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REPORT
POLICY WORKING GROUP REPORT
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS
NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING
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FACILITATORS FOR WORKING GROUPS:

INCOME CONTINGENT LOAN REPAYMENT PLAN

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Motions Referred by Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan Working Group:

Referred
POL.1

GUELPH CSA/UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD

DIRECTIVE

Referred
WHEREAS income contingent loan schemes are regressive forms of Student Aid that the Federal government is still pursuing; and

WHEREAS groups such as the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance supports income contingent loan repayment plan through proposals which do not address the inequities of Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan; therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation continue its opposition to income contingent loan repayment plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federation create a model of income contingency that addresses the inequities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the event of the Federal government proposing an income contingent loan repayment plan, the Federation submit our income contingent loan repayment plan model, so that we can control discussion.

POL.2 GUELPH CSA/EMILY CARR SU

DIRECTIVE ✓

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Fact Sheet be developed outlining the impacts of an income contingent loan repayment plan on Student Artists.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT similar Fact Sheets be developed for, but not limited to: aboriginal students, students with disabilities, international students, women students, part-time and mature students studying at Colleges and Graduate Students.

POL.3 MCGILL PGSS/SIMON FRASER SU

POLICY ✓

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading FINANCIAL AID be adopted:

The Federation opposes all pilot projects directed at implementing an income contingent loan repayment plan.

Motions referred from Opening Plenary discussed by Student Aid Working Group.

93.05.189 RYERSON SU/ACADIA SU

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading STUDENT AID be adopted:

The Federation strongly opposes the implementation of a work for study scheme modelled after the "American National Service Scheme." (WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS DEFEAT) ✓

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POLICY ✓

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading STUDENT AID be adopted:

The Federation strongly supports the maintenance of current work study programs within post secondary institutions as well as further implementation of such programs which may enhance but may not be directly associated to a students field of study, and which is an option for students rather than an obligation.

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POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading STUDENT AID be adopted:

The Federation supports work-study programs in which the student is under no obligation to accept a job from the government which makes him or her feel useless and in which he or she does not learn the skills necessary for employment in his or her field of study.

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Motions referred from Funding Working Group:

POLICY ✓

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the policy under the heading DISTANCE EDUCATION be amended to read:

The Federation supports the use of distance learning when:

1. it encourages critical thinking, accessibility, and empowerment of students;
2. it encourages interaction between students and faculty and between students to foster continued debate and dialogue within the academic community;
3. cooperation occurs between public institutions in delivery of programs;
4. transferability of credits is made easy within distance education programs and within the overall post-secondary education system;
5. access to resources (eg. libraries) is guaranteed, through the use of technology;
6. free or reduced rate costs ensure accessibility to technology;
7. professional development in appropriate teaching techniques is made available to instructors;
8. it is not used as a vehicle to reduce costs by hiring contract instructors rather than full-time instructors.

The Federation opposes distance learning when it is used as a solution to the underfunding of education.

POL.6

POLICY ✓

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the policy 91.11.206, which reads "The Federation opposes any campus referenda which passes the financial burden of funding post-secondary education on to students", be deleted and replaced with the following policy:

The Federation opposes all user fees for education, be they in the form of tuition fees or ancillary fees. Where ancillary fees are introduced, the Federation demands government regulation to protect students. The Federation opposes the introduction of ancillary fees without real consultation from students.

Motions referred from Opening Plenary discussed by International Affairs and Student Rights Working Group:

94.05.N39

McGILL PGSS/

DIRECTIVE

WHEREAS in June 1985, Justice Department Memorandum D9-1-1 set guidelines suggesting types of materials that should be detained or seized; and

WHEREAS Canada Customs abused the guidelines of Memorandum D9-1-1 by using the categorization Other to seize and detain books by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and radical feminists authors ranging from such

titles as "Les fleurs de mal" (Baudelaire) and Oscar Wilde biographies to "The Joy of Gay Sex" (a sex manual with pencil drawings of men cozying up to one another like Pringle Chips) and **WHEREAS** bookstores such as Landrogyne, Le Dernier Mot (Montreal), Pages, Glad Day, Toronto Women's Bookstore, The Beguiling (Toronto), Woman to Woman (Edmonton), Women's Line (London), Every Woman Books (Victoria), McMaster University Bookstore, University of Manitoba Bookstore, University of Victoria Bookstore and University of Waterloo Bookstore all have been subject to book seizures; and

WHEREAS it is essential in academic fields such as Feminist, Women and Queer Studies to have access to such publications and literature for research purposes; and

WHEREAS such detention and seizures of books and literature directly impact students doing research in these fields; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation publicly declare its opposition to the Canada Customs policy regarding the seizure and detainment of publications of artistic, literary, or scholarly value under the Other category of Memorandum D9-1-1.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS DEFEAT (*Redundant*)

