

**DRAFT CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES:**  
**SEMI-ANNUAL NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING**

Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services  
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## **CALL TO ORDER—Wednesday, May 15, 1996**

19:51—the Speaker called the meeting to order.

## **ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE**

Augustana University Student Union	-Local 74	absent
Mount Royal College Students' Association	-Local 80	absent
University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	-Local 21	absent
University of Lethbridge Students' Union	-Local 10	absent
University of British Columbia Graduate Student Society	-prospective member	present
Camosun College Student Society	-Local 75	present
Capilano Students' Union	-Local 05	present
City Centre Students' Association	-Local 73	present
College of the Rockies Student Association	-Local 86	present
Douglas College Student Society	-Local 18	absent
Emily Carr Students' Union	-Local 33	present
King Edward Students' Association	-Local 76	present
Kwantlen College Students' Association	-Local 26	absent
Malaspina Students' Union	-Local 61	present
Native Education Centre Students' Association	-Local 57	present
North Island Students' Association	-Local 72	present
North West Community College Students' Association	-Local 66	absent
Selkirk College Student Society	-Local 04	absent
Simon Fraser Student Society	-Local 23	present
University of Victoria Student Society	-Local 44	present
Brandon University Students' Union	-Local 37	absent
Association des étudiantes et étudiants du collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	-section 38	absent
University of Winnipeg Students' Association	-Local 08	present
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de Saint-Louis-Maillet	-section 51	absent
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de l'université de Moncton à Shippagan	-section 77	absent
New Brunswick Community College Students' Association	-Local 81	absent
Eastern College Student Association	prospective member	absent
Central Newfoundland Regional College Students' Association	-Local 87	present by proxy
Marine Institute Students Union	-Local 45	present
Memorial University Council of the Students' Union	-Local 35	present
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Students' Union	-Local 36	absent
Westviking Student Association	prospective member	present
Acadia University Students' Union	-Local 64	absent
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université Saint-Anne	-section 69	absent
Mount Saint-Vincent University Students' Union	-Local 34	absent
Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	-Local 07	present
University of King's College Society of Students' Union	-Local 11	present
Algoma University Students' Association	-Local 82	present
Carleton University Students' Association	-Local 01	present
Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	-Local 78	absent

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Lakehead University Student Union	-Local 32	present
Laurentian University Students' General Association	-Local 30	present
McMaster University Students' Union	-Local 14	present
Nipissing University Student Union	-Local 20	absent
Ontario College of Art Students' Union	-Local 25	absent
Queens University Graduate Students' Society	-Local 27	absent
Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	-Local 24	present
Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université Saint-Paul/ Saint Paul's University Students' Association	-Local 85	absent
Trent Central Student Association	-Local 71	present
University of Guelph Central Student Association	-Local 54	present
University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	-Local 62	present
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	-Local 19	present
University of Waterloo Federation of Students	-Local 65	absent
University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	-Local 47	present
University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	-Local 48	present
Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	-Local 56	absent
York Federation of Students	-Local 68	present
York University Graduate Students' Association	-Local 84	present by proxy
Holland College Student Union	-Local 43	absent
University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	-Local 70	absent
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	-Local 31	present
Concordia Graduate Students' Union	-Local 83	present
McGill Post-Graduate Students' Society	-Local 79	present
University of Regina Students' Union	-Local 09	present
Yukon College Student Society		present

The Speaker declared quorum to have been achieved.

### **17. ADOPTION OF CLOSING PLENARY AGENDA**

#### **96/05/15:01 MOTION**

Local 76/Local 30

Be it resolved that the Closing Plenary Agenda be adopted as presented, with the addition of the Report of the National Executive.

#### **CARRIED**

The Speaker said that the plenary would consider the committee and constituency group reports as they became available.

### **16. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE (continued)**

National Deputy Chairperson, Michael Mancinelli said the National Executive had intended to present an overview and history of Federation campaigns in Opening Plenary. He said the Federation had been through a historic event, the On-to-Ottawa Trek. He said the event was tremendously successful, and thanked all the Federation staff, and Provincial and National Executive members. He said the Trek Coordinator, Lucy Watson, deserved a special thank you, since she had been instrumental in the success of the Trek. He said that the Federation had been invited to the Canadian Labour Congress convention in Vancouver, which kicked-off the Women's March Against Poverty. At the convention, the CLC had invited some participants of the original Trek of 1935. He said Manitoba Fieldworker, Kemlin Nembhard had attended the convention on behalf of the Federation.

The Speaker said he would entertain questions for the National Executive.

He introduced the members of the National Executive:

Karin MacGillivray	Nova Scotia National Executive Representative
Keith Clarke	Newfoundland & Labrador National Executive Representative
Joey Hansen	British Columbia National Executive Representative
Réal Déquier	Manitoba National Executive Representative & National Deputy Chairperson-elect
Brad Lavigne	Québec National Executive Representative National Chairperson-elect
Guy Caron	National Chairperson
Michael Temelini	Graduate Students National Executive Representative
Michael Mancinelli	National Deputy Chairperson
Lancefield Morgan	Students of Colour National Executive Representative
Renée Shilling	Aboriginal Students National Executive Representative
Cassandra Koenen	National Treasurer
Zahra Habib	Alberta National Executive Representative

The National Chairperson noted that the following people were currently on the National Executive but were not present at the front of the room:

Pam Kapoor	Saskatchewan National Executive Representative
Jennifer Story	Ontario National Executive Representative
Karen Eryou	Women's National Executive Representative
Amber Allin	Prince Edward Island National Executive Representative

A delegate from the Local 19 said the Report of the National Executive contained information on the Federation's February 7<sup>th</sup> action. She said the report covered the incidents at Queens Park and the campaign to defend the students who had been arrested. She said that many other events had taken place throughout the day, from teach-ins to demonstrations. She said she wanted to make sure that everyone knew that the storming of the legislature was not the only action that occurred on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

A delegate from Local 35 asked why there was not reference to Newfoundland in the National Executive Report's coverage of the February 7<sup>th</sup> action and the On to Ottawa Trek.

Newfoundland & Labrador National Executive Representative, Keith Clarke said he had not had time to submit a report. He said on February 7<sup>th</sup>, the demonstration that had been planned had to be cancelled due to a snow storm on the day. He said an excellent campaign had been run, with many students throughout St. John's having been involved. He said the television advertisement that had been produced in British Columbia had been run in Newfoundland, and was well-received. He said instead of the demonstration, about 30 students occupied the Liberal Party campaign headquarters, since there was a provincial election underway. He said a meeting took place between the students and Premier Brian Tobin as a result of the occupation. The Premier promised he would fight against the CHST and would count on students' support. He said the media coverage of the February 7<sup>th</sup> action was extensive. He said particular recognition should be made of those students who organised a demonstration in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland. He said the Westviking Student Association organised 300 - 400 students to go to a different city and protest.

Clarke introduced Dale Kirby, a delegate from Local 35, and said he had been the key Trek organiser in Newfoundland. He asked him to summarise the Newfoundland actions.

Kirby said that at Local 35 a massive information campaign had been launched. He said some 3,000 signatures had been collected in only three days. He said 34 students actually came to Ottawa in a yellow school bus. He said even on the bus, students were being educated about the Federation and federal post-secondary education issues. He thanked Loyola Carey, the Newfoundland Chairperson, for his role in the Trek.

A delegate from Local 07 asked whether a report had been solicited from the Nova Scotia component regarding the February 7<sup>th</sup> campaign.

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Nova Scotia National Executive Representative MacGillivray said no report had been solicited. She said the former Nova Scotia Representative had resigned in January and MacGillivray said she herself had not started her term until March. She said Mount Saint-Vincent University Students' Union had launched a post-card campaign which involved about 30 or 40 students. She said at the Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design a banner signing campaign was undertaken. She said at the University of King's College Students' Union a rally and black ribbon campaign had been undertaken. She said the events were not as successful as in other components, and there had been a breakdown in communication within the component, but she hoped to rectify the situation. She said that was one of the reasons she put herself forward for the National Executive.

A delegate from Local 08 asked why there was little reported on issues pertaining to Students with Disabilities.

National Deputy Chairperson Mancinelli said the Report of the National Executive was structured to report on specific directives that had been adopted by the membership at national general meetings. He said the Report was intended to clearly delineate the status of those directives.

A delegate from Local 07 asked for an explanation for why the directive pertaining to the Student Artists constituency had been unfulfilled.

Mancinelli said there had been a few directives that had not been fulfilled. He said one reason for why this had occurred was that there were not enough resources to undertake the February 7 and On to Ottawa campaigns effectively and comply with all the directives. He also said that there had been some staff changes in the Ottawa office which also contributed to the shortfall in staff resources.

A delegate from Local 79 asked whether the National Student Health Network documents that were presented as part of the Report of the National Executive had been adopted by the membership or the National Executive. He asked if the materials should be adopted by the plenary.

National Treasurer Koenen said that much of the materials were developed from the meeting which the delegate from Local 79 himself had attended, along with representatives from other member locals, in December of 1995. She said some material had been compiled by former staff of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services. She said the material had been adopted by the National Executive at the January 1995 meeting. She said there was no reason why the materials could not be adopted by the plenary, but she said past practice had been that the plenary set the parameters around which the internal policy of the National Student Health Network was developed. She said she thought the materials complied with the directives set out by the membership in November of 1995.

The delegate from Local 79 said one of the points in the Mission Statement was "to ensure the plan operated on a not-for-profit basis." He asked for a summary of the nature of the commission that the Federation received from the broker. He asked whether the commission exceeded the real costs of the National Student Health Network.

Koenen said the budget was reflecting the hope that the revenues would exceed the expenses of the plan. She said the commission charged by the broker was based on a percentage that each student pays as part of the plan costs, usually about 10%. She said the Federation had negotiated an agreement with the current broker that 35% of the commission would be paid to the Federation. She said the percent would increase to 40% in the following year. She said she anticipated that as the Federation took on more and more of the administrative responsibilities for the plan, the commission would continue to increase.

Koenen said the commission was effectively a payment for the work undertaken by the Federation for administration of the plan. She said regarding the question of 'not-for-profit' she said she was unclear about what it meant in the context of the Federation being registered a 'not-for-profit' corporation. She said the Federation did not make a profit. She said the Federation did not have a profit and invited delegates to review the budget. She said the Health Plan was intended to be a revenue source, and hoped that it would be a more important revenue source in the future. She said that revenue was in turn allocated by the membership of the Federation. She said in the past, the membership had democratically decided to spend the revenue on campaigns. She said when the issue was first put forward, there had been concern that the Federation was "making money off the sick." She said in fact, the way in which plans work was that the money was generated not from the "sick" but in fact from the "healthy." She said all plans operated in that manner. She said the principle was that everyone paid the same amount of money and those who need more drew from the pool created by the equal contributions of all. She said the concept of Travel Pool was the same. She said she did not believe the Federation was being unethical to use the difference between revenue and expenses to fund campaigns to fight for access to post-secondary education.

A delegate from Local 07 asked for clarification about the campaign against systemic oppression.

The Students of Colour Representative on the National Executive, Lancefield Morgan said the campaign proposal had been developed in the context of what delegates perceived to be an anti-racist backlash at the local level. He said the campaign had been put forward without a clear sense of how such a campaign could be implemented. He said the directive had not been fulfilled, but there had been a commitment to ensure that fighting systemic oppression became woven through the general campaigns of the Federation.

A delegate from Local 79 said he was very committed to the Federation. He said he was having difficulty reconciling the question of the revenue generated by Travel CUTS. He said the Federation provides a tax shelter for Travel CUTS and in light of the Federation's policy on corporate taxation, he asked whether there was a contradiction.

Koenen said the referral fee that the Federation received from Travel CUTS was 1% of all student business purchased through Travel CUTS. She said the fee was paid in exchange for "referring" students to CUTS through the Federation's promotions. She said the membership democratically determines the level of revenue the Federation reinvested in the travel company. She said the Federation reinvested 50% of the referral fee, but in the past, the amount reinvested into the travel company had been higher, often 100% of the referral fee.

The Graduate Student Representative on the National Executive, Michael Temelini, said the Federation opposed tax deferrals by major corporations. He said the Federation did not oppose tax expenditures. He said tax expenditures were a policy tool used by the Federal government to promote policy objectives. He said the Federation owned a profitable corporation called Travel CUTS, the travel company—because it was owned by a non-profit organisation—was allowed to pay less taxes to the government. He said the government has said that the non-profit organisation, the Federation, might keep some of the revenues that would otherwise have been paid to the government. He said the referral fee was not a tax deferral but rather a tax expenditure. He said the company should not be seen as "sheltering" revenue, but rather, funding the activities of a non-profit organisation. He said he was personally proud of being associated with the unique owning mechanism in place within the Federation. He said those who believed that the means of production should be collectively controlled should be praising the fact that a non-profit organisation was benefiting from having ownership of a corporation. He said usually the major corporations were the sole benefactors of profit. He said the benefactors of the profits of CUTS was the Canadian Federation of Students.

Koenen said the referral fee had been developed to benefit the Canadian Federation of Students not Travel CUTS. She said the membership should be careful about the language used when discussing the issue.

A delegate from Western SOGS asked whether CUTS paid tax on the money that was reinvested by the Federation into the travel company.

Koenen said the travel company did not pay tax on the money reinvested.

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A delegate from Local 35 said he had really learned about the role of coalition work in the process of organising and participating in the On-to-Ottawa Trek. He said organisations like teachers unions were important allies since they were being affected by government cutbacks in the same way students were. He said he had concerns with working with groups like the Communist Party and the International Socialists. He said with such groups on the Federation's endorsement list, he had encountered concern from individual students at the local level. He asked what the role of an endorsement list was, and whether, by having such groups on the list whether the Federation was aligning themselves with the goals and aims of such organisations.

National Deputy Chairperson Mancinelli said the Federation had never declined endorsements from those organisations wishing to endorse Federation events. He said many of the groups on the list had similar views on the issues the Federation was putting forward and as such endorsed the campaigns. He said while some groups did not have "official" links with the Federation, they were often engaged in similar activity and were therefore included on the list.

On-to-Ottawa Trek Coordinator Lucy Watson said that all national coalition partners were invited to endorse the event. She said those groups that were not necessarily solicited for endorsement had gone out of their way to send in written support for the Federation's activities.

The delegate from Memorial said he saw individuals distributing leaflets at the rally on Parliament Hill. He asked whether such individuals were students. He said if they were not students, the National Executive should take action.

Watson said while some of the individuals were students, some were not. She said an information table had been set up on Parliament Hill during the rally. She said the Federation did not have the right to put out a general call for action, and then pick and choose from those who turned out who should be allowed to stay and who should be asked to leave.

A delegate from Local 07 asked whether the absence of a Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Commissioner contributed to the fact that one of the directives pertaining the lesbian, gay and bisexual student issues had not been fulfilled. She asked whether it was the responsibility of the National Executive to ensure that Commissioners fulfil their mandate.

Nova Scotia National Executive Representative Karen MacGillivray said she understood that the Mount Royal College Students' Association had taken responsibility for complying with the directive. She said the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Constituency Group had exchanged e-mail addresses, but she did not think that anything had been sent by e-mail.

National Chairperson-elect Brad Lavigne said that when directives were developed in constituency groups, the onus was on the constituency group Commissioners to fulfil the mandate established by each group. He said it was not the role the National Executive to impose an accountability structure on those people elected by the constituency group to comply with the constituency group mandate.

A delegate from Memorial said a green T-shirt had been produced which had "the Anarchist Tea Party" listed as a supporting organisation. He said some groups seemed very political in nature. He asked whether the Federation would lists political parties like the Liberals and Conservatives were they to endorse a Federation event, considering how the Federation was opposing their policies. He said the Federation needed to be more educated about who was endorsing Federation activities.

The Aboriginal Students Representative on the National Executive, Renée Shilling, said the green T-shirt referred to by the previous speaker was not produced by the National Executive of the Federation. She said it had been produced by the Trent Central Student Association. She said the "Anarchist Tea Party" was a student group at Trent and it had participated in the January 25, 1995 National Day of Strike and Action.

A delegate from Local 75 said the original On-to-Ottawa Trek of 1935 had been organised by the Communist Party of Canada. She said it was a matter of respect to include the Communist Party on the endorsement list. She also said she wanted to thank the National Executive for all the work that had gone into the three national campaigns that had been undertaken in the past year. She said as a student from British Columbia who just received a tuition freeze, she was very grateful and pleased.

A delegate from Local 61 said he was concerned because Lavigne's response to the question of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Constituency Group campaign left the impression that it was only up to the members of the constituency group to implement a campaign. He said the directive was aimed at the National Executive and as such, the National Executive should have taken responsibility to fulfil it.

Lavigne said there were a number of directives that had not been fulfilled, and he said his response was recognising that the human resources of the National Executive were not unlimited; and it was not possible to fulfil all the directives. He said he had intended to suggest that the commissioner structure was supposed to expand the human resources at the disposal of the membership. He said some directives are better fulfilled by the membership of the constituency group. He also said communication was not just one way, but rather, two way. He said the constituency groups needed to communicate with the National Executive and visa versa.

A delegate from Local 71 asked whether there had been an Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Commissioner.

National Deputy Chairperson-elect Réal Déquier said the Commissioner was from the University of Winnipeg Student Union. He said a number of attempts had been made to contact the Commissioner, from both the National office and by the Manitoba Chairperson. He said it had been assumed that she had resigned.

A delegate from Local 68 asked when a Commissioner position became vacant and some outstanding directives existed, what steps were taken by the National Executive to rectify the situation to ensure that the directives are fulfilled.

Mancinelli said the National Executive could not replace a vacant Commissioner position. He said Commissioners were elected by the members of the constituency group. He said the problem with the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Commissioner was that there was never an official resignation, and therefore it was difficult to proceed. He said the National Executive attempted to fulfil all directives, but as had been previously stated, the National Executive was not able to fulfil the directive. He said the National Executive had established formal links with EGALÉ, (Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere) and helped to promote their petition campaign on Bill C-33. He said many of the petitions were completed and sent to the Ottawa office of the Federation, and then were forwarded to the EGALÉ office.

A delegate from Local 07 asked whether the National Executive had attempted to create an infrastructure to help fulfil directives from the constituency groups. She said that had been the intent of the directive.

Koenen said the National Executive did not neglect the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students' directive because they understood it to be fulfilled by the member locals, but rather, it was unfulfilled because the National Executive simply did not have time to complete the task, given the other demands being made on their time. She said she was not trying to make an excuse, but rather to explain what actually happened. She said that when campaigns are dependent on Commissioners and if the Commissioners were not regularly in touch with the National Executive, it was sometimes difficult to know exactly what the directives were intended to accomplish. She said the National Executive however, was ultimately responsible for complying with directives.

A delegate from Local 71 asked whether Commissioners had their costs covered to attend National General Meetings or whether they had to be elected by the member locals from which they came.

Koenen said the constituency groups could allocate funds out of their allocation to send their Commissioners to national general meetings.

A delegate from Local 76 said he thought that February 7, 1996 was an excellent action, and that the Federation had had a large impact on public opinion. He said he would like to commend everyone, at the local, provincial and national levels for the organising work that had gone into making the day such a success.

Lavigne said he wanted to thank National Deputy Chairperson Michael Mancinelli for having worked so diligently to co-ordinate the 55 page Report of the National Executive. He said the Report was one of the most comprehensive analysis of the work of the Federation over the past year and took weeks to produce. He also thanked the staff of the Federation for their work on the Report.

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A delegate from Local 35 asked why the Report of the National Executive only contained seven Lobby Reports.

National Chairperson Guy Caron said officially only seven meetings had been scheduled, but the Lobby Report did not contain reference to the lobbying which was undertaken through the Federation work on different governmental committees, such as the Finance Committee, the Post-Secondary Education Roundtable, or the Post-Secondary Education Sub-Committee of the Liberal Party chaired by Peter Adams. He said the Federation was developing a plan of action regarding Lobbying, and he referred delegates to the document titled: A Framework for Lobbying. He said the second half of the year focused more directly on campaigns.

Newfoundland and Labrador National Executive Representative Keith Clarke said another lobbying effort had just taken place. He said thirteen Federation representatives had taken part in the Council of Minister of Education of Canada. He said the lobbying that had been undertaken was very important and he thanked all the Federation representatives for their effort.

National Deputy Chairperson-elect Réal Déquier said that it should also be remembered that lobbying took place at the local and provincial level, through provincial chairpeople, and through member locals.

Nova Scotia National Executive Representative Karen MacGillivray said there had been a report prepared on the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada conference, and suggested that delegates take the time to review the document.

Caron said the National Executive had worked hard over the past year. He said the work of the staff on all aspects of Federation work was invaluable and they should all be appreciated.

Koenen said some of the members of the National Executives who were present would not be returning after the national general meeting. She said she would like to take the time to recognise the contributions that such National Executive Representatives had made to the Federation over the past year. She thanked Zahra Habib, Alberta Representative; Rénée Shilling, Aboriginal Students Representative; Michael Mancinelli, National Deputy Chairperson; Keith Clarke, Newfoundland and Labrador Representative; Guy Caron, National Chairperson; and Karen Eryou, Women Students Representative. She said the National Executive had forged themselves into a strong team over the past year and she would miss working with them.

## **18. ADOPTION OF NOVEMBER 1995 ANNUAL NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **96/05/15:02 MOTION**

Local 11/Local 14

Be it resolved that the Opening and Closing Plenary Minutes of the November 1995 Annual National General Meeting be adopted as amended.

A delegate from Local 72 said that on pages 7 and 8 of the Opening Plenary Minutes there was a reference to Local 72 being Trent Central Student Association which should in fact have been North Island Student Association.

A delegate from Local 71 said that on page 7 of the Opening Plenary Minutes, asked that the first half of the sentence of the first paragraph should be struck, to read "a delegate from Local 79 said significant improvements could be made to the servicing..."

A delegate from Local 72 said that on page 37 of the Closing Plenary Minutes, third paragraph down, the last sentence that should read: "he said that he thought that..."

A delegate from Local 71 said that on page 8 of the Opening Plenary Minutes it was a delegate from Trent Central Student Association that asked how dental coverage would affect the price of premiums.

### **96/05/15:02 CARRIED**

**19. CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY MOTIONS**

**96/05/15:03 DIRECTIVE**

Local 68/Local 82

Be it resolved that the Peterborough general strike be endorsed.

