University of New Brunswick - Review of Administrative Services

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Introduction

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Setting the Stage

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| 1       | At present, the University operates with separate leadership for each campus. The two campuses are largely structured as stand alone enterprises with their own administrative leadership and budgets. The University’s adoption of the one university/two campus model and the Project Team’s endorsement of the One Leader/One Unit shared services model will necessitate a change in how administrative services are delivered. The One Leader/One Unit shared service model will mean functional services are delivered across the organization from one common business unit. There will be no separate business units at each campus location. | • Adopt the One Leader/One Unit shared service model in which functional administrative services are delivered across the University organization from one common business unit. | • Increased efficiency in the delivery of administrative services  
• Removal of duplicate positions at either campus  
• Operationalizes the concept of one university/two campuses |
| 2       | UNB currently operates without a Provost. There are two campus Vice Presidents each responsible for the academic affairs of their respective Campuses who work in cooperation with the third academic Vice-President responsible for research and graduate studies. The impact for administrative services is that the alignment of administrative resources to the academic mission of the University varies across the two campuses of UNB. In order for the University’s academic mission to drive the allocation of resources, there needs to be one Provost responsible for both campuses. The Project Team recommended that a new Provost position be created to which three Academic Vice Presidents would report. Given the financial position of the University, consideration should be given to the appointment of one of the existing campus Vice Presidents as Provost. | • Create a Provost position responsible for the delivery of the academic mission of the University and the alignment of resources (administrative and academic) across both campuses.  
• In recognition of the financial position of UNB, designate the VP Academic (Fredericton) position as the Provost for the University and VP Academic (Fredericton).  
• Designate the position of Vice-President of the Saint John Campus as Vice-Provost.  
• Model the Provost governance model on Dalhousie University’s model, i.e. academic mission drives budget. | • University decisions align with its mission and strategic priorities across all campuses;  
• Goals are integrated across academic faculties and administrative business units;  
• Refocusing of the President on the external agenda of the University  
• Clear and efficient decision making |
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<td>Each campus currently has its own budget which is managed by the leadership team on the respective campuses. These budgets are developed largely independent of one another and are then brought together for approval by the University’s Board of Governors. This budget structure is inconsistent with the one university/two campus model that UNB recently adopted. In addition, if the University wishes to move to a shared service model like the One Leader/One Unit model, the budget will need to be based upon the requirements of the business unit across both campuses and not structured according to geography.</td>
<td>• Structure the University’s budget so that it is based upon the requirements of specific business units across both campuses under the leadership of the functional leader.</td>
<td>• Increased synergy between the two campuses in the delivery of administrative services • Improved financial control and management • Better deployment of resources</td>
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<td>The Saint John campus has enjoyed considerable success with the creation of a common services desk for students. The establishment of one desk to handle matters such as business services and registration has improved the student experience on the Saint John campus and reduced the administrative cost of operation for the campus. There is an opportunity to replicate the success of the Saint John campus’s common services desk on the Fredericton campus. The Project Team identified multiple services that could be provided, including: cashier, transcript requests, parking passes, job applications, identification cards, room bookings, switch board, campus tours and/or residence applications. A key issue to be resolved on the Fredericton campus is facility location/home for the shared services desk. Currently these services are delivered across multiple buildings on the Fredericton campus. Consideration would have to be given to a central location for a common services desk with the appropriate support IT infrastructure and accessibility.</td>
<td>• Establish a common services desk for the Fredericton campus modelled on the success of the Saint John campus common services desk. • Ensure that the common services desk has the necessary IT infrastructure and is located in a facility that is accessible to all students and staff of UNB. • Expansion of the Common Services desk on the Saint John Campus</td>
<td>• Improved student experience and support • Greater integration among the administrative services in the delivery of student services • Decreased cost for the delivery of administrative services</td>
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<td>We were advised that there are administrative staff located within academic faculties that are delivering administrative services often not in co-ordination with administrative business units (Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources, Communications, Recruitment). From our consultations, we understand these resources were acquired by the individual faculties because of a perceived need for fundamental administrative support that was not being met by the central department. The placement of administrative resources outside of their traditional departments has resulted in a disjointed approach to the delivery of administrative services.</td>
<td>• Continue with the practice of locating administrative positions within academic faculties to directly support the faculty’s academic mission; however, these administrative resources would report to the appropriate leadership of the administrative departments.</td>
<td>• Consistent administrative service delivery across the University organization • Clear understanding of the depth and capacity of administrative services within the University</td>
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Prioritization of Opportunities

Sample rating of each of the potential opportunities for improvement against two criteria:

- Difficulty to implement
  - This rating indicates the degree to which the potential opportunity for improvement would be difficult (high) or simple (low) to implement.
  - A difficult implementation would come at a higher cost to UNB and/or may take longer to implement, while a simple implementation would come at a minimal cost and/or may be implemented within a short time frame.

- Impact on UNB
  - This rating indicates the degree to which the potential opportunity for improvement would produce large (high) or minimal (low) benefits for UNB.
  - A large benefit would reduce the deficit by more than a small benefit.

The order that opportunities should be implemented would be: (1) top left quadrant (low difficulty, high benefit), (2) bottom left (low difficulty, low benefit) and (3) top right (high difficulty, high benefit). Those in the bottom right quadrant would be considered to be optional as a result of the potential effort required versus the potential benefit derived.

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The University of New Brunswick is a public university with primary campuses located in Fredericton and Saint John, New Brunswick. It is the oldest English-language university in Canada, and among the oldest public universities in North America. UNB is a comprehensive university offering full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate degrees in arts, science, business administration, computer science, nursing, engineering, education, forestry, law and kinesiology, as well as certificates and diplomas. The University has two main campuses: the original campus, founded in 1785 in Fredericton, and a smaller campus which opened in Saint John in 1964. In addition, there are two small satellite health sciences sites located in Moncton and Bathurst, New Brunswick.

In 2014, UNB established a Senior Administration Responsibility Review Committee (“the Committee”) composed of senior academic leaders from three Canadian universities. The Committee concluded in its final report that the “administrative structure and processes of UNB are preventing it from reaching its potential. Its evolution as a two-campus institution has left in its wake unresolved confusion and ambiguity in administrative authority, and gaps in the exercise of responsibility.” As a result of the Committee’s work, the President established the University Administrative Review Taskforce (the “Taskforce”) to continue the work of the Committee and resolve the administrative barriers that are preventing the University from reaching its full potential. Ultimately the Taskforce’s work led to the appointment of KPMG to assist the University in identifying potential improvements and ensuring its business processes follow leading practice so that the overall delivery of administrative services to students, faculty and staff is improved.
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Project Objectives and Drivers

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Project Drivers

UNB’s continuous improvement strategy requires that it regularly review its operations to identify potential improvements, ensure its business processes are consistent with leading practice and improve the delivery of administrative services to its students, faculty and staff.

