UNB Saint John RESPONDING TO CHANGING CUSTOMER EXPECTATIONS

Evolution of the Service Delivery Model at UNB Saint John

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# **UNB SAINT JOHN**

### Located in Saint John, NB

- Largest City in New Brunswick (pop. Greater SJ =120,000)
- Transitioning from an industrial and manufacturing center

### 3,000 Students

- Mainly Undergraduate
- Arts, Science and Business

### Student Population

- 73% of Students from NB
- 22% International
- 5% Domestic non-NB

#### A view of the Saint John harbour.



## MY BACKGROUND

### Industry Experience

- 20 years in Management and Sr. Management
- Software Development (Forestry and Health Care)
- Project Management (Education, SW, Gas Pipeline)
- IT Outsourcing (Director NA Resource Management)
- Post Secondary Education (StFX and UNBSJ)
- Education
  - St Francis Xavier (BA BEd)
  - Université de Moncton (MBA in progress)
- Joined UNB Saint John in Summer of 2004



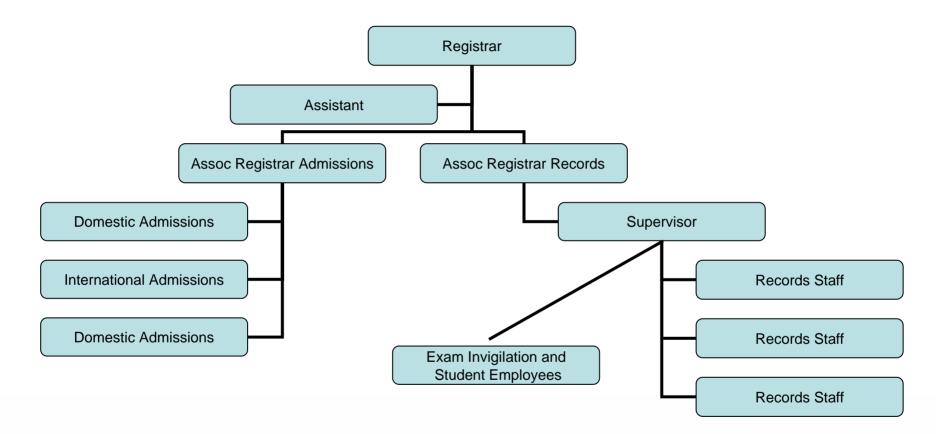
## When I Joined the Team

### • Registrar's Office

- 1<sup>st</sup> Full Time Registrar
- External Review of The Department
- Enrolment grew faster than the team for previous 4 years
- Implementation of Datatel Colleague
- Service model and Organizational Structure based on larger campus model
- High degree of specialization in positions
- Little cross training



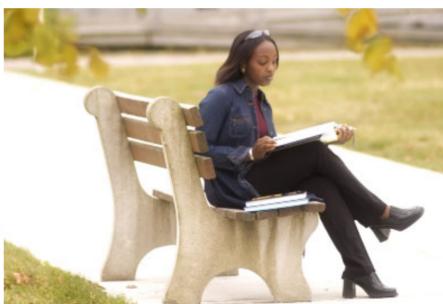
#### Original UNBSJ Org Chart 09-2004





## Service Model

- Designed to aligned with internal process, not client requirements
- Model strained resources due to specialization
- Multiple Front
   Line Service





## Who is the Client?





## Students

- Generational expectation- immediate service
- They pay money for a service = They are a client
- They are the primary user of the service
  - Admissions
  - Program Progression
  - Major Declaration
  - Degree Audit
  - Convocation
  - Administrative items- letters, transcripts, address changes etc
- Some services needed arm's length treatment
  - Equanneals or degree audits

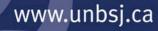


# Strategic Goals

- Improve the Service Model
  - Single Point of Contact
  - Increase resolution on first contact
  - Traceability and accountability