A delegate from Local 68 said the Peterborough general strike was taking place in June. He said it was part of a series of social action aimed at defeating the cutbacks implemented in the province of Ontario by the governing Progressive Conservative Party. He said delegates who were not from Ontario had an interest in supporting the motion, since education was massively under attack in Ontario. He said the Ontario Component was asking for support from the Federation. He said the Ontario general meeting would be taking place, in Peterborough during the general strike so that delegates would be able to participate.

Ontario Chairperson-elect, Vicki Smallman said the Federation had been supporting the series of city-wide shut-downs since December of 1995. She said individual Federation members from as far away as British Columbia had participated in the strike actions, and she invited, not only the Federation's support, but all those who wanted to participate in the Peterborough action, to attend.

**96/05/15:03 CARRIED**

**96/05/15:04 DIRECTIVE**

Local 24/Local 05

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Government has cut general welfare and social assistance and family benefits assistance for sole-support parents attending post-secondary institutions; and

Whereas sole-support parents will be forced to rely solely on the Ontario Student Assistance Plan which does not provide adequately for a family; and

Whereas these cuts will force students to withdraw from continuing their education and from providing for their families;

Be it resolved that the Ontario government be condemned for having made cuts to sole-support parents assistance as this will act as a discriminatory barrier to sole-support parents pursuing post-secondary education; and

Be it further resolved that the Ontario government be called upon to take immediate steps to ensure adequate assistance to sole-support parents.

A delegate from Local 54 said child care bursaries in Ontario had already been depleted. She said as of August 1, 1996, sole-support parents attending post-secondary institutions will be forced off welfare and family benefits assistance. She said to compensate for these losses, sole-support parents would be allowed to take OSAP loans up to \$17,000.00. She said that sum represented all the financial support they would receive for feeding, clothing, and housing their families. She said this amount was simply not adequate to provide for a family. She said that those she had been speaking with said the absolute minimum for providing for a family was \$19,000.00 or \$20,000.00, assuming only one or two children. She said child care costs \$800.00 a month per child. She said those with only one child would not be able to attend post-secondary institutions, let alone those with more than one child. She said the cuts were concretely preventing students from pursuing higher education. She said the Federation should support the motion.

A delegate from Local 75 said a similar situation was developing in British Columbia. She said the Minister of Social Services had implemented the same cuts in British Columbia.

**96/05/15:05 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 75/Local 24

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/15:04 be amended to replace references to "Ontario" with references to "provincial."

**CARRIED**

**96/05/15:04 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**96/05/15:06      DIRECTIVE**

Local 54/Local 09

Whereas Services International Employees Union Local 28 (employees of the Ontario Jockey Club) has been locked out for over 11 weeks; and

Whereas as soon as their strike became effective, the Ontario Jockey Club obtained an injunction to prevent locked out employees from effectively picketing their workplace; and

Whereas injunctions are increasingly being used undermined trade unions' right to strike and by extension students' right to strike;

Be it resolved that SEIU Local 28 be supported;

Be it further resolved that the use of injunctions against strikers be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to actively support SEIU Local 28 in their efforts.

A delegate from Local 54 said some 400 to 600 people were effected by the lock-out. She said the employer offered the Union a 50% decrease in pay with a concomitant 50% increase in the number of hours worked. She said the Ontario Jockey Club, the employer, received a \$44 million tax break from Ontario Premier Mike Harris. She said as soon as solidarity started to build, the Jockey Club obtained an injunction against the Union members. She said the injunction prohibited the employees from coming within arms length of anyone. She said they could not even hand out a leaflet to passers-by. She said students have an interest in supporting the employees, since an injunction against one section of people could be used against students, should students exercise their right to strike.

A delegate from Local 14 asked why the injunction was imposed in the first place. He said he had heard the employees were picketing at locations that were not their workplaces.

The delegate from Local 54 said according to the information she had, the workers were picketing at their workplace and stopping traffic from entering. She said they were told they could not picket at their workplace. She said the employees were those who collected bets at off-track betting establishments.

A delegate from Local 01 asked whether there were students working at the Ontario Jockey Club.

The delegate from Local 54 said she was not sure.

**96/05/15:06      CARRIED**

**20. CONSIDERATION BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

National Treasurer Koenen, thanked the number of people who participated in the Budget Committee. She said the committee had not only balanced the budget but created a surplus of \$640.00. She also thanked Federation staff and Travel Cuts staff for assisting with the process. She thanked her co-chairpeople Keith Clarke and Karen MacGillivray.

Koenen said the Budget Committee contained the budget as of June 30, 1995, revised November 1995, the actuals as February 1996, as well as the draft 1996-97 budget. She said she would review the budget line items and then entertain questions.

Koenen said membership fees were contained in Schedule 1 of the Budget Committee Report. She said this was the first time that membership fees had been consolidated between Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services. She said that the percentage of membership fee increased per local were low to reflect an anticipated decline in enrolment due to drastic tuition increases. She said some locals were anticipated to be increasing their Federation membership fees since they would be on-line at the \$6.00 fee as of September 1. She said the total membership fee revenue was \$1,112,274.59. She said a reserve had been created to reflect those member locals who have not been remitting membership fees.

Koenen said programme revenue was comprised of the Student Work Abroad Programme and the National Student Health Network. She said National Student Health Network revenue had increased to reflect the locals that would be coming on-line in September. She said International Student Identity Card sales revenue was also contained in a separate schedule. She said the referral fee, which represented 1% of student sales at Travel CUTS offices was noted on the summary page. She said that a line item existed for interest revenue, which comes from the interest generated when the Federation has money in the bank.

Koenen said \$2,000.00 in revenue was anticipated from the Student Association Directory. She said Organisational Development Committee had recommended that the cost of the Student Association Directory price be doubled for non-members of the Federation. She said the directive could not be implemented until the following year because the order forms had already been sent out. She said normally the packages were sent out in April. She said the Organisational Development Committee recommendation would therefore be implemented for the 1997-98 Directory.

Koenen said there was a line item for advertising revenue which represented the net value received by the Federation from the Student Traveller. She said CUTS paid the Federation for advertising in the Traveller, as did other companies. She said the revenue was \$25,000.00.

Koenen said "other" referred to rent received from the land that is owned in Algonquin Park, which is used by CUTS to operate "Canadian Wilderness Trips," a canoe outfitting outfit.

Koenen said she would review the first page of the budget, starting with expenses. She said "Accounting" was the amount that CUTS charged the Federation for accounting for the Canadian Federation of Students-Services. She said that figure had been reduced from the previous budget to reflect the fact that the bulk of the bookkeeping would be undertaken out of the Ottawa office in the 1996-97. She said "Advertising" reflected the cost of promoting the programmes of the Federation. She said "Audit" referred to the costs of the auditors, Aurthur Anderson. She said that Aurthur Anderson also provided other consulting for the Federation especially in the context of amalgamating the two legal entities of the Federation. She said that expense had been reduced to reflect the completion of the amalgamation process. She said "Bad Debts" referred to those membership fees that were deemed to be uncollectable. She said the Campaigns Committee had requested a figure of \$60,000.00, \$20,000.00 for the Symposium, \$20,000.00 for a media strategy and \$20,000.00 for general campaigns. She said the "Campaigns" line item only reflected the cost of materials for campaigns, not the general costs of staff resources, National Executive resources, telephone communications and other campaign expenses that are absorbed in other line items of the Budget. She said it was important for the membership to be aware of this so that people do not have an inaccurate picture of the proportion of resources the Federation allocates to campaigns. She said "Capital Expenditures" reflects \$10,000.00 to be used on purchasing computers. She said this item would be depreciated over three years, as would new office furniture for the new office. She said "Coalition Work" reflected the costs of working with coalition partners, such as attending national meetings, membership fees for coalitions, and various contributions to coalition campaigns. She said "Communications" referred to the amount spent on things like the Annual Report, the Federation Update and other such materials received by member locals. She said "Component and Caucus Allocations" reflected the money transferred to the British Columbia and Ontario Components as set out in standing resolutions. She said the figure also reflected the amount of money allocated to the National Graduate Council. She said Newfoundland had also requested an allocation of \$26,550.00 to undertake competency development. She said the Aboriginal Students Caucus had also requested \$17,300.00 to pay for an Aboriginal Students conference in February of 1997.

Koenen said "Constituency Group Allocation" reflected 1.5% of the membership fees which were set aside for constituency groups. She said the Women's Constituency Group had been taken out of the figure, since that Group had made a separate request. She said the way in which "Constituency Group Allocation" was divided by the various constituency groups was determined by the Constituency Group Commission. She said "Fieldworking" had been set up differently than in the past. She said the Budget Committee had separated the costs of Prince Edward Island-New Brunswick-Nova Scotia fieldworking, Manitoba-Saskatchewan fieldworking, and fieldworking undertaken by the National Executive.

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Koenen said the "General Meetings" line item had been reduced. She said if the Budget were adopted, the National Executive would be mandated to develop a strategy to organise national general meetings within the budget allocated. She said the Budget Committee had suggested that the meetings be shortened from a six day meeting to a five day meeting. She said that "International Affairs" referred to the \$1,000.00 membership fee that the Federation paid for its membership in the International Union of Students. She said the "International Student Identity Card expenses" reflected the commission paid to the travel company for selling and administering the card, as well as the cost of the card itself (which is purchased from the International Student Travel Congress). She said the "Kevin Coleman Memorial Defence Fund" was a student rights defence fund. She said the money was intended to go toward defending students who have had their rights violated, and is allocated by the National Executive. She said \$2,000.00 had been allocated since \$4,000.00 had been removed for the defence of the February 7<sup>th</sup>, Four. She said "Legal" had been reduced since the amalgamation process would be complete. She said "National Executive expenses" had been reduced and she said if the budget were adopted, it would mandate the National Executive to reduce the costs of National Executive meetings. She said it had been suggested that one of the National Executive meetings be cancelled to help reach the budget target. She said "National Executive Stipend" included the salaries and benefits received by the at-large members of the National Executive. She said "Negotiations" was at zero since the National Executive was not in a period of negotiations with the unionised staff. She said "Office Expenses" had been reduced since the Toronto office would be closed. She said "Professional Development" was an allocation for staff and it had been increased to reflect training that would be needed for use of the new office equipment. She said "Rent and Utilities" was increased to reflect increased Ottawa office expenses incurred with the amalgamation of the Federation's national offices. She said "Health Plan Office" reflected the costs of the office for the Health Plan Administrator working in Toronto. She said the National Executive had decided that it would be more efficient for the Health Plan Administrator to work in Toronto since that is where the bulk of the Health Plan work was undertaken. She said "Wages and Benefits" had increased to reflect recommendations to un-gap the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Researcher, to create and open a position for Campaigns Researcher, to open the position of Studentsaver Coordinator, and a six-month position for an Aboriginal Students Caucus Coordinator. She said "Women's Constituency Groups" reflected a request for \$8,000.00 for women's campaigns and organising. She said the "Contingency Fund" had been lowered. She said total expenses were \$2,113,674.00 less the share purchase (50% of the referral fee). She said all totalled the Federation would have a surplus of \$640.54.

A delegate from Western SOGS asked why the budget seemed to reflect an increase in general meetings as opposed to a decrease.

Koenen said she had neglected to note that the November Budget Committee had not budgeted accurately for two national general meetings. She said the cut would be about \$30,000.00.

A delegate from Local 19 asked why the Women's Constituency Group had not been included in the overall Constituency Group Allocation.

Koenen said the Women's Constituency Group had approached the Budget Committee and asked for a separate allocation of \$8,000.00.

The delegate from Local 19 asked what the Federation's line of credit was.

Koenen said it was about \$70,000.00.

A delegate from Local 11 said the Women's Constituency Group had asked for a percentage of the budget, and whether the \$8,000.00 reflected the percentage.

Koenen said it did not reflect a percentage.

A delegate from Local 84 asked for an explanation of the "Donations", "Referenda", and "Subscriptions" line items as well as an explanation for the "Health Plan Expenses."

Koenen said the Health Plan Expenses were reflected in a separate schedule, except for salary which was included in the "Salaries and Benefits" line item. She said "Donations" reflected various requests made of the Federation for different things as they come up, such as contributions to national advertising. She said in the same way that the Federation asked other organisations for donations to specific projects, such as January 25<sup>th</sup> 1995 or the On-to-Ottawa Trek, the Federation reciprocates from time to time. She said "Referenda" expenses included staff time, flight costs and per diems for members of the Federation who help with referenda, and legal expenses for questions arising. She said "Subscription" referred to the costs of maintaining up-to-date subscriptions to publications necessary for research and government lobbying.

The delegate from Local 84 said he thought that the "Coalition Work" line item included donations for coalitions. He asked whether there were two line items whereby donations were accounted.

Koenen said that there was a difference. She said for one-time projects the donations would come out of the "Donations" line. She said for when the Federation is participating in a national campaign with other coalition partners the Federation's share of the campaign comes out of the "Coalition Work" line item.

The delegate from Local 84 asked whether the Federation used the donations as a tax expense.

Koenen said that as a non-profit organisation the Federation did not pay tax.

A delegate from Local 07 asked for clarification of the term "on-line."

Koenen said some four years previously, the membership of the Federation had increased the Federation's membership due from \$4.00 to \$6.00 and the Cost of Living increase. She said four years after the motion some member locals had not been able to increase the Federation fees that were collected. She said most member locals were on-line, insofar as they were paying the higher membership fee.

A delegate from McMaster asked about the International Student Identity Card revenue. He said he was concerned that the increase in the amount budgeted was not realistic, given the amount of ISIC revenue budgeted in the past.

Koenen said in the past, the budget reflected the net ISIC revenue. She said the current budget reflected gross revenue as well as ISIC expenses.

A delegate from Local 83 asked what was included in the "Translation" line item.

Koenen said all translation other than the translation for National General Meetings that was contracted out. She said during certain times of the year there was more translation work than could be accomplished by the Federation's staff. She said at such times the work was contracted out and the expenses for that were reflected in the "Translation" line item.

**96/05/15:07      DIRECTIVE (budget 1)**

Local 24/Local 23

Be it resolved that the National Treasurer further define the line item called "miscellaneous" for the November 1996 National General Meeting Budget Committee.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/15:08      MOTION (budget 2)**

Local 44/Local 68

Be it resolved that the 1996-97 Draft Budget be adopted as presented by the Budget Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**96/05/15:09      MOTION**

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that Budget Committee Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

The Speaker thanked the members of the Budget Committee for having developed one of the best laid-out budgets in some time.

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**21. CONSIDERATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORT**

A delegate from Local 8 said that the first "Whereas" should read: "Whereas people with disabilities are a disproportionate segment of the poor within society."

**96/05/15:10 DIRECTIVE (Students with Disabilities-1)**

Local 01/Local 08

Whereas people with disabilities are a disproportionately poor segment of society; and

Whereas funding for students with disabilities to attend post-secondary schools is on the decrease;

Be it resolved that the National Executive investigate the status of educational funding for students with disabilities;

Be it further resolved that the National Executive continue investigation of the effect of the CHST on current funding structures for students with disabilities; and

Be it further resolved that this information be available for the November General Meeting. A delegate from Local 01 said there seemed to be a gap in research on funding for Students with Disabilities within the Federation. He said he would like to see more attention placed on Students with Disabilities.

**96/05/15:10 CARRIED**

**96/05/15:11 MOTION (Students with Disabilities-2)**

Local 24/Local 61

Be it resolved that Preston Parsons be ratified as the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group Commissioner.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**96/05/15:12 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 54

Be it resolved that the Report of the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**22. CONSIDERATION OF WOMEN'S CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORT**

A delegate from Local 09 said the Women's Constituency Group spent some time discussing that which is occurring at the local level regarding women's issues. She said a Report on the Chilly Climate Committee was distributed to members of the Constituency Group. She said some discussion took place regarding women organising against the chilly climate present on campuses across Canada. She said two delegates were selected from the Group to attend the National Action Committee on the Status of Women General Meeting. She said the new National Women's Commissioner was Holly Morrison and the new National Women's Representative on the National Executive was Jennifer Story. She said some concern had been addressed regarding the funding of constituency groups within the Federation.

**96/05/15:13 MOTION (Women-1)**

Westviking College Student Association/Local 35

Be it resolved that Jennifer Story be ratified as the Women's Representative on the National Executive for the 1996-97 term.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**96/05/15:14**

**DIRECTIVE (Women-2)**

Westviking College Student Association/Local 35

Whereas the method of budget allocation for constituency groups within the Federation resembles the regressive nature of block transfer payments to the provinces through the Federal Government's Canada Health and Social Transfer initiative;

Be it resolved that the process followed by the Budget Committee regarding funding allocation be assessed in order to adequately address constituency group concerns.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**96/05/15:15**

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Westviking College Student Association/Local 35

Whereas Women's Constituency Group meeting time needs to be better respected; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Operational Policy be adopted:

No formal scheduling of other constituency groups, component meetings, or caucuses shall occur during established meeting times of the Women's Constituency Group.

**96/05/15:16**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 68/Local 32

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/15:15 be amended such that the policy reads:

No informal scheduling of other constituency groups, component meetings, or caucuses shall occur during established meetings of all constituency groups.

Saskatchewan National Executive Representative said that sometimes "impromptu" component and caucus meetings were organised during constituency group meetings which made it difficult for constituency groups members to accomplish their work.

A delegate from Local 61 said he was opposed to the motion. He said historically aboriginal women did not attend Women's Constituency Group. He said often Aboriginal Students used the time to meet, since they rarely had enough time during the formally scheduled meeting times.

**96/05/15:17**

**MOTION TO TABLE**

Local 45/Local 31

Be it resolved that motions 96/05/15:15 & 96/05/15:16 be tabled until the first item of business of Closing Plenary on May 16.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/15:16**

**TABLED**

**96/05/15:15**

**TABLED**

**96/05/15:18**

**MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 24/Local 31

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:00 am May 16, 1996.

**CARRIED**

22:47—the meeting recessed.

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**CALL TO ORDER—Thursday, May 16, 1996**

10:25—the Speaker called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE**

Augustana University Student Union	-Local 74	absent
Mount Royal College Students' Association	-Local 80	absent
University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	-Local 21	absent
University of Lethbridge Students' Union	-Local 10	absent
University of British Columbia Graduate Student Society	prospective member	present
Camosun College Student Society	-Local 75	present
Capilano Students' Union	-Local 05	present
City Centre Students' Association	-Local 73	present
College of the Rockies Student Association	-Local 86	present
Douglas College Student Society	-Local 18	absent
Emily Carr Students' Union	-Local 33	present
King Edward Students' Association	-Local 76	present
Kwantlen College Students' Association	-Local 26	absent
Malaspina Students' Union	-Local 61	present
Native Education Centre Students' Association	-Local 57	present
North Island Students' Association	-Local 72	present
Northwest Community College Students' Association	-Local 66	absent
Selkirk College Student Society	-Local 04	absent
Simon Fraser Student Society	-Local 23	present
University of Victoria Student Society	-Local 44	absent
Brandon University Students' Union	-Local 37	absent
Association des étudiantes et étudiants du collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	-section 38	absent
University of Winnipeg Students' Association	-Local 08	present
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de Saint-Louis-Maillet	-section 51	absent
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de l'université de Moncton à Shippagan	-section 77	absent
New Brunswick Community College Students' Association	-Local 81	absent
Eastern College Student Association	prospective member	absent
Central Newfoundland Regional College Students' Association	-Local 87	absent
Marine Institute Students Union	-Local 45	absent
Memorial University Council of the Students' Union	-Local 35	absent
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Students' Union	-Local 36	absent
Westviking Student Association	prospective member	present
Acadia University Students' Union	-Local 64	absent
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université Saint-Anne	-section 69	absent
Mount Saint-Vincent University Students' Union	-Local 34	absent
Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	-Local 07	present
University of King's College Society of Students' Union	-Local 11	present
Algoma University Students' Association	-Local 82	absent
Carleton University Students' Association	-Local 01	present
Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	-Local 78	absent
Lakehead University Students' Union	-Local 32	present
Laurentian University Students' General Association	-Local 30	present

McMaster University Students' Union	-Local 14	present
Nippissing University Student Union	-Local 20	absent
Ontario College of Art Students' Union	-Local 25	absent
Queens University Graduate Students' Society	-Local 27	absent
Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	-Local 24	present
Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université Saint-Paul/ Saint Paul's University Students' Association	-Local 85	absent
Trent Central Student Association	-Local 71	present
University of Guelph Central Student Association	-Local 54	present
University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	-Local 62	present
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	-Local 19	present
University of Waterloo Federation of Students	-Local 65	absent
University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	-Local 47	present
University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	-Local 48	present
Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	-Local 56	absent
York Federation of Students	-Local 68	present
York University Graduate Students' Association	-Local 84	present by proxy
Holland College Student Union	-Local 43	absent
University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	-Local 70	absent
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	-Local 31	present
Concordia Graduate Students' Union	-Local 83	present
McGill Post-Graduate Student Society	-Local 79	present
University of Regina Students' Union	-Local 09	present
Yukon College Student Society	prospective member	present

The Speaker declared quorum to have been achieved. He said quorum was considered to be half the members present as noted at the beginning of the meeting. He said quorum was therefore fifty percent of 36.

The Speaker noted that Local 87 was present, Memorial University was present, Local 44 was present, and Capilano was present.

## **22. CONSIDERATION OF WOMEN'S CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORT (continued)**

### **96/05/15:15 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (continued)**

Westviking College Student Association/Local 35

Whereas Women's Constituency Group meeting time needs to be better respected; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Operational Policy be adopted:

No formal scheduling of other constituency groups, component meetings, or caucuses shall occur during established meeting times of the Women's Constituency Group.

### **96/05/15:16 MOTION TO AMEND (continued)**

Local 68/Local 32

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/15:15 be amended such that the policy reads:

No informal scheduling of other constituency groups, component meetings, or caucuses shall occur during established meetings of all constituency groups.

A delegate from Local 68 said the issue was that while it was practice not to schedule Women's Constituency Group during any other meeting times, it was not set out in policy. She said she would like to amend the amendment to read "formal" as opposed to "informal."

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**96/05/16:01      SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT**

Local 68/Local 32

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/15:15 be amended such that the policy reads:

No formal scheduling of other constituency groups, component meetings, or caucuses shall occur during established meetings of all constituency groups.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/15:16      SUBSTITUTED**

**96/05/15:15      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**96/05/16:02      MOTION**

Local 30/Local 08

Be it resolved that the Report of the Women's Constituency Group be adopted.

