

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN:

SIMON FRASER STUDENT SOCIETY

PETITIONER

AND:

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS,
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS – SERVICES and
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENT – BRITISH COLUMBIA COMPONENT

RESPONDENTS

AFFIDAVIT

I, Shamus Reid, Chairperson of Canadian Federation of Students – British Columbia Component, of Suite 250 – 1385 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS THAT:

1. I am the Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students – British Columbia Component and have been involved with the efforts of the Simon Fraser Student Society (the "SFSS") to defederate from the Canadian Federation of Students, and as such have personal knowledge of the matters and facts hereinafter deposed to, save and except where stated to be based on information and belief and where so stated I verily believe the same to be true.
2. On March 18 – 20, 2008, the SFSS and its Independent Electoral Commission ("IEC") held a vote (the "Vote") of Simon Fraser students regarding, amongst other things, membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.
3. At approximately 9:30 a.m. on March 18, 2008, I observed a female poll clerk who was taking part in the Vote approach SFSS staff members, Garth Yule and Mike Letourneau. She then spent approximately two minutes conferring with Mr. Yule and

Mr. Letourneau. It appeared that Mr. Yule was providing directions to the poll clerk, who nodded and returned to her polling station. I verily believe that SFSS staff member Mr. Yule was answering questions and providing directions to the poll clerk in respect of the polling process.

4. Mr. Yule is well known as a campaigner against the Canadian Federation of Students with respect to the Vote and, in fact, developed much of the anti-Canadian Federation of Students materials which were circulated on Simon Fraser University campuses in the months prior to the Vote.

5. The incident described at paragraph three of my Affidavit occurred at the Burnaby campus of Simon Fraser University (the "Burnaby Campus").

6. Between 7:40 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on March 18, 2008, I observed SFSS Out On Campus coordinator Samonte Cruz transporting IEC balloting material with respect to the Vote, including marked and unmarked ballots, accompanied by two poll clerks. I observed those materials being transported from the mezzanine floor of the academic quadrangle at the Burnaby Campus to one of the floors below. This caused me concern because I verily believe that Samonte Cruz is not a member of the IEC and because approximately one week prior to the incident, I witnessed Samonte Cruz removing CFS campaign material.

7. Throughout the afternoon and evening on March 18, 2008, I observed the son of SFSS staff member and shop steward for CUPE 5396, Hattie Aitken, acting as poll clerk for the Vote at the Burnaby Campus.

8. Between 6:50 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. on March 18, 2008, I witnessed "No" campaigner Andrea Sandau loitering within eight feet of a polling station for the Vote located at the Burnaby Campus and speaking within earshot of the polling station to an unidentified male. At that time I overheard Ms. Sandau referring to the referendum on one occasion. At approximately 7:00 p.m., "No" campaigner Brian Jones joined the discussion between Ms. Sandau and the unidentified male. By "No" campaigner, I mean a person who had actively campaigned against continued membership for the

SFSS in the Canadian Federation of Students leading up to the Vote. Ms. Sandau's picture appeared on many "No" campaign posters around the Burnaby Campus and therefore she would be easily recognized as a "No" side campaigner.

9. At approximately 7:30 p.m. on March 18, 2008, the polling stations at the Burnaby Campus were closed. Following the closure and dismantling of the polling stations, I observed approximately three ballot boxes being transported by persons unknown to the Board of Directors' office of the SFSS on the Burnaby Campus. I also observed individuals other than poll clerks in that office at approximately 7:40 p.m., shortly before the ballot boxes were brought in. On March 18, 2008, all members of the Board of Directors of the SFSS, including numerous candidates in the SFSS general elections also held March 18 – 20, 2008, had keys to this office and therefore I have concerns about whether the Board of Directors' office was a secure location suitable for the storage of ballot boxes.

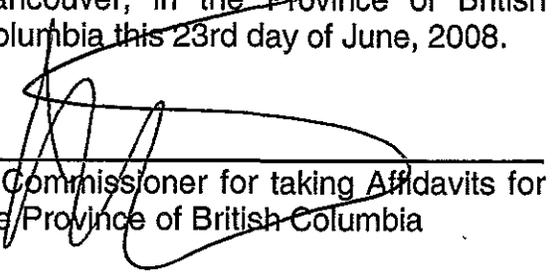
10. At approximately 9:10 p.m. on March 19, 2008, I observed an unidentified male and female reading the "CFS is Wasting Our Money" campaign poster on an SFSS board near the library of the Burnaby Campus. I verily believe that Simon Fraser University students passing by the board overheard the unidentified female laughing and indicating her support of the views expressed by the poster. When approached by a "Yes" campaigner, I heard the unidentified female state that she completely agreed that the Canadian Federation of Students was a waste of money. I then observed the unidentified male and female enter the library of the Burnaby Campus and set up and act as polling clerks at the library polling station for the majority of the day.

11. On March 20, 2008, at approximately 2:20 p.m., I witnessed four students completing their ballots on the windowsill in the library of the Burnaby Campus, with no privacy screens. Students inside and outside of the library would have been able to see voting students marking their ballots. I verily believe that this situation persisted throughout the day as the library polling station was a busy one.

12. Now produced and shown to me and marked as Exhibit "A" to this my Affidavit is a true copy of an article published June 16, 2008 in The Peak newspaper written by Mr.

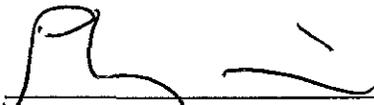
McCullough, who was the Chief Electoral Officer at the Simon Fraser Student Society Independent Electoral Commission at the time of the Vote.

