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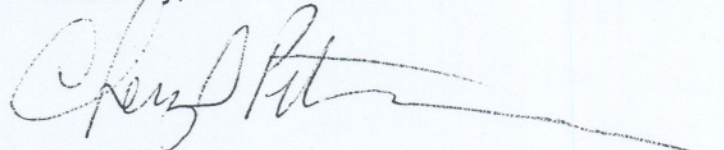
To whom it may concern:

I recently read about you in an article at <http://www.cbc.ca> and wanted to ask you to examine a concerning trend which is happening at UNB Fredericton & probably elsewhere in the province. There are many, many courses listed in the calendar which have not been taught in at least a decade. This should be viewed as a case of false advertising. Students are lured to UNB thinking that they can pursue a course of study (ie: Linguistics or German Studies), only to discover towards the end of their degree that they can NOT get the courses that are required, since not enough breadth is offered. Many are then forced to wait for another year to finish, to change their major to something less specific, or take courses as a visiting student at another institution: STU is common, Acadia & a trip to Germany is required for a degree in German Studies, etc.

I believe that the universities should decide what they can afford to specialize in, and stop trying to claim that they offer everything, when they clearly can not. At the very least, they should be forced to report the date of the last offering of each course, so that students & parents can make an informed decision as to where to study.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cheryl Petreman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cheryl Petreman