



MARITIME STUDENT
CONGRESS
SACKVILLE, NB | 2018

Conference Information
Package

June 1-4
Mount Allison University



Welcome to the inaugural Maritime Student Congress! Inside this package you will find information regarding the conference, logistics, accommodations, meals, the schedule, expectations, and finally contact information. Alongside this package, you should find attached a campus map of Mount Allison University and the Congress Agenda. We can't wait to see you at Mount Allison University!

What is the **Maritime Student Congress**?

The **Maritime Student Congress** is a leadership development conference for student association executives. As the first conference of its kind in the maritimes, it is intended to supplement student executive transition by providing networking opportunities, training, and information sessions. Delegates will meet fellow student executives from across the maritimes, discuss student issues and shared challenges, and participate in training designed to enhance their performance as student leaders. In addition to this, there will be information sessions on the history of the student movement, work-life balance, advocacy, policy development, and guest speakers from relevant organizations in higher education across Canada.

Who can attend and how much does it cost?

Any student association in the Maritimes! The conference is designed for all student executive positions, so we highly encourage student associations to bring their full executive teams. The focus of the conference is navigating higher education systems as a student leader, and all executive positions will benefit from the networking and information sessions. We are pleased to provide the conference free of charge, although delegates will have to cover the costs of their travel, accommodations, and some meals. We have secured discount accommodations in Mount Allison residence to keep costs low for delegates.

Who is hosting the conference and when is it?

The Congress is hosted jointly by Students Nova Scotia and the New Brunswick Student Alliance, with support from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and various guest speakers. It will be at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, from June 1st to June 4th.



Logistics

The conference is taking place the afternoon of Friday June 1st to the afternoon of Monday June 4th at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. The main conference venue is the **Wallace McCain Student Centre**. Delegates should plan to arrive around 1:00 pm on June 1st, as conference registration is from 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm, followed by the welcome and overview of the conference. The conference begins prior to residence check-in, so please proceed directly to the Wallace McCain Student Centre upon arrival at Mount Allison University.

Directions and Conference Space

Upon arrival in Sackville, New Brunswick, delegates should proceed immediately to the **Wallace McCain Student Centre** for registration. Sessions will be occurring in rooms throughout the student centre, and conference accommodations will be in the **Bennett House** residence. Alongside this information package, you will find attached a Mount Allison campus map to assist you.

Accommodations and Meals

We are pleased to offer discounted accommodations through Mount Allison Conference Services. The accommodations are in **Bennett House** and are single residence rooms available at a rate of \$38.50 per night. Accommodations can be booked here: <https://goo.gl/NjCwSf>. For assistance with bookings, call guest services at 506-364-2247 or email them at reservations@mta.ca.

Coffee & snacks are provided throughout the conference. We will also be providing one catered lunch and one catered dinner. All other meals are covered by delegates and their student associations.

What to Bring

As this is a working conference, delegates should bring laptops, notebooks, and pens/pencils. We advise packing toiletries and clothes for a variety of activities. The recommended dress code is business casual, however you should also bring active clothes, and a formal/business outfit for the Gala evening. It wouldn't hurt to pack a bathing suit, as depending on the weather there might be the opportunity for a quick swim. Towels are provided by the residence accommodations.



Tentative Schedule

This is a draft schedule, as sessions may be rearranged to accommodate for guest speakers and other requirements.

Day One - Friday June 1

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Conference Registration	Wallace McCain Student Centre (WMCSC)
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Welcome & Introduction	WMCSC
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Icebreakers	WMCSC, TBD
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	History of the Student Movement	WMCSC
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Residence Check-In	Campbell Hall
5:00 PM - 7:00 pm	Blanket Exercise	TBD
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner - Options	Town of Sackville
9:00 PM	Optional Social Activity	Bennett House

Day Two - Saturday June 2

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Day 2 Overview	WMCSC
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Guest Speaker - Government Relations	WMCSC
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break	
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Guest Speaker - Higher Education Strategy Associates	WMCSC
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch - Options	Town of Sackville



1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Guest Speaker - Association of Atlantic Universities	WMCSC
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Student Issues Breakout	WMCSC, TBD
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Active Team Building	Outside
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Gala Dinner	WMCSC
10:00 PM	Optional Karaoke Night	The Pond

Day 3 - Sunday June 3

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Day 3 Overview	WMCSC
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Advocacy 101	WMCSC
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Break	
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Policy Development	WMCSC
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch - Catered	WMCSC
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Your Life as Student Leaders	WMCSC
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Guest Speaker - Global Atlantic	WMCSC
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Break	
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Governance in Higher Education	WMCSC
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Group Dinner	TBD
9:00 PM	Optional Social Activity	Bennett House



Day 4 - Monday June 4th

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Day 4 Overview	WMCSC
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Regional Meetings	WMCSC, TBD
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Guest Speaker - Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	WMCSC
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	Break	
12:15 PM	Maritime Student Congress	WMCSC

Expectations

In order to get the most out of the conference, delegates are required to be on time and attentive during sessions, and active participation is encouraged. Delegates will be required to abide by a code of conduct during the conference, and are expected to be respectful and friendly towards one another. There is zero tolerance for harassment or abuse of any kind.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the conference or would like more information, please contact:

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