



NEW UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE

Reclaiming Higher Education for All

Comparison between New University and standard model

	New University	"Typical" Canadian University
Charter	Seeking charter from hereditary first nations governments.	Provided by provincial governments in the form of a charter.
Organisation	Federally-incorporated non-profit cooperative	Charitable corporation
Governance	Board elected by membership; 1/3 teachers, 1/3 students and 1/3 interested public.	Board of Governors appointed, typically prominent business people with limited faculty and student representation.
Degree-granting status	Seeking accreditation with US degree-granting system.	Provincial act.
Philosophy	Critical- "radical in the political sense of utilizing education to bring about social, political and economic changes in society" and constructivist- drawing on multiple perspectives and strategies.	Behaviouralist- education as "training" to control human behaviour and therefore develop a better society and humanist-focused on self and individual development.
Role of students	Education as life philosophy: governance; maintenance; cleaning; cooking; farming; studying; teaching; etc.	Traditional student role.
Professors	Volunteer; either retired or summer vacation	On salary
Tuition	Free, or cover costs of room and board.	4-12,000 per year for tuition.
Fundraising	Primarily for capital purchase of campus, other costs on a volunteer basis	For operations, bricks and mortar, etc.
Campus	Based on a farm or decentralised, using existing spaces.	University campus.
Income	Membership, donations.	Government grants, tuition, corporate donations.
Objectives	Challenge existing paradigm.	Perpetuates both existing power and cultural relationships and socio-political theories.
Students	Targets all ages	Primarily ages 18-25
Teachers	Guide, facilitator.	Expert