

Transportation Centre Simon Fraser University
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NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Canadian Federation of Students requires an organizer for the pacific region. This position requires extensive travelling to universities and colleges within British Columbia.

DUTIES

- organizing with member local associations around specific issues.
- holding seminars and local organizing schools at each local associations.
- provide resources at Federation executive and general meetings.
- aid in the production of materials at the local and provincial level.
- assist with general duties in pacific region office (e.g. typing, filing, etc.) when possible.

SKILLS

- knowledge of the student movement.
- an understanding of college and university student associations.
- organizing skills related to both events and political issues.
- the ability to share organizing skills with others.
- the ability to write and produce materials.

ASSETS

- typewriting
- layout/design skills
- bilingualism
- research skills

APPLICATIONS AND RESUMES

Applications and resumés should be forwarded to:

Canadian Federation of Students
Pacific Region Office
213 T.C. Simon Fraser University
Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1SA

Deadline for applications is midnight, May 10th., 1984.

Saskatchewan

SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL CC REPORT

MAY, 1984 GENERAL MEETING

84-C-001.04

Beth Olley
April 18, 1984

Issues

The executives of each institution met, over the past four months to discuss the student aid program, funding and capital projects, among other things. The budget came down on March 22 and CFS-SK did a series of press releases and news conferences. Thanks should go especially to the fieldworker, Dave Plummer, and the Chair, Al Shpyth for some good media work. The government gave a 5 percent increase to the Universities and between 18 and 42 percent increases to the technical institutes. The interpretation of the latter figures depends on which institute and what programs are being referred to.

The student aid budget was increased by 25 percent but we have not been informed of any changes in criteria at the date of writing. The government is also supplying money for employment programs for youth over the summer - Opportunities '84. The money will supply 3,500 jobs, about 1,500 less than last year. This is a result of the fact that not all of the money was distributed last year.

The tuition fee increase was 8 percent at the University of Saskatchewan and 9.8 percent at the University of Regina this year. There are still no differential fees in Saskatchewan and there will be no official policy on incidental fees (ie. there aren't suppose to be any) although for example the Computer Science Department at the University of Saskatchewan is looking at requiring first year students to own a computer.

Organizational Update

University of Regina has reaffirmed their membership in CFS. We will be having a General Meeting on April 27 to 29 with 25 people attending (much better than last year). A new Central Committee member will be attending the General Meeting in Edmonton. As well, a new executive will be elected as per the constitution.

At the institutions, all of the new executive have been elected and we are ready for a more productive year.

Students are unwillingly shouldering the burden of provincial government restraint policies in British Columbia once again. The B.C. government is examining plans to replace its bursary program (available to full time students in the province) with an all loan program.

WHY NOW?

This year the B.C. government cut \$10 million from its student assistance program. One assumes the Social Credit government wants to save even more money by offering loans instead of bursaries.

It costs the provincial government much less to offer loans than bursaries. When the government gives bursaries to students it is a direct expenditure: for every thousand dollars offered in bursaries, the government spends a thousand dollars (plus administrative costs).

The British Columbia government is trying to follow the federal government's example. When loans are offered, students borrow money from Chartered banks. Under the Canada Student Loans Plan, the federal government guarantees money loaned to students (in case of defaults) and pays the interest charges on the loans while the student is in college or university. According to a federal representative of the Canada Student Loans Plan, the federal government is spending at least fifty per cent less than it would spend if it offered bursaries instead of loans.

In that case, every thousand dollars offered in loans in British Columbia, would only cost the government five hundred dollars (in interest payments and administrative charges). The government could reduce its spending on student assistance by at least half if it changed bursaries into loans.

OTHER PROVINCIAL SITUATIONS

When the Canada Student Loans Plan was implemented by the Federal government in 1964, its provincial counterparts were encouraged to set up their own assistance programs to complement the federal plan. The B.C. government was one of the first to offer the bursary portion of assistance before a loan (although this has been changed to loan first). All other provinces have implemented assistance programs - mainly in the form of non-repayable bursary and remission programs.

The Student Finance Board is examining the present system of distributing maintenance grants to single parent students in the province of Alberta. Maintenance grants are available to disadvantaged students (including single parents) who do not have normal prospects of completing their education without assistance in addition to that provided under other programs. As a condition of eligibility for maintenance grants, these students are required to take three courses each year - and this enables them to have access to a maximum of \$6,400 in grants per semester. Earlier this year, however, students in the province discovered that the Student's Finance Board was considering making single parent students take five courses per year, rather than three.

The Impact

If such a criteria change were implemented, many single parent students in the province would have their access to post-secondary education curtailed. Often, single parent students experience difficulty in combining a post-secondary education with raising a family. An increase in the course load for single parent students (which would mean an increase in the amount of time spent on their studies) could mean that some of these students would not be able to continue or complete their studies. It could even act as a barrier to single parent students making the decision to attend a post-secondary institution on a full-time basis.

Why now?

Our provincial and federal governments have expressed concern about the amount of money they spend on post-secondary education. In an effort to reduce deficits, or decrease spending on social programs, they have cut back funding on post-secondary education spending in a number of areas.

In 1983, the government of Nova Scotia reduced its expenditures on student aid by changing the criteria for provincial bursaries. As a result, many students in that province borrowed more money from the federal government than ever before.

The government of British Columbia made a similar change last year. In order to be eligible for assistance, students were required to take 80 per cent of a full course load (previously it had been 60 per cent) before becoming eligible for provincial bursaries. The B.C. government went one step further this year. In its recent budget, the government announced it will no longer provide bursaries to students in the province - loans will be the only form of assistance

available to students.

The current debate over single parent students in Alberta can be seen as another example of a government attempting to decrease its spending on post-secondary education. The Student's Finance Board has said that single parent students receive about twenty-five per cent of the grant money available in the province. Rather than ensuring sufficient funds were provided for all needy students in Alberta, the Board has examined methods whereby savings can be made within the student aid program.

What now?

If students in Alberta had not lobbied the provincial government on this issue, single parent students would likely be required to take five courses in the 1984-85 academic year, in order to apply for maintenance grants. Persistent presentations by students on this issue to the Minister's Advisory Committees and the Provincial Education caucus, however, resulted in the Minister of Advanced Education, Dick Johnston, stating, " We will not change the criteria with respect to single parents...They will have to be full time students. However, that simply means they will have to take three full time courses in order to qualify." (Minutes of the Committee of Supply meeting, April 9, 1984, page 377).

Furthermore, student lobby efforts have resulted in an increase in the amount of money the provincial government will spend on student aid next year. Total spending on student aid is budgetted to increase from \$27.8 million in 1983-84 to \$64 million in 1984-85.

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Pacific Region Caucus

May 12th., 1984.
10:00 a.m.

Edmonton, Alberta.

1. Introductions

- election of chair for caucus
- round-table of delegates
- introduction to general meeting
- introduction to issues

2. Campaign

- discussion of purpose of campaign committee
- discussion of goals and strategy for the campaign
- discussion of how best to deal with campaign committee

- long term research/analysis

3. Development

- discussion of amalgamation
- discussion of staff and executive long-term development
- discussion of membership development: referenda; communications; services to; etc.
- discussion of provincial organization development (country-wide)

4. Strategy for General Meeting

- election of pacific region delegates to committees
- discussion of what can be expected from each of the three plenaries

5. Other Business

6. B.C. Party (bring lots of Kokanee!!!)

7. Finances

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UPDATE

To: Member Local Associations
From: Pacific Region Office

May 2nd., 1984.

Work-Study Program

The Ministry of Education has applied to the treasury board for additional funding for the work-study program. If the additional funding is not approved, it looks as if the program will be severely cut.

Most locals should be concerned with the future of the program, as it provides extra income for those students for whom student aid is not enough. As well, some locals use the positions for various student union functions.

