



EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

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WHAT EXACTLY IS AN EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION?

- Not-for-profit
- Is membership driven, run by a board of directors
- Has a goal in mind: government lobbying for students and resource sharing for student leaders
- Funds come from the membership (us, our students)
- Some of them also have a full time staff that is employed by the board to work on their behalf



LOBBYING ORGANIZATIONS



STUDENTS NOVA SCOTIA (SNS)

- Provincial advocacy organization, established in 2003 as the Alliance of NS Student Associations – changed to Students NS
- 6 member schools, 3 universities and 3 NSCC campuses
 - Acadia
 - SMU
 - ST.FX
 - NSCC Maroni
 - NSCC Kingstec
 - NSCC Annapolis Valley
- Provincial voice for Nova Scotia's post-secondary students by advocating to Provincial government
- 4 Pillars: Affordability, Accessibility, Quality & Student Voice



STUDENTS NOVA SCOTIA (SNS)

How it works:

- Member associations elect 2 delegates to sit on the Board of Directors of SNS (i.e President & Vp Academic)
- The Board of Directors elects a Chair and Vice-Chair as who are the Board Officers
 - The Chair and Vice-Chair lose their affiliation and voting power for their member school, so a 3rd delegate is allowed to fill in the spot
- The Board of Directors strike committees and elect committee chairs (who are members)
 - Governance Committee
 - Policy Committee
 - Membership Committee
- The organization has an Executive Director who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the organization and staff (which varies year to year, currently we have a co-op student)



CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS (CASA)

- Federal advocacy organization, established in 1995
- 4 pillars: Accessibility, Affordability, Innovation, Quality
- National voice for Canada's post-secondary students by advocating to federal government
- CASA currently has 22 members from post-secondary institutions across Canada and represents approximately 255,000 students
- 5 full-time staff
 - Executive Director
 - Communications and Public Relations Officer
 - Policy and Research Analyst
 - Government and Stakeholder Relations Officer
 - Office Manager
- Strong focus on research and policy which is then used for lobbying



CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS (CASA)

How it works:

1. Member associations elect delegates to sit on the General Assembly of CASA (i.e. President & Vp Academic), each school gets one vote
2. The General Assembly elects a Board of Directors that oversees membership and staff work
 - Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Director-at-large, Policy
 - Director-at-large, Advocacy
 - 2 other Directors-at-large
3. Delegates elect the chairs of CASA's standing committees (made up of voting general assembly members)
 - National Policy Committee
 - Member Relations Committee
 - Graduate Committee
 - Internal Review Committee
 - National Advocacy Committee
 - Trades & Technology Committee