UNB commissioned an earlier Administrative Review Taskforce Report that identified the organizational design of the University’s administrative functions as a first step in achieving a higher performing organization.
Project Scope and Deliverables

- **Phase One: Project Initiation**  
  - Kick Off Meeting with Project Team  
  - Project Charter  
  - Project Schedule

- **Phase Two: Current State**  
  - Document/Data Collection and Review  
  - Interviews  
  - Identification of current organizational structure’s strengths and weaknesses  
  - Identification of areas for business improvements

- **Phase Three: Comparative Options**  
  - Conduct interviews with three comparator comprehensive universities to understand the innovative administrative options that may be available as well as to gather qualitative feedback regarding the benefits and challenges of particular administrative structures and delivery models  
  - Summary of findings

- **Phase Four: Organizational Development**  
  - Conduct a series of working sessions with the Project Team to review the findings from the jurisdictional review and construct a handful of structure options by aligning functions into work streams  
  - Identify the benefits and drawbacks related to each option, paying particular attention to current service levels and leading practices

- **Phase Five: Implementation Plan & Final Report**  
  - A final report (in PowerPoint format) consolidating the feedback from the Project Team  
  - Final Report and presentation to an agreed upon leadership group
This engagement commenced November 22, 2016, and will be substantially complete when the draft final report is submitted to UNB on or before March 30, 2017.

1. Meet with the Project Team to clarify expectations, refine lines of inquiry, and develop a subsequent work program for the engagement.
2. Collect relevant information on current methods of service delivery and conduct stakeholder engagement exercises.
3. Identification of three governance models, their risks and tax implications to the University.
4. Develop organization structure options based upon organizational analysis and design principles and recommend optimal structure.
5. Develop and present a final report.
Summary of Findings from Consultations

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Perspectives on the University’s current administrative structure, processes, people practices and culture were gained through interviews with 23 UNB staff identified by the Project Sponsor. In addition, the University’s Deans were surveyed for their opinions on administrative services at the University. Specific responses have been aggregated in this summary document and are presented in the form of general themes and messages. The findings of the consultation presented in this summary document will be used to inform the development of possible structures as a first step in achieving an optimal administrative structure for UNB.

The following individuals (listed in alphabetical order) participated in interviews over the two and a half week consultation period:

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<td>Lloyd Henderson</td>
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## Summary of Findings

### A Model for Analyzing Organizational Performance

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<td>If strategy is missing, unclear, or not agreed upon</td>
<td>If the structure isn't aligned to the strategy</td>
<td>If the development of coordinating mechanisms is left to chance</td>
<td>If people aren't enabled and empowered</td>
<td>If behaviours don't reflect the organization's values</td>
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<td>• No common direction; people pulling in different directions</td>
<td>• Inability to mobilize resources</td>
<td>• Lack of collaboration across boundaries</td>
<td>• Effort without results</td>
<td>• No employee engagement</td>
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<td>• No criteria for decision making</td>
<td>• Ineffective execution; lost opportunity for competitive advantage</td>
<td>• Long decision and innovation cycle times</td>
<td>• Low employee satisfaction</td>
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<td>• Difficult to share information and leverage best practices</td>
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Source: Modified from Galbraith's Organizational Review Metrics
Summary of Findings
Organizational Considerations

Organizational Factor

Strategy
- Understanding of strategy and mission
- Alignment to vision
- Agreement on priorities
- Clarity in performance measures

Structure
- Structure
- Work alignment
- Delegation of authority
- Capacity

Processes and Lateral Capability
- Decision making
- Communication
- Enabling technology
- Standardized operational processes and practices

People Practices
- Staff engagement
- HR practices and policies
- Performance management
- Training and support

Culture
- Values and beliefs
- Behaviours
Emerging Themes from Consultations

Several key themes have emerged from the data collection and early analysis phases of this review. These themes and high-level observations are summarized below and are presented in more detail in the following section. The analysis recognizes the strengths of the University’s administrative services, but also focuses on how continued investments in its people and work processes can drive greater value for the University and ensure improved service delivery both for clients (students and faculty) and the people who deliver these services.

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<td>One University – Two campus</td>
<td>The recent leadership strategic planning session from which emerged the theme One University – Two Campus was regarded positively by all of those interviewed.</td>
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<td>There appears to be genuine enthusiasm about moving to this model and away from the current environment of uncertainty and confusion around accountabilities/ responsibilities between the two campus sites.</td>
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<td>Agreement on priorities</td>
<td>It was felt that any change to the University’s strategic priorities has to come from the University’s executive leadership. The continual debate on the two campus issue, in particular, is affecting UNB’s performance.</td>
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<td>Stakeholders who we spoke with believe there is a gap in the development of the academic plans. It is also their belief that the academic planning exercise currently underway is proceeding differently on the two campuses and that a single approach to academic planning would improve the synergies of the University and address the establishment of academic specializations on each campus.</td>
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<td>It was identified that there is no one position responsible for overseeing the academic mission of the University across both campuses. This has hampered efforts to reach agreement on academic priorities across both campuses. Where this view was identified, stakeholders also noted the benefit of establishing a Provost position overseeing both campuses.</td>
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<td>There was an overwhelming belief from the consulted stakeholders on the Saint John campus that there is an urgent need to address the enrollment at this campus and re-establish its long-term sustainability.</td>
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<td>Clarity in performance measures</td>
<td>There is no common performance management system for administrative functions across the University. Individual faculties and departments have developed their own unique systems of performance measurement.</td>
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## Emerging Themes from Consultations

### Structure
- Stakeholders indicated that there would be only a marginal return from any re-alignment of the administrative structure since administrative services are already lean, particularly in Saint John.
- There was a clear view that there has not been a plan or architect for the current administrative structure, rather it has just evolved over time. None of the interviewees were able to identify any design principles associated with the current organizational structure.
- It was commonly noted that the University’s organizational structure is designed around either personalities, vacancies when somebody leaves UNB, or the political needs of the Saint John community.
- It is believed that the recent integrative model for student recruitment across both campuses could be deployed in other administrative functions to improve efficiency and effectiveness. It was suggested that the Registrars Office is an example of where similar integration could occur, removing the duplication of two University registrars.

