

**National Executive Report
Canadian Federation of Students (-Services)
May 1991**

The National Executive has met twice since the October General Meeting. During the six month term, Joe Seymour was accepted as the Aboriginal Students National Executive Representative, Pam Frache resigned as the British Columbia representative and was replaced with Brad Lavigne at the January National Executive meeting. Jamie McEvoy was accepted as the British Columbia representative at the National Executive meeting in May.

The National Executive is responsible for upholding the objectives of the Federation and the day to day operations of the Federation. The Executive is responsible for the management of both the Ottawa and Toronto offices and works to ensure the membership directives adopted at each General meeting are completed.

Following the October General Meeting, the National Executive met for two days to review and discuss the General Meeting. The committee and constituency reports were discussed and responsibilities assigned for each motion adopted by the membership. Jo-Anne McCutcheon was elected to replace Pam Frache on the Labour Management Committee for management.

The January National Executive meeting was held in Ottawa from January 4-7, 1991. Various issues were discussed including but not limited to:

A) Legal case applying for funding from the Kevin Coleman Students Rights Defence Fund - National Executive allocated an initial amount of \$ 2500 to cover this case of copyright infringement.

B) Presentations from Keith Spicer, head of the Citizen's forum on National Unity and Paul Houston from the Students' Forum on Canadian unity. The National Executive adopted a motion encouraging all members to participate in all forums on the issue of Canada's future.

C) A presentation from the department of Secretary of State, Official Languages to look at our level of bilingualism within the Federation.

D) Upcoming IUS Special Congress - the National Executive decided to send three people to the meeting in Prague.

E) The possibilities of the Federation hosting an international meeting. The National Executive decided to pursue such a meeting in conjunction with IUS.

F) A review of the Programs Committee report with discussion on the upcoming StudentSaver program. The National Executive adopted a motion to produce a non-StudentSaver envelope consisting of advertisements, available to non-members only, to increase the

Federation's profit margin.

G) The National Executive asked to investigate the possibilities of charging differential fees for the ISIC for Federation members.

H) A lengthy discussion about the Services fees that have been placed in trust by several members.

I) The National Executive adopted a motion condemning the book "American Psycho", a book condoning violence against women.

J) Extensive review of issues and lobby work - Campus Employment Centre closures, the Stewart Smith Commission, Cook-Bennett Review of Canada Student Loans, Challenge Announcement scheduled for February, GST campaign with Action Canada Network, Federal budget 1991, and our withdrawal from the Consortium.

K) Review of upcoming referenda, campaigns , General Meeting in Lethbridge, and other issues.

L) The National Executive recognized the job description of the Financial Coordinator as that of a regular employee. The position was placed back in the Bargaining unit.

M) The National Executive adopted the following motion concerning the Gulf War:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation take part in national, international and local coalitions that are opposed to war in the Gulf;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation believes that the people of Kuwait have a right to pursue self-determination;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian government not cut social programmes as a means to fund the war effort;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation oppose war as a means to solve the crisis in the Gulf;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation encourage the Canadian Government to use its role within the United Nations to address all other violations of international law, such as the US invasion of Panama and other Arab territories in the Middle East;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation encourage the Canadian government to increase funding for research and application of alternative energy sources and to make Canada more self-sufficient on energy.

The Federation has many new staff people. Catherine Remus was hired in January as our new Government Relations Officer, Jocelyn Charron was hired in mid-February as Communications Officer, Sandra Sabey was hired in January as the National Fieldworker for Alberta and Michelle Brazil was hired as our National Fieldworker in Nova Scotia/Newfoundland/Labrador in April. Peter Block left the Federation as Canadian Programming Director in December and has been replaced with David Dose. Larry Hansen, Communications and

Special Projects, left the Federation in January. Hugh Leighton was hired to work with the Health and Dental Plans Program in January.

The Federation ran several national campaigns since October including:

- Anti-Racism day on November 21st
- Day of Reflection on December 6th
- National Week of Action - last week of January
- If You Love Education Day - February 14th
- International Women's Week - March 4-8th

Several referenda took place this term. The Federation suffered in the area of membership growth as seen by the following results:

- McMaster Students' Union re-affirmation referendum - successful
- Queen's University Alma Mater Society - unsuccessful
- St. Francis Xavier University Students Union withdrawal - successful
- Mount Royal College Student Association - unsuccessful
- University of Calgary Students' Union - unsuccessful
- Brock University Students' Union - unsuccessful
- Alberta College of Art Student Association withdrawal - successful
- University of Victoria Graduate Student Association - unsuccessful

The Federation hosted an international meeting from May 1-4st in Ottawa. The seminar, entitled " Educational Reforms and Policies in Industrialized Countries" was very successful. National Union of Students from Japan, USSR, Belgium, Finland and Czechoslovakia attended the seminar. The European Student Information Bureau, a regional body, sent a representative, as did IUS.