It is a good idea to send letters to the members of the treasury board (and to local papers--if they are publishing) complimenting the work-study program, and urging that additional funds be allocated to it. Below is a list of treasury board members:

Hugh A. Curtis (chair) c/o Ministry of Finance
James R. Chabot (vice-chair) c/o Provincial Secretary
Garde B. Gardom c/o Ministry of Inter-Governmental Affairs
Jack Heinrich c/o Ministry of Education
James Hewitt c/o Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs
Don Phillips c/o Ministry of Industry
Premier Bill Bennett
David L. Emerson c/o Ministry of Finance

All letters should be sent to:
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

Letters might include the fact that the work-study program appears to be in line with the policies of the current government, as students earn their way through school on the program.

If you intend to send letters, please do so immediately, as the decision will be made soon.

DTUC

The occupation at DTUC is continuing. On Saturday, 300 people demonstrated at the library, linking hands around the building. See the enclosed clippings and letter from Gary Shaw, student society president.

Again, the support group is short of funds, so please help DTUC out if possible.

College Funding

Enclosed is a break-down of the budgets for colleges across the province. It appears that Douglas and Kwantlen are the big winners, although Douglas has to pick up BCIT's psychiatric nursing program from its increase. The technology centre at Kwantlen may be the reason for the increase there (although rumour has it that this has more than a little to do with the fact that Kwantlen had lots of people out to the March public classrooms).

In another depressing note, it is rumoured that all first year apprenticeship programs have been cut for next year. Again, this appears to be contradictory to government policy, since they have pledged to train people for technological jobs and EXPO. What the cuts to first year means to next year's 2nd year programs is anybody's guess.

StudentSaver

Materials for the solicitation of Studentsaver discounts should be arriving to member locals (outside of the lower mainland). In the lower mainland, solicitation will be co-ordinated through the office. Please post the enclosed notice regarding the positions.

A meeting of the lower mainland solicitors will be held as soon as the materials for solicitation arrive. The purpose of the meeting will be to co-ordinate areas of work and priorities.

Since many of last year's contracts are for two years, it is important that additional discounts solicited are for priority items such as food, cheap clothing, books, and good entertainment. A list of what items are needed in each area will be sent out in about a week.

The reason we have to be careful about discounts is that the number should be limited due to the printing costs and the physical size limitation of the discount guide, and due to limitations on the Federation's budget to pay the solicitor's salaries.

Any questions should be directed to the pacific region office. Okay????

ACCC Conference

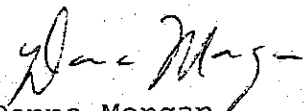
The ACCC conference committee has been hard at work. It has been decided that the alternate events will be held on the evening of Wednesday, May 30th, 1984, at the Langara Student Union Building. Two topics will be discussed: governance of community colleges in Canada; and the B.C. budgets and their effects nationally.

After the sessions, there will be a pub night. Anyone who is attending the ACCC conference should attend the alternate session--it will be the event of the season.

B.C. Caucus

All delegates to the May national general meeting in Edmonton are reminded of the B.C. Caucus, being held on May 12th. Enclosed is the orientation kit for the general meeting. Please read it before the caucus.

Sincerely,


Donna Morgan,
Executive Officer.

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Report for April
Tami Roberts
Pacific Region Representative
to the National Executive

April 1, 2&3

Central Committee, Board and Amalgamation meetings. Reported on in last report, minutes sent from the national office.

April 5

Day at Capilano classroom speaking.

April 6

Capilano, classroom speaking. Typing in the office.

April 7&8

Executive Committee meeting, contact with member of the Joyce fund board re: outstanding pledges. (there are still some locals which pledged monies in the name of Gordon Moore, if you think it may be you, contact me. If you have some \$\$\$ laying around, consider making a donation.)

April 11

Correspondance re: fees agreements. The auditors of the national budget have suggested that the ability of the federation to get credit when needed depends largely on having documentation of fees revenue, and we'll be contacting all locals about them soon.

April 14-23

Ran away for a break. For all the sordid details, contact me in person or by phone.

April 24

David Jones (executive director of Services) was in town for the weekend, and Donna, Stephen, Mike and I met with him to discuss the StudentSaver program and TravelCuts in B.C. Good news, the manager of the Vancouver office will be looking into getting a 800 number for out of the lower mainland members to have access to Cuts. We also planned the timing for the discount solicitations, and I'll do a report on that in the next week.

April 26

Meeting of the education committee of the Solidarity Coalition. (report enclosed)

April 27& on

Preparations for ACCC alternate sessions, learning how to word process, orientation packages for national general meetings, letters to chambers of commerce for StudentSaver program for inclusion in their newsletters.

Priorities to May 10

Orientation materials for the national general meeting,
StudentSaver planning and organising, reports of several
meetings, Defend Educational Services Coalition
meeting, conference on the privatization of education,
preparations for ACCC sessions, services orientation sheets,
meeting with KJAM management to explain executive
committee's decision, numerous telephone calls,
correspondance and attempting to get stuff to Matt

A recent memo sent from the Toronto office with my name on
it was not written by me, but if you have any ??s about it,
call.

Talk to me.

Tami Roberts.

Tami Roberts

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Steven Leary
Chairperson
C.F.S.

Dear Steven and to fellow members of C.F.S.

With only a week left before the May 1 deadline for the closure of DIUC, and before I must leave Nelson for my Summer employment, I thought I would give you an update on the situation here.

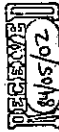
The campus is, at this point, all but deserted as exams finished last week and all the resident students have moved out. I think that students began to realize some weeks ago that we would be able to have little effect in organizing protest actions around the closure deadline because there will be few of us here at that time. The organization of any action to be undertaken will be done by the residents of the city, if at all. I have spoken to many people who want to do something but haven't decided on the nature of the protest.

I attended a Selkirk College Board meeting on the 17th of April and presented a brief to them asking that they not remove any books from the library except those required for the courses that they are transferring to Castlegar, to not remove any equipment so that our efforts at arranging Summer School and a future post-secondary institution could be realized. Also, I asked for their support in the defense of the SUB building and the lease the students hold until 1992. Their response was not encouraging.

The board maintains that they have been instructed to give up responsibility for the campus and this they intend to do. The ownership of the campus reverts to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways who also do not wish to provide no maintenance, security or services to the campus. To this end, the Ministry is insisting on complete removal of every-

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thing on site and desires to 'mothball' the place.

Residents of the City are looking at occupation of the library to prevent the removal of books and although we support them in any action they undertake, we feel that this would be for media attention only as the books would be removed soon after they left. There have been no arrangements for continuous security and protection for the books and the occupation can be only a temporary inconvenience of the removal timetable.

The major problem is the government's refusal to communicate with the city council and to approve the leasing of the campus to them. If that lease were to be granted then the city could insist that books and equipment be left in place. The government seems determined to delay this and therefore the costly and wasteful removal seems destined to go ahead.

The Society has recently learned that the Ministry of Highways is not very pleased with the existence of our lease and will be making efforts to break it or to begin negotiations with us to end it. Their efforts may require them to include it as an amendment to the second reading of a bill rescinding the NDU Act. That bill, I believe, is C-21, and the rescinding of the NDU Act and our lease will be small parts of the total package.

The Society is gearing up to fight this move as best we can. We have the services of a lawyer and will insist that any correspondence or negotiation between the Ministry and ourselves be done through him. We hope that this will slow the process down. We are determined to insist upon the continuation of the lease over any settlement but that be legislated no matter what we prefer. Should a settlement be forced on us, we will demand as large a sum as possible to compensate the students for the forceful eviction from their building. Any funds received would go for payment of storage for the furnishings and equipment contained in the building and perhaps to establishment of either a bursary or a defense fund for any C.F.S. member forced to defend itself in the

face of government imposition.

Some points that may be of interest to you:

The DTUC Action Committee, now strongly resident-based, will continue to operate out of their store front office.