**CARRIED**

A delegate from Algoma noted his presence.

**23. CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL GRADUATE COUNCIL REPORT**

A delegate from Local 47 said it had been decided to link up the Graduate Students' campaigns with those of the organisation as a whole. She said Tracy Henry had been elected as the new Graduate Students' Representative on the National Executive. She said a proposal for developing a subsidy for National Graduate Council Meetings scheduled outside national general meetings had been adopted.

**96/05/16:03      MOTION (ngc-1)**

Local 62/ Local 32

Be it resolved that Tracey Henry be accepted as the NGC National Executive Representative.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:04      MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS (ngc-2)**

Local 23/ Local 83

Be it resolved that the following be added to Section 8 of Standing Resolution 19, to read as follows:

**f) Subsidies for General Meetings**

- i) Subsidies will only be provided for the Council General Meeting held between February 1 and March 15;
- ii) Only one delegate per member association will be subsidized;
- iii) The subsidy will only cover child care, travel and accommodation costs;
- iv) Subsidies will only be provided for members in good standing;
- v) Requests for subsidies should be made to the Secretary-Treasurer, within two weeks of receipt of notice of the meeting.
- vi) Requests should include:
  - A justification as to why the member local cannot afford to send a delegate;
  - The amount, if any, the member local is able to contribute;

- vii) The Secretary-Treasurer will ensure that subsidies are adequately budgeted for, however if requests are larger than the amount budgeted, subsidies will be granted on a first come, first served basis;
- viii) Subsidies will not be provided for member locals with gross revenues over \$100,000. Gross revenues include association membership fees, and net revenue from subsidiary organizations such as pubs, cafeterias, administration grants; and which does not include membership fees collected on behalf of autonomous organizations: the Federation, provincial student federations, public interest research groups, athletic levies, and autonomous student newspapers and student radio stations, and medical plans.

**CARRIED**

Outgoing Graduate Student Representative Michael Temelini said he would like to thank the Graduate Caucus members of the Federation. He said when he had started with the Federation graduate students were a very introverted and conservative group of people. He said in the past 6 years, the graduate students of the Federation have become among the first to defend the vision and principles of the organisation, and people who provide real leadership. He said he was satisfied that the Federation had a graduate student elected as National Chairperson for the first time. He said he would like to thank Allison Young and Stephanie Roy who both contributed enormously to raising graduate student issues and helped foster a sense of ownership, within the National Graduate Council, of the Federation as a whole. He said he appreciated the contributions of all the members. He said he himself had been on the executive of the Graduate Caucus for the past three years, and he said he would miss representing graduate student issues on the National Executive. He congratulated all the graduate students for their contributions over the years.

**96/05/16:05      MOTION**

Local 72/Local 83

Be it resolved that the Report of the National Graduate Council be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**24. CONSIDERATION OF STUDENTS OF COLOUR CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORT**

A delegate from Local 72 said he was pleased to note that the Students of Colour Constituency Group had been one of the largest in attendance for some time. He said the intent behind the motions was to make people more aware of the Students of Colour Constituency Group and more aware of the issues that affect them. He said Lancefield Morgan had been re-elected as the Students of Colour Representative on the National Executive.

A delegate from Local 68 had her name spelled incorrectly.

**96/05/16:06      NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 72/Local 68

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the Harassment prevention and Grievance Policies Section:

The Federation supports and encourages the standardization of harassment complainant procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to: confidentiality of the complainant, a response period that is respectful of students schedules and work load; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation and position of influence.

Be it further resolved that the Federation supports the creation of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are fully funded by administration to serve the needs of all students, especially the needs of Students of Colour, Students with Disabilities, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students and Aboriginal Students.

**CARRIED**

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**96/05/16:07**

**DIRECTIVE**

Local 54/Local 72

Be it resolved that a resource kit for students of colour on campuses be developed; and

Be it further resolved that information in this kit include but be not limited to:

- statistics on people of colour in post-secondary education
- listings of provincial and national resource guides
- guide sheets on both consensus decision making styles and formalised rules of order
- mock constitutions to be used as guides for students wishing to organise
- suggestions and advice for campaigns, including but not limited to poster ideas, slogans, themes and approximate cost

Be it further resolved that this resource kit be available by the Fall 1996 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:08**

**DIRECTIVE**

Local 72/Local 68

Be it resolved that a portion of the Federation website be devoted to Students of Colour issues; and

Be it further resolved that this page include but not be limited to:

- the constituency group;
- statistics on Students of Colour in post-secondary education;
- listings of provincial and national organisation and resources; and
- articles pertaining to issues relevant to Students of Colour.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:09**

**DIRECTIVE**

Local 35/Local 61

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to include a section regarding racism and issues specific to People of Colour in their member handbooks.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:10**

**MOTION**

Local 72/54

Be it resolved that Lancefield Morgan be ratified as the 1996/97 National Executive Representative for Students of Colour.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:11**

**MOTION**

Local 83/Local 73

Be it resolved that the Report of the Students of Colour Constituency Group be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**25. CONSIDERATION OF LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORT**

A delegate from Local 07 said two co-commissioners had been elected, Becky MacFarlane from the York Federation of Students-Local 68 and Kevin Armbruster from the Camosun College Student Society-Local 75. She said the members of the Constituency Group had discussed the problems arising from the inactivity of the previous Commissioner. She said the Group had discussed motions arising during the Committees and made recommendations. She said two directives had been re-moved since they had not been completed since the last national general meeting. She said some discussion had occurred to focus Group members on external issues. She said some new directives were intended to improve national general meetings for constituency groups. She said there was also a proposal to create a Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Representative on the National Executive so that more attention would be paid to lesbian, gay and bisexual students issues. She said the Group had also proposed creating a Wall of Shame to post homophobic and other discriminatory materials.

**96/05/16:12 MOTION**

Local 33/Local 09

Be it resolved that Becky MacFarlane and Kevin Armbruster be ratified as the Co-commissioners for the 1996-97 term.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:13 DIRECTIVE (lgb-1)**

Local 68/Local 71

Whereas the motion 95/11:139 was originally introduced and adopted by plenary at the 1995 Annual General Meeting; and

Whereas some activity took place on this motion in the past year; and

Whereas that activity was limited to member locals and therefore was not a national effort;

Whereas this is consistent with existing and proposed Federation policies;

Be it resolved that member locals be actively encouraged to develop and participate in a 'Day without Hate' campaign on March 14th, 1997.

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work in solidarity with, but not limited to, the following groups:

- Aboriginal Groups;
- Students with Disabilities; and
- Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Collectives;
- Multicultural Groups
- Women's Groups;

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:14 DIRECTIVE (lgb-2)**

Local 86/Local 71

Whereas this motion was originally introduced and adopted by plenary at the 1995 Annual General Meeting; and

Whereas some activity took place on this motion in the past year; and

Whereas that activity was limited to member locals and therefore was not a national effort;

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the Red Cross Society outlining the Federation's condemnation of the Red Cross Blood Donor information questionnaire as per policy 94/05:132; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be actively encouraged to circulate and sign the petition outlined in 95/11:140

**CARRIED**

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**96/05/16:15      DIRECTIVE**

Local 68/Local 33

Whereas federation policy exists which is in the spirit of safe space for all members of the federation; and

Whereas there is a need for interaction between constituency groups which could be served by the creation of a resource room/safe space;

Whereas a wall of shame has been effective in the past as a place to bring offensive or discriminatory practices and statements to the awareness of groups;

Be it resolved that an investigation of the creation of safe spaces or resource rooms at national general meetings be conducted; and

Be it further resolved that an investigation as to the possibility of a space in a common area for a wall of shame at national general meetings be conducted.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:16      DIRECTIVE (lgb-5)**

Local 07/Local 68

Whereas the issues of constituency groups can not be adequately addressed in the current format of annual general meetings, especially in regards to common interests of groups and individuals; and

Whereas the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Constituency has been able to think of several alternatives which could be implemented at little or no additional cost; which would provide greater accessibility and better presence of facilitators; therefore

Be it resolved that an investigation of alternatives to overlapping time slots for constituency groups at general meetings be conducted, in conjunction with the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Constituency Co-commissioners.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:17      DIRECTIVE (lgb-3)**

Local 33/Local 68

Whereas the issues of constituency groups in the federation, even those already represented on the National Executive, have been consistently marginalized to varying degrees; and

Whereas their marginalization has in part consisted of the fact that in the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee and on the Budget Committee, the concerns of constituency groups are considered a low priority and are dealt with in an insensitive manner, when they are considered at all; and

Whereas a National Executive Representative could address these concerns in an effective forum; therefore

Be it resolved that an investigation as to the possibility of National Executive representation for all constituencies on the National Executive be conducted.

A delegate from Local 79 said a motion would be proposed by the Organisational Development Committee addressing the same issue.

A delegate from Local 75 asked whether the Organisational Development Committee motion made reference to Constituency Group Representation on the National Executive.

A delegate from Local 79 said the motion would direct the National Executive to review the structure of the National Executive and to seek submissions from all caucuses, constituency groups and components.

**96/05/16:18      MOTION TO TABLE**

Local 73/Local 08

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:17 be tabled until after the consideration of the appropriate Organisational Development Committee motion.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:17      TABLED**

**96/05/16:19      MOTION**

Local 35/Local 31

Be it resolved that the Report of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Constituency Group be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**26. SCHEDULING OF CONSTITUENCY GROUP COMMISSION**

The Students of Colour Representative on the National Executive, Lancefield Morgan said the National Executive had erroneously left the Constituency Group Commission off the national general meeting agenda. He said the National Executive was recommending that the plenary break at 12:00, and reconvene at 14:00.

**96/05/16:20      MOTION**

Local 72/Local 09

Be it resolved that the plenary recess at 12:00 and reconvene at 14:00 to allow the Constituency Group Commission to convene.

**CARRIED**

**27. CONSIDERATION OF SMALL UNIVERSITIES CAUCUS REPORT**

A delegate from Local 82 said the Report was straightforward. He said he wanted to note that communication issues were very important to the members of the Caucus.

**96/05/16:21      MOTION**

Local 82/Local 32

Be it resolved that the Report of the Small Universities Caucus be received.

**CARRIED**

**26. SCHEDULING OF CONSTITUENCY GROUP COMMISSION (continued)**

The Speaker noted that the recommendation from the National Executive had been to break at 12:30 and not 12:00 for the Constituency Group Commission.

**96/05/16:22      MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

Local 68/Local 75

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:20 be reconsidered.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:20      RECONSIDERED**

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**96/05/16:23      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 68/Local 75

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:20 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the plenary recess at 12:30 and reconvene at 14:00 to allow the Constituency Group Commission to convene.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:20      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**28. CONSIDERATION OF ABORIGINAL STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORT**

A delegate from Local 44 said there were a few typographical errors in the Report. She said Karen Stephens, Local 71 should read Trent Central Student Association.

**96/05/16:24      MOTION (abo-1)**

Local 61/Local 57

Be it resolved that Penny Kerrigan be ratified as the Aboriginal Representative on the National Executive for the 1996-97 term.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:25      DIRECTIVE (abo-2)**

Local 86/Local 71

Whereas the effects of alcohol are such that thought and behaviour change with the consumption; and

Whereas alcohol consumption has directly influenced Federation business; therefore

Be it resolved that the relationship between alcohol consumption and disruption of Federation business at national general meetings be investigated.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:26      DIRECTIVE (abo-3)**

Local 44/Local 57

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters to the organization, BC Foundation for Individual Rights, denouncing its opposition to inherent aboriginal rights and titles to the land.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:27      DIRECTIVE (abo-4)**

Local 44/Local 57

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters to the organization, BC Foundation for Individual Rights, denouncing its opposition to inherent aboriginal rights and titles to the land.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:28      DIRECTIVE (abo-5)**

Local 44/Local 35

Be it resolved that the possibility of extending International Student Identity Card membership to the children (18 years and under) of members be investigated.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:29      DIRECTIVE (abo-6)**

Local 61/Local 44

Be it resolved that the member locals be encouraged to send aboriginal delegates to national general meetings

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:30      NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 61/Local 44

Be it resolved that the policy listed in the Policy Manual under Canada Health and Social Transfer be amended to include:

- c) the infringement on aboriginal rights to exercise jurisdiction over education healthcare and social services

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:31      NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 61/Local 44

Be it resolved that item 7 in the policy listed in the Policy Manual under Curricula be amended to read as follows:

- 7. The development of curricula which addresses the experiences and contributions of aboriginal peoples

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:32      NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 61/Local 44

Be it resolved that policy listed in the Policy Manual under Federal Budgetary Issues to include:

- A fiduciary commitment to fulfilling all aboriginal and treaty rights

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:33      NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 61/Local 44

Be it resolved that the policy listed in the Policy Manual under Post-Secondary Education be amended to include:

- The Federation supports the creation of Aboriginal post-secondary institutions

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:34      MOTION**

Local 71/Local 86

Be it resolved that the Report of the Aboriginal Students Constituency Group be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**26. SCHEDULING OF CONSTITUENCY GROUP COMMISSION (continued)**

The Speaker noted that because the Committee reports were submitted to translation late, the three outstanding committee reports were not ready for consideration by the plenary. He suggested that the meeting recess to allow the Constituency Group Commission to meet and plenary could reconvene earlier than anticipated.

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**96/05/16:35      MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

Local 01/Local 14

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:20 be reconsidered.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:20      RECONSIDERED**

**96/05/16:36      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 01/Local 14

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:20 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the plenary recess at 12:00 and reconvene at 13:30 to allow the Constituency Group Commission to convene.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:20      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

12:02—the meeting recessed.

13:48—the meeting reconvened.

**19. CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY MOTIONS (continued)**

**96/05/16:37      NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 83/Local 86

Whereas the right to self-determination is a principle of international law; and

Whereas the Federation has policy supporting the right to self-determination for Canada's First Nations; and

Whereas the Federal government of Canada has refused to recognise the right of self-determination and self-government of Canada's First Nations; and

Whereas the Federal government has announced that it supports lawyer Guy Bertrand's appeal to the courts to prevent the people of Québec from holding a democratic referendum on self-determination; and

Whereas the implications of Bertrand's appeal is that it will set a legal precedent which allow the Canadian government to deny the legitimacy of any democratically held vote by either the people of Québec or the First Nations People of Canada to self-determination; and

Whereas some Canadians who oppose the democratic right to self-determination are suggesting the use of military force as a means of preventing Québec from pursuing its democratic right to self-determination; and

Whereas military force has already been used by the Canadian government against First Nations peoples of Canada over self-government;

Be it resolved that the threatened use of force against Québec and First Nations people of Canada on the issue of self-determination be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that the Federal government's support of Bertrand's appeal to the Québec Superior Court be condemned; and

be it further resolved that the following be adopted as interim policy:

The Federation supports the right of the people of Québec and the First Nations people of Canada to self-determination and recognises the right and legitimacy of the First Nations people of Québec to hold referenda on self-determination.

A delegate from Local 83 said the motion was not a motion for or against separation, but rather for a people's democratic right to choose. She said like the pro-choice issue which was not pro or anti abortion, but rather in favour of supporting a woman's right to choose what she does with her own body. She said the Federation had supported the right of self-determination for the people of Bosnia and the Ukraine and she said it made sense to apply the same standard inside Canada. She said the motion addressed the hypocrisy within Canada that the principle of self-determination could only be applied outside the borders of Canada. She said there were two barriers to self-determination within Canada: one, legal and constitutional manoeuvring with respect to the Bertran appeal. She read the following from the Globe and Mail (May 16, 1996): "Mr. Chrétien was forced yesterday, in his defence of the Federal government's decision to intervene in the case of Québec lawyer Guy Bertrand, who is seeking a permanent injunction on referendums that could lead to a unilateral declaration of independence." She said the second barrier to self-determination was the coercive effects of the rise in pro-militaristic discourse perpetuated by the Reform Party and other right wing groups such as ON FIRE, advocating that military force be used to solve land and self-government issues. She said that although Prime Minister Chrétien had promised not to use military force against Québec, it should be recognised as being false, since military force has been and continues to be used against First Nations Peoples, in Ipperwash, Gustafsen Lake and elsewhere. She urged everyone to support the motion.

A delegate from Local 86 said he supported the motion.

An observer from the Students Federation of the University of Ottawa said he agreed with the intent of the motion and completely supported it. He said he thought the motion should be divided between issues concerning First Nations Peoples and issues concerning Québec. He said he thought emphasis should be placed on democracy when it came to the question of Québec.

The delegate from Local 83 said she opposed the previous suggestion, although she appreciated the contribution. She said Québec and Native issues had been consciously linked so that the oppressions were not seen as hierarchical. She said the intent of the motion was to put forward the issues raised in a manner that would unite and not divide peoples, nations and groups within Canada. She said the militaristic solutions being proposed in the face of self-determination would effect both First Nations and the people of Québec. She said for that reason, she urged delegates to support the motion as presented.

National Graduate Student Representative, Temelini said that those who were actively fighting within Québec for self-determination, were also actively making the argument for the right of self-determination for Aboriginal people. He said he often argued with his sovereigntist friends that the logical conclusion of their fight was also the fight for the same rights for the Cree, Montagnais, Mohawk, and the Innu. He said progressive people do not de-link the issue. He said people do not say to those from Bosnia that we will give you self-determination as long as it is acceptable to all the people of Yugoslavia. He said one of the tactics of the Federal government was to divide the people of the country along racial lines, along class lines, along linguistic lines, and others. He said the Federation had a responsibility to say to the Federal government that we will not be divided. He said the Federation needed to make an appeal to the people of the country, not the government, that we will work together. He said if the Federation supported the motion, he would be able to go back to Montreal and say, the Canadian Federation of Students supports the right of Québec to self-determination. He said that such a proposition would mean that the Federation would be one of the only national organisations advocating for Québec's right to decide. He said he thought this would build on the kind of solidarity that has been shown when Québec students joined with the Federation to fight on common issues. He said he believed issues such as this were essential to avoid bloodshed. He said the Federation would be stronger for having supported the motion. He said that Local 83 had consulted with members of the Aboriginal Students Constituency Group prior to proposing the motion. He said linking the issues showed the kind of solidarity that should be used as a model. He urged everyone to support the motion.

A delegate from Local 07 asked whether member locals in Québec would support the motion or whether they would be hostile, should Québec decide to separate.

Temelini said the people of Québec wanted the right to decide without interference. He said he had argued that the Aboriginal nations and the Québec nation should both have the right to self-determination. He said the Canadian government was opportunistically supporting First Nations right within Québec when everyone knows the Federal government could care less about First Nations rights in the rest of the country. He said the issues were linked, both should have the right and the standards should be applied equally.

The delegate from Local 07 said she supported the motion. She said she still wanted to know whether the member locals in Québec would support the motion.

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A delegate from Local 24 said he supported the motion. He said he thought that First Nations Peoples of Québec needed support. He said he agreed with the points made about the hypocrisy of the Federal government. He also had concern that should a referendum for Québec's succession be won, then the First Nations Peoples wishing to remain part of Canada would be in trouble. He suggested further motions to address that specific issue.

A delegate from Local 83 said the whole jist of the motion was to ensure that First Nations Peoples do have the same access to democracy and the democratic process as Québec and visa versa. She said that was the point of the motion. She said Aboriginal Students were consulted and their concerns had been incorporated into the motion.

A delegate from Local 45 asked whether the speakers list was limited to three speakers in favour and three speakers opposed.

The Speaker said that was the case and there was room for speakers opposed to the motion.

**96/05/16:37 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **29. CONSIDERATION OF CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

A delegate from Memorial said the Newfoundland Provincial Budget had just been released and it contained \$25 million from post-secondary education in the province. He said \$32 million had been cut from the Kindergarten to grade 12 education system. He said it looked as though health and other social spending had been left untouched, and that education bore the brunt of the cuts. He said the Memorial delegates had to leave to take action on the budget, but he said it had been a pleasure to work with all the delegates and he looked forward to seeing everyone at the November 1996 National General Meeting.

### **19. CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY MOTIONS (continued)**

**96/05/16:38 DIRECTIVE**

Local 23/Local 35

Be it resolved that the massive assault on education in Newfoundland by the provincial government be condemned.

A delegate from 71 asked what \$25 million represented in Newfoundland. He said it seemed like a great deal of money, but it might not be in terms of the overall budget.

The Newfoundland and Labrador National Executive Representative, Keith Clarke said he understood that a \$15 million cut had been projected from the Universities budget. He said Memorial University was the only university in the province, so it represented a direct cut to the operating budget of that institution. He said \$10 to \$15 million had been projected, which was a 10% cut in Memorial University's operating. He said a \$25 million cut represented a 25% cut in the operating budget.

A delegate from Local 35 said the post-secondary education budget was about \$189 million. He said \$25 million was cut from that budget. He said \$7 million was cut from Memorial University's operating budget, from a budget of \$112 million. He said \$1 million was cut from the Capital Projects Budget, which represented a 50% cut. He said the effect on the west coast campus of Sir Wilfrid Grenfell was unknown. He said \$9 million had been cut from post-secondary colleges, which included the closure of five campuses, with 26,000 students in the college system and another 26,000 on waiting lists. He said the waiting lists would grow. He said the remainder of the \$25 million was cut from the Training Programmes, which represented grants for students needing assistance with their post-secondary education. He said the effects would be devastating for students at all levels.

Newfoundland Chairperson Loyola Carey said that this cut, combined with the effects of the Canada Health and Social Transfer, would mean that Newfoundland will lose over \$800 million over the next ten years. He said that was only the first step. He said people should realise in their hearts that Newfoundland might be the first province but every other province would be next. He said this cut would have an effect on everybody. He said when people leave the general meeting, people should leave, not as separate components, but as one strong organisation. He said the only way to stop the assault was for everyone to unite together.

Clarke said if the University increased tuition fees to compensate for the budget cut, then tuition fees were likely to increase by 50%. He said there had been discussion that tuition would increase by 10-15% in the Fall of 1996.

A delegate from Local 35 said he would like to thank Local 23 for their support. He said that the cuts would be effecting every province sooner or later, and he said he thought the motion should not be worded to be specific to Newfoundland, but rather it should be worded to reflect a national perspective. He said the strength of the Federation was that it was national, and everyone should stand together.

The Speaker said that although the Federation was a national organisation, it was not out of order to put forward a motion that made a specific reference to an issue that would have national implications.