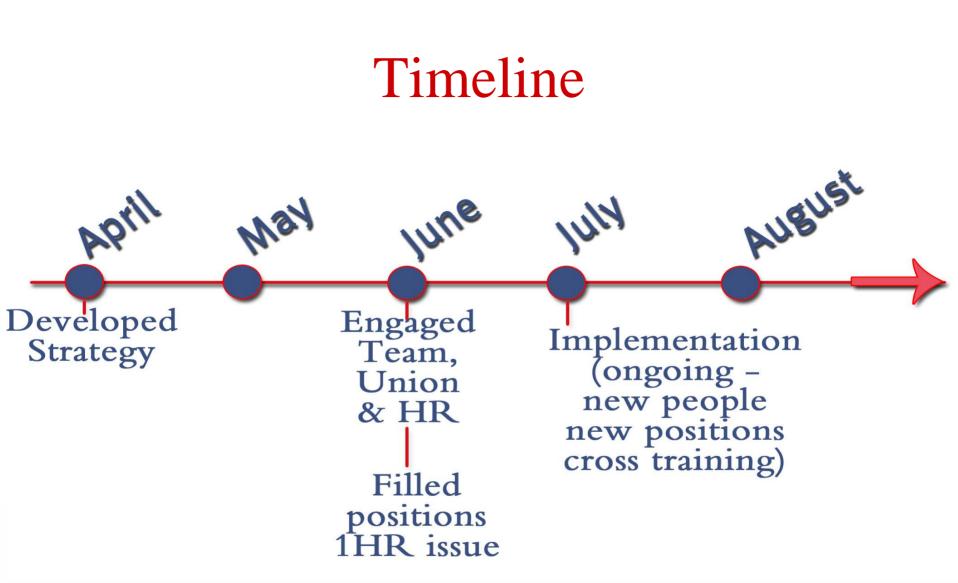
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### Professionalize the Operation

- Complete reorganization to align the operation structure with the service model
- Complete review of position descriptions and responsibilities to align with the operational structure









#### Strategic Goal: Service Model **3-Tier Model** Concept of 1 Staff respond and resolve requests (on script) point of contact email phone number website front desk Subject matter experts (off script) i.e. unique transfer credit requests, media calls Policy implementation Change, bend or create rules



# Tracking

- Use of a service tracking system
- Email Based interface for customers
- Traceability
- Measurability
- Central receipt of service request
  - We can resolve immediately or assign to the appropriate person.
  - Versus client contacting individuals and assuming ownership by the individual



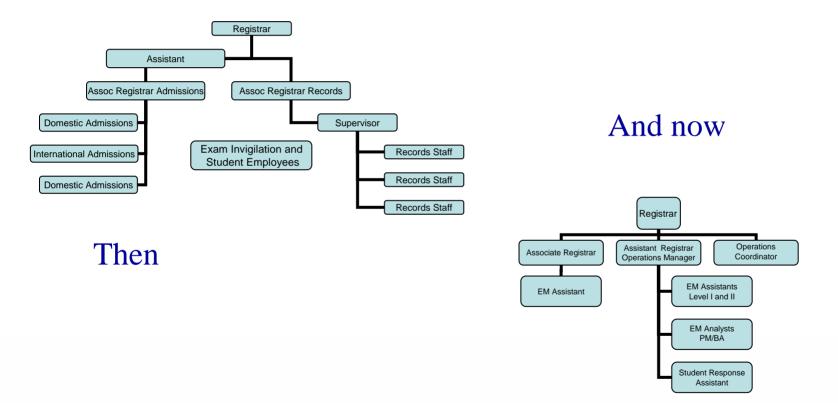
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# Strategic Goal # 2

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# Organization Post Re-org





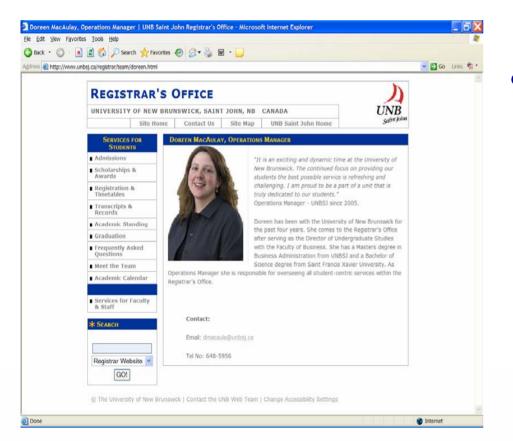
# **Communication and Perception**

- Professionalize internal reporting
- Media kits at key times
- Service Based Website developed





## Meet the Team



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### Individual Professional Bios

Professionalize the look
Remind people of the qualifications and accomplishments of individual team members.