### Work alignment
- There is currently an inconsistent view as to how Finance is structured. For example, Finance for research programs reports to the Vice President Research and not the Vice President of Finance and Administration.
- There is a belief that the University functions because people make it happen – its organizational structure does not support productive performance. For example, the Saint John Campus library is part of the University’s library system but there’s no management structure that ties it to the University system.
- The organizational structure of the University’s administration is largely functional with limited cross departmental reporting or integration. There is a belief that some type of formal matrix structure could be beneficial in order to reduce departmental silos.

### Delegation of authority
- There was a lack of clarity reported around levels of delegated authority in some departments. It was noted that Executive Leadership tend to wade into granular operational issues.

### Capacity
- It was remarked during the consultations that while the for-profit business units appear profitable, they appear to lack co-ordination and guidance essential for their success as for-profit business units.
- Stakeholders believe that the development of an optimal corporate structure and sustainable business model for the for-profit business units could also mean a change in business processes and position responsibilities throughout the various functional areas of the University.
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<td><strong>Decision making</strong></td>
<td>It was reported that there is often a reluctance for decisions to be made unless a Vice President is involved in the process. It was noted that people are reluctant to make decisions that would have implications beyond their own department and/or campus. As a result, it was felt that Vice Presidents – and sometimes the President – were often involved in operational matters, rather than strategic issues such as the future direction and development of UNB.</td>
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<td>It was noted that individual business units have talented and skilled people who know their jobs and work well within their business units. Corporate initiatives that involve multiple business units and span departments, however, have a different experience. It takes just one business unit to say they are not co-operating to stop the whole initiative and require an organizational re-set.</td>
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<td><strong>Communication</strong></td>
<td>There was concern reported from the Saint John campus that the Executive Leadership team has limited visibility on campus and that they should consider increasing their profile.</td>
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<td>It was reported that there can also be a lack of transparency and information sharing between the two campuses and business units. For example, the development of the annual budget may require the intervention of a Vice President in order to expedite information requests. There is a view that Project FOCUS (UNB’s ERP Renewal Project) may help to address this issue, but there was concern that data is often held on personal spreadsheets rather than on shared servers, complicating the sharing of information across the organization.</td>
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<td>Consistency in communications was also highlighted by stakeholders. There is a perception that the hiring freeze only pertains to the Saint John Campus.</td>
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<td><strong>Standardized operational processes and practices</strong></td>
<td>Some stakeholders remarked that UNB could improve its processes through the central development of University policies and procedures and their implementation at the campus level. Some stakeholders remarked that UNB could improve its processes through the central development of University policy and procedures and their implementation at the campus level. Examples cited include, separate budget processes on each campus, two Registrars, two facilities management operations, and two residence services operations.</td>
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<td>It was identified that there is no organization-wide process to establish departmental plans and priorities that are integrated across the leadership team. Information Technology Services (ITS) has adopted a balanced scorecard approach for performance measurement within its business unit. This may be contributing to the common perception of functional silos.</td>
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<td>The “one-stop shop” for students that is operating in Saint John appears to be effective and has brought about efficiencies and has improved the academic experience for students. It was remarked that Fredericton could benefit from this model.</td>
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<td>- It was noted that human resource staffing is lean and there are no back up resources available in the event of illness or other types of leave. Currently, for example, the labour relations position is on sick leave and the Associate Vice President is managing first response grievances.</td>
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<td>- There are currently no positions in the organization responsible for organizational development and performance or compensation planning.</td>
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<td>- Stakeholders noted that there is no formal succession planning across the University for any positions so there tends to be gaps and knowledge loss when vacancies occur.</td>
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<td>- There is a genuine commitment to improving the education of students and to providing the best teaching, learning and research possible. It was often remarked that people are passionate about the impact they have on students. In addition, there is a common belief that UNB offers a societal good and has a positive impact on communities and the province.</td>
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<td>- A number of people reported fatigue over the ongoing two university/campus debate and the lack of trust that exists between the two campuses. It was felt that this was improving under the current leadership team but further progress was required.</td>
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<td>- There was considerable optimism for the change to the One University – Two Campus model. Although there was a recognition that the two Senates have different cultures, this will take some time and effort to overcome.</td>
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<td>- Several stakeholders commented on the “UNB Way” and a general reluctance to change among the long time members of the University. Any champion of change is up against the UNB Way, but it was also noted there is a large number of staff who would welcome change. A couple of stakeholders remarked that people give up too easily when they encounter resistance within the University organization.</td>
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### Faculty & Administrative Positions

While detailed information was not available at all comparator universities, the group of universities has a wide range of permanent and term Faculty and Administrative positions.

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| 1. What are your FTE's for academic and administrative positions? | - The FTE total is not available.  
- There are 2,549 staff.  
- On the academic side, there are 428 permanent faculty and 373 term appointments for a total of 801 full-time employees.  
- The number of permanent employees is 1,249 which includes faculty, administrative staff, CUPE etc.  
- The number of term positions is 1,535, including coaches, residence positions, teachers etc. | - There are 1,142 permanent Faculty.  
- There are 1,538 permanent staff.  
- Marine Institute has 169 Faculty and 115 staff.  
- Grenfell College has 71 Faculty and 115 staff. | - A breakdown was not available.  
- There are approximately 1,100 Faculty members. |
Comparative Analysis

Multiple Campuses

All of the comparator universities have multiple campuses – all have contiguous and geographically distinct campuses. Inception of these satellite campuses differs across the comparators. For instance, in some cases, mergers were recent and in other cases, the facility is new and/or leased.

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<td>2. Do you have multiple campuses?</td>
<td>• Main Campus (College Avenue).</td>
<td>• Main Campus in St. John’s</td>
<td>• Dalhousie has 3 contiguous campuses.</td>
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<td>• Two satellite campuses (Saskatoon and Prince Albert).</td>
<td>• Marine Institute in St. John’s</td>
<td>• There is also a geographically distinct campus located in Truro NS where the</td>
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<td>• 3 federated colleges (Luther College, Campion College and First Nations University).</td>
<td>• Grenfell Campus in Corner Brook</td>
<td>Faculty of Agriculture resides.</td>
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<td>All colleges are faith-based colleges.</td>
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<td>• Over the longer-term, it is envisioned that the Truro Campus will be a programmatic hub and will include other faculties.</td>
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<td>All colleges are academically integrated with the Main campus.</td>
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<td>• Dalhousie also has a medical school which resides on the UNB Saint John campus as part of the Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick program. This site is not Dalhousie’s campus.</td>
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<td>a. How long have they existed and why were they created?</td>
<td>• The University of Regina Main Campus (College Avenue) is over 100 years old.</td>
<td>• The Marine Institute has a different structure, marine industry involvement and tends to offer short courses versus graduate / undergraduate courses.</td>
<td>• The Agriculture College was merged with Dalhousie University approximately four years ago and rebranded as a campus of the University.</td>
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<td>• There is a small satellite campus in Saskatoon which holds the Faculty of Nursing and Social Work. It is a fairly new facility and is leased.</td>
<td>• Grenfell Campus was established in the mid-1970s and has undergone various name changes / affiliations since its inception, most recently in 2010.</td>
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<td>• There are regional colleges across the province and in the territories. Territorial colleges teach University of Regina curriculum and the University of Regina grants the degrees.</td>
<td>• For the purpose of this review, Grenfell is the second campus for Memorial University.</td>
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Comparative Analysis
Multiple Campuses (cont’d)

Through various structures, management at all satellite campuses report to the President. Some challenges exist for managing multiple sites: (1) budgetary / fiscal concerns; (2) duplication of services to compensate for the wide distance between sites; and (3) making the satellite campuses feel like they are a priority and visible.