94.05.N50 MCGILL PGSS/

DIRECTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Executive lobby the Federal Government and Canada Customs (in writing and over the telephone) to halt the discriminatory action of seizing and detaining publications of artistic, literary or scholarly value under the "Other" category of Memorandum D9-1-1.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS THIS MOTION BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING PREAMBLE

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WHEREAS Canada Customs abused the guidelines of Memorandum D9-1-1 by using the categorization Other to seize and detain books by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and radical feminists authors ranging from such titles as "Les fleurs de mal" (Baudelaire) and Oscar Wilde biographies to "The Joy of Gay Sex" (a sex manual with pencil drawings of men cozying up to one another like Pringle Chips) and **WHEREAS** bookstores such as Landrogyne, Le Dernier Mot (Montreal), Pages, Glad Day, Toronto Women's Bookstore, The Beguiling (Toronto), Woman to Woman (Edmonton), Women's Line (London), Every Woman Books (Victoria), Little Sisters Bookstore (Vancouver), McMaster University Bookstore, University of Manitoba Bookstore, University of Victoria Bookstore and University of Waterloo Bookstore all have been subject to book seizures; and

WHEREAS it is essential in academic fields such as Feminist, Women and Queer Studies to have access to such publications and literature for research purposes; and

WHEREAS such detention and seizures of books and literature directly impact students doing research in these fields.

Policies to be reaffirmed

94.05.N63

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation reaffirm the following policy under the heading **ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)**:

The Federation supports individuals and organizations which disseminate information and/or implement educational programs at post-secondary institutions about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and/or all sexually transmitted diseases.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS REAFFIRMATION

94.05.N64

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation reaffirm the following policy under the heading **HOUSING**:

The Federation supports the abolition of exclusionary housing bylaws and policies which interfere with a student's ability to gain access to housing in the private sector.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS REAFFIRMATION

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McGILL PGSS/GUELPH CSA

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WHEREAS housing costs often constitute the largest single expenditure in a students' budget.

WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments have systematically excluded students as a priority for any kind of housing assistance.

WHEREAS Canada's social housing programs are designed so that low income groups who receive aid pay no more than 30% of their annual income on rent, while students typically pay more than 30% and as much as 50% of their annual income in rent.

WHEREAS student-controlled, non-profit housing has been proven to be a viable alternative to market housing, while giving students control over their living environment.

WHEREAS the current federal government is committed to reexamining housing portfolio priorities with an eye to establishing innovative forms of social and non-profit housing.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation adopt the following policies under the heading **HOUSING**:

The Federation is committed to promoting non-profit, student-controlled housing.

The Federation recognizes students as a population in need of affordable housing, and is committed to pressuring local, provincial and federal levels of government into recognizing this need.

The Federation is committed to working with housing rights groups and affordable housing advocates in their struggles to promote housing rights, non-profit housing and tenant-controlled housing.

The Federation is opposed to all forms of discrimination in housing.

94.05.N65

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation reaffirm the policy under the heading HOUSING, with the following amendment:

The Federation supports the formation of federal and provincial government review boards to assess and make recommendations on the need for **additional** on-campus residences according to individual institutional need.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS REAFFIRMATION

94.05.N66

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation reaffirm the following policy under the heading MINORITY LANGUAGE RIGHTS:

The Federation supports the rights of francophones residing outside of Quebec to manage their own educational institutions.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS REAFFIRMATION

94.05.N67

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation reaffirm the following policy under the heading MINORITY LANGUAGE RIGHTS:

The Federation supports the establishment of three francophone colleges in Ontario.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS DEFEAT

94.05.N68

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation reaffirm the following policy under the heading MINORITY LANGUAGE RIGHTS:

The Federation believes that discussion concerning issues of francophone Canadians residing outside of Quebec should take place independently of discussion of issues concerning anglophones residing in Quebec.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS REAFFIRMATION

94.05.N69

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading SEXUAL ORIENTATION be reaffirmed:

The Federation supports amendments to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms or any provincial Human Rights legislation that proposes the inclusion of sexual orientation as an area of prohibited grounds for discrimination.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS REAFFIRMATION

Policy Motions from Student Employment Working Group

POL.8

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading EMPLOYMENT be adopted:

The Federation opposes any age restrictions placed on student employment programmes.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading EMPLOYMENT be adopted:

The Federation believes that childcare provisions be made for participants in government student employment programs.

90.10.42

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading EMPLOYMENT be amended to read:

The Federation believes that students should have the opportunity to access rewarding summer employment related to their ~~academic~~ studies field of study.