The Committee has begun a process to arrange for Summer School based on volunteer instruction; tuition by donation, coop maintenance and support services. If they are able to obtain use of the buildings, they will seek Federal grants and private funding to pull this off.

The City of Nelson has passed zoning amendments and have zoned the campus for educational purposes only to attempt to ensure that its nature be preserved.

The Secretary of State has taken over the funding of a marketing company called Johnson and Assoc., which is a company composed of 2 DTUC instructors, who will work all Summer to try to determine if some form of independently-funded post-secondary institution can occur here.

There are a number of students and instructors who will be staying in Nelson to set up instruction in writing, fine arts, music and also applying for Canada Council grants to do their own work. An application to establish BC's first story telling group is being written.

Students have been offered relocation allowances to take courses elsewhere. The minimum seems to be 800 dollars for single and 2800 for married students plus differentials between DTUC tuition and other institution's. So far the program does not seem to be discriminatory.

Whereas DTUC will not be able to send a rep. to the 3rd Annual General Meeting in Edmonton, should you have an opportunity to speak on our behalf, could you please thank every member campus who send very supportive letters and to those Student Executives that sent our Society donations to help bail us out of the great debt we were facing fighting this closure. Also our thanks to CFS Pacific, to you and Donna and Mike for your support and efforts on our behalf. We thank all members of the Pacific region for their individual donations and for the 1000 dollars allocated to us at the Provincial.

One other thing that might be discussed at any meeting of CFS members is the realization we have had here that even as the government is determined to close DTUC, the people of the community are determined to keep a institution open. In fact, it is the resident-base that seems to have become the most vital and necessary factor in this struggle. It will be the people of this city that will ensure that something rises from the ashes of DTUC and I have no doubt that it will be even stronger, more creative, and independent of government hangmen. I encourage all members of CFS to look to their community for more support, to encourage a rapport as never before and to build a larger resistance to governmental whims.

There will be 2 members of the Exec. in the general area past May 1. You may contact Surindar Dhalwal, Vice-Pres., at 357-2145 or Ben Michvolodoff, Coordinator, at 359-7536. I will be in Revelstoke for the Summer at 837-9419

Yours in Solidarity,

Bary Shaw

President
David Thompson Student Society

April 2, 1984

TO: ALL COLLEGE AND INSTITUTE PRINCIPALS

RE: FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

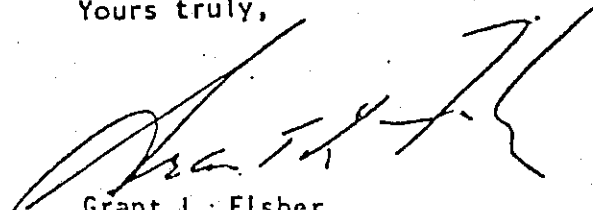
As an interim arrangement each Institution will have included under the General Support section of its 1984/85 budget an amount equivalent to 2/3 of its 1982/83 F-5 grant. Although the expenditure of funds allocated to the Institutions is the responsibility of the Board, it is expected that tuition and other non-government revenue from hobby and recreation courses offered by colleges and Institutes will cover both the direct instructional and administrative costs of running the courses.

In most, if not all, Institutions the tuition revenue for F-5 courses exceeds the direct instructional costs. For the college and Institute system tuition revenue covers instructional costs and about one third of the reported administrative and support costs. Some institutions having large concentrated populations appear to be able to cover all of the costs of general interest and community service programs from tuition without charging unreasonable fees. However Institutions which provide F-5 courses along with part-time academic/vocational and often Adult Basic Education in communities some distance from a major college facility find it difficult to recover sufficient in tuition revenue to support the basic structure necessary to provide this service.

Beginning almost immediately the Joint Committee will examine methods of recognizing the costs incurred primarily by colleges outside the Lower Mainland and Victoria in maintaining in communities which are not within reasonable commuting distance a modest and efficient level of college services.

In a similar vein, existing leases in communities which are not within reasonable commuting distance (50 km) of a college facility will continue to be supported as capital expenditures.

Yours truly,



Grant L. Fisher
Assistant Deputy Minister
Post-Secondary

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Capilano College

April 7 & 8, 1984.

Present: Executive Members

Robena Maclaren, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Frank Frigon, UBC Graduate Students Society
John Doré, Kwantlen College Student Association
Vaughan Collar, Northwest College Student Association
Katrina Whittaker, Capilano College Student Union
Shiela Munroe, Simon Fraser Student Society
Debbie Latimer, Langara Student Society (10:25 a.m.)
Gordon Bryan, Douglas College Student Society (10:25 a.m.)
Terry Hunt, Cariboo College Student Society
Tami Roberts, national representative
Valerie Whiffen, financial co-ordinator
Stephen Learey, chairperson

Staff

Mike McNeil, organizer
Donna Morgan, executive officer

Members

Heather Gropp, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Philip Link, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Cathy Jennings, Capilano College Student Union
Barry Gibson, Cariboo College Student Society
Grace Johnson, Capilano College Student Union
Marc Rovner, Capilano College Student Union

Absent: Executive Members

Mark Varley, UBC Alma Mater Society (work commitments)

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. Stephen Learey was in the chair.

Agenda

MOTION: Maclaren/Frigon

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Minutes

MOTION: Doré/Maclaren

Be it resolved that the minutes of the March 3rd and 4th meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

McNeil noted that he had not been late for the meeting. Instead, he had gone to get coffee upon discovering that he was the first person to arrive.

Orientation

Morgan reminded the executive committee members that Maclaren was the deputy chair and that Whiffen was the staff relations officer. She also reminded executive members that the information given to them was not their private possession, and should be circulated to other members of their local association executives and posted or filed in their association offices. She mentioned how she had already received complaints from people at two locals that their representatives were not passing on information. She hoped the executive members would keep this in mind.

Reports

Morgan's report was circulated.

McNeil gave an oral report. He is resigning as of May 31st. He reported that he had worked on the campaign, helped organize the community information days held by the University of Victoria students, and he also got sick. He is currently working on organizing for the referendum at Capilano.

Whiffen circulated a written financial report. She explained the addition of the Casual Labour line item, to be used for B.C. Student editors, etc. She said that because of the reorganization of the line items, it is necessary to add \$600 to that item.

MOTION: Whiffen/Maclaren

Be it resolved that \$600 be added to the Casual Labour line item to pay Marianne Van Loon for editing the B.C. Student.

CARRIED

Morgan explained that she had been informed by Canada Employment and Immigration that the Federation's application for summer employees would have a better chance of being approved if some funds were put towards the hiring.

MOTION: Whiffen/Maclaren

Be it resolved that \$1000 be set aside for Summer Canada Works

employees.

CARRIED

Whiffen asked if local representatives could ensure that a breakdown of how fees were calculated for each local is forwarded to the pacific region office.

Marc Rovner asked if there was a billing system in place, as Capilano College Student Union was unsure of the amount of fees owing. Roberts said there is a system in most of the country for the national and services fees, but that the Ontario and Pacific regions were not a part of it currently. Roberts added that it should be a priority to get fees agreements with locals so that billing problems did not occur. She said that she would work with Whiffen to get this together.

Rovner asked what happened to the fees agreement that had been approved by the national plenary some time ago. Roberts answered that the Federation's legal counsel had determined that it was an improper agreement.

Whiffen gave a gentle reminder to those representatives whose local's fees were outstanding.

Rovner asked what the accounts payable were. Whiffen answered that it was less than \$3000.

Roberts said that she didn't have a written report as she had returned from Ottawa on the previous Thursday. She promised to mail out a report at a later date.

Learey gave an oral report. He spoke about the Solidarity Coalition and of the success of Unemployment Month (April). May is poverty month. He said that he had been writing for the Solidarity Bulletin, doing the post-secondary education coverage. He spoke of the relatively successful demonstration held on March 31st. Learey tried to convince other executive members to buy "I'm a bad B.C.er" buttons from him.