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| b. How does the management/administration of the second campus fit within the university executive leadership team/structure? | - The President of the University of Regina regularly meets with the 3 college Presidents.  
- University administration is centralized. | Five VPs report to the President.  
- VP Academic & Provost  
- VP Admin + Finance  
- VP Research  
- VP Grenfell Campus  
- VP Marine Institute | - The Dean of Agriculture, reports to the Provost; as Principal, reports to President.  
- Dalhousie Agriculture has a fairly sizeable campus and an equally sizeable number of services which need to be fulfilled.  
- Individuals are located at the Agriculture campus but have accountability to Dalhousie’s central office.  
- This structure is quite intentional, as it allows the University to be sensitive to the satellite campus but maintain a common University standard. |
| c. Do you have any challenges related to the management of more than one campus? Please provide detail/examples. | - None – everything seems to be working well. | The different campuses appeal to different students, so there is no competition for the same students.  
- Operating a second fully functional campus across Newfoundland causes some budgetary and fiscal concerns / constraints because the University has to duplicate a lot of functions / services.  
- The 900km distance between the campuses makes some of this duplication necessary. | One particular challenge is providing the satellite campus with the attention it deserves so it does not feel secondary.  
- The University is addressing this challenge by involving stakeholders in the management of emerging issues.  
- For example, an up-front investment was made in video-conferencing. In addition, specific seats on the Senate are reserved for the Faculty of Agriculture. |
### Comparative Analysis

#### Multiple Campuses (cont’d)

The reporting structure across comparators differs. In all cases, the Campus Presidents report directly to the University President. In one case, the University decided to implement a Principal at the satellite campus to enhance coordination and alignment with the Senior Team. The degree of autonomy also differs – in some cases, autonomy is low and in other cases, the satellite campus is fairly independent and has oversight of its budget.

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| d. What is the reporting structure for the multiple campuses? | • The President of the University of Regina regularly meets with the three college Presidents.  
  • The University has academic oversight across multiple campuses and the faith-based colleges. There is an agreement in place in this regard. | • Under the VP at Grenfell, there are three Associate Vice Presidents (AVPs):  
  • AVP Research;  
  • AVP Academic; and  
  • AVP Finance and Administration.  
  • The same structure is present at the Main Campus, but these positions are labelled Directors instead of AVPs. | • Early on it was agreed that the Agriculture Campus would benefit from having a Principal.  
  • At present, the Dean of Agriculture is also the Campus Principal.  
  • The Principal’s role is to coordinate services linking the Agriculture Campus with the Senior Management Team.  
  • In two years, it anticipated that a separate Principal position will be filled. |
| c. What is the level of autonomy on each campus? (Specifically, administrative support and decision making – budget, facilities, financial reporting, etc.) | • With respect to the colleges, they are "administratively independent", managing their own facilities, hiring their own staff and bargaining with them, and managing their own finances (government operating grants and tuition revenue). However, given the academic integration, there are administrative arrangements to which they have jointly agreed for managing the academic enterprise. | • The Grenfell Campus is fairly independent and has its own budget. It operates within an envelope and has full autonomy to make its own decisions. | • There is not a high level of autonomy.  
  • The Agriculture campus is part of the University. It is always linked to the University as a whole. |
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Faculty & Administrative Positions

Budget policies and procedures sometimes differed across campuses, although only one comparator had this model.

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<td><strong>f. Are the budget policies and procedures the same for each campus?</strong></td>
<td>- No there are slight differences on each campus of the University of Regina.&lt;br&gt;  - With respect to the colleges, the budgets are not integrated. Each college manages its own resources independently with little consultation.&lt;br&gt;  - The faith-based colleges, which are funded by the province as if they are full-service universities, pay the University for &quot;infrastructure services&quot;, including everything from operating the common student information system, to student athletic and recreation services (net cost after student fees), to research administration, roadway maintenance and snow clearing, including a portion of the cost of all University administrative offices. Their fee, currently in negotiation, is set under agreement as 10% of their provincial operating grant and 10% of their tuition revenue annually. This is less than a detailed cost study suggests they should pay. The province provides the University a grant, roughly equivalent, for infrastructure services provided to a First Nations University.</td>
<td>- The budget policies and procedures are the same for each campus.&lt;br&gt;  - The budget is set by the VP Council (all VPs minus the President).</td>
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## Comparative Analysis

### Marketing

Across comparators, the communications and marketing department is centralized. Responsibilities for student recruitment rest centrally with the Registrar’s Office. Liaisons and dedicated resources often help support Faculty marketing efforts. Approximate annual marketing spend was not available across comparators.

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| 3a. How is marketing of academic programs and the University overall delivered? Can you provide a ballpark number of your annual marketing spending? | - A Marketing Advisor provides advice and guidance. The communication area provides niche expertise to the University (e.g., dedicated web/social media strategist).  
- Annual discretionary communications budget of $350k including salaries and benefits, the total communications budget is $1.8m.  
- Student recruitment marketing occurs in the enrollment management function, not communications. | - On Main Campus, there is a marketing and communications group. It sets the marketing brand for the entire institution.  
- The Grenfell Campus has a marketing position. This person works collaboratively with the Main Campus.  
- Annual marketing spend is not known, since it is spread across the campuses/regions; an annual ballpark estimate would be several million dollars. | - There is a centralized communications and marketing department responsible for serving the needs across the University.  
- No estimate was available for annual marketing spend. |

| b. How have you structured the delivery of marketing support to the academic faculties and departments to ensure their needs are met? | - Marketing is not currently structured to have a liaison for each faculty/department. | - Student recruitment promotes academic programs.  
- Each academic faculty/department has its own marketing budget. In addition, the larger faculties share a marketing resource who helps promote their own programs/courses. | - The marketing budget is 50/50 split between the Faculty and Communications/Marketing department.  
- Broad-based marketing advertising is funded centrally. There is a close alignment to the Registrar’s office for student recruitment marketing. |
Comparative Analysis

Provost Structure

All Universities have had a Provost structure in place for the past several years. This role reports directly to the University President. In all cases, the Provost title was given to the Vice President – Academic. Relatively minor challenges surfaced in implementing the Provost position.