Both the Toronto office and the Ottawa office have new addresses. The Toronto office moved in the new year to 243 College Street. The Ottawa office will be moving immediately following the General Meeting to 170 Metcalfe Street. Both offices were very crowded and often the staff found it difficult to work in this environment. The new offices should create a positive working environment for the Federation.

In accordance with Federation policy, please find attached a list of plenary directives from the October 1990 General Meeting.

October 1990 General Meeting Directives

- 90GM012 - Aboriginal Student on the National Executive
 - completed
- 90GM027 - Speaker to address delegates in French
 - completed - the Liberal critic for Advanced Education in Alberta will be attending the meeting to speak ~~and~~ issues facing students in Alberta
- 90GM028 - Constituency groups meet before regional caucuses
 - completed
- 90GM128 - draft budgets to members six weeks before General Meeting
 - not completed
- 90.10.47 - Better integrate Alberta students in the national student movement
 - completed - held two unsuccessful referenda
- 90.10.48 - CAUS and ACTISEC in Federation directory
 - complete - will be included in this year's directory
- 90.10.49 - Reduction of delegate fees for non-members from Alberta
 - completed
- 90.10.51 - recognize NEADS as national advocacy group for ~~students~~ with disabilities
 - completed - attended NEADS national meeting in ~~November~~
- 90.10.52 - CFS/S functions must be accessible as determined by commissioner
 - A school must be accessible when they bid for the meeting. Therefore it is up to the committee to ensure Accessible locations in consultation with commissioner.
- 90.10.55 - Acceptance of Carleton School of Social Work as full members
 - completed - Carleton Graduate Association is the representative of all graduate students at Carleton. An agreement has been struck with the school of Social work to be represented by the grad association at the Canadian Federation of Students/Services. Therefore, the Graduate Association should be accepted as prospective members.
- 90.10.57 - National Graduate Council - meeting at least for 6 hours during General Meeting
 - while six hours has not been scheduled, there is spare time during meeting for all groups to meet.

- 90.10.63 - letters of protest concerning human rights violations in Trinidad
 - completed; response from Ministers
- 90.10.64 - Statement condemning actions of federal government at Oka
 - attempted to appear before House of Commons committee investigating the happenings. Members of Aboriginal Students Constituency group did not submit brief to committee.
- 90.10.65 - Letter asking for a quick settlement to land claims
 - completed
- 90.10.67 - the Federation become a member of the Canadian Bureau of International Education
 - attended National meeting in November
- 90.10.68 - letter of support for Trinidadian students
 - completed
- 90.10.69 - letter to pressure the government to repeal the international student VISA processing fee.
 - completed and incorporated into National Week of Action campaign
- 90.10.81 - Investigate pre-paid health plans for individuals who contact a terminal illness
 - completed; report will be given at Programmes Committee
- 90.10.82 - letter to Armed Forces protesting discriminatory policy against gays and lesbians
 - not completed
- 90.10.83 - letter in support of school teacher David VanHeest
 - completed
- 90.10.93 - Travel Cuts document comparing student sales with overall Canadian sales
 - in progress
- 90.10.100 - Amendment to Travel Cuts by-laws
 - in progress
- 90.10.101 - Travel Cuts study
 - in progress
- 90.10.103 - Terms of reference for a Membership Development Trust Fund
 - in progress
- 90.10.104 - Status of the wind-up of the association of Student Councils
 - All necessary steps have been taken to allow for the

wind-up of the ASOC. There are certain notice provisions which have to be met. In any case, the wind-up can only be executed at the end of the fiscal year (June 30th) for CFS-S. At this time, we shall also know the financial position of both CUTS and CFS-S which also must be considered in the decision.

- 90.10.107 - Travel Cuts by-laws distributed in kits
 - completed
- 90.10.108 - 25% of the fees for constituency group delegates be waived
 - completed
- 90.10.109 - financial impact of Hansard
 - not completed - the Hansard style documents were completed by the Information Coordinator.
- 90.10.134 - actively lobby against Bill-C-43
 - completed - brief presented to Senate committee
- 90.10.153 - job description for treasurer
 - not completed
- 90.10.155 - Delegation to IUS Special Congress
 - completed
- 90.10.158 - New Staff position - Government Relations officer
 - completed
- 90.10.159 - Travel Cuts Board structure
 - in progress