Roberts and Learey both reported of their meeting with NDP MP's. They said that the NDP was willing to raise education questions in the house of commons if information was given to them by the Federation.

Learey said that he met with Sue Bigelow, who is Pauline Jewett's assistant, while he was in Ottawa. He said that he also met with a person in the New Westminster Unemployed Action Center, which he would report on later. As well, he travelled to Kelowna and Kamloops, and met with David Parkinson, from Senator Austin's office.

Bryan reported that the education week had been relatively successful at Douglas College, with lots of classroom speaking, and a good response. He thought that people did a cool job on the graphs. He said that some of the local pubs in New Westminster had tried to get the Student Society's pubs shut down by petitioning the BCLCB. However, the Other Press petitioned the pub owners, and students at a pub night, and the pub owners backed down. He announced that the annual Douglas Booze Cruise is being held on April 20th. He also said that he will be unable to attend the national general meeting due to the fact that he is appearing in the Pirates of Penzance.

Maclaren reported that the intramurals referendum at Okanagan College-Kelowna had passed, but that the athletic fee portion had been defeated. She said that the FAST (for active students today) slate had won the student society elections, and that she was now the society's chairperson. She said that when the college budget comes down, she

fears that fees will be increased greatly and many courses will be cut.

Frigon reported on the UBC Graduate Student Society general meeting where quorum was lost before the question of full-membership in the Federation had been voted upon. He said that a relatively pro-Federation executive committee had been elected.

Munroe reported that she was the new external relations officer for the Simon Fraser Student Society. She said that she will be concentrating on getting more people involved. She reported on the society's impending legal action regarding the non-payment of B.C. Government bursaries to summer students: the society's forum had allocated \$800 for initial legal counsel, and more will be added if the lawyer thinks the case is good.

Latimer circulated a written report (see appended).

Hunt reported that the Cariboo College Student Society had recently held elections, for which the turnout was quite poor. He said the that society-funded newspaper--the Beacon--was getting a good response from both faculty and students. He said that the society was holding a speakers series involving a representative from each of the political parties. He reported that the public classroom was a success in Kamloops, with 75 people coming to listen to the 9 speakers, one of which was Art Lee, provincial Liberal leader. He said they hoped this would be the a first step in a long campaign. At Cariboo, the women's access co-ordinator and the handicapped access co-ordinator are both being cut. There is a possibility that the handicapped access co-ordinator may be brought back, since it is rumoured that an additional \$400,000 is being allocated by the provincial government for handicapped access.

McNeil reminded Hunt to make sure that the Cariboo delegates to the national general meeting bring copies of the materials distributed during the public classroom.

Morgan brought up the topic of the additional \$400,000 allocation for handicapped access. She said that is was the result of a survey done by the government to college administrations asking how much funding was needed to maintain status quo levels of handicapped access. Since VCC alone asked for \$160,000, she felt that the allocation probably falls short of status quo levels.

Collar reported that Northwest College had held an open house in late March. He said that all of Northwest's satellite campuses were being

eliminated. He added that \$½ million is being cut from academic courses, and 2 instructors on leave of absence are being laid off. He also said that vocational courses are not being cut as much, due to an outcry from the city council in Terrace. A group had formed on campus --Northwest Students for Education. During the open house they gave out information to the nearly 5000 people who visited the facility. As well, they had gathered a petition from among academic students, 108 out of a possible 110 had signed. He said that the student association probably won't be functioning over the summer, as all of the executive members leave in two weeks.

Doré said that the Kwantlen College Student Association had recently held its annual general meeting. Elections are being held next week. At the AGM, constitutional amendments were made to bring in a representative structure. As well, the position of Federation representative was added to the executive. Doré said he felt more Kwantlen students than any other variety attended the Vancouver public classroom. He said that he had delivered the B.C. Student, and spoken at Capilano.

Whittaker reported that the Capilano College Student Union was holding a referendum on membership in the Federation, and that the union's annual general meeting would be held the day after. She feels that there will be a good turn-out at the meeting. She said that Capilano students had attended the public classrooms. AS well, the had DTUC theatre on campus, theatre students did guerilla theatre, had a band play, and held a forum with speakers on education cutbacks. The union is currently doing a cost-benefit analysis of pay-parking, which is something the College wants to implement. Fee increases are going on now: music students will have to pay \$500 more per year, due to personalized instruction used in their courses. The union is working with ICBC on drunk-driving. They are hoping to get a grant to do video and literature for Orientation.

There were then brief reports on locals not present.

At UBC, the most significant occurrence was the fact that the Committee of Concerned Academics were taking an active part in the faculty association, and forcing a fight against the anti-tenure provisions wanted by the administration. They passed a motion saying that any cuts in salaries must be done through closing the university for days of protest.

At DTUC, equipment and library books are being spirited away, so there have been pickets organized. Morgan brought up the fact that student society representatives in Nelson were upset that the cost of the Who's Next button had been taken out of their \$1000 allocation.

MOTION: Frigon/Whiffen

Be it resolved that the costs of the Who's Next button be taken from the campaign line item.

CARRIED

At the University of Victoria, a successful public campaign was held at the end of the month, with 6000 post-cards being signed by the public. The Graduate Students Society had organized the campaign.

At this point, Marc Rovner enquired about the minutes. He said that the time of Brenda Pickersgill's arrival on the second day of the meeting was incorrect, that she had been present at the start of the meeting. He also asked if it was customary to note the time that representatives left the meeting, as the UBC Alma Mater Society representative had left early. Morgan said she would make changes in the way the minutes were done if the executive committee so desired.

Week Of Action

There was a brain-storming session on some of the problems with the week of action:

- needed a longer time-line to get things done
- localize actions--this would help get better media
- analyze why demonstrations have lost their appeal
- media coverage was lousy
- needed some locally injected 'oomph'--a few people with enthusiasm on campus.
- leaflets--should have had a borderline
- need more planning time
- commitment needed from the general meeting on
- re-evaluate the role of the campaign committee at general meetings
- achieve short-term plans and long-term (policy/theory) plans
- long-term analysis needed, but we mustn't lose sight of flexibility
- staff/chair should be defining issues and bring to general meetings a realistic plan
- smaller towns get better media coverage (harder up for news)

Review of Meetings

The meeting with Serge Joyal was relatively successful. The Globe and Mail has reported that he is interested in setting up centres of excellence. There was a lot of talk in the meeting about DTUC. Joyal also agreed to set up a liaison with the pacific region office, in the form of Orest Kruhlak. McNeil said the meeting went well, and that the presentation looked reasonably polished. Doré added that we need to feed information to the Federal government--research on tied funding, etc. Roberts mentioned the fact that at the National General Meeting, there will probably be a debate between all three parties. Doré said that Joyal had been amused by the tennis ball with DTUC and Federation pins stuck to it that was presented during the meeting.

McNeil also mentioned that the BCIT students association had asked for a meeting with Serge Joyal, and that they were laughed at because they were not part of an organized group!

Roberts and Learey met with NDP MP's. Roberts said we should be getting organized for these kinds of meetings too. She said that we should be

developing a kit for what to do in the upcoming Federal election.

Bus Passes

Morgan described the reasons the B.C. Transit Commission had given for turning down the idea of a post-secondary student concession card: students will buy the cards anyway; students ride more than other passengers; and other major cities do not offer student rates.

Dan Cross at Capilano is organizing a boycott of bus pass sales.

Mark Rogen arrived at 2:08.

Munroe brought up the fact that the Transit Act states that people who do not have the fare can ride the bus for no charge. Whiffen brought up the idea of organizing alternate forms of transportation: hitch-hiking, car pools, etc.

It was agreed that a committee be struck to investigate: Whittaker, Bryan, Munroe, Doré, and Morgan.

ACCC

Morgan discussed the conference and the idea of an alternative to the sessions, few of which concentrate on government responsibility for maintaining the education system.