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<td>4. Do you have a Provost?</td>
<td>Yes – the Provost is also the VP Academic.</td>
<td>Yes – the Provost is also the VP Academic. The Provost and VP Academic is the most senior VP of all the VPs. All the VPs participate in the budget discussions. The VP for Grenfell Campus has full authority over all aspects of the Grenfell Campus operations.</td>
<td>Yes – the Provost is also the VP Academic.</td>
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<td>a. How long have you had a Provost?</td>
<td>Approximately 5 years.</td>
<td>Approximately 6-7 years.</td>
<td>Approximately 4 years.</td>
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<td>b. How does the Provost fit in the organizational structure?</td>
<td>All three VPs (VP Research, VP Admin and VP Academic / Provost) report to the President. An Executive Director of Communications and 1-2 additional positions also report to the President.</td>
<td>The Provost is second in command to the President.</td>
<td>The Provost is also the VP Academic. Using a corporate analogy, the President is the CEO and the Provost is the COO. The Provost’s focus is on strategic decisions such as the budget, the academic mission and where investments are required.</td>
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<td>c. Did you have any challenges implementing the Provost position? Please describe them.</td>
<td>The VP Academic was given an additional title of Provost. It was described as a re-naming exercise consistent with other Canadian university VP academics.</td>
<td>The VP Academic was given an additional title of Provost.</td>
<td>When the new President was appointed, four years ago, he was a strong advocate for the Provost model. He implemented the current Provost model. The University is roughly four years into this enhanced model.</td>
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### Comparative Analysis

**Provost Structure (cont’d)**

Across comparators, the Provost is responsible for multiple campuses and has some or complete oversight of the total budget. The federated college model can create unique challenges for the Provost, but in recent years, this role has not faced significant challenges related to the organizational structure.

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<td>d. Is the Provost responsible for more than one campus?</td>
<td>Yes, the academic structure encompasses several campuses and colleges.</td>
<td>Yes, the Provost is responsible for all campuses.</td>
<td>Yes, the Dean of Agriculture reports to the Provost. As Principal, he reports to the President.</td>
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<td>e. What challenges does the Provost face related to university organizational structure?</td>
<td>The challenge is the federated model – their individual ambitions and sometimes the limited degree of interaction among the campuses. For example, there was a recent financial crisis at First Nations University. Senior governments took over financial control. The University moved into a co-administrative relationship with First Nations University.</td>
<td>The current Provost has held the position for 2 years. Prior to this, she was a Dean within the University structure. It has been a relatively smooth transition.</td>
<td>None specified.</td>
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<td>f. Does the Provost have oversight over the budget?</td>
<td>Nominally the VP Administration chairs the budget working group. However, with the creation of the Provost position and the subsequent passage of time, the Provost has become essentially an equal partner in leading this activity.</td>
<td>Yes the Provost has oversight and responsibility for the budget.</td>
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Comparative Analysis

Physical & IT Challenges

Physical infrastructure challenges consist of deferred maintenance (e.g., aging buildings, asbestos). With multiple campuses, it can be difficult to prioritize which buildings should be repaired first. Furthermore, universities often rely on technology to feel connected to one another particularly with different sites and geographies. Administratively, it is difficult to always ensure that IT upgrades are made equitably across different campuses.

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<td>5. What are the physical and IT infrastructure challenges facing your campus?</td>
<td>• Physical infrastructure repairs – some physical structures are beyond rehabilitation.</td>
<td>• General challenges relate to a declining number of students and therefore an increased reliance on international students for revenue.</td>
<td>• General challenges relate to both IT and physical infrastructure.</td>
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<td>a. If you have two campuses, are there challenges facing this infrastructure that differ by campus or are increased by the existence of more than one campus?</td>
<td>• The Main Campus was built in the 1960-70s and needs a lot of repair work. There are roof leaks, building systems are compromised and the main residence is closed for renovation / rehabilitation. Some areas have mold and asbestos. There is a lack of funding to fix the facility demands.</td>
<td>• Main Campus buildings were built in 1961. Physical challenges today include deferred maintenance because of the age of the buildings and asbestos issues. • Provincial government funding is directed to specific buildings / campuses. Grenfell has had significant funding for capital construction over the past few years.</td>
<td>• The University’s existing IT infrastructure creates challenges. The Main and Agriculture Campuses rely on technology to feel connected. It remains difficult to ensure they have consistent upgrades on both campuses. • Physical challenges include aging buildings on the Agriculture Campus. The University is working towards fundraising initiatives and developing a campus master plan.</td>
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Shared Service Models

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#1 Entity Structure: One leader/separate units

**Description:**

**One leader/separate units** - In this type of shared services structure there is a single leader governing services across the organization, but separate staffs for different departments. UNB’s Human Resource Office is structured this way, where there is a single overarching leader for both campuses (AVP of Human Resources), but there are separate staff handling HR services for each campus.

**Key Characteristics:**

1. One leader who oversees two separate administrative business units delivering the same function.
2. There are separate staff organized in a formal business unit at each location.
3. Optimal for organizations that require a physical presence in multiple locations e.g. client or infrastructure demands.
4. Entity model is the least efficient shared service model since it requires some duplication of resources.
Description:

One leader/one unit - Here, one organization provides services across all departments. The Office of Student Recruitment or Communications Office are two examples, where one unit leader and one staff handle these services for both campuses of the University.

Key Characteristics:

1. One leader who oversees services across all functional departments.
2. There are no separate business units at each location.
3. Functional services are delivered across the enterprise/organization from one business unit.
4. Optimal for organizations that require no physical presence in multiple locations and where information can seamlessly be provided on-line e.g. IT Services on cloud computing platform.
5. The Complete Shared Service model is the most efficient shared service model since there is no duplication of resources at multiple sites.
Shared Service Models

#3 Hybrid Structure: One leader/mixed units

**Key Characteristics:**
1. One leader who oversees services across all functional departments.
2. There are a limited number of separate business units at each location.
3. Functional services are delivered across the enterprise/organization from one business unit, however, client or infrastructure demand may require a department service to have a separate business unit.
4. Optimal for organizations that require no physical presence in multiple locations and where information can seamlessly be provided on-line e.g. IT Services on cloud computing platform, but also need to reflect specific local needs.
5. Shared Service model is a slightly less efficient shared service model, however it can address specific client needs that a true shared service model cannot address.