**96/05/16:38 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**29. CONSIDERATION OF CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT  
(continued)**

The Chairperson of the Campaigns Committee said that a new approach had been taken within the Committee. He said that often the Campaigns Committee relied on a brainstorming session that did not necessarily reflect a philosophical consistency, nor an overall approach for a national campaign. He said that in the past the Committee had been bogged down in details such as considering slogans for campaigns but not a national vision as to how the campaigns would unfold. He said for this meeting, the Committee Chairpeople developed a campaigns strategy that was presented to the Committee, much the same way that the Budget Committee operated. He said the strategy contained the goals of the campaign, the background for the campaign and the mechanisms to implement the campaign. He said the draft was submitted to the committee to either reject, accept or modify. He said the Committee members appreciated the new approach and did modify some aspects of the draft. He said the campaign fell into three categories, Accessibility to Education; Promote the Higher Education Act; and Students and Taxation. He said the Federation was committed to the elimination of barriers to post-secondary education. He said some drastic changes were underway with respect to post-secondary education and the Committee agreed that these issues had to be addressed in a vocal and systematic manner. He said such issues were: deregulating tuition fees, the introduction of new user fees such as the computer programme at Acadia University, the use of private corporations/institutions that sell post-secondary education. He said some private institutions were multi-national corporations designed to make a profit from the sale of education. He said American satellite campuses were being introduced to compete with the public institutions of Canada. He said the intent of the campaign was to educate members and governments about the effects of high tuition on accessible post-secondary education, to educate the Canadian public on alternatives and to work toward altering opinions about the "typical" student in Canada. He said contrary to some beliefs, students are in fact taxpayers, and not freeloaders as some politicians would have people believe. He said it was important for the Federation to be honest about why a tuition freeze was instituted in the province of British Columbia. He said the student movement in British Columbia was organised, fought for a freeze, and in fact won a freeze. He said it was not accurate to say that the freeze was implemented because it had been an election year in British Columbia. He said that other provinces had had provincial elections, without tuition freezes being implemented. He said there was no reason why, without a similar effort other Federation components could not win a freeze on tuition. He said the Committee wanted to push for a Canada Student Grant programme. He said as many people are aware, the Federation was successful in lobbying for a special opportunity grant system for women and students with disabilities. He said the Federation should push for the Canada Student Loan programme to be transformed into a grant programme. He said in the short term, it was important to introduce flexibility into the Student Loan Programme and develop an improved appeal process. He said the Committee saw the Federation as pushing the Higher Education Act, and to oppose degree granting status to private institution. He said the Committee also wanted to push for improvements to student representation on governing bodies. He said in each campaign, there were similar tactics used. He said rather than seeing demonstrations as the campaign, demonstrations ought to be seen as one of a variety of tactics used within a campaign to achieve certain goals. He said the Federation would need all members to implement the campaigns at the local and provincial level. He said locals should see their role as enriching and adding to the goals established by the plenary at this general meeting.

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Temelini said research was an important aspect of campaigns. He said research was not undertaken in a vacuum. He said research was empirical and philosophical background for campaigns. He said research was a tool for accomplishing the goals of the Federation. He said the Committee set out four research priorities to complement the work of the Federation.

Temelini said a third aspect of the campaign was "Contact with Government" as opposed to "Lobbying". He said when considering lobbying, every member local had to conceive themselves to be Federation representatives to contact government—local Members of Parliament—in their own ridings. He said the Federation is not just a staff complement that only meets government on Parliament Hill. He said that aspect was important but such effort had to be reinforced at the local level. He said in that way Members of Parliament will have a better sense of the strength of a 450,000 strong Federation.

Temelini said the fourth component was the mobilisation of the membership. He said the Committee was recommending that rather than another Pan-Canadian Day of Action, a Pan-Canadian Week of Action take place between October 15 and 24. He said the rationale was that outside of British Columbia the weather was too cold to mobilise effectively in the second semester.

Temelini said the fifth component of the Campaign was the development of a National Media Strategy. He said that would be part of implementing the campaign. He said that a symposium would also be organised during the second semester. He said the symposium was a means of educating policy members and coalition partners. He said one of the amazing aspects of the Federation that have developed over the past few years was the strong links that the Federation has built with Women's groups, Aboriginal organisations, Labour organisations, and other social justice groups. He said that one reason why the Federation had such legitimacy in the media and with the general public, was the work it had accomplished in educating not only the Federation's membership but also the membership of the organisations with which the Federation has been working so closely.

Temelini said the Committee wanted to have the Higher Education Act to be included in the strategy of the Federation. He said the goals were to have the Act implemented and to convince the Federal government that it still had a role to play in terms of national standards for post-secondary education. He said this aspect of the campaign would be part of an ongoing strategy.

Temelini said the final component of the campaign was "Tax Relief for Students." He said the Federation was committed to a tax system that was progressive and fair to the poor, the unemployed and the working poor. He said that strategy should be implemented through short term manageable goals. He said the taxation act could be changed by making it more progressive for students. He said the same kind of tax deductions available for those non-students receiving research grants should be made available to students receiving such grants. He said another aspect of the Tax campaign was to lobby for more tax credits to students. He said for trade union members, trade union dues were tax deductible. He said the same tax credit was not true for student union members. He said while tuition was one user fee that was a tax credit, he said all post-secondary user fees should be tax deductible. He said all delegates should read the Campaigns Strategy.

Temelini said the Committee was recommending that a campaign be developed to eliminate sales tax on books. He said the Federation had been part of a successful campaign to eliminate the Goods and Services Tax which was applied to books. He said many provinces do not tax books, but the Committee was recommending that such a standard be applied nationally.

Temelini said the Taxation campaign would not be a huge focus, but something that would be ongoing over a longer term. He thanked the Committee members as well as Jennifer Story and Brad Lavigne who had co-chaired the committee with him.

Brad Lavigne said that the National Education and Student Rights Committee had considered the Higher Education Act in their report as well. He said delegates should be seen as setting a framework through the Campaigns Committee, but the language and content that was developed by National Education and Student Rights Committee, if adopted, would be dovetailed with the framework contained in the Campaigns Committee Report.

Story said that the campaigns that were contained in the Report were legislative campaigns, while the social and awareness campaigns were not listed in the document. She said she did not want people to be concerned with their absence. She said that the Committee had reviewed the campaigns drafted by the Constituency Groups and considered ways in which such campaigns could be merged and reflected into the overall campaign strategy. She said constituency group campaigns would be essential for the Accessibility Campaign to provide a full and complete picture of all access issues. She said a calendar had been developed outlining when the times would be most effectively implemented at the local level. She said because the Committee was focusing on a broader vision, less attention was given to the specific details of how the campaigns could be implemented at the local and provincial level. She said the Committee did discuss ways and means of improving the Federation's Campaigns Manual: Don't Agonize—Organize! She said the manual would include checklists of tasks, timelines, and specific strategies for specific campuses. She said some excellent work had been undertaken in that area.

A delegate from Local 72 said some members of the Campaigns Committee had some amendments for the Report that had been overlooked. She said the specific amendments had not been developed but would like to have a break to put the proposals together.

A delegate from Capilano said in light of the fact that much of the Campaign Strategy focused on Accessibility, he had developed an amendment. He said he would like to see a reference, not only to tuition/user fees, but also to the attacks on Social Programmes across the country. He said such attacks are also attacks on the accessibility of post-secondary education. He said a tuition freeze could not be the sole focus for mobilising because, with a freeze already in place in British Columbia, it would be rather redundant for students in British Columbia. He said the campaign should be a Stop the Cuts campaigns to ALL social programmes. He said solidarity must be established between all groups across Canada, not to just focus on issues that effect students. He said he would like to see a reference to changing the perception of students including, not just the fact that students pay taxes, but also that students are parents, voters, workers and other diverse members of society. He said such amendments would make the Report more acceptable to all the Committee members. He said some specific amendments that had been made during the Committee proceedings were not reflected in the document, and he wanted some time to develop proposals.

A delegate from Local 07 said the Report contained a reference to what could be considered "Cross-Border Shopping," and a push to see tax breaks for pursuing post-secondary education in the United States eliminated. She said she would like to see some reference to the right of students to choose and acquire the education they want. She said students should be encouraged to pursue international education if they so desire.

Temelini said the Committee was not opposing students' right to choose. He said the problem was that Canadian taxpayers were paying for such choices. He said not everybody makes the same choice. He said the Income Tax Act allowed students who were on the Canada/U.S.A. border who commute to deduct those tuition fees from their taxes. He said the Act did not allow anybody else to do so. He said the government was not giving choice. He said the people of Canada should not paying extra so that students might attend an American Institution.

A delegate from Local 07 said she understood the points Temelini was making, but she did not think her concerns were addressed. She said she would develop an amendment.

The National Chairperson, Caron said he would like to see a reference to "Post-Secondary Education Agreement" where there was a reference to "Higher Education Act." He said he would also like to see "National Standards" replaced with "National Standards/Pan-Canadian Principles." He also suggested that where Federal Government was noted, the reference would be "Federal Government/Council of Ministers of Education of Canada."

**96/05/16:39      MOTION**

Local 14/Local 19

Be it resolved that a lobbying resource manual for Aboriginal Student Associations be developed; and included in the next production of "Don't Agonise. Organise!" and

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Be it further resolved that this manual include but not be limited to:

information regarding:

- education as an Aboriginal and Treaty Right;
- the underfunding of Aboriginal Student Support;
- the impact of the CHST on Aboriginal Students;
- the proposed changes to the guidelines for the Aboriginal Student Support Programme;
- support for the creation of culturally appropriate student services on campuses;
- support for Aboriginal Representation on student association boards of directors.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:40 MOTION (campaigns-1)**

Local 23/Local 11

Be it resolved that A Strategy for Accessible, Quality Post-Secondary Education, 1996/97 be adopted.

**96/05/16:41 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 07/

Be it resolved that the policy be amended to read:

"in accordance with the Federation's proposed Post-Secondary Education Act, the Federal Government should amend the Income Tax Act to allow every Canadian student without exception, to claim tuition fees from any post-secondary institution in the world."

The Speaker said there were a number of concerns from Committee members and from delegates who were not part of the Committee. He suggested that delegates take the next 30 minutes to review the documents and prepare any proposed amendments. He said he would like to give those who were on the Committee the right to present their amendments first, and at that point, take amendments from those who were not on the Committee.

**96/05/16:41 OUT OF ORDER**

Lavigne said there was not malicious intent involved in the fact that some issues were not reflected in the Report of the Campaigns Committee. He said the Committee had adjourned about 11:00 pm the previous night and the Report was not completed until 7:00 am the next morning. He said people should remember that this was the first time that this particular approach had been taken to the Campaigns Committee. He said he was one of the people involved in drafting the report throughout the night. He said he apologized for having left some issues out, and assured everyone that it was only fatigue that had played a role and not malicious intent.

A delegate from Local 05 said he did not believe that anything malicious had taken place. He said the Committee had been an excellent one, and he appreciated the fact that many people had been staying up late and were tired. He said he thought the problems with the document were easily rectified. He said the Committee members simply wanted to ensure that they would be present to address some of the concerns that might be raised. He said by giving Committee members priority in making amendments, time would be saved in the long run, since, by rectifying the problems noticed by Committee members other concerns might also be rectified.

**96/05/16:42 MOTION**

Local 05/Local 72

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 30 minutes.

**CARRIED**

15:07—the meeting recessed.

15:42—the meeting reconvened.

The Speaker said the Campaigns Committee had met and they would read out changes to the document that had been omitted from the final document. He said the omissions would be considered typographical errors.

Story said the new process for the Committee made facilitation difficult. She said transcribing the amendment had been even more difficult, and therefore, Committee members had been asked to put their amendments in writing. She said those amendments were not handed-in and some were unfortunately missed at 3:00 am when the Report was being drafted. She apologised and asked for everyone's patience.

A delegate from Guelph Grads said that on page two of the Strategy, point 5. D should be added: "compilation of a list of local student and alternative media by member locals."

She said on page three, under Campaign Goals point 3. should read: "work towards altering public perception of students as often depicted by mass media and conservative groups by developing public awareness that students are tax payers, parents, workers, voters, etc."

She said the next change was on page four, point 4, Membership Mobilisation should read: "The Federation will organise a Pan-Canadian Day of Action against Tuition/User Fees as well as the attack on Social Programmes in Canada in recognition of the barriers to accessibility that these impose." She said the proposed dates remain the same.

She said the next change was on page seven, 3. C). Campaigns Goals should read: "disallow deductions for tuition fees for courses/programmes taken in the United States where equivalent courses/programmes are offered in Canada."

She said on page two, point 4. the sentence should read: "the Federation will organise a Pan-Canadian Day of Action against Tuition/User Fees as well as the attack on Social Programmes in Canada in recognition of the barriers to accessibility that these impose."

She said the final change was on page 7, items 2 and 3 should have the words "non-refundable" struck.

The Speaker said the following motion was still on the floor:

**96/05/16:40      MOTION (continued)**

**96/05/16:43      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 07/Local 09

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made:

on page 7, under Campaign Goals, #3, that item C) be struck; and

on page 9, in the first paragraph, the second last paragraph read:

"in accordance with the Federation's proposed Post-Secondary Education Act, the Federal Government should amend the Income Tax Act to allow every Canadian student without exception, to claim tuition fees from any post-secondary institution in the world."

A delegate from Local 07 said that the Federation had policy opposing higher tuition fees for International Students. She said that for Canadian students who choose to attend a post-secondary institution in the United States where equivalent programmes were offered, would not be able to deduct their tuition fees from their taxes, while other Canadian students were able to. She said the situation was tantamount to charging higher tuition fees for International Students (Canadian Students) in the United States, and she therefore opposed the motion.

A delegate from Local 24 said he opposed the motion. He said ideally it would be a good thing to attend post-secondary education anywhere in the world and be able to deduct tuition, but unfortunately in the difficult times faced by students, it was not fair. He said that the more affluent families that could afford to send their children abroad, would receive a tax break. He said that the money should be kept in Canada to protect Canada's social programmes. He said the Federation should be promoting Canadian education. He said the government subsidised education and therefore people should be encouraged to attend post-secondary institutions in Canada.

A delegate from Local 11 said she opposed the amendment. She said the status quo discriminated against students who did not live in a border community. She said the intent of the motion was not to discourage students from attending a post-secondary institution in the United States if the programme was not offered in Canada.

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A delegate from Local 09 said he supported the amendment. He said there was a problem that the status quo did discriminate against those who did not live in a border community. He said the issue should not be to prevent some people from receiving the tax break but to expand the number of people who receive the tax break. He said he was concerned that the main motion took the Federation into a very negative direction.

A delegate from Local 62 said she opposed the amendment. She said that attending a post-secondary institution in the United States was not an option available to everyone in Canada. She said that if a person could not afford the \$10,000.00 in tuition for a year, then they would not be able to go to the United States for school. She said they would then not be eligible for the tax deduction. She said it was a benefit that people not be allowed to have access to frivolous studies outside Canada.

A delegate from Local 05 asked whether tuition could be deducted if a student were attending an institution abroad, but not commuting.

Lavigne said that students studying abroad did receive a tax deduction as did Canadian students studying in Canada. He said there was an additional tax deduction for students who lived in border communities and studied in the United States.

National Researcher Denise Doherty-Delorme said that only 17% of tuition was tax deductible, and that such a deduction applied to all tuition, no matter where the tuition was paid.

A delegate from Local 44 said he supported the motion. He said he recognised the point people were making about the discrimination against those who do not live in border communities. He said he thought the amendment addressed those concerns because the amendment would have the tax deduction applied equally to all students wherever they studied. He said although some programmes might seem the same, they can be different. He said he was a business student and although he had been accepted to a number of Canadian universities, because his field was in the international arena, he thought a degree from abroad would be more valuable. He said he thought the Federation should encourage access to the best education that students can get.

**96/05/16:44      MOTION TO EXTEND THE SPEAKERS LIST**

Local 07/Local 31

Be it resolved that the speakers list be extended by one more person for and one more person against the amendment.

**CARRIED**

A delegate from Local 82 said he opposed the amendment. He said in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan there was an institution which offered much of the same programmes as his school provided. He said he saw the problem that Canadian money and Canadian students was being shipped into the United States. He said he thought those students should be strengthening the student movement in Canada.

A delegate from Local 07 said she supported the amendment. She said that the reference to programmes available in Canada provided a rationale for cutting programmes at Canadian institutions. She said the Federation should be in solidarity with students everywhere, and Federation members should consider putting themselves in the place of American students who might have similar policy. She said the Federation's policy was that International Students should not pay higher tuition than Canadian students. She said if she were in the United States, she would want that policy to exist.

A delegate from Local 05 said he was not clear about the nature of the deduction.

The Speaker said the amendment referred specifically to those commuting south of the border.

Temelini said that the Federal Tax form said that if a student lived near the border and commuted to school in the United States, 100% of tuition could be deducted. He said that was the issue.

**96/05/16:43      DEFEATED**

**96/05/16:45      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 79/Local 83

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to recognise an asymmetrical relationship with Québec:

All references to "Higher Education Act" be replaced by "Higher Education Act /Post-Secondary Education Agreement"

Under campaign goals, all references to "Federal Government" be replaced by "Federal Government/Council of Ministers of Education (Canada)"

All references to "National Standards" be replaced by "National Standards/Pan-Canadian Principles".

**CARRIED**

A delegate from Local 82 said he had a technical point to make. He said on page 2 under "Tactics to Achieve Goals", D) should read four, now that a section D had been added.

The Speaker thought the amendment could be considered to be typographical.

The delegate from Local 82 said he had another proposal, to make on page 7, under "Tax Relief for Students" to read "The Federation is committed to a tax system that is progressive to every citizen of Canada including but not limited to the poor, the unemployed and the working poor."

The Speaker said the proposal should be moved as a motion.

**96/05/16:46      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following amendment be made:

on page 7, under "Tax Relief for Students" to read "The Federation is committed to a tax system that is progressive and fair to every citizen of Canada including but not limited to the poor, the unemployed and the working poor."

A delegate from Local 44 said he was in favour of the spirit of the paragraph, however, he wanted to ensure that it was recognised that the tax system was fair to everyone.

A delegate from Local 05 said he opposed the amendment because said it was important to recognise that the tax system had been unfair to the poor, unemployed and the working poor. He said it was not necessary to said that the system should be fair to everyone.

A delegate from Local 61 said she was withdrawing their support for the motion.

A delegate from Local 35 said he supported the amendment. He said he did not think that the rich should be overtaxed to compensate for past discrimination against the poor. He said the point of the amendment was to create a fair tax system for everyone, poor and rich.

A delegate said that a progressive tax system actually meant that more affluent people were subjected to a higher tax rate. She said she thought the amendment was out of order.

A delegate from Local 14 said he supported the amendment. He said that the word citizen did not have to be included. He said the point of the amendment was to create a fair tax system for all.

A delegate from Local 68 asked whether it was the case that only Canadians pay tax.

A delegate from Local 14 said he thought the motion should apply to everyone in Canada, not necessarily citizens.

A delegate from Local 62 opposed the amendment. She said any concern that the rich will be overtaxed was abstract in the extreme. She said the tendency internationally was that rich people were not being adequately taxed. She also said there had been an effort to avoid references to "citizens" because not all of the constituents of the Federation were "citizens."

**96/05/16:46      DEFEATED**

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Lavigne said the context portion of the document reflected the Federation's policy as it existed. He said if delegates disagreed with issues included in that section then the policy of the Federation should be changed.

A delegate from Local 45 said the Newfoundland and Labrador government had agreed to harmonise the Goods and Services Tax to create a Value Added Tax. He said that in this process, books had become taxable. He said the agreement reached within Newfoundland and Labrador would be expanded to include all Atlantic provinces. He said he wanted to move an amendment to reflect concern that harmonisation of sales tax means that textbooks would be taxed.

The Speaker said that a policy motion on these issues would be presented through the Report of the National Education and Student Rights Committee. The Speaker asked the delegate whether he would be willing to hold off from moving the amendment until after the Report of the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

A delegate from Local 45 said that was acceptable.

Lavigne said that as the Federation developed new means of accomplishing its work, there would also be small problems that would have to be resolved. He said the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee selected policy that already existed, and then to develop a mechanism through which the policy could be implemented. He said the point of debating the Campaigns document was not about creating new policy but rather, executing the policies that were currently in place.

A delegate from Local 79 said she had an amendment. She said her intent was not to create more difficulties. She said she wanted propose that the dates be changed to the second semester.

**96/05/16:47      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 79/Local 01

Be it resolved that the dates selected for the Pan-Canadian Week of Action be changed from October to the last week of January and the first week of February.

The delegate from Local 79 said she thought it was too soon to try to mobilise the student groups in Montreal. She said she thought the first term would be more of an opportunity to raise the profile of the Federation and do some educational work. She did not think it would be too cold to mobilise students in the second semester.

Lavigne said there had been an excellent discussion of the dates for the Pan-Canadian Week of Action. He said the dates had been selected on the context of having an overview of the Federation's work over the next year. He said a calendar had been created containing all the important dates. He said the Symposium would be taking place in the second semester. He said issues of accessibility would be at the forefront of discussion in September when students paid their tuition fees, and as the effects of the cuts became more concrete. He said the Committee thought it would be effective to use the anger generated by the high level of tuition fees required, to build momentum for an action in October. He said follow-up action would then be built out of the coalitions that were formed for the October event. He said in January, the Symposium would provide an opportunity to influence government policy makers. He said the Federal budget was developed, not the week prior to the announcement in February, but rather well in advance of the budget announcement, the end of January at the latest. He said weather was a factor, especially for those member locals in the prairies. He said if the Pan-Canadian Week of Action were moved, then some thought should also be given to moving the Symposium.

A delegate from Local 04 said he opposed the amendment. He said weather was not a great concern for British Columbia, but he would like to hear more on the issue from other delegates. He said another factor considered had been the notion that students might not be so bogged down with school work in the first semester.

A delegate from Local 09 said she opposed the amendment. She said that during that time, students in the Prairies faced temperatures of minus 60 with the wind-chill factored in. She said that effected the numbers of people participating in mobilisations.

A delegate from Local 08 said he agreed with the previous speakers, especially with respect to the weather.

**96/05/16:47      WITHDRAWN**

**96/05/16:48      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 71/Local 72

Be it resolved that the following amendment be made to item 3.b) of the Campaign Goals summary: to delete everything after the "not just those who are mentally or physically challenged."