Rogen said that he had spoken to Barry Moore, of the ACCC board, about our concerns regarding the purported representation of students by ACCC. Moore said that if a letter was forwarded to him, he would bring our problems to the board's attention. Rogen said we should make an attempt to negotiate with them before we organize an alternate event. Rogen said that ACCC was in quite an important position now, as the Federal government had allocated all of the responsibility for international education administration to it. As well, he said we may have something to learn from ACCC, as they turned around a deficit.

Roberts said that the ACCC handling of its deficit was largely due to Secretary of State funding. She talked about how ACCC, through its work with the Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council (ACTISEC) had broken the Federation of Alberta Students.

Maclaren said that ACCC has no student input, and no respect for students.

McNeil said that ACCC and the provincial government had teamed up to wreck the student movement in Alberta. He noted that ACTISEC wasn't funded after the Federation of Alberta Students had dissolved. Last year, at the ACCC conference, a notice-of-motion to recognize the Federation was ruled out of order.

Link said that the ACCC does not exist to subvert the student movement, that is just a sideline. He said that the Federation should be trying to strike somekind of agreement with ACCC to recognize that students have the autonomy to organize independently, as do administrators.

Whiffen asked what the overlap between the two organizations was. It was answered that only in B.C. is there substantial overlap between the colleges that are members of ACCC and the local associations that are members of the Federation.

[Munroe left at 2:45 p.m.]

Morgan said that we have to look at the fact that our attendance or non-attendance at the ACCC conference will have little effect on its success or failure. Holding alternate sessions should be to discuss the real situation with education in B.C.

There was agreement that ACCC should be approached to discuss directions of the organization.

A round-table was done of those locals who intended to send people: the Kwantlen College Student Association is not sending any students; at VCC, students will give their names, but not attend.

Maclaren asked Rogen if there would be a VVI Student Association Representative on the provincial executive. He replied that the council was developing a new constitution, and that hopefully a representative could be found after that point.

A committee was struck to deal on ACCC alternate sessions: Latimer, Roberts, Morgan, and Maclaren.

Unemployment Action Centres

Learey gave a written report on information he gathered on Unemployment Action Centres. He said that resources for unemployment centres could be organized through local student union offices. He suggested that the following be done: that Federation staff get information on the services directory, and contacts for local food banks, Unemployment Action Centres, Rights groups, legal aid, psychiatric counselling, etc. He felt this information could be developed into a resource package to be distributed to locals.

It was agreed that local representatives would contact the Federation office in the near future and compile a list of what is needed for unemployment actions centres.

It was agreed that a basic information package would be sent to locals by May 1st. Local associations would be encouraged to do advertising and organizing beforehand.

McNeil will do a fieldtrip to the Kootenays and develop contacts there for unemployment action centres.

Lower Mainland Solidarity Coalition Representative

The student representative on the lower mainland solidarity coalition steering committee had resigned some time ago. The person would be responsible for communicating between lower mainland locals and the steering committee. She/he would also be responsible for informing locals of coalition meetings.

MOTION: Whiffen/Whittaker

Be it resolved that John Doré be the student representative on the lower mainland solidarity coalition steering committee.

CARRIED

Internal Operations

Office and Equipment

Learey reported that all executive members voting in the Olivetti phone around had voted in favour of purchasing the word-processor. He explained that two learned opinions regarding the word-processor had been obtained, both of which said the system was the best that the Federation could get for its money. As well, Olivetti had forwarded a letter guaranteeing support for its software for two years.

MOTION: Doré/Hunt

Be it resolved that the phone vote to purchase the Olivetti word processor (at a cost of \$3400) be ratified.

CARRIED

There was a discussion of moving the office. Whiffen pointed out that despite our unbudgetted surplus, it is risky to budget for recurring expenses. She suggested that it would cost about \$3000 for moving and rent to August 31st.

Learey suggested that a committee be struck. A committee of Whiffen, Roberts and Morgan was struck which will submit a concrete report to the next executive committee meeting.

Referenda

Whittaker explained how the letter from the Federation's legal counsel is causing problems at Capilano regarding the referendum. She said that the student union's annual general meeting, to be held after the referendum, would be very important. McNeil gave a brief report about his work around the referendum. The NO committee (favouring membership in the Federation) is relying on classroom speaking, as a forum on the issue was vetoed by the YES majority on council.

Roberts said that the legal opinion was necessary, as it would not be a good precedent to set if notice provisions in the Federation's constitution were ignored.

The referendum at Selkirk looks like it has been postponed indefinitely. McNeil will be going to the Kootenays in the near future to find out more.

There was some discussion of the technical details of the Capilano referendum.

Staffing

McNeil has submitted his resignation as of May 31st., 1984.

MOTION: Doré/Frigon

Be it resolved that McNeil's end-of-contract be recognized as July 13th, and that a new fieldworker be hired as of July 3rd., 1984.

CARRIED

(note: this incurs an additional \$800 expenditure for the training period)

MOTION: Collar/Doré

Be it resolved that Roberts and Latimer be the executive committee representatives on the hiring committee for the fieldworker.

CARRIED

Roberts suggested that a list of standardized questions be compiled. Executive committee members should refer any particular questions to the hiring committee.

McNeil said he wished the position to be advertised as an organizer. Learey said he hoped the person would have a good understanding of how local associations work.

MOTION: Latimer/Whiffen

Be it resolved that Morgan have one week's vacation from April 16th to 24th.

CARRIED

Morgan explained that she would be taking more vacation later on.

There was a discussion of summer positions.

MOTION: Hunt/Collar

Be it resolved that Frigon and Learey be the executive committee representatives on the summer staff hiring committee.

CARRIED

Northwest Academy

McNeil brought up the fact that the Northwest Academy organizing school will be held in June some time. He felt that it was important that two or so people attend in order to gain necessary organizing skills.

Whiffin suggested that financial decisions be reserved until the next day so that they could be looked at together.

At this point, 4:50 p.m., the meeting adjourned for the day.

Sunday, April 8th., 1984.

Present: Executive Members

Tami Roberts, national representative
Valerie Whiffen, financial co-ordinator
Stephen Learey, chairperson (10:07)
John Doré, Kwantlen College Student Association
Robena Maclaren, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Terry Hunt, Cariboo College Student Society
Vaughan Collar, Northwest College Student Association (10:07)
Frank Frigon, UBC Graduate Students Society (10:07)
Debbie Latimer, Langara Student Society (10:12)
Gordon Bryan, Douglas College Student Society (10:13)
Katrina Whittaker, Capilano College Student Union (10:25)

Staff

Mike McNeil, organizer (10:07)
Donna Morgan, executive officer

Members

Cathy Jennings, Capilano College Student Union
Grace Johnson, Capilano College Student Union
Heather Gropp, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Barry Gibson, Cariboo College Student Society
Philip Link, Kelowna Campus Student Society
Ainsley Winter, Kelowna Campus Student Society

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. Robena Maclaren was in the chair.

Referenda

Jennings was asked if she could add some perspectives to the discussion of the Capilano College Student Union referendum. She had nothing to add.

At this point, Learey assumed the chair.

Morgan asked Roberts if any money would be available from the national fund for referendum, as the pacific region budget had absorbed all of the referendum costs in B.C. Roberts replied that she would check into it.

Whiffen suggested that plans be made for the UBC Alma Mater Society organizing drive. She felt that 2 part-time organizers needed to be hired to help organize the campaign there.

It was agreed that a meeting be set up with UBC representatives, for example with Frigon, Nancy Bradshaw, Lisa Hébert, etc. to talk about the needs of the campus. Also, it was felt that at the national general meeting, people should get together with Janet Maher, Alberta fieldworker, to go over the organization of the campaign at the University of Alberta. It was agreed that McNeil, Doré, and Learey would work on the UBC referendum.

At the next executive meeting, resources will be allocated to this referendum.

National General Meeting

Morgan went over the figures of how much the train, vans, and plane to Edmonton cost. In a straw vote, the executive committee agreed that a train excursion be organized.