**Description:**

**One leader/mixed units** - Under this model, there is one unit leader, but staff within the unit may serve the entire organization or may provide services to specific departments/campuses.

**Fredericton Campus**
- One leader
- Academic Programs
- Select Admin Units

**Saint John Campus**
- One leader
- Academic Programs
- Select Admin Units
Shared Service Models

Spectrum of Shared Service Delivery

INDEPENDENT: Multiple Leaders & Business Units

ENTITY: One Leader & Separate Units

HYBRID: One Leader & Mixed Units

COMPLETE: One Leader & One Unit

Cost of Overhead

Cost Efficiency & Decision Making Complexity
Organizational Design

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Organization design is the deliberate process of configuring structures, processes, and people practices to create an effective organization capable of achieving the organization’s identified strategy.

*Form Follows Function* – strategy drives structure; processes are based on structure; and structures and processes define the implementation of people practices.

Structure is just one of several levers to be ‘pulled’ in organizations to optimize performance.

Effective organization design considers the following:

- Strategy
- Structure
- Processes & Systems
- People Practices
- Culture

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A poorly-designed organization (or an organization by default) creates barriers and frustrations for people both inside and outside the organization.

Paul Galbraith

The organization is not an end in itself; it is simply a vehicle for accomplishing the strategic tasks of the business.

A well-designed organization helps everyone in the business do her or his job effectively.
### Organizational Design

#### Common Organization Design Pitfalls

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<td>Organization design efforts often begin and end just with a structure chart.</td>
<td>Creating just structure charts is insufficient with respect to effective governance and collaboration within the organization and across boundaries. And it is inadequate if you want people to adopt new accountabilities, responsibilities and ways of working.</td>
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<td>Many organizations evolve without conscious design choices from a holistic perspective.</td>
<td>Piecemeal tweaks over time can result in structures that become inefficient, with unclear accountabilities and suboptimal working relationships.</td>
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<td>Creating an effective ‘lean’ organization doesn’t happen by chance.</td>
<td>Focusing an organization on primary outputs and deliverables, and helping reduce non value-added activities is a common objective. However, lean organizations do not exist by chance. They have to be deliberately designed.</td>
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<td>Today’s organizations compete in rapidly changing environments.</td>
<td>Leadership should constantly rethink how their business is designed and how it can achieve and sustain increased levels of performance. No matter what is driving change, more rigour needs to be applied to ensure that structures, processes, systems, and capabilities all support the objective.</td>
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<td>Organization design can become a political compromise – undertaken to find jobs for existing people.</td>
<td>Senior teams need an opportunity to work outside of the current conventions, politics and mindsets to start again.</td>
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Organizational Design

Organizational Success Measures

Success Measures are the drivers of performance.
Organizations must employ methods and procedures that are measurable. Declaring success is difficult if there is nothing in place that can be measured to show proof of that success.

Three key criteria must be met in order to ensure that measures are critical and meaningful:
1. The information must be critical to the success of your company or organization.
2. It must be measurable and quantifiable.
3. A baseline must be established in order to measure progress or changes.

At the beginning of the organizational design exercise, the project team set out specific organizational success measures for the administrative review project.

These success measures were determined as seen through the eyes of different university stakeholders:

- Executive Leadership
- Management
- Faculty
- External Partners
- Students

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<td>✓ Efficient and effective delivery of service with limited operational involvement</td>
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<td>✓ Increased faculty and staff retention</td>
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<td>Management</td>
<td>✓ Sufficient authority to make decisions and sufficient resources to deliver</td>
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<td>✓ Greater integration across the organization</td>
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<td>✓ Support of the executive leadership team</td>
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<td>✓ Seamless and timely service delivery</td>
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Organizational Design
Organization Design Principles

Design Principles Explained
- Design principles form the criteria against which to measure the organization design.
- Design principles should reflect a focus on effectiveness. An organization is effective if it is doing the right things to achieve its mandate and vision.
- Design principles should reflect a focus on efficiency. An organization is efficient if it is doing things in a way that maximizes utilization of resources.
- Design principles should reflect desired performance (success measures).

UNB’s Structures, Processes, Services, People Practices, Culture will be designed to ensure . . .
1. People can get the right information to make the right decisions at the right time
2. Consistency with strategic direction
3. Customer-focused approach
4. Organizational design around strategy and process not individuals
5. Each role has clear responsibilities and accountabilities
Once the identification of services was complete, the Project Team participated in an exercise whereby all the services were grouped according to the adjacent criteria shown on this page.

The results of this exercise are illustrated on the following pages (38, 39 & 40).

Span of Control: The number of subordinates that a manager or supervisor can directly control. This number varies with the type of work. Complex, variable work can reduce it to two or three employees whereas routine, fixed work can increase it to twenty or more employees.

Each group was given the list of university administrative services. Their task was to group the different services according to the model (Functional, Geographic, Program or a Hybrid) that they best felt reflected the requirements of UNB.

**When grouping services together they considered:**

- The model’s characteristics
- The purpose of the service
- The skills and knowledge required to carry out the service
- The type of work activities within the service
- The outcomes or outputs of the service
- The key interactions required to carry out the service

**When separating services they considered:**

- The model’s characteristics
- Span of control
- Complexity of oversight
- Strategic priority
Advantages

- All student-facing administrative services are consolidated into one business unit serving both campuses

- Administrative services delivered through a shared service model based on one leader/one unit and service agreements

Disadvantages

- Service UNB is a complex model requiring significant resources at the outset

- Budget structure will require a redesign

- Responsibility for academic mission split between two leadership positions

Note: This model includes a President’s Office that has strategic and administrative resources to directly support the President. For reasons of clarity and simplicity, the President’s office is not shown.
Advantages

- Responsibility for academic mission assigned to the Provost; SJC VP responsible for academic affairs on SJC under the direction of the Provost.
- Administrative services delivered through a shared service model based on one leader/one unit and service agreements
- One budget for entire organization
- Ensures goals are integrated across academic and administrative units

Disadvantages

- Significant political challenges to successful implementation
- Budget structure will require a redesign
- Additional payroll cost for Provost

Organizational Design
Structure #2 - Provost Model
Advantages
- Administrative services delivered through a shared service model based on one leader/one unit and service agreements
- One budget for entire organization
- Establishment of Service UNB

Disadvantages
- Budget structure will require a redesign
- Provost position remains unaddressed
- Goals are not necessarily integrated across academic and administrative units
- Service UNB will require significant resources to initiate
## Organizational Design

### Design Principle Application

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Recommendations & Implementation Plan

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Working through a series of workshops, the Project Team composed of UNB’s administrative leadership developed three different organizational structure models to address the findings of KPMG’s consultation with the University stakeholders.