SWORN BEFORE ME in the City of)
Vancouver, in the Province of British)
Columbia this 23rd day of June, 2008.)



A Commissioner for taking Affidavits for)
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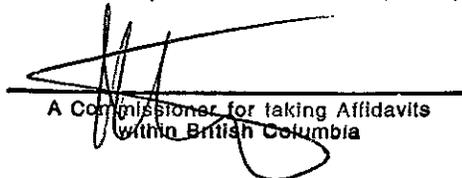
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This is Exhibit "A" referred to in the affidavit of Shamus Reid sworn before me at Vancouver, BC this 23rd day of June, 2008


 A Commissioner for taking Affidavits within British Columbia

Far-left lunacy dominates CFS meeting

By J.J. McCullough, Opinions Editor

I'm not a socialist, so such things don't really bother me, but I can't help but notice that the Canadian Federation of Students certainly carries itself in a rather bourgeois manner for such a far-left organization. Their website is decidedly corporate-looking, with its non-threatening images and soothing colors, and their various annual reports read like breezy shareholder updates from some Fortune 400 firm. Perhaps most notably of all, the CFS's gaggle of media spokespeople have a pronounced tendency to speak in the sort of ultra-defensive spin and guarded buzzwords one associates with professional pundits and partisan spin doctors, rather than a gang of rebellious 20-somethings out to 'fight the system.'

It was a calculated, and I'm sure controversial gamble the CFS made some time ago — if the organization became more outwardly decorous then it would seem far more mature, and non-threatening to the J.J. McCulloughs of the world who might be otherwise ideologically inclined to oppose it. But if the resolutions passed at their annual general meeting earlier this month are any indication, below the CFS's shell of smiling PR reps and soothing colour schemes the group remains as ridiculous and far-left as ever.

All the member schools of the Canadian Federation of Students meet a couple times a year in Ottawa, as part of their legally-mandated annual general meetings. The highlight of these things is what they refer to as "general resolution" time, which is when all the traveling student politicians gather in a big hotel room and spend several hours voting on various declarations that in practice mean very little, but are important in that they show that the organization still has lefty cred.

The underlying assumption — an enormous, unquestioned, pseudo-religious assumption — is that student organizations must maintain a strong commitment, if not outright obligation, to work actively to pursue a more socialist tomorrow. That assumption, and the inability of any student politicians to mount a convincing opposition, is what inspired some of the wonderful resolutions of 2008.

Motion number four set out, in elaborate detail, the CFS's official policy on the management of Canada's water resources, which one might speculate is an issue somewhat outside of their jurisdiction. But the leftist conspiracy theory du jour in this country is that the big evil U.S. of A. is plotting to steal our fresh water, and thus the CFS boldly proclaims itself against "national or international trade agreements that limit or undermine Canada's ability to regulate and protect public water systems," so take that, military-industrial complex.

Motion 15 saw the CFS formally join the Canadian Peace Alliance, which is one of those charming far-left "peace" groups that don't really fight for peace at all so much as make constant excuses for its enemies. From Iraqi head-choppers, to Taliban suicide bombers, to Haitian dictators, the Canadian Peace Alliance has never met an enemy of the western world it's not prepared to bend over backwards to appease and defend. Their solution to the Iran crisis, for example, is not to demand Beardo McLooney Tunes over there stop building nuclear weapons to blow up Israel, but rather to demand the United States stage a "full nuclear disarmament." This is their solution to almost every foreign policy dilemma, actually.

Motion 14 likewise saw the CFS formally endorse an absurd campaign to demand the "immediate release" of the so-called "Cuban Five." In doing so, the CFS is now officially part of a propaganda initiative cooked up by the Cuban Communist Party, which has been wailing about the plight of the Five for quite some time now.

Back in 2001, five Cuban spies were convicted by a Florida court of espionage and conspiracy (including conspiracy to commit murder) after spending years actively trying to infiltrate and sabotage various Miami-based anti-Castro Cuban exile groups. One could argue their ensuing prison sentences were unduly severe (I wouldn't) but that's not the issue at stake here. The real issue that the evil Amerikkkan government had the audacity to imprison five men who were, by fighting on the side of the glorious Cuban peoples'-state, so very obviously in the right. And the CFS will not stand for that, clearly.

The most infamous motion of the entire sad afternoon, however, was number 16, which decreed that it shall henceforth be CFS policy to support any student unions that “refuse to allow anti-choice [ie: pro-life] organizations access to their resources and space” on campus. It’s an enormously tyrannical gesture made all the more vicious by its cold, unreflective language. In one sweep, the all-knowing CFS masters have simply decreed that one side of the argument in the abortion debate, one of the most impassioned and polarizing social, ethical, and cultural discussions of our time, is simply illegitimate, and should be both denounced and actively suppressed. The CFS may be the “collective voice of all students,” but if you happen to be one of the many students with pro-life views, well then you’d best just shut up.

One of the biggest problems with the CFS, and indeed student unions in general, is that they subsidize left-wing perspectives with my tuition fees, then turn around and say that I’m a wicked and bigoted person for daring to hold views on war, Cuba, abortion, or whatever, that contradict theirs. There is a finite ‘right way’ for students to think, and a ‘wrong way,’ and it’s apparently the job of a gang of student politicians who are vaguely elected in elections no one actually participates in to tell me what is what. But SFU is out of the CFS now. And while our own student union still has its problems, I’m glad that at least a little bit less idiocy is being done in my name.

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