MOTION: Doré/Collar

Be it resolved that we organize a train excursion to the general meeting in Edmonton.

CARRIED

MOTION: Maclaren/Roberts

Be it resolved that Morgan and Roberts develop an orientation package for the national general meeting.

CARRIED

-this package is to include Squamish plenary directives.

There was a discussion of the strategy for the general meeting as a whole. Learey gave an introduction.

Roberts said that she felt the main problem was that B.C. was well-organized in relation to other provincial associations.

McNeil said that B.C. delegates can be as alienated as they wish to be at the general meeting. He stressed that the current national executive is not the organization. We have to develop an anti-isolationist attitude for this general meeting.

Campaign

The Issue: EPF--tied funding

The Event: Federal government--elections

The Target: Political parties--all 3 (or more)

Organizational Needs: -clear direction for locals and staff
-Federation awareness
-working provincial groups

Suggestions: -candidates forums on campus sponsored by the Federation
-registration drives so many students vote

McNeil suggested that two position papers be prepared for the general meeting: one a position paper on what we want to get; the other a plan for how we intend to get it.

Whiffen asked which provinces are not heavily affected by EPF mishandling? McNeil answered that almost all are--perhaps Manitoba is the least affected.

Whiffen said that some locals in Alberta may have problems with the plan. Morgan suggested that the campaign include research into the issue to develop a mechanism for tying EPF funding.

Frigon suggested that a plan for a bursary program in the event that the EPF fight is successful. Doré said that he was concerned about splitting

our strengths if we divided over too many issues. Learey suggested approaching the Committee of Concerned Academics as they may be interested in doing research on this topic. McNeil said that the research in the national office has to be more focussed towards provincial concerns.

It was agreed that anyone interested in working on the plans for the national general meeting contact McNeil, who would be working on it.

Development

Morgan said that it was time development was approached in the context of what the organization does (e.g. campaign) and must reflect this.

At this point, Maclaren assumed the chair.

Morgan went over her notes from the restructuring meeting, and said that she was concerned about the superficial nature of discussion. She added that if amalgamation was going to be completed just for amalgamation's sake, and not so as to clear up the many problems in the organization, then it may as well not be done at all.

A brainstorm session was done, with the following results:

Action

Assigned to

position papers:	
development	
finances	Val, Tami, Lynda
staff	Robena
myths	Cariboo
amalgamation meeting	Donna, Steve, Tami
campaign	Mike
party	Donna
outreach to other delegate	all
orientation package	Donna, Tami
photocopier	Philip
invitation to caucus & party	Donna
notices of motion	Donna
encourage all locals to send delegates	Vaughan, Donna, Tami
agenda for B.C. caucus	Steve, Tami, Donna

There was then a discussion of who the pacific region would finance at the general meeting.

MOTION: Frigon/Collar

Be it resolved that Morgan and Learey be sent to the national general meeting out of the pacific region budget (in the event that Learey wishes to attend).

CARRIED

StudentSaver

Roberts reported that the timelines for the solicitation of discounts was considerably better this year. The materials are to be out earlier. Roberts said she would get more information, and contact locals as soon as possible.

Seminars

The following tentative schedule for seminars was agreed upon:

Pubs: Cariboo, mid-June
Orientation: Langara, early June
Handbooks: Kwantlen, July
Organizing: ?, early July
Staff Meeting: ?, early August??

A committee consisting of Collar, Hunt, Latimer, Bryan, and Morgan was set up to finalize arrangements and deal with financing.

Other Business

Learey gave background on the KJAM co-operative housing project. He said that this had first been brought up at the January general meeting, where the executive had agreed to go ahead, if the Federation's lawyer approved of the project.

Morgan asked if the procedure of seeing a lawyer and doing a phone around vote as outlined at the July meeting had been followed. Learey said not yet. She asked what Rogen was doing in relation to this? Is he attending meetings on behalf of the executive? Roberts asked what it would mean if the tentative contract was broken now. Learey said he didn't know.

Whiffen asked if this housing was for students? Learey said no. Whiffen said she felt Rogen was going outside of his boundary.

Maclaren said she thought we should try to terminate our involvement. She felt that legal advice should be sought on the subject.

MOTION: Whiffen/Doré

Whereas no official approval was given by the Federation's executive committee to proceed with KJAM management; be it resolved that the Federation disengage from all discussion with KJAM management.

CARRIED

MOTION: Roberts/Whiffen

Be it resolved that the chairperson send a letter to Mark Rogen asking him to refrain from representing himself as a spokesperson of the Federation's pacific region executive committee;
Be it further resolved that a copy of such letter be sent to KJAM management and the CMHC.

CARRIED

Morgan brought up the NUS-UK student union officers training manual. She said she felt that this would be a good orientation material for council members, and that she would like to spend some time this summer working on one. There were no violent objections.

There was a discussion of the Northwest Academy organizing school. McNeil said it was important for the Federation to do some training of staff people.

MOTION: Collar/Whittaker

Be it resolved that the executive officer be sent to the Northwest Academy.

AMENDMENT: Learey/Latimer

To add "the chairperson" to the motion.

DEFEATED

Learey said that we need the skills of an organizer. Morgan said that as much as we need skills, she believed we should be fiscally conservative. McNeil said that we need good organizers to run campaigns. Roberts said that as much as she would like to go to the organizing school, she felt it could wait until the December session.

AMENDMENT: Whiffen/Roberts

To make the motion contingent on a healthy allocation of funds from the national budget for the UBC referendum.

DEFEATED

MAIN MOTION: CARRIED .

MOTION: Roberts/Collar

Be it resolved that the next meeting take place on June 9th and 10th.

CARRIED

MOTION: Collar/Hunt

Be it resolved that the meeting now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

/DM

April 5, 1984

EXECUTIVE REPORT SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE LATIMER-- LANGARA'S REPRESENTATIVE

Education Awareness Week was fairly successful. Although we did not get a tremendous turnout of students, we did reach quite a few. Ideally, I would have liked to have seen all of students out for the week's events but I know that is too much to ask. We got a number of favorable articles written about us in our paper. During this week we got approx. 800 letters signed and sent to the MLAs and MPs. I think that is fairly good. We have had responses from the NDP but so far no other party has acknowledged our concerns.

I presented our second brief this semester to our board on March 28. The board agreed to send a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the screw-up of student aid. They also reaffirmed their motion of Oct. 82 which states that a person's financial situation should not prevent them from attending Langara. We had about 25 students at the meeting which probably freaked the board out because they are not used to students attending.

A representative from Langara, John Cosgrove, arranged our meeting with

Serge Joyal, Secretary of State. We decided that it would be best if we invited students from all of the different campuses rather than have our whole council meet with the minister. The meeting went well. Our faculty wrote us a letter of support which made the news in the Globe and Mail on Tuesday.

Recently, an athletic referendum was held at Langara. Our council voted not to take a stand on the issue. The question being asked was whether students would pay a \$1.00 per course per term fee to support athletics and intramurals. The council did decide, however, that any members that wanted to campaign for or against the referendum could do so independent of council. Being the radical that I am I and four other council members formed the concerned students coalition. You will find attached a copy of the handbill that we blitzed the college with. The referendum was defeated by only 40 votes. But we won!!!!!! Now the athletic committee is talking about implementing parking fees for the big parking lot. They are really desperate to keep the teams going but we are not going to sit back and let the administration tack on a \$20 per semester fee. We shall be hearing more about this is the very near future.

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As of yet, we have received no response from Jack Heinrich regarding our meeting in early March. We sent him the minutes a month ago and we can only assume that what we said happened actually is fact. The NDP has asked for the minutes of the meeting because there is some questions about student aid that have to be answered. It appears that there is some contradictions within the ministry that have to be straightened out very soon. I have been in contact with Stephen Howard at SFU a few times regarding the student aid problem. There are about 300 students at Langara that are being affected by the recent budget announcements regarding student aid.