After considerable discussion and deliberation, the Project Team selected the Provost organizational structure model detailed on page 39 of this report.

This model was subsequently reviewed with the President for final amendments and edits to ensure consistency with the strategic direction of the University.

This organizational structure is modelled on Dalhousie University which has both a Provost and a second campus at Truro, N.S. This model features:

- the establishment of a Provost position to link the academic mission to the budget
- the establishment of a Vice Provost position for the Saint John Campus
- the establishment of a common services desk for students similar to a 311 desk
- the implementation of a shared services (One Leader/One Unit) model across both campuses.

- Boxes with double outline represent positions
- Boxes with single outline represent areas of responsibility
## Recommendations & Implementation Plan

### Recommendations

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| 1       | At present, the University operates with separate leadership for each campus. The two campuses are largely structured as stand alone enterprises with their own administrative leadership and budgets. The University’s adoption of the one university/two campus model and the Project Team’s endorsement of the One Leader/One Unit shared services model will necessitate a change in how administrative services are delivered. The One Leader/One Unit shared service model will mean functional services are delivered across the organization from one common business unit. There will be no separate business units at each campus location. | - Adopt the One Leader/One Unit shared service model in which functional administrative services are delivered across the University organization from one common business unit. | - Increased efficiency in the delivery of administrative services  
- Removal of duplicate positions at either campus  
- Operationalizes the concept of one university/two campuses |
| 2       | UNB currently operates without a Provost. There are two campus Vice Presidents each responsible for the academic affairs of their respective Campuses who work in cooperation with the third academic Vice-President responsible for research and graduate studies. The impact for administrative services is that the alignment of administrative resources to the academic mission of the University varies across the two campuses of UNB. In order for the University’s academic mission to drive the allocation of resources, there needs to be one Provost responsible for both campuses. The Project Team recommended that a new Provost position be created to which three Academic Vice Presidents would report. Given the financial position of the University, consideration should be given to the appointment of one of the existing campus Vice Presidents as Provost. | - Create a Provost position responsible for the delivery of the academic mission of the University and the alignment of resources (administrative and academic) across both campuses.  
- In recognition of the financial position of UNB, designate the VP Academic (Fredericton) position as the Provost for the University and VP Academic (Fredericton).  
- Designate the position of Vice-President of the Saint John Campus as Vice-Provost.  
- Model the Provost governance model on Dalhousie University’s model, i.e. academic mission drives budget. | - University decisions align with its mission and strategic priorities across all campuses;  
- Goals are integrated across academic faculties and administrative business units;  
- Refocusing of the President on the external agenda of the University  
- Clear and efficient decision making |
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<td>Each campus currently has its own budget which is managed by the leadership team on the respective campuses. These budgets are developed largely independent of one another and are then brought together for approval by the University’s Board of Governors. This budget structure is inconsistent with the one university/two campus model that UNB recently adopted. In addition, if the University wishes to move to a shared service model like the One Leader/One Unit model, the budget will need to be based upon the requirements of the business unit across both campuses and not structured according to geography.</td>
<td>• Structure the University’s budget so that it is based upon the requirements of specific business units across both campuses under the leadership of the functional leader.</td>
<td>• Increased synergy between the two campuses in the delivery of administrative services • Improved financial control and management • Better deployment of resources</td>
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<td>The Saint John campus has enjoyed considerable success with the creation of a common services desk for students. The establishment of one desk to handle matters such as business services and registration has improved the student experience on the Saint John campus and reduced the administrative cost of operation for the campus. There is an opportunity to replicate the success of the Saint John campus's common services desk on the Fredericton campus. The Project Team identified multiple services that could be provided, including: cashier, transcript requests, parking passes, job applications, identification cards, room bookings, switch board, campus tours and/or residence applications. A key issue to be resolved on the Fredericton campus is facility location/home for the shared services desk. Currently these services are delivered across multiple buildings on the Fredericton campus. Consideration would have to be given to a central location for a common services desk with the appropriate support IT infrastructure and accessibility.</td>
<td>• Establish a common services desk for the Fredericton campus modelled on the success of the Saint John campus common services desk. • Ensure that the common services desk has the necessary IT infrastructure and is located in a facility that is accessible to all students and staff of UNB. • Expansion of the Common Services desk on the Saint John Campus</td>
<td>• Improved student experience and support • Greater integration among the administrative services in the delivery of student services • Decreased cost for the delivery of administrative services</td>
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| 5      | We were advised that there are administrative staff located within academic faculties that are delivering administrative services often not in co-ordination with administrative business units (Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources, Communications, Recruitment). From our consultations, we understand these resources were acquired by the individual faculties because of a perceived need for fundamental administrative support that was not being met by the central department. The placement of administrative resources outside of their traditional departments has resulted in a disjointed approach to the delivery of administrative services. | • Continue with the practice of locating administrative positions within academic faculties to directly support the faculty’s academic mission; however, these administrative resources would report to the appropriate leadership of the administrative departments. | • Consistent administrative service delivery across the University organization  
• Clear understanding of the depth and capacity of administrative services within the University                                                                                                                                   |
Prioritization of Opportunities

Sample rating of each of the potential opportunities for improvement against two criteria:

- **Difficulty to implement**
  - This rating indicates the degree to which the potential opportunity for improvement would be difficult (high) or simple (low) to implement
  - A difficult implementation would come at a higher cost to UNB and / or may take longer to implement, while a simple implementation would come at a minimal cost and / or may be implemented within a short time frame

- **Impact on UNB**
  - This rating indicates the degree to which the potential opportunity for improvement would produce large (high) or minimal (low) benefits for UNB
  - A large benefit would reduce the deficit by more than a small benefit

The order that opportunities should be implemented would be: (1) top left quadrant (low difficulty, high benefit), (2) bottom left (low difficulty, low benefit) and (3) top right (high difficulty, high benefit). Those in the bottom right quadrant would be considered to be optional as a result of the potential effort required versus the potential benefit derived.

