69%)	3,610,999	335,309	(10.24%)	3,956,411	345,412	(9.57%)
	255,386,812	284,628,934	29,242,122	(11.45%)	313,764,379	29,135,445	(10.24%)	343,777,673	30,013,294	(9.57%)
College de l'Acadie	3,358,535	3,762,799	404,264	(12.04%)	4,165,589	402,790	(10.70%)	4,580,515	414,926	(9.96%)
A&R Top Up		353,614	353,614	(0.00%)	815,379	461,765	(130.58%)	387,159	-428,220	-(52.52%)
Grand Total	258,745,347	288,745,347	30,000,000	(11.59%)	318,745,347	30,000,000	(10.39%)	348,745,347	30,000,000	(9.41%)

Notes:

1. The full annual increases as specified by the Chart of Accounts (university actual costs for 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11) have been applied to the system for each of the three years covered by the proposed MOU: \$29.2, \$29.1 and \$30.0 million for 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively.

2. Variance was calculated as updated formula funding (original formula updated with the most current available enrolments [three year average of 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06]) minus Chart of Accounts funding.

3. Universities with a negative variance had their funding adjusted as follows:
2008-09: 75% Chart of Accounts and 25% Updated formula
2009-10: 50% Chart of Accounts and 50% Updated formula
2010-11: 25% Chart of Accounts and 75% Updated formula