Due to a constitutional screw-up, our general elections were postponed until May 13 and 14. As it is, we are in the process of re-writing our whole constitution. In fact, it is ready to be ratified by council and it should be within the next two weeks. In this constitution, there will be no appointed positions, no course requirements and no gpa requirements. In addition to this, we will be having stipends for all council members. I do not anticipate any problems with the new document and I think that we will be taking it to a general meeting in May.

The AOCZ symposium is coming up in May. Some of the people at VCC think that we should give the organization another chance. However, I think that they have had their chance. I think that it would be a good idea if we choose a delegate because if we do not then the administration will choose one. We can boycott the symposium after we have said that we will attend. I am willing to work on organizing an alternate meeting-- possibly at the SUS at Langara!!!!

At Langara, we are now working on getting our highschool speaking organized. You will also find attached a copy of the pamphlet that we will be using. We will be distributing these to all the students that we will be talking to. We are in the process of contacting all of the highschools and arranging times that we can come onto the schools and talk to the grad classes. All of the speaking will done within the next month. All of the schools that we have contacted to date sound enthusiastic about us coming.

With the Capilano referendum coming soon, I wrote a letter to the editor about the "evils of pulling out". I also helped the no campaign paint posters last

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On Wednesday we had a rep. from the fee hike strike committee at UBC. Although we invited this group to come and speak our council has chosen not to endorse the group because we do not feel that they can get enough support from the students. Although the idea is a good one, I do not think that it will work.

Next week, our women's committee is hosting a seminar on abortion. Speakers from both pro-choice and pro-life have been asked because of pressure from students. I hope that it goes well and doesn't end up in a screaming match between the two groups.

That's it for now folks!

Staff Report
Executive Officer
March 5th. - April 6th., 1984

Below is a list of work complete:

Organizational

- constitution/AGM report to Registrar of Societies
- minutes of previous executive meeting typed & distributed
- preparation for this meeting--agenda, annotated agenda, etc.
- 2nd amalgamation paper (attached)
- attended amalgamation/central committee/board meetings
- financial stuff as usual
- Olivetti phone around
- meeting with John Perry (attached)

Communication with Locals

- one update sent (work-load has prevented more work on this)
- phone liaison with each local association
- answered miscellaneous correspondence that has been kicking around the office for some time
- send information to Northwest College
- answered 2 UVic information requests

Materials/Research

- designed LOSING IT poster
- wrote copy for 3 LOSING IT leaflets, designed 4 leaflets
- UBC Grad Student Society referendum letter written and designed
- worked on B.C. Student
- requested information from UVic's Charles Gallagher

Liaison With Government and Opposition

- preparation for Joyal Meeting
- phone contact with Ministry of Education and NDP

Media Contact

- press release re: week of action
- phone calls to each media outlet re: week of action
- press conference information kits
- phone contact with t.v. media re: VVI forum
- lots of contact with CKO radio

Service Programmes

- Armando Tour--somewhat successful
- posters for Studentsaver/ copy of supplement in B.C. Student

Liaison with Other Organizations

- attended Solidarity National Conference meeting (still in infant stages)
- phone contact with CIEA

On-Campus Visits

- Langara organizing meetings
- UBC meeting with Informed Students Association and Nancy
- Capilano College Student Union executive orientation
- UBC Graduate Students' Society work on referendum
- Emily Carr College--one rather pointless visit
- work on Capilano referendum--classroom speaking, leafletting

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Work Not Completed:

- General Meeting minutes (will be done by 84/04/13)
- Critique of '84 Budget

Priorities for Upcoming Period

- work on campaign (as decided at this meeting)*
- work on Studentsaver program*
- Olivetti word-processor training (84/04/11)
- Media Relations Seminar (84/04/28 & 29)
- work on student union officers manual*
- organizing for B.C. Caucus and National General Meeting*
- work on ACCC alternate conference*
- work on summer seminars*

*=as decided by executive at this meeting.

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ANNOTATED AGENDA
NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING
MAY 12-19, 1984

Description of various sessions

Caucuses

Caucuses are in a way "special interest" groups, ensuring that the specific needs of a group within the membership are addressed. The caucuses are: women's caucus, regional caucus, graduate student caucus, colleges and institutes caucus. These groups have constitutions outlining their direction and purposes, and meet several times throughout the general meeting.

Plenaries

Plenaries are the legal, formal decision-making sessions of the meeting. Motions are presented, debated, and voted on. Each member local association has one vote. There are going to be four plenaries at this meeting: Opening Plenary, Issues Plenary, Development Plenary, and the Closing Plenary.

Workshops

Workshop sessions generally have a presentation of the subject or issue to be discussed, done by a member of the staff or the national executive. There is then discussion and questions clarifying the subject, and motions are formulated to be presented to the issues plenary for consideration. Workshops are less formal than plenaries, and allow open and informative discussion to form the basis of decision-making. There will be workshops on the service programs of the Federation as well. Travel Cuts, Student Work abroad Program, Studentsaver, Canadian Programming Service, and other programs will be reported on, and delegates then give direction to the committees working on those programs. The issues workshops at this meeting will deal with: student aid, education funding, employment/unemployment/underemployment and international relations.

Roundtables

A less formal session, where delegates break into small groups to analyze the

what has happened in the past, and how things can be improved for the future. There will be two at this meeting, one to evaluate the Federation's programs and the other to analyze the campaign.

Skills deveolpment workshops

In these sessions specific skills are passed on to delegates. These are similar to the skills seminars being planned for the summer in the pacific region. At the time of writing, the topics for these workshops are unavailable, but some of the members in the pacific region have offered to do a session on " working as an executive ".

Committee meetings

There will be about eleven committees at the meeting. The committees each have a specific area to develop. The committees will be meeting for about fifteen hours, to propose motions to the plenary that will set the priorities for the next six months, as well as longer term plans, and establish how the resources of the federation should be spent. One of the main tasks for members of the committees is to return to the constituency they represent, and solicit feedback and input. This process allows the committees to make plans that will satisfy the majority of delegates. One of the most important things a member of a committee can do is to attend all of the meetings of the committee, and not try to sit on more than one committee. There is opportunity to hear what is happening in other committees in the caucus meetings. Some committees will present their work before the closing plenary. The student aid committee will submit motions for the issues plenary. The development committee will report at the development plenary, and the campaign committee will report at the campaign committee of the whole session, in order to get maximum feedback before the campaign is presented to the final plenary.

Agenda

Saturday, May 12 Pacific Region Caucus

The caucus has been planned by the provincial executive to help sort out all of the business that has to be decided at this meeting. There will be discussion on the national campaign, and a proposal from the pacific region for the consideration of the campaign committee. Development is also a topic that will be discussed fairly extensively. Delegates from B.C. will also discuss the committees that form at the meeting, and will elect members of the caucus as representatives on each of the committees. A proposed agenda will be sent out to members with this kit.

Resource: pacific region general meeting minutes, general meeting agenda, orientation kit

Sunday, May 13

Women's Caucus:

Women delegates meet to discuss issues affecting women in education and the student movement. An election will be held to choose a national women's commisioner, who oversees the directives for action arrising from the women's

caucus. The caucus also elects a representative to each of the general meeting committees, to ensure that women are represented on all committees and ensure that women's concerns are addressed.

Resource: minutes of previous national general meeting, materials from local women's centres or women's committees.

Introduction to the general meeting:

A session intended to answer questions about the general meeting, to give an overview of the committees and the work that they will have, to explain the agenda, how decisions are made, the flow of motions, and the logistics of the meeting. The session will probably be facilitated by the two national chairs.

Resource: meeting agenda, papers from previous general meetings which introduce the federation

Regional Caucus:

To discuss the progress of the committees, provide input to the committees through the regional representatives, examine how the regional concerns can be met and anything else that may come up. The agenda is set by the delegates at the caucus, and a chairperson for the caucus is elected by the caucus.