1. Adopt the One Leader/One Unit shared service model in which functional administrative services are delivered across the University organization from on common business unit.
2. Create a Provost position responsible for the delivery of the academic mission of the University and the alignment of resources (administrative and academic) across both campuses.
3. Structure the University’s budget so that it is based upon the requirements of the specific business units across both campuses under the leadership of the functional leader.
4. Establish a common services desk for the Fredericton campus modelled on the success of the Saint John campus common services desk and expand the Saint John Common Services desk.
5. Continue with the practice of locating administrative positions within academic faculties/ administrative departments to directly support the faculty’s academic mission; however, these administrative resources would report to the appropriate leadership of the administrative departments.
## Opportunities & Prioritization

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<td>1</td>
<td>Adopt the One Leader/One Unit shared service model</td>
<td>• Review required organizational structure at mid-management level&lt;br&gt;• Identify early adopter departments and subsequent timeline for adoption&lt;br&gt;• Review business process changes</td>
<td>• Implementation dependent upon recommendation #1&lt;br&gt;• Possible UNB Act amendments&lt;br&gt;• Differing Campus perspectives</td>
<td>• President &amp; Provost&lt;br&gt;• Communications support&lt;br&gt;• Project manager&lt;br&gt;• External consultant&lt;br&gt;• HR support</td>
<td>12 months</td>
<td>• Operationalizes the concept of one university/two campuses&lt;br&gt;• Increased efficiency in the delivery of administrative services</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Create a Provost position responsible for the delivery of the academic mission of the University and the alignment of resources (administrative &amp; academic) across both campuses</td>
<td>• Presidential approval&lt;br&gt;• Consultation with UNB community&lt;br&gt;• Board approval&lt;br&gt;• UNB Act amendment</td>
<td>• Not approved&lt;br&gt;• Board rejection&lt;br&gt;• Provincial rejection&lt;br&gt;• UNB Act amendment timing&lt;br&gt;• Differing Campus perspectives</td>
<td>• President&lt;br&gt;• Communications support&lt;br&gt;• Project Manager&lt;br&gt;• University Secretary&lt;br&gt;• HR Support</td>
<td>6 month consultation with Board review and possible approval in October 2017 with implementation to commence July 2018</td>
<td>• University decisions align with mission and strategic priorities across all campuses</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Structure the University’s budget so that it based upon the requirements of the specific business units across both campuses under the leadership of the functional leader.</td>
<td>• Approval of new organizational structure&lt;br&gt;• Amend budget structure to reflect one leader one unit model</td>
<td>• Loss of comparative data&lt;br&gt;• Change management&lt;br&gt;• Differing Campus perspectives</td>
<td>• IT support&lt;br&gt;• ERP alignment with Project Focus&lt;br&gt;• Project manager</td>
<td>24 months (end of FY 18/19)</td>
<td>• Improved financial control and management&lt;br&gt;• Reduction in administrative costs</td>
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| 4     | Establish a common services desk for the Fredericton campus modelled on the success of the Saint John campus common services desk (“CCSD”). | • IT infrastructure planning  
• Facility planning & logistics  
• Business process mapping  
• Establishment and training of CCSD team  
• Faculty consultation and training | • Capacity/resource restrictions because of other change initiatives  
• Change management | • Committed funds  
• External consultant  
• Communications  
• HR & IT Support  
• Facility planning | • 24 months (end of FY 18/19) | • Improved student experience and support  
• Greater integration among administrative services in the delivery of student services |
| 5     | Continue locating administrative positions within academic faculties/administrative business units; however, change the reporting relationship to the appropriate leadership of the administrative departments. | • Approval of new organizational structure  
• Map resources to organizational structure  
• Consultation with faculty and administrative leaders | • Change management  
• Differing Campus perspectives | • HR Support  
• Provost & VP Finance/Admin  
• Communications  
• External consultant | • 36 months (end of FY19/20) | • Consistent administrative service delivery across the University organization  
• Clear understanding of the depth and capacity of administrative services within the University |
Appendix A: Structural Options

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## Structural Options
### Organization Types Comparison Chart

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| **Functional**    | - Knowledge sharing within unit  
                   - High functional specialization  
                   - Efficiency & economies of scale  
                   - Standardization | - Limited decision making capacity  
                   - Communication across functions is difficult  
                   - Coordination across functions is difficult  
                   - Less responsive to end user needs | - Single line of business  
                   - Common standards are required  
                   - Highly regulated  
                   - Core capability is based in functional expertise or economies of scale |
| **Product/Program**  | - Speed of product development cycle  
                      - Product excellence  
                      - Product diversification  
                      - Operating freedom | - Duplication of effort  
                      - Lost economies of scale  
                      - Multiple customer points | - Product features are competitive advantage  
                      - Multiple products for separate market segments  
                      - Short product life cycles |
| **Customer**      | - Customization  
                   - Relationship building  
                   - Solutions not just products | - Knowledge sharing is limited  
                   - Duplication of effort  
                   - Lost economies of scale | - Buyers/customers have power  
                   - Customer knowledge is a competitive advantage  
                   - Rapid customer service is key  
                   - Rapid product cycles are key |
| **Geographic**    | - Responsive to regional customer needs  
                   - Relationship building  
                   - Selective centralization-decentralization | - Mobilization & sharing resources is difficult  
                   - Sharing knowledge is difficult  
                   - Multiple points of contact for clients  
                   - Internal competition for resources  
                   - Client relationships belong to whom? | - Smaller efficient scale exists  
                   - High cost of transport  
                   - Just-in-time delivery is critical  
                   - Need to locate close to supply source |
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<td>• Process excellence</td>
<td>• Coordination between processes is often difficult</td>
<td>• Short product life</td>
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<td>• TQ (total quality)</td>
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<td>• Rapid development cycles</td>
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<td>• Cycle time reduction</td>
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<td>• Cost reduction is critical</td>
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<td>• Continuous Improvement</td>
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<td><strong>MATRIX</strong></td>
<td>• Single point of interface for customer</td>
<td>• Internal competition for resources</td>
<td>• Multiple product lines and multiple market segments</td>
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<td>• Cross selling</td>
<td>• Price disagreements</td>
<td>• Global customers</td>
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<td>• Value-added systems &amp; solutions</td>
<td>• Customer needs disagreements</td>
<td>• Competitive advantage is in combined customer and</td>
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<td>• Product focused</td>
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Dalhousie University

- President
- Provost & VP Academic
- VP Finance & Administration
- VP Advancement
- VP Research
- Vice-Provost Student Affairs
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Dalhousie University Governance Model

PROVOST DECISION STRUCTURE

Senate

Board of Governors

President

President’s Executive (PE)

• Strategy direction
• Major Board recommendations
• Government
• Accountability

Deans’ Council (DC)

Provost Committee (PC)

• Focus is on Academic Mission and Impact

• Alignment of resources to strategic directions
• Recommended institutional proposals

Vice Provosts, AVPs, Executive Directors, Deans

• Advisory to Provost Committee
• Risk assessment/management
• Communications implementation

OPERATIONAL DECISIONS