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The Hon. Shawn M. Graham  
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Dear Premier Graham:

Yesterday, leaders of academic staff associations from more than 100 universities and colleges across Canada met in Ottawa and, after extensive discussion, voted *unanimously* in favour of the following motion:

**WHEREAS** the recommendations of the Commission on Post-Secondary Education in New Brunswick, if implemented, would set precedents that would threaten post-secondary education nationally;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** CAUT Council support the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations and its member associations in fighting to preserve the campuses of the University of New Brunswick at Saint John and of l'Université de Moncton at Edmundston and Shippagan;and

**THAT** CAUT Council affirm the necessity of independent, elected academic senates with effective representation from faculty and students.

As you know from your days at St. Thomas University, professors and librarians are an independently minded lot and unanimity is rare – a fact that makes yesterday's resolution unusually significant.

The Miner/L'Écuyer Report was titled *Advantage New Brunswick*. A more appropriate title would have been *Disadvantage New Brunswick* since its implementation would seriously harm post-secondary education in your province. Louis Robichaud created the framework for a fine system of universities and colleges in New Brunswick that could serve the needs of your province's diverse population. Changes do need to be made, but not those advocated by the Miner and L'Ecuyer Report. The principal needs are more adequate funding from the Province and allowing the community college system to have a richer range of programs and a greater opportunity to develop articulation arrangements with the Province's universities.

We urge you in the strongest terms not to proceed with the Report's recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

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President

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