A delegate from Local 71 said that as a student with a disability he thought that section could be interpreted as a critique of that which is available to students with a disability. He said he thought his amendment made the intent of the sentence more clear.

**96/05/16:48      CARRIED**

**96/05/16:49      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 61/Local 76

Be it resolved that an amendment be made under the section on Coalition Work, to include high school students as a potential coalition partner:

"The Federation will commit to mobilizing high school students."

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:50      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 05/Yukon College Student Society

Be it resolved that an amendment be made on page one, under the section on Accessibility to Education, to include the following sentence:

"Raise awareness among federal and provincial/territorial policy makers and the public on the links between inaccessibility and the cuts to social programmes."

A delegate from Local 05 said he wanted to make sure that it was clear that students were not only effected by education cuts but also by cuts to social programmes.

**96/05/16:50      CARRIED**

**96/05/16:40      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED**

**96/05/16:51      MOTION**

Local 47/Local 61

Be it resolved that the Report of the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Lavigne said he wanted to thank the members of the Campaigns Committee he said the Committee had undertaken some amazing work. He said that the membership of the Federation had adopted, not a series of motions, but rather a holistic, overall Campaign Strategy. He said he thought such an approach was a significant milestone for the Federation. He said the document would become a working document and would provide a framework for assessment and development as the year progressed. He said he was looking forward to a fantastic year, and he thanked all members of the committee for their work. He said the real work of the Federation had only just begun, since the work of the Federation occurred at the local level, through the actual implementation of the Campaign strategy.

A delegate from Local 09 said he would like to move three directives contained in the Report of the National Executive that had not been completed.

The Speaker said it would be necessary to move an amendment to the Plenary Agenda to move the item "Other Business" forward.

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**96/05/16:52      MOTION**

Local 09/Local 05

Be it resolved that the plenary agenda be amended to consider "Other Business" at this time.

**CARRIED**

**30. OTHER BUSINESS**

**96/05/16:53      DIRECTIVE (95/11:132)**

Local 09/Local 33

Be it resolved that a file of materials of interest to Student Artists and a schedule of activities of Student Artist groups be compiled;

Be it further resolved that an information survey be distributed to all member locals in order to compile this information; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to submit such information upon request.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:54      DIRECTIVE (95/11/148)**

Local 09/Local 05

Be it resolved that information on enrolment statistics for post secondary students by age, gender and course of study which is available from the provincial ministries of post secondary education be collected and compiled for the purpose of illustrating the changing demographics of post secondary students in Canada.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:55      DIRECTIVE(95/11:207)**

Local 09/Local 05

Be it resolved that copies of the 1994-95 audited financial statements of the Canadian Federation of Students and the 1994-95 audited consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services be distributed to all member local associations immediately following the national general meeting.

A delegate from Local 45 said he would prefer to discuss the motion in the presence of the National Treasurer.

**96/05/16:56      MOTION TO TABLE**

Local 45/Local 05

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:55 be tabled until the National Treasurer is present.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:55      TABLED**

**96/05/16:57      DIRECTIVE**

Local 19/Local 05

Whereas there is a lack of advertising in Travel CUTS offices regarding:

- a) the fact that the travel company is owned and operated by the Canadian Federation of Students; and
- b) that International Student Identity Cards are free for members of the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Whereas in 1995 the Travel CUTS Board of Directors adopted policy to rectify the situation; and  
Whereas to date, this policy has not been satisfactorily implemented; therefore

Be it resolved that that the Federation's Representatives on the Travel CUTS Board of Directors be directed to review the implementation of policy adopted in 1995 to increase the advertising of:

- a) the fact that the travel company is owned and operated by the Canadian Federation of Students; and
- b) that International Student Identity Cards are free for members of the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation's Representatives on the Board of Directors of Travel CUTS report to the plenary at the November 1996 National General Meeting on the status of the directive.

A delegate from Local 19 said most Travel CUTS offices and materials produced by Travel CUTS did not have sufficient advertising of the fact that the Federation owns the travel company nor the fact that International Student Identity Cards are free for members of the Federation. She said she wanted the Board of Directors to work toward alleviating the problem.

A delegate from Local 09 said that International Student Identity Cards are free only for full-time students who are members of the Federation.

A delegate from Local 76 said he fully supported the motion. He said he thought such advertising was an excellent membership development tool, since students from different campuses would see the concrete advantages in being members of the Federation. He said he supported more such advertising within Travel CUTS, and within the Federation on a local, provincial and national basis. He said he had started the process of raising the profile of the Federation on his campus. He said that such effort had been effective since many students had been impressed with the extent of the services provided by the Federation.

Lavigne said that the National Executive had reviewed the situation at their April meeting. He said the motions adopted by the National Executive were that the National Executive would develop, in addition to better promotion of the Federation's relationship to Travel CUTS, a standard advertising campaign so that a student at Simon Fraser University would see similar language and promotion as students at the University of Western Ontario, or Concordia University. He said the National Executive had started working on a draft for standard Federation promotion within Travel CUTS. He said he did not think that the motion on the floor was conflicting with such a motion, but rather, that this was just for the information of the delegates.

**96/05/16:57 CARRIED**

The Speaker noted that the National Treasurer was present, motion 96/05/16:54 would be removed from the table.

**96/05/16:58 DIRECTIVE**

Local 09/Local 05

Be it resolved that copies of the 1994-95 audited financial statements of the Canadian Federation of Students and the 1994-95 audited consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services be distributed to all member local associations immediately following the national general meeting.

**96/05/16:59 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 45/Local 14

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:50 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that that copies of all audited financial statements for the 1995-96 financial year be distributed to all member locals immediately following the May 1996 National General Meeting.

The delegate from Local 45 said he thought the amendment would make the motion more concise. He also said that since the Federation was completing the amalgamation process, motions should reflect such a change.

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A delegate from Local 14 asked when the amalgamation process would be complete. He asked when the last set of Canadian Federation of Students-Services audited financial statements would be produced.

Lavigne said that for the fiscal year of 1997-98 there will be one set of audited financial statements for one legal entity. He said according to the motion on the floor, the membership would receive audited financial statements for 1995-96 for the Federation's two legal entities. He said the membership would also receive audited statements for the Federation's two legal entities in the 1996-97 year.

British Columbia Chairperson Michael Gardiner said that the year end for 1995-96 was not for another month. He said the Federation would not be audited until well after the year end. He said it would therefore be impossible for the National Executive to distribute the audited financial statements immediately after the May 1996 National General Meeting, since such statements would not be available. He said it was also illegal to distribute financial statements until they have been approved. He said the earliest that the membership could receive audited financial statements would be by the November 1996 National General Meeting. He said therefore the motion should be ruled out of order. He said the original motion, as contained in the Report of the National Executive came out of the November 1995 National General Meeting and was therefore in order, since the statements could be distributed at the end of that meeting.

The Speaker said that if the motion was impossible to fulfil then the British Columbia Chairperson was correct and the motion should be ruled out of order.

**96/05/16:59     OUT OF ORDER**

**96/05/16:58     OUT OF ORDER**

**96/05/16:60     DIRECTIVE**

Local 09/Local 76

Be it resolved that the National Executive work to ensure that all staff hired by the Federation are able to comprehend and speak: 1) French and English except where a documented disability prevents learning a second language; or 2) French or English and a First Nations language except where a documented disability prevents learning a second language.

Lavigne said that the National Executive was the management of the Federation and therefore entered into a two party contract, otherwise known as the collective agreement. He said that the membership could only direct its representatives to negotiate to achieve a particular goal.

A delegate from Local 09 said he thought that using the words "work to ensure" reflected the point made by Lavigne.

Lavigne said there were certain positions outlined in the collective agreement which required a level of bilingualism. He said examples of such positions were Government Relations Coordinator and Communications Coordinator.

The delegate from Local 09 said he thought the motion was important for the membership to ensure that all member locals receive adequate service in the language of their choice. He said all staff hired should reflect the Federation's goal of becoming a fully bilingual organisation.

A delegate from Local 61 asked whether the delegate from Local 09 was including all staff, both provincial and national, in the motion.

The Speaker said that the National Executive was only management for the staff that were hired by the National Executive. He said that provincial staff, hired by the provincial executive, were directed by the provincial executive, and would not be included in the motion.

British Columbia Chairperson Michael Gardiner said he thought it was inappropriate to propose such a motion. He said the issue raised should have been discussed within the Organisational Development Committee, since it had an impact on the internal structures of the Federation. He said given that the motion was on the floor, he said that those positions required to communicate regularly with the membership already had provisions for bilingualism within the job description for those positions. He said there were a variety of provisions which he also thought were important for the Federation to consider when hiring staff, such as affirmative action. He said hiring people with disabilities, and gay, lesbian and bisexual people should be more of a priority for the Federation. He said that having a bilingualism requirement did not necessarily reflect an affirmative action hiring process for francophones, since the tendency was that bilingual anglophones tended to come from a more privileged background. He said he thought the motion should be defeated until an more complete affirmative action policy could be developed.

**96/05/16:61      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 23/Local 76

Be it resolved that motion 96/06/16:60 be referred to the National Executive.

The Speaker said that a motion aimed at giving direction to the National Executive could not be referred to the party for whom the motion was providing direction. He ruled the motion out of order.

**96/05/16:61      OUT OF ORDER**

A delegate from Local 14 asked whether it would be possible to send the motion to the Organisational Development Committee at the November 1996 National General Meeting.

The Speaker said that Local 09 could move the motion prior to the November 1995, but that a directive could not be referred at this time.

A delegate from Local 76 asked whether the motion could be tabled until the November 1996 National General Meeting.

Lavigne said he had a suggestion for an amendment. He suggested that the National Executive discuss the issue of staff bilingualism and then to report back to the Organisational Development Committee. He said he thought that would address the will of the plenary.

**96/05/16:62      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local 76

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:60 be amended to read as follows:

Be it resolved that the National Executive discuss the issue of staff bilingualism in conjunction with CUPE 1281; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive report back to the Organisational Development Committee at the November 1996 National General Meeting.

An observer from the Students Federation of the University of Ottawa said that the Federal government's model for bilingualism was to ensure that service could be provided in French or English. He said that meant that having an anglophone and francophone on staff at the same time, or having one bilingual person or one of each. He said the Federal government did not have a mandate that all staff had to be bilingual. He said the key point was that people should have access to service in the language of their choice.

**96/05/16:62      CARRIED**

**96/05/16:60      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

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**31. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

National Treasurer Cassandra Koenen said that she would like to take the time to recognise the contributions of the outgoing National Chairperson and the outgoing Deputy Chairperson. She said that Guy Caron and Michael Mancinelli had fulfilled two mandates. She presented them each with gifts and the plenary gave them a warm round of applause in appreciation of their work for the Federation over the past two years.

Rénée Shilling and Mancinelli presented National Treasurer Cassandra Koenen with a gift in appreciation of her many adventures she had had with the Federation over the past few years. The gift presented was particularly appropriate for one very specific adventure Koenen had experienced. The plenary gave Koenen a warm round of applause in appreciation of her work for the Federation over the past years.

17:52—the meeting recessed for supper.

19:34—the meeting reconvened.

**32. CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION & STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chairpeople Zahra Habib and Pam Kapoor presented the Report.

Kapoor said that some motions had been inadvertently omitted. She apologised and said that those motions would be considered after having considered the report. She thanked all members of the Committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the national general meeting.

**95/11:137 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 08/Local 71

Whereas homophobia within society is on the rise; and

Whereas homophobia fosters violence against Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals; and

Whereas this violence includes not only physical harm but deaths within non-heterosexual communities; and

Whereas this violence has been recognised as a hate motivated crime;

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy:

The Federation recognises that homophobia creates a climate which fosters violence against Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals.

Be it further resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation recognises homophobic violence as a hate crime.

Be it further resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation recognizes March 13 as a "Day without Hate."

**96/05/16:63**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 08/Local 71

Be it resolved that the policy proposals in Motion 95/11:137 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation recognises that homophobia creates a climate which fosters homophobic violence.

The Federation recognises that the experience of homophobic violence is compounded and intensified in the case of People of Colour, People with Disabilities, Aboriginal People and other traditionally and historically marginalized people.

The Federation recognises homophobic violence as a hate crime.

The Federation recognises that a homophobic climate and homophobic violence create a hostile environment on campuses, which is a deterrent to accessible education.

The Federation recognises March 14 as a Day without Hate.

**CARRIED**

**95/11:137**

**CARRIED**

**95/11:138**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 08/Local 33

Whereas there is a perception in society that HIV and AIDS are specific to the non-heterosexual community; and

Whereas this misconception leads to misinformation about the way in which HIV is transmitted; and

Whereas this leads to preventable increases in HIV infection within the heterosexual community; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation recognises HIV and AIDS as a disease which is not exclusive to any specific community.

The Federation recognizes that HIV infection is not dependent on sexual orientation or preference but on unsafe sexual and health practices and any other unsafe activities.

**CARRIED**

**95/11:133**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 09/Local 07

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes state censorship and persecution of artists who express their sexual identity, or political, moral and/or religious beliefs through their art.

**CARRIED**

**95/11:250**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 09/Local 44

Whereas civil war and unabated human rights violations infringe on the rights of the peoples of Sierra Leone to obtain health, education, economic security and a peaceful existence;

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the Canadian Government in ensuring that human rights in Sierra Leone are upheld, including the laying down of arms, the creation of a buffer zone and the negotiation of a peace accord.

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**96/05/16:64**

**MOTION TO REFER**

Local 32/Local 07

Be it resolved that the motion 95/11:250 be referred to the National Executive for further consideration; and

Be it further resolved that a recommendation on the motion be presented to the Fall 1996 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**95/11:250**

**REFERRED**

**96/05/12:38**

**DIRECTIVE (96/05:N08)**

Local 76/Local 87

Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the demographics of aboriginal students including, but not limited to, gender, age, family status and number of dependants.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:40**

**DIRECTIVE (96/05:N09)**

Local 76/Local 87

Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the accessibility of the Post-Secondary Student Support Program comparing funding levels and costs to the individual students.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:42**

**DIRECTIVE (96/05:N10)**

Local 76/Local 87

Be it resolved that research be undertaken to determine if the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs' Indian Student Support Program and provincial funding envelopes for aboriginal education are meeting the needs of existing and developing aboriginal post-secondary programs.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:44**

**DIRECTIVE (96/05:N11)**

Local 76/Local 87

Be it resolved that an assessment of the correlation between student services for aboriginal students and aboriginal student retention rates be undertaken.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:58**

**DIRECTIVE (96/05:N18)**

Local 61/Local 83

Whereas one of the growing threats to accessible post-secondary education is the proliferation of private post-secondary education institutions and the potential attractiveness to governments of privatising post-secondary education outright, or slowly by a long-term strategy of underfunding; therefore

Be it resolved that research be initiated for future policy development regarding private post-secondary education institutions; and

Be it further resolved that the research focus on numbers of institutions, rates of expansion/failure, tuition fees, rates of profit, amount of financial support from government, amount of policy support from government.

**96/05/16:65      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 61/Local 84

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:58 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that research be initiated for future policy development regarding private post-secondary education institutions; and

Be it further resolved that this research focus on but not be limited to: numbers of institutions, rates of expansion/failure, tuition fees, rates of profit, amount of financial support from government, amount of policy support from government."

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:58      CARRIED**

**96/05/12:60      DIRECTIVE (96/05:N19)**

Local 61/Local 83

Whereas the real opportunities for student financial aid is not limited to government programs; and

Whereas members expect to get information about private scholarships and foundations from local student union representatives; therefore

Be it resolved that research be undertaken to compile a resource guide regarding alternative sources of funding for post-secondary education, including but not limited to: national and provincial foundations and scholarships; and

Be it further resolved that the guide include all stipulations contingent on each source of funding,

**DEFEATED**

**96/05/16:66      NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-2)**

Local 24/Local 09

Be It resolved the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the assurance of child care and grant-based financial provisions within both the federal and provincial government legislation's student aid clause to ensure accessibility to education.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:67      NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY(NOTICE-5)**

Local 7/Westviking College Students' Association

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes the concentration of media ownership by large corporations.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:68      NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-7)**

Local 7/Westviking College Students' Association

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports human rights being respected globally.

**CARRIED**

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**96/05/16:69 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-9)**

Westviking College Students' Association/ Local 09

Whereas it is increasingly obvious that the demands of modern employment are placing unprecedented levels of stress on individuals, families and communities; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Federation support working conditions which provide adequate time for people to pursue activities apart from working in the labour market.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:70 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-10)**

Westviking College Students' Association/ Local 09

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports educational equity in post-secondary education institutions including but not limited to issues regarding cost, curriculum, pedagogy, and climate.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:71 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-11)**

Westviking College Students' Association/ Local 09

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports changes to the taxation system in which the federal government is obligated to vigorously pursue the taxation of profits made by multi-national corporations operating in Canada which have moved offshore.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:72 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-12)**

Westviking College Students' Association/ Local 09

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports an international financial transaction tax as devised by Nobel Laureate of Economics, James Tobin.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:73 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-13)**

Westviking College Students' Association/ Local 09

Whereas the federal government has in the past abrogated its responsibility for job creation and left it to the private market sector who state that they are not responsible for producing profits; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the creation, by the federal government, of a national employment strategy whose aim is to create full employment in the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:74**

**DIRECTIVE (96/05:NSR-1)**

Local 07/Local 54

Be it resolved that the following materials be compiled and distributed to Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual student organisations:

- information kit for starting and maintaining queer collectives
- a directory of existing queer collectives, or other Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual student organisations.
- a list of companies which have demonstrated homophobic practices.

Be it further resolved that this outreach campaign be coordinated in conjunction with the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students' Co-commissioners.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:75**

**DIRECTIVE (96/05:NSR-2)**

Local 54/Local 75

Be it resolved that research be undertaken regarding the demographic of students of colour in post-secondary education, including, but not be limited to, age, family and personal income, program of study, gender and first language; and

Be it further resolved that a progress report be submitted to the Fall 1996 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:76**

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY (NOTICE-15)**

Local 79/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the consolidation of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, and calls for increased funding of the Council by provincial and territorial governments.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:77**

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-16)**

Local 79/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the establishment, by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, of a standing Pan-Canadian Advisory Council on Post-Secondary Education which would include representation from the Federation

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:78**

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-17)**

Local 79/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation strongly encourages the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada to sign a Post-secondary Education Agreement that encompasses the principles outlined in the Federation Preamble and in the Federation's Declaration of Students' Rights.

**CARRIED**

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**96/05/16:79 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-18)**

Local 79/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation encourages the federal government to establish a Minister of State for Research and Development.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:80 DIRECTIVE (96/05:NSR-4)**

Local 79/Local 24

Be it resolved that the Council of Ministers of Education Canada be lobbied to initiate an ongoing two-way dialogue with education partners.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:81 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-19)**

Local 79/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the establishment of institution-generated, transparent, and relevant program review mechanisms, and opposes the use of standardised "Quality Indicators" across post-secondary institutions for the purpose of reducing funding or accessibility.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:82 DIRECTIVE (96/05:NSR-5)**

Local 79/Local 24

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to develop policies and directives on life-long learning, the relationship between the private sector and post-secondary education, the use of new technology, and the role of post-secondary education in society.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:83 DIRECTIVE (96/05:NSR-6)**

Local 48/Local 79

Be it resolved that the members locals be encouraged to develop a volunteer human rights liaison position to report on and help further Federation policies relating; but not limited to, human rights, international issues and peace issues at member locals.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:84 NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY (NOTICE-20)**

Local 32/Local 08

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports state opposition to materials that provoke hate, violence, exploitation, and discrimination of individuals and or groups.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:85 NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY (NOTICE-21)**

Local 79/ Local 61

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes the Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship and its members because of its reactionary and oppressive views.

**96/05/16:86 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 24

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:85 be referred to the National Executive for further consideration;

Be it further resolved that information on the Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship be gathered; and

Be it further resolved that a recommendation on the motion be presented by the National Executive to the Fall 1996 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:85 REFERRED**

**96/05/16:87 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-22)**

Local 54 / Local 76

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation is opposed to brutality in both Canadian policing and military actions.

**CARRIED**

**95/11:134 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 07/Local 09

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes the death penalty.

A delegate from Local 35 said he did not support the motion. He said he thought the Federation embraced a wide variety of opinions. He said he thought the motion implied that the Federation spoke for all the members of the Federation. He said he would be upset were the motion to be adopted, not because of the intent, but rather because it did not reflect all the views of the Federation.

A delegate from Local 07 said she supported the motion. She said when she first saw the motion she wondered what such a policy proposal could have to do with education. She said she was reading the draft minutes and she understood what the motivation had been for the motion. She said a Nigerian playwright had been executed because the state considered his plays to be subversive. She said that as a student artist the issue of the death penalty was important to her. She said people have been executed for their views, not just imprisoned. She said artists in Nova Scotia had been subjected to legal charges as a result of their art. She said that if one artist is executed for their art, then the issue affected all student artists.

A delegate from Local 33 said she supported motion. She said one of the points that had been discussed in the Committee, was that even the act of coming together to discuss issues, the way delegates were presently doing, was considered to be subversive in some countries. She said the Federation encouraged students to organise and if it were doing that in a country like China, students could be persecuted and even executed for such activity. She said the Federation was a social justice movement and it should acknowledge the connection and solidarity with students throughout the world. She said the Federation should oppose the death penalty wherever it existed.

A delegate from Local 24 asked whether the Federation's opposition to the death penalty applied to using the death penalty within Canada against violent murderers.

A delegate from Local 71 said he opposed the motion. He said the issue of the death penalty was a very contentious and polarised issue within Canada. He said the Federation should take stands but not on issues that are so radically split, where little compromise is possible.

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A delegate from Local 33 said she supported the motion. She said it was important that as a progressive, social and political organisation, the Federation address contentious issues. She said from what previous speakers have said she understood the motion to be contentious. She said that the death penalty was not effective in addressing violence and therefore did not serve its purpose to reduce it. She said there were other ways to solve issues of violence.

A delegate from Local 14 said he opposed the motion. He said the issue was contentious and he did not believe that a proper decision could be made on behalf of students. He said the motion could be improved in terms of its wording.

**96/05/16:88 MOTION TO EXTEND THE SPEAKERS LIST**

Local 35/Westviking College Student Association

Be it resolved that the speakers list be extended by two speakers for and two speakers against the motion.

