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# 2015-2016 Annual Plan

On August 15, 2015 the StudentNS board approved the following annual plan, including six principle areas of focus: Government Relations & Advocacy, Diverse Representation in Student Leadership, the Inclusion of Colleges, Bilateral Agreements & Outcome Measures, Better Engagment of Students, and Internal Priorities. The following tables represent the deliverables for each goal.

#### 1. Government Relations & Advocacy

Priority Item	Deliverable
A. Positive working relationships with elected officials	1. Hold a town-hall or meet with local MLAs, MPs.
	2. Advocacy Event including all provincial party caucuses.
B. Improve Board engagement at government roundtables	3. Every university member association is represented at 90% of roundtable meetings.
	4. Facilitate a briefing session for member associations prior to each roundtable.
C. Advance NSCC roundtable ideas	5. Produce a lobby document.
	6. Raise topic at each meeting with government decision-makers.

#### 2. Diverse Representation in Student Leadership

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Priority Item	Deliverable
A. Promote diversity in student leader- ship on member campuses	1. Run a Mend the Gap "Gender Diversity" campaign on all campuses.
B. Understand diversity dimensions of student politics	2. Develop a survey to capture identity characteristics of student union executives.
C. Promote best practices among student organizations with respect to	3. Conduct internal review of StudentsNS documents and hiring policies.
inclusive language	4. Review above items with each member association.

#### 3. Inclusion of Colleges

Priority Item	Deliverable
A. View all StudentsNS activities through the college lens	1. Rework campaigns for college audience.
	2. Disseminate facts and statistics relevant to colleges.
	3. Include college perspectives in all research and focus groups.
B. Plan StudentsNS activities with college schedules in mind	4. Schedule board meetings to accommodate NSCC member schedules.
	5. Include board education activities relevant to colleges.
C. Membership	6. Continue building relationships with NSCCSAs.

## 4. Bilateral Agreements & Outcome Measures

Priority Item	Deliverable
A. Develop StudentsNS approach to outcome measures (OM) process	1. Review bilateral agreements for each member school; talk to universities administration about their OM priorities.
	2. Staff to develop recommendations around specific OMs organized by StudentsNS's "four pillars" and to include analysis on implementation issues.
	3. Develop concise report/lobby document outlining StudentsNS' OM priorities.

## **5. Better Engagment of Students**

Priority Item	Deliverable
A. Improving engagement with member	1. Hold student assembly at each member campus.
campuses and students	2. Develop member specific engagement strategies for future.
B. StudentsNS Campaigns	3. Seek funding for specific campaigns.
	4. Implement funded campaigns at all member campuses.

#### **6. Internal Priorities**

Priority Item	Deliverable
A. Strategic Planning 2016 – 2019	1. Develop plan by end of academic year.
B. Financial Sustainability of StudentsNS	2. Deliver long term plan (3 years) for financial sustainability.