POL. 10

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading FUNDING EDUCATION be adopted:

The Federation supports the establishment of a regulated minimum government funding allocated specifically to the study of cultural practice, which would secure the continuation of programs at applicable institutions.

POL. 11 TRENT UNIVERSITY SU/YORK FS

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS be adopted:

The Federation declares that all international students have the right to equal access to, equal treatment in, and freedom from harassment in employment, housing, health-care and provision of public services.

POL. 12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the policy under the heading THE ARTS be amended to read:

The Federation believes that the arts are an integral part of Canadian culture, and ~~supports adequate funding of the arts~~ opposes

any move, including closure of institutions and departments, cuts to programs, and chronic underfunding, on the part of the Government, University and College administrations to devalue the study of cultural artistic practice.

POL. 13 EMILY CARR CAD/GUELPH CSA

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading ARTS be adopted:

The Federation recognizes that attempts by post-secondary institutions or governments to censor the work produced by students engaged in cultural artistic practice inhibits the freedom of expression that is an essential component of cultural practice, is a barrier to their education and is an infringement of their student rights.

POL. 14 SUNSCAD/EMILY CARR CAD

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading ARTS be adopted:

The Federation recognizes the extreme difficulty of fine, applied, and performing arts graduates in obtaining a living wage by virtue of their field of study, and therefore recognizes that programs such as, but not limited to the Canada Student Loans Program and income contingent repayment schemes, which assume a steady wage, are a deterrent to the study of cultural artistic practice.

POL. 15

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading EDUCATION FUNDING be adopted:

The Federation supports the establishment of a regulated minimum of government funding to be allocated specifically to fine arts/arts programs and that funding secures the continuation of the fine arts programs in institutions where applicable.

POL. 16 KING EDWARD SA/

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under STUDENT AID be adopted:

The Federation opposes the rejection of Canada Student Loans applicants based on the applicant previously having defaulted on student loan repayments.

POL. 17

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading FUNDING EDUCATION be adopted:

The Federation supports public funding for the creation of new spaces at public colleges and institutes to accommodate those students receiving public sponsorship attending private colleges and universities.

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WHEREAS the Federation supports students right to organize; and
WHEREAS some federal retraining funding programmes do not cover the full cost of education; and
WHEREAS student association fees are included in the full cost of education;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation condemn federal retraining funding programmes that exclude coverage of students' association fees.

POL.19

POLICY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES be adopted:

The Federation declares that all disabled students have the right to equal access, equal treatment and freedom from discrimination in employment, housing and provision of public services.

POL.20

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT following policy under the heading STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES be adopted:

The Federation declares that all students with disabilities have the right to equal access, equal treatment and freedom from discrimination in post-secondary institutions.

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WHEREAS students with disabilities are often required to study longer; and
WHEREAS opportunities for regular and well paying jobs are less available for persons with disabilities; and
WHEREAS Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan allow for the accumulation of interest during studies and increase debt loads;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES be adopted:

The Federation opposes Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plans as they discriminate against students with disabilities.

POL.22 TRENT UNIVERSITY SU/SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY SU POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the policy under the heading ABORIGINAL STUDENTS (November 1989) be amended to read:

The Federation supports ~~establishing an Aboriginal Student Network~~ the Canadian Federation of Aboriginal Students as a parallel organization that will represent Aboriginal students and promote their issues. ~~and establish a network of aboriginal students across Canada.~~ Member local associations shall be encouraged to facilitate communication between the ~~Aboriginal Student Network~~ Canadian Federation of Aboriginal Students and the Aboriginal students of their individual institutions.

POL.23 TRENT UNIVERSITY SU/SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY SU POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the policy under the heading ABORIGINAL STUDENTS (November 1989) be amended to read:

The Federation denounces the ~~cutbacks implemented by the new Post Secondary Student Support Program~~ for native students policy on Post-Secondary Aboriginal Educational Funding. The Federation sees this as a policy which will be catastrophic for not only aboriginal people, but all of Canadian society. The Federation views this policy as a governmental social policy that is sexist, racist, unaccessible and exclusionary.

POL.24 POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the policy under the heading ABORIGINAL STUDENTS (May 1990) be amended to read:

The Federation supports the creation and implementation of Aboriginal resource centres, Aboriginal Student services that are by, and for Aboriginal people. ~~which will provide academic counselling within a cultural context, the teaching of one of the official languages, support services and a setting for urban orientation.~~

POL.25 POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the policy (91.11.128) under the heading ABORIGINAL STUDENTS be amended as follows:

The Federation recognizes and fully supports that education for Aboriginal and Treaty post-secondary students has been "pre-paid" through the ~~surrender of lands and all resources generated from the unceded lands of Canada.~~ shared wealth generated from the lands and resources.