**DEFEATED**

**95/11:134 DEFEATED (13-10 motion did not receive two-thirds majority)**

**96/05/16:89 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (NOTICE-1)**

Local 07/Local 48

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes all forms of state-sanctioned murder, defined as when the state uses death as a form of political, economic, social and cultural oppression.

A delegate from Local 07 said she supported the motion. She thought the policy was perfectly in keeping with existing Federation policy.

A delegate from Local 35 said he supported the motion. He said he thought the motion was better than the previous motion, and more explicitly conveyed the intent of the Federation.

A delegate from Local 44 said she supported the motion, since it was more specific than the previous proposal. She said she was very aware of what it was like to live in a country where people and students are persecuted and killed because of their political, social and religious beliefs. She said the motion should be supported.

**96/05/16:89 CARRIED**

**Noted Abstention Local 01**

**95/11:248 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 33/Local 09

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the right of women to free accessible abortion upon demand and opposes the implementation of user fees and other barriers to access for abortion.

A delegate from Local 33 said that not having control over one's own body was a barrier to post-secondary education. She said that if a student were to become pregnant during her course of study and were forced to stop attending school to have the baby, then she would not have access to post-secondary education.

A delegate from Local 35 said that he opposed the motion. He said that as an individual, he supported the motion. He said he knew students on his campus who would not support the motion. He said there were a number of Catholics who, by nature, did not support the freedom to choose. He said he could not therefore support the motion.

The Ontario Treasurer Jason Stevens asked the delegate from Local 35 whether there were racist homophobes on his campus.

A delegate from Local 35 said there were, and noted that racist homophobes lived throughout Canada.

A delegate from Local 68 said she had been born and raised a Catholic and understood issues pertaining to religious values. She said at the same time she was a woman and a person of colour. She said she was speaking for students of York Federation of Students-Local 68, especially for silenced women who were not able to talk about abortion. She said for those who opposed the motion, she urged caution, since women who have exercised their choice on the matter may be sisters, mothers, or neighbors. She said she herself had had an abortion and she would not remain silent on the matter. She said post-secondary education students were amongst those of the highest risk for unplanned pregnancies. She said unplanned pregnancies were not just a woman's responsibility since it took two people of the opposite gender to become pregnant. She said on her campus alone, two women per week sought medical advice from the campus physician on unplanned pregnancies. She said that in the United States, it cost \$300.00 US to have an abortion. She said that that sum did not include counseling and traveling time. She said for students, raising that kind of money was very difficult and it was certainly the last kind of pressure that women students needed. She said at a time when child care was being cut having access to abortion was necessary. She said the issue was one of choice, having the right to exercise whatever decision a woman makes, whether that is to have and raise a child in dignity, with adequate child care, or to have an abortion in a safe and sanitary environment. She said there was also an issue of who had access to abortion. She said it had been shown that in the United States, women from more affluent backgrounds tend to be able to afford to have the medical procedure. She said that by the same standard, less affluent women had a more difficult time raising a child since the costs of doing so were so high. She said in the end, less affluent women, especially students are most seriously at a disadvantage, regardless of which choice they make. She said the issue was choice and full and equal access to whatever choice a woman makes.

A delegate from Local 87 said he strongly supported the motion and respected those who proposed the motion. He said at the same time, he could not vote in favor of the motion because students on his campus would not support the motion.

A delegate from Local 09 said she strongly supported the motion. She said where she lived, there was a strong presence by the Reform Party. She said there would no doubt be anti-choice advocates everywhere. She said that every motion that delegates took a stand on would not necessarily be supported by every student at the local level. She said she had been elected at the local level, because people respected her beliefs. She said she would exercise that mandate by putting her beliefs into practice on plenary floor and make decisions on issues as they came up.

A delegate from Local 01 said he opposed the motion. He said he agreed with the delegate from Local 35. He said within the Federation's current policy, there was already a policy which would embrace the issues put forward by the movers of the policy proposal being debated. He said the Federation should not offend so many people by taking a stand in favour of abortion.

A delegate from Local 54 said women were people comprising more than 50% of the population.

**96/05/16:90 MOTION TO EXTEND THE SPEAKERS LIST**

Local 62/Local 57

Be it resolved that speakers list be extended by one more speaker for and one more speaker against the motion.

**CARRIED**

A delegate from Local 62 said she supported the motion. She said in response to the concern that policy was in existence, the policy on the floor was explicitly addressing issues of access. She said on every issue, there will always be some dissenting voices. She said that the point of discussing issues within the Federation was to encourage delegates to take leadership roles at the local, provincial and national levels. She said if the same rationale were applied on every motion—that some individuals might disagree with the outcome—the Federation would not be able to make a decision on anything. She said the role of a delegate was not to pander to the lowest common denominator and appease the racists and homophobes, but rather, to take a stand and try to persuade people to abandon their backward ideas.

**95/11:248 CARRIED (24-1)**

**Noted Abstentions: Local 87; Local 35; Westviking College Student Association; Local 45; Local 82; Local 61; and Local 01**

**95/11:247**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 09/Local 73

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**Higher Education Act**

The absence of any national standards for post-secondary education has made it much easier for provincial governments to raise tuition fees, cut their funding to institutions and eliminate whole programs. As well, the lack of any formalised federal involvement made it easy for the federal government to off-load its funding responsibilities onto the provinces.

The development of a federal Department of Higher Education and Training and the creation of a Higher Education Act similar in scope and function to the Canada Health Act would aid in establishing and maintaining a set of common national standards.

The Act should promote the following ideas:

**1. Public Administration**

Post-secondary institutions should be governed on a not-for-profit basis and should be publicly administered. Public post-secondary institutions should be funded by tax dollars and public funds should not be used to support private institutions.

**2. Portability**

All credits, certificates, diplomas and degrees acquired at a public institution should be recognized and transferable between all public institutions in the country. This process should not be done through the strict standardisation of curriculum within the certificate, diploma and degree programs.

**3. Comprehensive**

The public system should be as comprehensive as possible and provide students with a complete range of services including, but not limited to university education, community colleges, vocational training, professional training, adult education, and distance education.

**4. Accessibility**

Post-secondary institutions should be free of all entrance barriers. All tuition fees and ancillary fees would be abolished. Student aid needed to maintain a guaranteed minimum level of income would be provided mostly through grants.

**96/05/16:91**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Be it resolved that the proposed policy amendment in Motion 95/11:247 be amended to read as follows:

**Higher Education Agreement**

The absence of any national standards for post-secondary education has made it much easier for provincial governments to raise tuition fees, cut their funding to institutions and eliminate whole programs. As well, the lack of any formalized federal involvement made it easy for the federal government to off-load its funding responsibilities onto the provinces.

The creation of a higher education agreement implemented and enforced by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, similar in scope and function to the Canada Health Act would aid in establishing and maintaining a set of common pan-Canadian principles.

The Agreement must promote the following ideas:

**1. Public Administration.**

Post-secondary institutions must be governed on a not-for-profit basis and must be publicly administered. Public post-secondary institutions must be funded by tax dollars, which must not be used to support private institutions.

**2. Portability**

All credits must be transferable, and all certificates, diplomas and degrees acquired at a public institution must be recognized among all public institutions in the country. This process must not be done through the strict standardization of curriculum within the certificate, diploma and degree programs.

**3. Comprehensiveness**

The public system must be as comprehensive as possible and provide students with a complete range of services and programs including, but not limited to university education, community colleges, vocational training, professional training, adult education, apprenticeship and part-time education and distance education. A full range of inclusive curricula must be made available to reflect the diversity of the Canadian population.

**4. Accessibility and Universality**

Post-secondary institutions must be free of all entrance barriers. All tuition fees and ancillary fees must be abolished. Student aid needed to maintain a guaranteed minimum level of income must be provided mostly through grants.

Caron said the amendment had been inspired by the Council of Ministers of Education (Canada). He said there had been eleven members of the Federation's delegation, who had broken down into six working groups. He said the Federation had succeeded in making new alliances, even amongst organisations with which the Federation had not always had agreement. He said the Federation had worked with groups from Québec where there had often been conflict in the past. He said the Federation had made headway in putting issues forward like accessibility, financing of post-secondary education, and high quality teaching throughout the country. He said the principle of the Federation that had the least agreement was the concept of the Federal Higher Education Act. He said there were many organisations which supported the idea in principle, but there were concerns arising in Québec, since post-secondary education was an issue of provincial jurisdiction. He said the idea was, in general acceptable, but for provinces such as Québec and others the main source of disagreement was that the Federal government would be responsible for implementing such a Higher Education Act. He said the issue also raised concerns within Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation—a Québec student organisation with which the Federation has been working with extensively over the past two years. He said the Federation had attempted to seek a compromise with groups from Québec. He said for these reasons, the Federation's delegation to the CMEC was proposing to the membership that references to "the Higher Education Act" be replaced by "the Higher Education Agreement." He said that in Québec the term "national" was very sensitive, since many of those who live in Québec already consider themselves to be a nation. He said the proposal was to replace references to "national standards" with references to "Pan-Canadian Principles." He said rather than asking the principles to be enforced by the Federal government, the idea was to have the CMEC implement the principles. He said it was important to show that there was respect within the Federation for the concerns expressed by students in Québec and to find areas of compromise.

**96/05/16:92 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 47/Local 11

Be it resolved that point 4 of motion 96/05/16:83 be amended to read as follows:

**4. Accessibility and Universality**

Post-secondary institutions must be free of all non-academic entrance barriers. All tuition fees and ancillary fees must be abolished. Student aid needed to maintain a guaranteed minimum level of income must be provided mostly through grants.

A delegate from Local 14 said he fully supported the amendment. He said this had been the only concern raised at his local. He said that with the amendment, the motion as it stood was excellent.

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A delegate from Local 01 asked whether the Federation generated its own revenue from ancillary fees on students.

The Speaker said the Federation did not in fact generate revenue from ancillary fees on students. He said in Ontario ancillary fees were defined as compulsory, non-tuition fees levied by the university. He said in Ontario, a student union membership fee, which was democratically set by the local membership of the student union, would not be classified as an ancillary fee.

The Students of Colour National Executive Representative Lancefield Morgan said he opposed the amendment. He said that even academic barriers can be obstacles for students trying to pursue post-secondary education. He said that studies had shown that high school marks were not an accurate indication of how well a student will do when attending a post-secondary education institution. He said a number of institutions had systems whereby students without a high school degree could upgrade at the institution and then integrate into the post-secondary institution. He said some institutions encourage non-traditional students to pursue their studies through these programmes. He said because of the way academics were taught at the high school level, he said there was a disproportionately high drop out rate among certain minority groups. He said that a system which is not diverse cannot satisfy the needs of a diversity of students. He said therefore, academics were often barriers to a fully accessible post-secondary education system.

A delegate from Local 62 said she opposed the amendment. She said one example was that for a student who had to work throughout high school, and who therefore had less time to spend on their studies might not achieve the same grades as an individual who did not have to work full-time. He said issues of racial discrimination and issues of class had an impact on the academic performance of certain students.

A delegate from Local 47 said she thought that performing academically and the manner in which the performance is assessed were separate and distinct issues. She said the issues should not be linked. She said the way students were assessed at the present time was inadequate, but she said that there should be some assessment of a potential students' ability to complete the programme.

**96/05/16:92      DEFEATED**

**Noted in Favour:      Local 14; Local 01**

A delegate from Local 75 said that the Higher Education Act would provide the basis for the year's campaign. She said she had difficulty with some of the wording and said more work should be undertaken to improve the policy. She said the Federation should be suggesting pro-active solutions and alternatives, rather than simply critiquing that which is being proposed. She said she thought the language could be improved. She said the delegates should defeat the motion and then direct the National Executive to improve the language of the policy.

Ontario Chairperson-elect Victoria Smallman said that the policy simply reflected the philosophy of the Federation behind the lobbying for a Higher Education Agreement. She said she fully supported the the motion since it accurately reflected the sentiments of the discussion which had taken place at the CMEC. She said that the actual Agreement or Act would not look like the Federation's policy, but would look more like legislation or a contract, if adopted. She thanked the Federation for having been invited to be a part of the Federation's delegation to the CMEC.

**96/05/16:93      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 14/Local 01

Be it resolved that point 4 of motion 96/05/16:83 be amended to read as follows:

**4.    Accessibility and Universality**

Post-secondary institutions must be free of all entrance barriers to undergraduate programmes. All tuition fees and ancillary fees must be abolished. Student aid needed to maintain a guaranteed minimum level of income must be provided ~~mostly~~ through grants.

A delegate from Local 14 said he thought there should be some academic requirements for students once they have secured access into the system at the undergraduate level.

A delegate from Local 30 said she had just graduated with an honours undergraduate degree. She said she felt the science requirement had pulled down her grade point average, even though the science course would have no bearing on her work as a graduate student. She said she did not think it was fair if she were penalised because that single course brought her grade point average down. She said she therefore opposed the amendment.

A delegate from Local 62 said she opposed the amendment. She said since the current academic indicators were highly inadequate, they should not be referred to when preparing short term policy. She said the issue could be assessed at a later date.

A delegate from Local 71 said she opposed the amendment. She said that accessibility should not be framed by solely academic considerations.

An observer from the Students Federation of the University of Ottawa said that if academic indicators were not an accurate reflection of the potential of a students, then the system as a whole should be reviewed. He said the education system should be examined to see whether it even serves a purpose at all. He said he supported the motion.

**96/05/16:93      DEFEATED**

National Researcher Denise Doherty-Delorme said that during Committee discussions, it was recognised that the document was not perfect and would continue to be modified and improved during the months and weeks ahead. She said that the document, however, did reflect broad agreement that could serve as a starting point for working with coalition partners and having a significant impact on policy makers.

**96/05/16:91      CARRIED**

**Noted Abstention:    Local 01**

**95/11:247      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**96/05/16:94      NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY (NOTICE-3)**

Local 08/Westviking College Students' Association

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes government entrance taxes on immigrants and refugees to Canada because of the racist and classist barrier that such taxes create.

**96/05/16:95      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 33/Local 07

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:86 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation opposes the government immigration entrance taxes in Canada.

A delegate from Local 45 asked for clarification on the immigration entrance tax.

National Student of Colour Commissioner Morgan said that the Federal government had implemented what had been dubbed "the Head Tax" just over one year previously. He said that the tax was a \$975.00 processing fee applied to immigrants and refugees. He said this was in addition to a \$500.00 non-refundable fee charged to immigrants and refugees. He said the motion developed in the Students of Colour Constituency Group but had been proposed as a directive, not as a policy. He said a majority of immigrants and refugees were people of colour. He said that at the time the motion was first proposed, there was an anti-immigrant backlash being fostered by the Federal government through application of such fees as the "Head Tax" and by the mainstream media which was scapegoating immigrants as "welfare cheats."

A delegate from Local 35 said he supported the amendment since it made the wording more clear.

A delegate from Local 68 said she opposed the amendment. She said tax was created to allow for more affluent immigrants to come into the country. She said that the tendency was that white people were more likely to be able to pay the entrance tax, since they were not usually the victims of discrimination which kept a disproportionate amount of people of colour trapped in a cycle of poverty. She said the tax was racist and it ought to be maintained in the motion.

A delegate from Local 45 said he opposed the amendment. He said the sentence being struck would remove the explanation from the policy and create confusion in the future when people were reading the policy manual.

A delegate from Local 33 said the spirit of the amendment was not to change the content or spirit of the policy proposal that the tax should be opposed. She said the perception was that immigrants were all people of colour. She said that perception was racist. She said she agreed that the tax was classist. She said she excluded a reference to refugees because she thought that the reference to immigration tax included tax on refugees.

**96/05/16:95      DEFEATED**

**96/05/16:94      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**96/05/16:96      NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY (NOTICE-4)**

Local 07/Westviking College Students' Association

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes the fear mongering propaganda of the Reform Party and the racist myths that they perpetuate through the Canadian Media.

A delegate from Local 14 said he opposed the motion. He said that personal beliefs should not be brought into the decision making process. He said that a Reform Party Club existed on his campus and therefore, while he himself did not support the Reform Party, he could not support the motion.

A delegate from Local 68 said she interpreted the motion as not being opposed to the Reform Party, but rather being opposed to the fear mongering and racist propaganda that it perpetuates.

A delegate from Local 45 said he opposed the motion. He said he was not a Reform Party supporter. He said he did not believe that every member of the Reform Party was a racist. He said he thought it was because of the Canadian media that such a perception existed. He said individuals who were racist were giving the Party a bad name.

A delegate from Local 33 said she opposed the motion. She said she understood the spirit of the motion. She said that specific examples should be brought forward. She said if the Federation opposed fear-mongoring propaganda then it would have to oppose itself, since fear mongoring propaganda was a tactic used by many political organisations from time to time, including the Federation.

A delegate said that for people who wanted examples of Reform Party racism, he had one word: Ringma.

A delegate from Local 35 asked what Ringma meant.

A delegate said that Ringma was a Member of Parliament and a member of the Reform Party Caucus. He said that Ringma had said that if lesbians and gays or people of colour were causing him to lose business in his shop he would not let them work in the front, he'd send them to the back.

The delegate from Local 35 asked whether Ringma was still a member of the Reform Party.

It was noted that Ringma continued to be an active member of the Reform Party.

**96/05/16:97      MOTION TO EXTEND THE SPEAKERS LIST**

Local 23/Local 44

Be it resolved that the speakers list be extended by one speaker for the motion and one speaker against the motion.

**CARRIED**

A delegate from Local 07 said she supported the motion. She said that if the Federation could oppose Liberal and Conservative policies such as cuts to post-secondary education and discrimination, then the Federation could also oppose Reform Party policy that is racist and homophobic. She said the Federation was not opposing the Party itself, but rather those policies that were offensive.

**96/05/16:98      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local 61

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:96 be amended to read as follows:

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes the use of racist, fear mongering propaganda by Canadian political parties.

A delegate from Local 23 said he agreed with the sentiments expressed by delegates regarding the racist behavior of Reform Party members. He said the Federation however, was also committed to non-partisanship. He said the Federation opposed cuts made by various political parties as government. He said nowhere did the Federation have policy that specifically named the political party which was overseeing the cuts. He said the Federation should be a progressive organisation but the danger was that the leadership of the student movement becomes too far ahead of its membership. He said that it was not only the Reform Party which fostered racism in Canada, he said other political parties could be held accountable for actions which contribute to racism in the country.

A delegate from Local 33 said she opposed the amendment. She said the words "fear mongering propaganda" were themselves vague. She said the platform of political parties may or not be deliberate propaganda. She said the Federation's policy did address the issues and more than established the parameters for opposing the kinds of remarks made by various members of the Reform Party.

A delegate from Local 45 said he supported the amendment. He said the amendment struck the reference to "Canadian media." He said the Federation opposed all racist fear-mongoring propaganda, whether it was perpetuated by the Reform Party or by the media. He said he agreed with the previous speaker in that the Federation already had adequate policy to address the issues raised by the policy proposal. He said he agreed with the delegate from Local 23 who said the Federation should remain non-partisan in its approach to policy.

The Students of Colour National Executive Representative Lancefield Morgan said he opposed the amendment. He said did not support removing reference to the Reform Party. He said that the debate over the motion itself has shown that existing policy is inadequate, since the membership was demonstrating its reticence to take a stand on the racist policies of the Reform Party. He said that if membership agreed that the Reform Party was racist, and if such racism has been proven through examples over and over, then the Federation should take a stand. He said the Federation should oppose the racism of the Reform Party, and it should be stated explicitly, not implicitly.

A delegate from Local 44 said she agreed with the delegate from Local 23. She said she thought it was crucial that all political parties be called on the issue of fear mongering and racism. She said that by naming only the Reform Party, there was a danger that other parties would be considered to be not racist, when that was not in fact the case.

A delegate asked whether there was a specific policy of the Reform Party that was racist.

Alberta National Executive Representative Zahra Habib said the policy referred to fear mongering propaganda not specific policies of the Reform Party.

**96/05/16:98      DEFEATED**

**96/05/16:99      MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

Local 45 /Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/16:96 be put to a vote.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:96      CARRIED (16-3-14)**

**Noted Abstentions   Local 79; Local 01; Local 05**

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**96/05/16:100 NOTICE OF MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY (NOTICE-6)**

Local 07/Westviking College Students' Association

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes the creation of business links with countries with poor Human Rights and Social Justice records, while at the same time supporting movements for freedom and equality.

A delegate from Local 07 said she thought the policy proposal promoted social justice and was in keeping with existing Federation policy.

A delegate from Local 45 said he agreed with the spirit of the motion, but disagreed with the wording. He said it implied that all businesses operating in countries with poor human rights records were bad. He said he was a business student and said there were mandatory courses on business ethics. He said that the issue raised by the motion had been debated in his classes on business ethics. He said that many businesses operated in countries with poor human rights records and were clearly exploiting the workers, the resources, and the countries involved. He said other companies operating in countries with poor human rights record were beneficial to the populace. He said the issue stemmed more from the mentality of the particular businesses operating. He said some businesses were attempting to provide higher ethical standards, provide ongoing employment, develop infrastructures and create positive results in the country. He said there could be some benefits to having businesses operate in a country with a poor human rights record, and that should be acknowledged in the motion.

A delegate from Local 62 said she supported the motion. She said within the past month, Pepsi-Cola had pulled out of Burma. She said a campaign had been ongoing for the past several years against Pepsi and its subsidiaries for operating in Burma. She said that in 1992 Levi-Strauss pulled out of Burma and at the time Levi-Strauss had issued a statement which said, "one cannot conduct business in Burma without indirectly supporting the militarist, oppressive regime there." She said that when Pepsi withdrew from Burma it was a victory for all those involved in the ongoing campaign, and the Federation should see it as a victory. She said it was too convenient to rationalise the role of business in a country with poor human rights records, as being beneficial. She said businesses knew why they set up in countries with poor human rights records, and that was so they could take advantage of lower wage economies and perpetuate the cycle of poverty of the population. She said that the standard of living in Canada and other developed nations was built on the backs of people in developing nations. She said she strongly supported the motion.

A delegate from Local 45 said he was concerned with having single-line policy which was not self-explanatory. He said he would like to defeat the policy proposal and develop a more self-explanatory statement.

A delegate from 68 said she supported the motion. She said that businesses operated on a for-profit basis regardless of how much infrastructure was developed. She said history showed that one reason many people came to Canada was to escape the businesses that were running the economies of their countries. She said some people were paid pennies a day, while the environment was being destroyed. She said businesses routinely used the populations of developing countries as guinea pigs for new drugs, which would not be allowed for distribution in Canada. She said businesses do not operate to help people, they operate in the climate most conducive to making money. She said that students historically have fought against oppression throughout the world and it would be appropriate for delegates to support the motion.