## Results

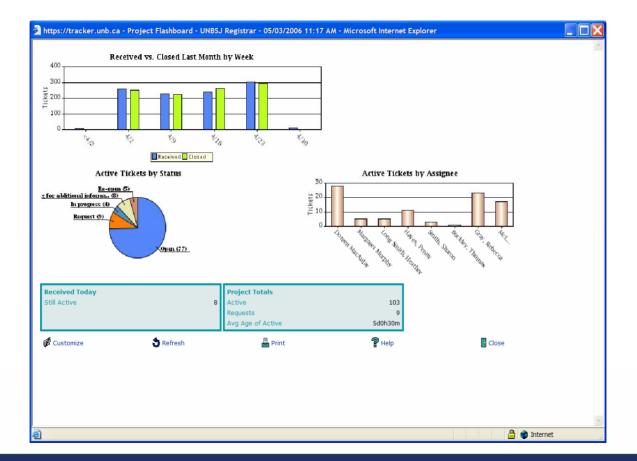
- 85% of front counter requests are resolved on first contact
- Average time to close email requests 1-2 days
- Regular reporting of aged tickets, unexpected absences does not suspend work

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• Better workload management driven cooperation with other units



### You can not manage what you do not measure.





## Lessons Learned/Reinforced

### Internal

- Trust/support from your people is key
- Timing of implementation

   be prepared for rest stops along the way
- Importance of Cross Training





## Lessons Learned/Reinforced

External

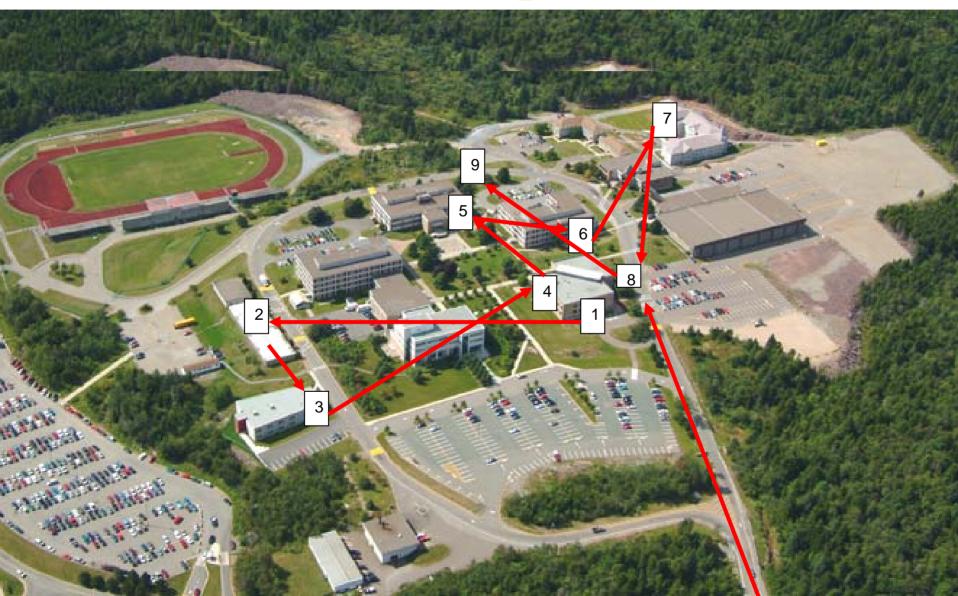
- Keep people focused on the vision, not the tactics
- Communication.... Communication...
- Management by Consensus is the strongest advocate for the status quo
- Get the student's on board- they are your client
- Do not assume 100% compliance







# Next Steps....



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- Questions...
- Comments....
- Feedback....