Traditionally, the pacific region caucus is open to observers from other parts of the country, at the discretion of the caucus.

Resource: as above, plus list of committees

Opening Plenary:

The business considered at the opening plenary is:

- the formal start of the meeting
- the ratification of new full and prospective members
- the striking of the committees that operate during the meeting
- ratification/changing of the proposed agenda
- ratification of the chairperson for the plenary sessions
- approval of the minutes of the last meeting (November 1983)
- report from women's caucus
- reports from the two national chairpersons, and the two executives
- presentation of notices of motion (usually referred to committees)
- the opening of nominations (treasurer and link representative positions are open at this general meeting)
- question period
- emergency resolutions (only things that cannot be referred to a ctte)

Resource: meeting agenda, reports from the two chairs and the two national executives, minutes from the last general meeting (November, 1983), notices of motion (sent out last week from the national office)

Constituency Groups:

At this point in the agenda, some of the caucuses meet. In this session, the groups choose representatives to the committees. Those representatives will ensure that the committees' work includes the special needs of the constituency group. The constituency groups will also begin to outline the areas to be covered by the group at the meeting, and the ongoing work of the staff, executive and the commissioners. The National Graduate Caucus will be electing a new chairperson at this meeting. The present chair is John Bacher, of McMaster Grads. There will also be an election for a new Colleges and Institutes Caucus Chair. This position is presently filled by Robena Maclaren the Kelowna Campus

Student Society. Any items that you think should be covered in this session should be directed to those people.

Resource: delegates from colleges and graduate associations should bring any specific materials that they may wish to discuss

Monday, May 14

Student Aid Workshop:

The student aid workshop will be facilitated by one of the research staff. The recent changes to the student aid program, a comparison of the provincial programs, and possible proposals for Federation policy will be covered.

Resource: Papers from previous general meetings on student aid

Skills Development Workshop

At the time of writing, the specific items for this area of the agenda are not available. The staff of the Toronto office will be arranging the sessions.

Resource: yourselves

Services Workshop

These workshops will each discuss on of the programs of the Federation--CUTS, the Student Work Abroad Program, the Canadian Programming Service, the Information Resource Service, and the Discount Program. A specific timetable will be available at the general meeting.

Resource: papers from previous general meetings on programs of the Federation, specific suggestions or positions from local associations

Funding Issues Workshop

Details on federal financing of post secondary education. Recent changes and possible areas that we can focus on in our next campaign and policy development.

Resource: papers from previous general meetings on funding, suggestions for policy development

Women's Caucus Meeting

see Sunday

Organizing School

An integral part of the general meeting, the organizing school is an active session designed to pass on skills to aid in the development and implementation of the national campaign. Organizing on campus will also be focussed on. The professional organisers employed by the Federation have been planning this session for months, and all are encouraged to attend. This session will be all new, so old hacks won't be bored.

Resource: energy

Social

Party. Talk. Lobby. Make friends.

Tuesday, May 15

Services Workshop:

see Monday

Campaign Roundtable

A critical evaluation of the previous campaign. What worked, what didn't and why. What can we do to improve the way that we plan and carry out campaigns in the future. Small groups which encourage participation from all delegates. This session will provide a basis for the campaign committee's work

Resource: memory of how the campaign worked on your campus, suggestions for future, ideas

Committee Meetings

This will be the first session. The committees should probably review the areas to be discussed, chose a chair for the committee meetings, decide what feedback will be needed from the caucuses.

Services Roundtable

An evaluation of how the services of the Federation are being used (or not used) on campus. What can be done to serve the membership better. What can be done to increase use of programs. Should be a valuable session for the committee dealing with service programs.

Resource: on campus experiences, suggestions for future

Jobs Issues Workshop

Employment, especially student employment and job creation programs will be covered. Emphasis will be on recent developments and possible suggestions for policy development.

Resource: papers from previous meetings on employment, information from provincial sources, ideas for policy development and priorities for work in this area.

Role of International Relations

This workshop was decided upon by the last plenary. Topics to be covered will be; the role of the international commissioner, what priorities should be put on international relations within the Federation and the direction that international policy should take.

Resource: papers from previous general meetings, policy from local associations

Committee Meetings

see morning

Regional Caucus Meetings

same as before

Wednesday, May 16

Skills Development Workshops

as before

Services Workshops

as before

Constituency Group Meetings

see Sunday

Regional Caucus Meetings

as before

Issues Plenary

Motions from the workshops and the student aid committee will be brought to the floor for debate and votes. Some of the notices of motion served before the meeting and those referred from the last general meeting will be dealt with as well. Most of the motions passed in this plenary will become policy of the Federation. Those motions which were not given proper notice will be considered alternatives for the national executive, or may be earmarked for policy consideration at the next general meeting.

Resource: notice of motion package sent from the Ottawa office, minutes of last general meeting, report of the student aid committee, debating skills

Committee Meetings

same as before, the development committee will spend this session preparing a report for the development plenary in the morning, and the campaign committee will be preparing to give an initial report for the campaign committee of the whole in the afternoon the next day.

Thursday, May 17

Development Plenary

This session will receive the initial report of the development committee. The main topic of discussion will be the proposal for one national executive. The plenary will make decisions that several of the committees will need to direct their work for the rest of the meeting.

Resource: papers from previous meetings, notice of motion for constitutional change

Campaign Committee of the Whole

The initial report of the campaign committee will be presented. As campaign is the most important work of the Federation, the committee will need to have a lot of feedback on the report from everyone.

Committee Meetings

as before

Women's Issues

This session is open to all delegates and is intended to provide an introduction to some of the issues affecting women. Planned for this session is a presentation by a theatre group, and a new film about violence against women.

Regional Caucus Meetings

This is the last scheduled meeting of the regional caucuses, so representatives to the committees will report on the progress of their committee.

Friday, May 18

How to use your Federation Resources

The plenary at the last general meeting voted to have this workshop, to give delegates direction on how to use as much of the resources available as possible. Will focus on communication between the local associations and the offices of the federation.

Services Finances Workshop

This session will review the financial statements and the auditor's report of the budget that the service programs and the Toronto office operate on.
Resource: financial statements, treasurer's report and auditor's report.

Committee meetings

next to last session of the committees

Political Debate

Representatives from the three national political parties will debate the funding of post-secondary education. This could be a timely debate, given the upcoming election.

Finances

Review of the proposed budget and financial statements of the national budget.
Resources: financial statements, treasurer's report

Committee Reports

Committee will meet and prepare written reports and motions for the closing plenary.

Saturday, May 19

Closing Plenary

Final debate and decisions on the reports presented. Any business tabled from earlier in the meeting. Elections for executive positions.

SUNDAY May 13		MONDAY May 14		TUESDAY May 15		WEDNESDAY May 16		THURSDAY May 17		FRIDAY May 18		SATURDAY 4
9 am	Women's Caucus Meeting	Student Aid Issues Workshop	Services Workshop	5 kills Development Workshops	Organizational Development Plenary	How to Use Your Federation Resources Workshop	Closing Plenary					
10		5 kills Development Workshops	Campaign Roundtable	Services Workshop		Services Finances Workshop						
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12 pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH					
1	Women's Caucus	Services Workshop	Committee Meetings	Constituency Group Meetings	Campaign Committee of the Whole	Committee Meetings	Closing Plenary					
2	Introduction to the General Meeting	Funding Issues Workshop		Regional Caucus Meetings								
3	Regional Caucus Meetings	Women's Caucus Meeting	Services Roundtable		Committee Meetings	Political Debate						
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5	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER					
6												
7	Opening Plenary	Organizing School	Jobs Issues Workshop	Issues Plenary	Women's Issues	Finances	Closing Plenary					
8			Role of International Relations			Committee Reports						
9			Committee Meetings	Committee Meetings	Regional Caucus Meetings							
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PRELIMINARY AGENDA