**96/05/16:101 MOTION TO TABLE**

Local 61/Local 31

Be it resolved that the motion 96/05/16:100 and the outstanding motions contained in the National Education and Student Rights Committee Report be tabled until after the Report of the Organisational Development Committee.

A delegate from Local 07 said she opposed tabling the motions immediately. She said she would prefer to vote on the motion which was being debated.

The Speaker noted that there were four motions outstanding, and an additional three motions that had been omitted from the National Education and Student Rights Committee Report. The Speaker said that a number of motions that would be discussed were in fact notice of motions, which meant that the motions would be re-debated at the November 1996 National General Meeting. He said he thought it would be prudent to consider the motions from Organisational Development Committee Report.

**96/05/16:101 CARRIED**

**96/05/16:100 TABLED**

### **33. CONSIDERATION OF ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chairperson Réal Déquier said some corrections should be made to the report. He said that for 96/05:N02 should read that the Aboriginal Caucus would replace references to Canadian Federation of Aboriginal Students. He said that 95/11:305 should read "of" instead of "or". He said that 96/05:OD-4 should read: "encouraging members to develop campaign ideas be sent".

**96/05/12:56 DIRECTIVE (96/05:N17)**

Local 61/Local 83

Whereas Studentsaver listings are already collected by the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation produces the "ISIC World Travel Handbook" and the "Canada Student Travel Discount Guide" which contain ISIC discounts but not locally-obtained Studentsaver discounts; and

Whereas locally-obtained Studentsaver discounts often have more character and more small community locations than the nationally-obtained ISIC discounts; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation produce a national guidebook of Studentsaver discounts.

**96/05/16:102 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 75/Local 23

Be it resolved that the principal motion be amended to read as follows:

Be it resolved that the option of reinstating production of a Studentsaver discounts guide be investigated; and

Be it further resolved that a solicitation for better national discounts (ie. more beneficial to members) be undertaken.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:56 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**96/05/12:62 DIRECTIVE (96/05:N20)**

Local 61/Local 83

Whereas the current Canada Student Loan program funnels the interest on loans made to address students' needs to participating private banks; and

Whereas many students have to participate in this system but would rather have the government's interest payments go to something other than the profits of a private bank; and

Whereas the combined financial resources of students' unions in Canada, not to mention individual members themselves, must be a sizeable amount; therefore

Be it resolved that information on that which would be involved in forming a student-owned credit union be obtained.

**CARRIED**

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**96/05/12:50**

**DIRECTIVE (96/05:N14)**

Local 61/Local 83

Whereas skills development for local leadership is an important function of national organisations such as trade unions; and

Whereas in the Federation, skills development weekends have been left to provincial components to organise, if they happen at all; and

Whereas other organisations are talking about doing skills development to address this unmet need; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive develop consistent skills development modules, with speaking notes and handouts, for topics including but not limited to:

- How Autonomous Student Unions Were (and Are) Organised;
- Post-Secondary Education Funding Formulas and Structures;
- Student Aid and Employment Programs;
- Skills Training Programs;
- Human Rights and Harassment;
- Analysing Budgets;
- Achievements of the Student Movement; and

Be it further resolved that these modules provide a historical context and a geographic context using national and province specific information; and

Be it further resolved that training be sought for workshop facilitators; and

Be it further resolved that a list of facilitators and their workshops be made available to provincial offices.

**96/05/16: 103**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 35/Local 72

Be it resolved that the first clause in the principal motion be replaced with the following:

Be it resolved that consistent skills development modules, with speaking notes and handouts, be developed;

Be it further resolved that topics include but not be limited to:

- How Autonomous Student Unions Were (and Are) Organised;
- Post-Secondary Education Funding Formulas and Structures;
- Student Aid and Employment Programs;
- Skills Training Programs;
- Human Rights, Harassment and Systemic Discrimination;
- Analysing Budgets;
- Achievements of the Student Movement; and"

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:50**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**96/05/12:54      DIRECTIVE (96/05:N16)**

Local 61/Local 83

Whereas raising the profile of the Federation and demonstrating our strength in numbers helps the way in which Federation representatives are received by governments, coalition partners and the media, which in turn helps members in terms of progressive policy changes; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be directed to put the Federation name and/or logo along with their "Local #" on any student card, service or information that they offer.

**96/05/16:104      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 35/ Local 24

Be it resolved that the word "directed" be replaced with the word "encouraged" in motion 96/05/12:54.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:54      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**96/05/12:66      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS (96/05:N22)**

Local 23/Local 24

Be it resolved that Bylaw VI, Section 4, sub-section a) be amended to read as follows:

**a) Term of Office for At-Large Members**

- i. The term of office of the National Chairperson shall commence at the end of the closing plenary of the Semi-annual General Meeting immediately following the Annual National General Meeting at which she was elected, and shall expire at the end of the closing plenary of the following Semi-annual General Meeting.
- ii. The term of office of the National Deputy Chairperson shall commence at the end of the closing plenary of the Semi-annual General Meeting immediately following the Annual National General Meeting at which she was elected, and shall expire at the end of the closing plenary of the following Semi-annual General Meeting.
- iii. The term of office of the National Treasurer shall commence at the end of the closing plenary of the Semi-annual General Meeting immediately following the Annual National General Meeting at which she was elected, and shall expire at the end of the closing plenary of the following Semi-annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/13:14      MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING RESOLUTIONS (96/05:N36)**

Local 23/Local 54

Whereas Standing Resolution 22, Job Descriptions, was developed at a time when the Federation had less than two full-time at-large National Executive members; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 22 be amended to read as follows:

**Standing Resolution 22**

**DUTIES OF THE AT-LARGE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

**A. Collective Duties of the At-large National Executive Members**

The collective duties of the at-large National Executive members shall include, but shall in no way be limited to, the following;

**1. National Office Collective Responsibilities**

The at-large National Executive members shall:

- a. maintain regular office hours, notwithstanding that they will be absent frequently from the National Office on Federation business;
- b. participate in meeting of the National Office collective; and
- c. assume a proportionate share of the collective work of the National Office.

**2. Staff Relations**

The at-large National Executive members shall:

- a. within the parameters established by convention, the collective agreement with the Federation's employees and the decisions of the Labour-Management Committee, manage the staff of the Federation on a day-to-day basis;
- b. select, from amongst themselves, one member to act as Staff Relations Officer for the Federation, subject to the ratification of the National Executive; and
- c. ensure that the work priorities of staff reflect priorities set by national general meetings and by the National Executive.

**3. Communications**

The at-large National Executive members shall:

- a. coordinate communications among National Executive members; and
- b. endeavour to keep all other National Executive members informed of external and internal issues arising nationally within the Federation.

**4. Government Relations Work**

The at-large National Executive members shall coordinate the day-to day government relations work of the Federation at the national level.

**5. Coalition Work**

The at-large National Executive members shall coordinate the day-to-day coalition work of the Federation at the national level.

**6. International Relations**

The at-large National Executive members shall:

- a. maintain regular contact with the head office of the International Union of Students;
- b. represent the Federation at world congresses of the International Union of Students; and
- c. communicate, as required, with the elected leaders of other national student organisations.

**7. Membership Development and Outreach**

The at-large National Executive members shall, from time-to-time as required:

- a. attend provincial component general meetings;
- b. represent the Federation at meetings and events of member local associations
- c. represent the Federation at meetings and events of non-member local associations;
- d. participate in membership referenda campaigns; and
- e. liaise with Federation constituency group commissioners.

**8. National General Meetings**

The at-large National Executive members shall:

- a. assist with the general planning of each national general meeting;
- b. coordinate the production of the National Executive Report for each national general meeting; and
- c. ensure that updated copies of the Federation's Bylaws, Policy Manual and Standing Resolutions are distributed to the member local associations in accordance with the guidelines established by policy of the Federation.

**9. National Executive Meetings**

The at-large National Executive members shall:

- a. draft, in conjunction with the staff in the National Office, the agenda for each National Executive meeting;
- b. submit, when deemed necessary, the following written reports to each National Executive meeting:
  - i. Government Relations Report;
  - ii. Report on Coalition Work;
  - iii. Media Update; and
  - iv. Report on International Activities.
- c. organise an orientation for each new National Executive member prior to or at the member's first National Executive meeting; and
- d. supply, immediately following each National Executive meeting, all National Executive members with a list of work to be completed by all members prior to the subsequent meeting.

**10. Travel CUTS**

The at-large National Executive members shall:

- a. represent the National Executive on the Board of Travel CUTS;
- b. present a written report to the first National Executive meeting following each Travel CUTS Board meeting reporting on the deliberations of the Board meeting; and
- c. ensure, in general, that the interests of the Federation are maintained within Travel CUTS.

**B. Individual Duties of the At-large National Executive Members**

The individual duties of the at-large National Executive members shall include, but shall in no way be limited to, the following;

**1. National Chairperson**

**a. Spokesperson**

The National Chairperson shall serve as a spokesperson for the Federation.

**b. National Executive Meetings**

The National Chairperson shall present a brief written work summary to each National Executive Meeting accounting for her work since the previous National Executive meeting.

**c. National General Meetings**

The National Chairperson shall coordinate the work of a committee at national general meetings, including:

- i. assisting with drafting of the committee agenda;
- ii. assisting with the chairing of the meeting; and
- iii. assisting with the production of the committee's report.

**d. Other Duties**

The National Chairperson shall carry out other duties as assigned by the National Executive.

**2. National Deputy Chairperson**

**a. Spokesperson**

The National Deputy Chairperson shall serve as a spokesperson for the Federation.

**b. National Executive Meetings**

The National Deputy Chairperson shall present a brief written work summary to each National Executive Meeting accounting for her work since the previous National Executive meeting.

**c. National General Meetings**

The National Deputy Chairperson shall coordinate the work of a committee at national general meetings, including:

- i. assisting with drafting of the committee agenda;
- ii. assisting with the chairing of the meeting; and
- iii. assisting with the production of the committee's report.

**d. Other Duties**

The National Deputy Chairperson shall carry out other duties as assigned by the National Executive.

**3. National Treasurer**

**a. National Executive Meetings**

The National Treasurer shall present a brief written work summary to each National Executive Meeting accounting for her work since the previous National Executive meeting.

**b. National General Meetings**

**i. Budget Committee**

The National Treasurer shall coordinate the work of the Budget Committee at each national general meeting, including:

- assisting with drafting of the committee agenda;
- assisting with the chairing of the meeting; and
- assisting with the production of the committee's report.

**ii. Draft Budget**

The National Treasurer shall present:

- a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year to each Semi-annual National General Meeting; and
- a draft revised budget for the current fiscal year to each Annual National General Meeting.

**iii. Travel Pool**

The National Treasurer shall ensure that the national general meeting travel pool is calculated no later than eight (8) weeks following each national general meeting.

**c. Other Duties**

The National Treasurer shall carry out other duties as assigned by the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/13:12**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS (96/05:N35)**

Local 23/Local 54

Whereas Article 2-b of Bylaw XV, Amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws, states that:

- b. A notice of proposed amendment that is received by the National Executive after the deadline set out in (a) above, or proposed at the general meeting, shall be given first approval at the closing national plenary of the general meeting and be circulated with due notices of Constitutional Amendments by the National Executive for final approval at the next general meeting. Such approval cannot be gained until such time as the proposed amendment is available in both official languages.

Whereas the process of "first approval" is a meaningless act given that:

- any proposed bylaw amendment which is granted first approval only takes affect if and when it is approved at the subsequent general meeting; and
- any proposed bylaw amendment which fails to receive first approval can be submitted for consideration at the next general meeting, by any single member association, immediately after it fails first approval.

Whereas it makes no sense to waste the limited time of the national general meeting on meaningless acts; and

Whereas it makes far more sense to have proposed bylaw amendments, developed at the general meeting, simply served as notice to the next general meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw XV, Article 2-b, be deleted.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/13:17**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS (96/05:N34)**

Local 23/Local 54

Whereas a constituency group is described in Article 1 of Bylaw 8 as being "comprised of individual delegates attending Federation national general meetings"; and

Whereas the reference in Article 2-a of Bylaw 8, to "a group of member local associations wishing to be established as a constituency group", is contradictory to the general description set out in Article 1; and

Whereas the reference in Article 6 Bylaw 8, to "each member local association belonging to a Federation constituency group", is also contradictory to the general description set out in Article 1; therefore

Be it resolved that Article 2-a of Bylaw 8, Constituency Groups, be amended to read:

- a. a group of delegates, wishing to be established as a constituency group, shall apply in writing to the national plenary for recognition.

Be it further resolved that Article 6 of Bylaw 8, Constituency Groups, be amended to read:

Each delegate belonging to a constituency group shall have one vote in meetings of the constituency group.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:48**

**MOTION TO STANDING RESOLUTIONS (96/05:N13)**

Local 79/Local 76

Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

**GENERAL MEETING BILINGUALISM FORUM**

**1. Forum**

At each Semi-annual National General Meeting and at each Annual National General Meeting, the Bilingualism Forum shall be struck.

**2. Voting at the Bilingualism Forum**

Each member local shall have one vote on forum motions.

**3. Bilingualism Forum Terms of Reference**

The terms of reference for the forum shall be as follows:

- a) review the status and make recommendations as to possible improvements of bilingualism within the Federation.
- b) review and create issues and operational policy concerning bilingualism for the Federation.

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**4. Bilingualism Forum Chairperson**

As their first order of business at a general meeting, the bilingualism forum shall elect a chairperson from within its membership, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Resolutions of the Federation.

**5. Submission of Report**

The Bilingualism Forum will prepare and submit a written report containing its recommendations to the closing plenary for consideration.

**6. Distribution and Presentation of Outstanding Reports**

The Bilingualism Forum Report, if it is not presented in full at a general meeting due to lack of time, natural disaster or other event beyond human control, shall be:

- a) distributed to the member locals not less than four weeks prior to the next regularly scheduled National General Meeting.
- b) presented in the opening plenary of the next regularly scheduled National General Meeting prior to any new business.

**7. Bilingualism in Forum Sessions**

All forum sessions shall be conducted in equal parts French and English and the forum Chairperson shall alternate between each language every hour.

**96/05/16:105 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 61/Local 23

Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

**GENERAL MEETING BILINGUALISM FORUM**

**1. Scheduling**

At each Semi-annual National General Meeting and at each Annual National General Meeting, the Bilingualism Forum shall be struck.

**2. Attendance**

**The Forum shall be open to all delegates at a national general meeting.**

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**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:48**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**96/05/12:24**

**MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION (96/05:N01)**

Local 76/Local 87

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #6, Aboriginal Students Constituency Group be amended to read as follows:

**THE ABORIGINAL CAUCUS**

The following bylaws shall govern the affairs of the Aboriginal Caucus of the Federation:

**1. Name**

The organisation shall be known as the Aboriginal Caucus hereinafter referred to as the Caucus.

**2. Objectives**

The objectives of the Caucus shall be:

- a) to support the statement of purpose of the Federation;
- b) to advocate the interests of all aboriginal students at the national and international levels;
- c) to provide a forum for discussion of issues of concern to aboriginal students; and
- d) to represent aboriginal students' interests and concerns within the Federation.

**3. Membership**

**a) Regular Members**

Regular members shall be all aboriginal student associations within member locals.

**b) Rights of Members**

Each member association shall:

- i. be entitled to one (1) vote within the Caucus;
- ii. be entitled to the protection and support of the Caucus, in accordance with the goals of the Caucus; and
- iii. be entitled to access Caucus research, information, materials and Federation staff.

**c) Responsibility of Members**

Each member association shall:

- i. support the goals of the Caucus and will abide by the provisions of the Bylaws;
- ii. provide a delegate from its aboriginal student members for the purposes of voting in Caucus;
- iii. represent the interests and concerns of its member aboriginal students at Caucus general meetings; and
- iv. communicate information from the Caucus to its aboriginal student members.

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### **4. General Meetings of the Caucus**

#### **a) Types of General Meetings**

There shall be two types of general meetings:

- i. regular general meetings; and
- ii. special general meetings.

#### **b) Scheduling of Regular General Meetings**

Regular general meetings of the Caucus shall be held each year during the Annual and Semi-annual General Meetings of the Federation.

#### **c) Scheduling of Special General Meetings**

Special general meetings of the Caucus shall be scheduled by the Executive by:

- i. majority vote; or
- ii. upon receipt of a petition signed by a majority of the member associations.

#### **d) Notice of General Meetings**

Notice of a general meeting shall be deemed to have been given by the delivery to the member associations, no less than six (6) weeks prior to the meeting of:

- i. written notice stating the date, location and registration requirements of the meeting; and
- ii. the proposed agenda for the meeting.

#### **e) Quorum for General Meetings**

The quorum for general meetings shall be:

- i. ten representatives from member locals
- ii. at least one representative from each of the following regions:
  - Western Region, comprised of members from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and the Yukon;
  - Central Region, comprised of members from Ontario and Québec; and
  - Atlantic Region, comprised of members from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland/Labrador.

#### **f) Rules of Order for General Meetings**

The most recent edition of Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all Caucus general meeting provisions.

### **5. Executive**

The affairs of the Caucus shall be managed by the Executive.

#### **a) Composition**

The Executive shall be comprised of:

- i. Chairperson;
- ii. National Executive Representative; and
- iii. All Provincial Component aboriginal representatives

#### **b) Term of Office**

The term of office for all at-large Executive members shall be one year, commencing upon the close of the Federation Semi-annual General Meeting following election and expiring at the succeeding Federation Semi-annual General Meeting.

### **6. Election and Removal of Executive Members**

#### **a) Election of the Chairperson**

The Chairperson shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Federation each year by the regular members of the Caucus;

#### **b) Election of the National Executive Representative**

The National Executive Representative shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation each year by the regular members of the Caucus.

#### **c) Eligibility**

- i. A nominee for the position of Chairperson must be an aboriginal student registered at an educational institution and an individual member of the Federation;
- ii. A nominee for the position of National Executive Representative must be an aboriginal student registered at an educational institution and an individual member of the Federation.

- d) Voting  
Voting in Executive elections will be conducted by secret ballot.
  - e) Required Majorities
    - i. A nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected.
    - ii. In the event that no nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, additional votes will be taken until one of the nominees receives a majority or until the Caucus re-opens nominations.
    - iii. In the event that more than two nominees are running for a position, the nominee receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped from the succeeding ballot.
    - iv. In the event that only one nominee is seeking a particular position, member associations will vote either "yes" or "no" for the nominee.
  - f) Removal from Office  
An Executive member may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote at a Caucus general meeting.
7. Duties of the Executive
- a) Collective Duties of the Executive  
The Executive shall be responsible for:
    - i. ensuring that all mandates of the Caucus are fulfilled;
    - ii. administering or causing to be administered all funds of the Caucus;
    - iii. maintaining the minutes of the Caucus;
    - iv. maintaining an up-to-date membership list for the Caucus;
    - v. maintaining the Caucus policy manual; and
    - vi. producing a newsletter for distribution to Caucus members.
  - b) Motions to Federation General Meetings  
It is the duty of the Caucus executive to ensure that all motions to be referred to the Federation general meeting be initially approved by Caucus.
    - i. Motions for Federation General Meetings shall be received by Caucus members at least ten (10) weeks prior to the commencement of the General Meeting.
    - ii. A special general meeting may be organised by conference call. It is the responsibility of the executive to budget adequately for this eventuality.
  - c) Individual Duties of the Chairperson  
The Chairperson shall:
    - i. be the chief spokesperson of the Caucus and, as such, will articulate the policies of the Federation with respect to issues and matters of concern relating to aboriginal students;
    - ii. be responsible for the lobbying activities of the Caucus on issues of primary concern to aboriginal students;
    - iii. be available, within budgetary limitations, to visit member associations and non-member associations wishing to know more about the Caucus' and the Federation's policies and operations;
    - iv. coordinate production of a report, outlining the work undertaken by the Executive and Caucus, for presentation to each Federation National General Meeting;
    - v. assist aboriginal student delegates representing the Caucus on committees at Federation national general meetings and be available to present information to committees; and
    - vi. attend, upon invitation, provincial caucuses at Federation National General Meetings.
  - d) Individual Duties of the National Executive  
The National Executive Representative shall:
    - i. attend all meetings of the Federation's National Executive;
    - ii. be responsible for the communication between the Federation's National Executive and the Caucus;
    - iii. ensure that the concerns and interests of the Caucus shall be represented at National Executive meetings of the Federation;
    - iv. be responsible for the lobbying activities of the Caucus on issues of primary concern to aboriginal students with the Chairperson;
    - v. be available, within budgetary limitations, to visit member associations and non-member associations wishing to know more about the Caucus and the Federation's policies; and
    - vi. present a written report to each Caucus meeting detailing actions and decisions of the National Executive.

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8. Finances
  - a) Fiscal Year  
The Fiscal year of the Caucus shall end on June 30 each year.
  - b) Budget
    - i. the budget of the Caucus shall be adopted yearly at the Federation Semi-annual General Meeting; and
    - ii. any changes in expenditures as set forth in the approved projected budget shall require the prior approval of the Executive and shall be presented for ratification to the next meeting of the Caucus.
9. Residual Authority  
The Executive shall be empowered to address any issue not clearly defined in this constitution. Any such Executive action must be ratified by the next regularly scheduled Caucus meeting.
10. Override  
Should any clause of these Bylaws contradict or conflict with the Bylaws of the Federation, the Bylaws of the Federation shall override these Bylaws.

**96/05/16:106 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 44/Local 75

Be it resolved that Section 3 of the Standing Resolution Amendment proposed in the principal motion be amended to read:

3. **Membership**
  - a) **Members**  
The members shall be all Federation member local student associations whose membership is comprised exclusively or in part of aboriginal students.
  - b) **Rights of Members**  
Each member association shall be entitled to:
    - i. one (1) vote within the Caucus;
    - ii. the protection and support of the Caucus, in accordance with the goals of the Caucus; and
    - iii. access Caucus research, information, materials and Federation staff.
  - c) **Responsibility of Members**  
Each member association shall:
    - i. support the goals of the Caucus and abide by the provisions of the Caucus Bylaws;
    - ii. provide a delegate from its aboriginal student members for the purposes of voting in Caucus;
    - iii. represent the interests and concerns of its member aboriginal students at Caucus general meetings; and
    - iv. communicate information from the Caucus to its aboriginal student members.

Be it further resolved that Section 4-e of the Standing Resolution Amendment:

- b) **Quorum for General Meetings**  
The quorum for general meetings shall be five member local associations

Be it further resolved that all references to "Bylaws" be replaced with "Caucus Bylaws" in the proposed amended Standing Resolution; and

Be it further resolved that all references to "Executive" be replaced with "Caucus Executive" in the amended Standing Resolution 22.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:24 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**96/05/12:26 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS (96/05:N02)**

Local 86/Local 67

Be it resolved that Bylaw IX, Section 3, be amended to include the following:  
- the Aboriginal Caucus.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:28      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS (96/05:N03)**

Local 35/Local 61

Be it resolved that all references to "Aboriginal Students' Constituency Group" in Bylaw VIII be removed.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:30      MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (96/05:N04)**

Local 35/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following policy be amended to read:

All standing committees will respect, support and encourage the participation of aboriginal students and the **Aboriginal Caucus**.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:32      MOTION TO AMEND POLICY (96/05:N05)**

Local 35/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following policy be deleted:

The Federation supports the Canadian Federation of Aboriginal Students as a parallel organisation that will represent aboriginal students, and promote their issues. Member local associations shall be encouraged to facilitate communication between the Canadian Federation of Aboriginal Students and the aboriginal students of their individual institutions.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:36      DIRECTIVE (96/05:N07)**

Local 35/Local 61

Be it resolved that a list be compiled of aboriginal institutions for the purposes of membership drives.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:34      DIRECTIVE (96/05:N06)**

Local 44/Local 75

Be it resolved that negotiations with CUPE 1281 be undertaken to add an Aboriginal Caucus Coordinator to the national staff complement.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:70      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS (96/05:N24)**

Local 23/Local 54

Be it resolved that Article 2-a-iii of Bylaw I, Membership, be amended to read:

iii. The fees shall include:

- a minimum national fee of \$2.50 per semester, or \$5.00 per academic year, per individual member of the Federation, pro-rated as per the practice of the member local association with respect to the pro-rating of its own fee;
- a minimum provincial component fee of \$.50 per semester, or \$1.00 per academic year, per individual member, pro-rated as per the practice of the member local association with respect to the pro-rating of its own fee; and
- any additional membership fees levied by an applicable provincial component.

Be it resolved that Standing Resolutions #24 and #25 be repealed.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent Standing Resolutions be re-numbered accordingly.

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**96/05/16:107      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 23/Local 7

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:70 be referred to the National Executive for study.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:70      REFERRED**

**96/05/12:72      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS (96/05:N25)**

Local 23/Local 54

Whereas Article 2-b-v of Bylaw I, Membership, states that:

- v. The fee for prospective membership in the Federation shall be 5% of the regular Federation membership fee, unless the student association has an individual membership fee of less than \$10.00 per academic year, in which case the fee shall be 2% of the regular Federation membership fee.

Whereas the \$10.00 threshold is totally arbitrary given that there is no conceivable reason why a student association with an individual membership fee of \$10.50 per year should pay a prospective membership fee of \$.30 per individual member while a student association with an individual membership fee of \$9.50 per year should pay a prospective membership fee of only \$.12 per individual member; and

Whereas any student association with an annual membership fee of \$9.50, \$10.00 or even \$10.50 per year would likely be incapable of fulfilling the obligations of membership in the Federation anyway; therefore

Be it resolved that Article 2-b-v of Bylaw I, Membership, be amended to read:

- v. The fee for prospective membership in the Federation shall be 5% of the regular Federation membership fee.

**96/05/16:108      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 61/Local 47

Be it resolved that the proposed new Article 2-b-v of Bylaw I in motion 96/05/12:72 be amended to read:

- v. The fee for prospective membership in the Federation shall be 5% of the regular Federation membership fee, notwithstanding that the fee may be waived by a majority vote of the plenary.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:72      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**96/05/13:02      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS (96/05:N27)**

Local 23/Local 54

Be it resolved that Article 3-a-I of Bylaw I, Membership, be amended to read:

- i. The individual members of the Federation collectively belonging to a member local association will have sole authority to make decisions through referendum on all questions of membership in the Federation, subject to the other provisions of the Bylaw.

Be it further resolved that the following be added to Article 3-a:

- ii. The individual members of the Federation collectively belonging to a member local association will have sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members and delivered to the National Executive, a de-federation referendum as described in Article 6 of the Bylaw.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent sections of Article 3-a be renumbered accordingly.

**96/05/16:109      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 86/Local 75

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/13:02 be referred to the National Executive for study.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/13:02      REFERRED**

**96/05/13:10      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS (96/05:N31)**

Local 23/Local 54

Whereas Bylaw VII, Provincial Components, was formerly known as "Provincial Components and Caucuses", prior to being amended last year; and

Whereas there was a failure to remove several other references to "Provincial Caucuses" elsewhere in the Bylaws at the time Bylaw VII was amended; therefore

Be it resolved that Article 6 of Bylaw 5, National Executive, be amended to read:

**6. Duties and Powers of Provincial Component Representatives**

The Provincial Component Representatives shall:

- a. communicate the views and perspectives of their respective provincial components at National Executive meetings;
- b. perform all duties as established by Standing Resolution.

Be it further resolved that Article 2-b of Bylaw 6, Election of the National Executive, be amended to read:

**b. Timing of Elections for Provincial Component Representatives**

- i. The election of Provincial Component Representatives shall be conducted at such times as set out in the bylaws of the applicable provincial components; or
- ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive, the election of the Provincial Component Representative shall be conducted at a meeting of the component member local associations convened by the National Executive at the Semi-annual General Meeting.

Be it further resolved that Article 3-b of Bylaw 6, Election of the National Executive, be amended to read:

**b. Procedure for the Election of Provincial Component Representatives**

- i. The procedure for the election of Provincial Component Representatives shall be as set out in the Bylaws of the applicable provincial components; or
- ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive, the procedure for election of the Provincial Component Representative shall be determined by the National Executive, notwithstanding that the election will be conducted by secret ballot and a nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected.

Be it further resolved that Article 4-b of Bylaw 6, Election of the National Executive, be amended to read:

**b. Term of Office for the Provincial Component Representatives**

- i. Provincial Component Representatives shall hold office for a term as set out in the Bylaws of the applicable provincial components; or
- ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive, the Provincial Component Representative shall hold office from the adjournment of the Semi-annual General Meeting at which the Representative is elected until the adjournment of the following Semi-annual General Meeting.

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Be it further resolved that Article 5-b of Bylaw 6, Election of the National Executive, be amended to read:

**b. Removal of Provincial Component Representatives**

- i. Provincial Component representatives may be removed from office as set out in the Bylaws of the applicable provincial components; or
- ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive, the Provincial Component Representative may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote:
  - at a meeting of the component member local associations convened by the National Executive at a national general meeting;
  - at a meeting of the component member local associations convened by the National Executive outside of a national general meeting; or
  - by a vote-by-mail conducted by the National Executive;following receipt by the National Executive of a petition signed by not less than one-half of the member local associations, belonging to the component, requesting such a vote.

Be it further resolved that Article 7-b of Bylaw 6, Election of the National Executive, be amended to read:

**b. Procedure for Filling a Vacancy in the Position of Provincial Component Representative**

- i. The procedure for filling a vacancy in a position of Provincial Component Representative shall be as set out in the Bylaws of the applicable provincial component; or
- ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive, the procedure for filling a vacancy in the position of Provincial Component Representative shall be determined by the National Executive, notwithstanding that the vote will be conducted by secret ballot, a nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected and that the vote shall be conducted:
  - at a meeting of the component member local associations convened by the National Executive at a national general meeting
  - at a meeting of the component member local associations convened by the National Executive outside of a national general meeting; or
  - by a vote-by-mail conducted by the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:110 DIRECTIVE**

Local 8/Local 23

Whereas there are Students with Disabilities who receive partial health care coverage; therefore

Be it resolved that the possibility of instituting partial health plan coverage for students with disabilities, who already have partial health care coverage through other plans, be investigated.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:111 DIRECTIVE**

Local 47/Local 79

Be it resolved that the Federation representatives on the Travel CUTS board pursue the implementation of the following procedure with Travel CUTS: "All students purchasing travel through Travel CUTS shall be asked if they are members of the Canadian Federation of Students.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:112     DIRECTIVE**

Local 83/Local 35

Be it resolved that, along with notice of motions, a short description of committee responsibilities and short statement encouraging members to develop campaign ideas be included in the General Meeting mailout.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:113     DIRECTIVE**

Local 47/Local 61

Be it resolved that the feasibility of providing simultaneous translation in budget committee, as per existing policy, be investigated.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/12:52     DIRECTIVE (96/05:N15)**

Local 61/Local 83

Whereas collecting, analysing and sharing local information is a good way to collectively raise the standards and levels of organisation at each member local; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation directory's survey include categories for: services offered, membership fee structure, student union building ownership/occupancy arrangements, arrangements for student representation in institutional governance, local research available, recent campaign successes; and

Be it further resolved that the price of the Federation directory be twice as much for non-members as it is for members.

British Columbia Chairperson Michael Gardiner said he had concerns that the price increase proposed in the motion might exceed that which the market would bear for the directory. He said the bulk of the sales of the directory were to non-members. He said that if the price were too high, sales to non-members might decline to the extent that it would seriously impede the Federation's ability to produce the directory at a profitable rate. He said he agreed with charging more for the directory to non-members, but did not agree that the price should be doubled. He said the decline in sales might offset the increase in revenue generated by such a price increase.

A delegate from Local 14 asked what the current Directory price was for non-members as compared to the price for members.

National Deputy Chairperson-elect Déquier said that the price for members was \$20.00. He said the price for non-members was \$25.00.

**96/05/16:114     MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 47/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:52 be amended to read "one and one half times as much" instead of "twice."

A delegate from Local 07 said she would like to have an explanation for why the motion was proposed in the first place.

National Deputy Chairperson Mancinelli said there had been a move toward ensuring that non-members were charged higher fees for Federation services than members.

**96/05/16:114     CARRIED**

**96/05/12:52     CARRIED AS AMENDED**

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**96/05/12:14      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS (96/05:N39)**

Local 23/Local 79

Be it resolved that a Bylaw of the Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants (herein called the Federation) be created to read that:

1. The Federation be and is hereby authorized to make an application to the Ministry of Industry Canada for acceptance of the surrender of the charter of the Federation and the fixing of a date upon and from which the Federation shall be dissolved.
2. For the purpose of enabling the Federation to surrender its charter, all debts, liabilities and obligations of the Federation be discharged and the property and assets of the Federation be transferred to the Canadian Federation of Students-Services.
3. The directors and officers are hereby authorised and directed to do, sign and execute all things, deeds and documents necessary for desirable for the due carrying out of the foregoing.

Be it further resolved that a Bylaw of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services (herein called the Corporation) be created to read:

1. Subject to confirmation by Supplementary Letters Patent, the Name of the Corporation is hereby changed to change the name of the Corporation to Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants.
2. The Corporation be and is hereby authorised to make application to the Minister of Industry Canada for Supplementary Letters Patent confirming this by-law insofar as it relates to changing the name of the Corporation to Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants.
3. The directors and officers be and are hereby authorised and directed to do, sign and execute all things, deeds and documents necessary or desirable for the due carrying out of the foregoing.

National Treasurer Koenen said that one year previously, the membership had adopted a motion directing the National Executive to amalgamate the two legal entities of the Federation. She said the National Executive had undertaken what was known as the "due diligence process" and had worked with lawyers and auditors to assess which organisation should be wound up. She said that the National Executive had resolved to wind-up the Canadian Federation of Students which would leave the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, and then re-name the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, the Canadian Federation of Students. She said that the motions reflect what steps were legally necessary to surrender the charter of the Canadian Federation of Students. She said these steps included publishing a proclamation in one local newspaper as well as the Canadian Gazette. She said that in one year after having published the proclamation, the amalgamation would be complete. She said the motion had been proposed on the advice of the Federation's lawyers.

A delegate from Local 23 said that the motion was essentially a housekeeping motion. He said that one year previously, the membership had decided it wanted to end the dual incorporation of the Federation. He said the membership wanted a single strong national student organisation, rather than a dually incorporated organisation as was the case previously. He said that one year, a thorough investigation had been undertaken that the motion on the floor reflected the legal requirements of the "due diligence process." He said after fifteen years of struggle, Canada would have a single, strong national student organisation.

A delegate from Local 01 asked whether the Federation would maintain its not-for profit status after the completion of the amalgamation process.

The Speaker said that the Federation would maintain its not-for-profit status.

The delegate from Local 01 asked why there had been two legal entities created in the first place, and whether there had been any action undertaken to date to change the status of the two legal entities.

The Speaker said there were two legal entities because both organisations represented the remnants of different organisations. He said that since the founding meeting, the Federation had increasingly moved toward a single, congruently structured organisation.

Mancinelli said that since the directive had been adopted in May of 1995, many steps had been taken toward amalgamation. He said that the service programmes operated out of the Toronto office had been moved to Ottawa, and staff had been hired to take on responsibility for those programmes. He said that the two national offices were being amalgamated. He said the National Treasurer would be moving to Ottawa.

The Speaker said that the motion was written by the Federation's lawyers and represented the legal steps necessary to complete the process.

**96/05/12:14 CARRIED**

**Noted Abstention Local 01**

**95/11:275 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 77/Local 51

Be it resolved that the operational policy listed in the Policy Manual under Bilingualism be amended to read as follows :

The Federation shall ensure that all plenary sessions be conducted in equal parts French and English, and the speaker, **the National Chairperson and the National Deputy Chairperson**, shall alternate every hour.

National Deputy Chairperson-elect Déquier said that the Committee had unanimously recommended the defeat of the motion. He said that the only reason put forward for having such a provision was to "test" the level of bilingualism of the National Chairperson and National Deputy Chairperson. He said that a test already existed and it was set out in the Standing Resolutions of the Federation. He said that if the membership had concerns about that section of the Standing Resolutions, then the more appropriate process would be to amend the Standing Resolutions. He said the plenary was not equipped to properly assess the level of bilingualism.

**95/11:275 DEFEATED**

**96/05/13:06 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS (96/05:N29)**

Local 23/ Local 54

Whereas the current structure and content of Article 5, Suspension and Expulsion of Members, of Bylaw I is, at the very least, confusing; therefore

Be it resolved that Article 5, Suspension and Expulsion of Members, of Bylaw I be amended to read:

A member local association may have its voting privileges suspended or may be expelled for violating its responsibilities as outlined in Bylaw I, Section 3. c), subject to the following procedure:

**a. Process for Initiating the Procedure of Suspension or Expulsion**

The process for suspending the voting privileges or expelling a member local association may be initiated by:

- i. resolution of the National Executive; or
- ii. a petition, submitted to the National Executive, signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the voting member local associations and listing the reasons for the proposed suspension of voting privileges or expulsion.

**b. Notice of the Suspension or Expulsion Procedure**

Upon resolution of the National Executive or receipt of a petition by the National Executive, initiating the process for suspending or expelling a member local association, the National Executive will:

- i. place the matter on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled national general meeting for which no less than four (4) weeks notice can be given; and
- ii. inform, by registered mail, the member local association against which the suspension or expulsion procedure has been initiated no less than four (4) weeks prior to the national general meeting at which the matter of suspension or expulsion will be considered.

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**c. Required Majority**

A two-thirds vote of a national general meeting shall be required in order to suspend the voting privileges or expel a member local association.

**d. Appeal of Suspension or Expulsion**

Any student association, which has had its voting privileges suspended or has been expelled, may appeal the decision to the next world congress of the International Union of Students.

**96/05/16:115 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 45/Local 35

Be it resolved that sub-section 'd' of the Bylaw proposal in motion 96/05/13:06 be replaced with:

**d. Appeal of Suspension or Expulsion**

Any local association, which has had its voting privileges suspended or has been expelled, may appeal the decision subject to the following procedure:

- i. A local association, which has had its voting privileges suspended or has been expelled, will have up to 60 days following the date of the vote to suspend or expel to submit a letter to the National Executive stating its intention to appeal the decision;
- ii. Upon receipt of a letter as described in Subsection i, the National Executive will immediately schedule a special general meeting to strike the Appeals Committee;
- iii. At the special general meeting, the local association, which has had its voting privileges suspended or has been expelled, will name two other member local associations which will each select a representative to serve on the Appeals Committee;
- iv. In the event that the suspension or expulsion was initiated by the National Executive, the National Executive will select two of its members to serve on the Appeals Committee;
- v. In the event that the suspension or expulsion was initiated by a petition signed by member local association, those members will select two member local associations which will each select a representative to serve on the Appeals Committee;
- vi. The four representatives will select an individual from outside of the members of the Committee to serve as the chair of the Committee;
- vii. The selection of each member of the Appeals Committee will be not take effect until ratified by the plenary of the special general meeting.
- viii. To serve on the Appeals Committee, a member must have attended at least one previous national general meeting.
- ix. Following the special general meeting, the Appeals Committee will call for submissions from the suspended or expelled local association and the member local associations of the Federation.
- x. Any deliberations of the Appeals Committee shall be in-camera.
- xi. Following the completion of its deliberation, the Appeals Committee will submit a written report to the subsequent national general meeting announcing its decision and providing a rationale for the decision.

The British Columbia Chairperson said that the plenary was the highest decision making body of the Federation as it should be. He said it should only be plenary that votes to suspend or expell. He said that under the proposed appeal process, a much smaller group of people were being given the power to decide to accept or rejection the appeal. He said he disagreed with reducing the status of the plenary. He said that if a plenary took such a strong decision, he said it would probably be justified and certainly should not be a decision overturned by a much smaller grouping of people. He said the final appeal should be the plenary, and creating another process was redundant. He said locals are free to re-apply to plenary at the next national general meeting should the local disagree with a particular decision.

A delegate from Local 45 said that he disagreed that power was being taken away from plenary, since according to the proposal, the appeals committee would make a recommendation to the plenary.

A delegate from Local 33 said she did not support the amendment since it could create havoc for the National Executive.

British Columbia Chairperson Gardiner said that in fact, the appeals committee as proposed in the amendment simply provided plenary with a written rationale, and there was not provision for the plenary to vote on the decision made by the appeals committee. He said his interpretation was, therefore, correct.

A delegate from Local 09 said that he supported the motion because the plenary would always have the right to expell the same member in the future.

**96/05/16:115 DEFEATED**

**96/05/16:116 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 44/Local 23

Be it resolved that the following sub-section be included in the Bylaw proposal in motion 96/06/13:06:

**e. Reinstatement of Voting Privileges**

A member local association, which has had its voting privileges suspended, may have its voting privileges reinstated subject to the following procedure:

- i. Upon receipt of a written application from a member local association requesting reinstatement of voting privileges, the National Executive will assess the merits of the application and make recommendations to the voting member local associations at the next regularly-scheduled national general meeting.
- ii. A two-thirds majority vote shall be required to reinstate a member local association's voting privileges.

**96/05/16:117 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 82/Local 14

Be it resolved that motions 96/05/13:06 and 96/05/16:116 be referred to the National Executive and re-served for consideration at the November National General Meeting.

British Columbia Chairperson Gardiner said he opposed referring the motion to the National Executive. He said as the Bylaws currently stood, three member locals could wreck havoc within the Federation by forcing a special national general meeting, simply by signing their names to a letter. He said that if three member locals wanted to prevent the work of the Federation from being accomplished, they could submit their names signed to a letter each and every month for the rest of the year. He said the Bylaw could be adopted now, and improvement could be made in November 1996.

A delegate from Local 79 said she opposed referring the motions to the National Executive. She said she agreed with the previous speaker. She said it was pernicious to give such power to only three member locals. She said it was imperative that the plenary adopt the motion at the present time.

**96/05/16:117 DEFEATED**

A delegate from Local 23 said that while a process existed for suspending a member, there was not concomitant process by which suspended members could be reinstated.

**96/05/16:116 CARRIED**

**96/05/13:06 CARRIED**

**Noted Abstention Local 82**

The Speaker noted that plenary time was nearly finished. He said all motions contained in the Report of the Organisational Development Committee that were not considered at the time, would be automatically postponed until the November 1996 National General Meeting and would be re-submitted by the National Executive. He said it would be in order to consider the motions that had been omitted from the Report of the National Education and Student Right Committee Report.

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**34. CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION & STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE REPORT  
(continued)**

Kapoor, one of the Committee Chairpeople, read the motions that had been omitted from the final report.

**96/05/16:118 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 76/Local 24

Be it resolved that the Federation recognises that students with disabilities are under-represented on university campuses; therefore the Federation supports the removal of all barriers that prevent students with disabilities from fully participating in post-secondary education.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:119 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 76/Local 24

Be it resolved that the Federation supports a public accessible transportation service for people with disabilities that parallels existing public transportation.

**CARRIED**

**96/05/16:120 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 76/Local 24

Be it resolved that the Federation supports publicly funded homecare for people with disabilities that provides a stable working relationship between the attendant and the person with disability.

**CARRIED**

**35. ADJOURNMENT**

A delegate from Local 35 said his delegation had had a very good time at the national general meeting. He said that he appreciated how accommodating all the delegates had been, listening to the point of view of his local and of his province. He said he thought that there was a greater understanding of the issues facing students in Newfoundland and Labrador. He thanked the delegates for the excellent meeting and said that the kind of debate, discussion and mutual accommodation was what the Federation was all about. He said he looked forward to the November 1996 National General Meeting.

Déquier thanked the hotel staff and the interpreters. He said in particular, the translators should be thanked since they were the ones who worked diligently behind the scenes. He said that some reports had not been submitted to translation until morning of the last day of plenary, and therefore, most of the reports had been translated in one day. He said the Federation staff should be thanked for their contribution. He said he wanted to thank Lucy Watson, the On to Ottawa Trek Coordinator who did a tremendous job organising the successful Trek. He said that Pam Frache and Gary \_\_\_\_\_ should be thanked for their hard work. He said that Rick Harp and Tara Connelly worked very hard throughout the meeting and should be thanked. He thanked all the delegates for having made what was for him, one of the best national general meetings.

**96/05/16:121 MOTION**

Local 33/Local 14

Be it resolved that the May 1996 Semi-annual National General Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

22:36—the meeting adjourned.