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SEMI-ANNUAL NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING**

Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services
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CALL TO ORDER—Sunday, May 12, 1996

19:45—the 29th Semi-annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services was called to order by Brad Lavigne, National Chairperson-elect.

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	prospective member	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	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 Student Association	prospective member	present by proxy
Marine Institute Students' Union	-Local 45	absent
Memorial University Council of the Students' Union	-Local 35	present
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Students' Union	-Local 36	absent
Westviking College Student Association		present
Acadia University Students' Union	-Local 64	present
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
Lakehead University Students' Union	-Local 32	present

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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	absent
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
Holland College Student Union	-Local 63	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	prospective member	present

Lavigne declared quorum to have been achieved.

1. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

Lavigne said the National Executive was recommending that Rick Smith be ratified as plenary Speaker. He noted that Smith had been the plenary Speaker at the November 1995 national general meeting. Lavigne said Smith had been the Federation's 1992-93 National Graduate Caucus Secretary-Treasurer, and was the Federation's 1993-94 Graduate Caucus Chairperson. Lavigne said Smith continued to be active at Local 62.

96/05/12:01 MOTION

Local 09/Local 23

Be it resolved that Rick Smith be ratified as plenary speaker for the May 1996 Semi-annual National General Meeting.

CARRIED

2. RECOGNITION OF PROXY VOTES

The Speaker provided an opportunity for all proxies to be submitted for recognition by the plenary. He said the York University Graduate Students' Association-Local 84 had designated the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union-Local 19 to act as its proxy, in the event that delegates from Local 84 had to leave the meeting prior to its conclusion.

The Speaker said that Central Newfoundland Regional College Student Association had proxied its vote to Local 35.

3. INTRODUCTION TO PLENARY PROCEDURE

The Speaker welcomed the delegates to the 15th year of Canada's national student movement, otherwise known as the Canadian Federation of Students. He explained his use of Robert's Rules of Order. He said he preferred to use Robert's Rules of Order as a means of facilitating debate. He said while preserving the rights of minorities to express their opinion, he stressed that the will of the majority would prevail. He said the intent of plenary was to recognise that all delegates were present to contribute to the student movement and urged participants to conduct themselves accordingly.

The Speaker referred the delegates to Standing Resolution Number Two which outlines the Federation's policy toward speakers lists. He noted that a vote would be conducted when there have been three speakers in favour and three speakers against the motion. He said such a procedure would not preclude the right of delegates to extend the speakers list. He noted that the Standing Resolution also provided for a priority in speakers. He said an affirmative action speakers list was also respected. He asked women to line up behind microphones 1 and 3, men to line up behind microphones 2 and 4. He said he would then call the microphones in order.

The Speaker noted that every member has the right to call for a roll call vote. He said that roll call votes should not be used as a means of impeding debate. He said all delegates have the right to have their local's particular vote noted, and he encouraged delegates to have their vote noted rather than calling for a roll call vote.

The Speaker said he would alternate between French and English every hour. He encouraged all delegates to express themselves in the language of their choice at any given time.

The Speaker referred delegates to the summary of Robert's Rules of Order, contained in the delegates' binders and explained them briefly.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR DE-FEDERATION

Lavigne said the National Executive was recommending to the membership that three student associations be de-ratified.

96/05/12:02 MOTION

Local 23/Local 72

Be it resolved that the full membership status of Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de Saint-Louis-Maillet be de-ratified, upon fulfilling all legal requirements, including the remittance of all outstanding Federation membership fees.

CARRIED

96/05/12:03 MOTION

Local 64/Local 76

Be it resolved that the full membership status of Mount Royal College Students' Association be de-ratified.

CARRIED

96/05/12:04 MOTION

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that the full membership status of Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de l'université de Moncton à Shippagan be de-ratified, upon fulfilling all legal requirements, including the remittance of all outstanding Federation membership fees.

A delegate from Local 23 said it had been his understanding that in order to undertake a de-federation referendum, the member local had to have already remitted all outstanding membership fees. He asked whether the outstanding membership fees from Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de l'université de Moncton à Shippagan had been collected.

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Lavigne said the National Executive accepted the de-federation referendum even though the membership fees had not been remitted. He said the intent of the motion was to collect the outstanding fees at a later point.

96/05/12:04 CARRIED

5. APPLICATIONS FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

96/05/12:05 MOTION

Local 33/Local 72

Be it resolved that the application for full membership by the College of the Rockies Student Association be accepted.

Lavigne said the National Executive reviewed the membership requirements for full membership status within the Federation. He said College of the Rockies Student Association met all the requirements, including being legally incorporated, autonomous and democratically controlled. He said the membership had voted 98% in favour of joining the Federation on March 28, 1996.

A delegate from Local 14 asked for the membership totals of those student associations who were joining.

Lavigne said the College of the Rockies Student Association had a membership of 1,539 members.

96/05/12:05 CARRIED

noted abstention: Local 64

96/05/12:06 MOTION

Local 44/Local 35

Be it resolved that the application for full membership by the Central Newfoundland Regional College Student Association be accepted.

Lavigne said the Central Newfoundland Regional College Student Association had held a referendum and over 97% of the members voted in favour of applying for full membership within the Federation. He said the voter turnout was more than 50%. He said there were 1,220 members of the Central Newfoundland Regional College Student Association.

96/05/12:06 CARRIED

noted abstention: Local 64

6. APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP

96/05/12:07 MOTION

University of British Columbia Graduate Student Society/Local 62

Be it resolved that the application for an extension of prospective membership by the Westviking College Student Association be accepted.

Lavigne said that in May of 1994, the Federation entered into a compoency agreement with a provincial student organisation in Newfoundland and Labrador. He said that according to the agreement, the student associations in that province which were not yet full members of the Federation were to undertake referenda on their campuses. He said the Westviking College Student Association had applied for prospective membership but had not yet held a full membership drive. He said the National Executive was working with student associations in Newfoundland to comply with the compoency agreement. He said Westviking College Student Association had approximately 2,000 members.

96/05/12:07 CARRIED

noted abstention: Local 64

96/05/12:08 MOTION

Westviking College Student Association/Local 71

Be it resolved that the application for an extension of prospective membership by the Eastern College Student Association be accepted.

Lavigne said the membership of Eastern College Student Association was about 900.

96/05/12:08 CARRIED

noted abstention: Local 64

96/05/12:09 MOTION

Local 30/Local 44

Be it resolved that the application for an extension of prospective membership by the Yukon College Student Society be accepted.

Lavigne said the membership of the Yukon College Student Society was about 2,000.

96/05/12:09 CARRIED

noted abstention: Local 64

The Speaker welcomed the new members into the Federation.

96/05/12:10 MOTION

Local 31/Local 11

Whereas Acadia University Students' Union went to referendum to pull-out of the Canadian Federation of Students on February 1, 1996; and

Whereas results of said referendum were 76% in favour of pulling-out of the Federation; and

Whereas results of said referendum were served to the Federation on February 5th, 1996; therefore

Be it resolved that the Acadia University Students' Union be de-ratified as members of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Lavigne said the referendum undertaken by Acadia University Students' Union was not considered to be valid since the procedure for the referendum did not comply with the Federation's bylaws governing de-federation drives. He said the National Executive had discussed the Acadia University Students' Union referendum at length at its last meeting. He said the Bylaws state that member locals may not conduct de-federation drives more than once every 24 months. He said the Acadia University Students' Union had held a de-federation drive 12 months earlier at which time the Acadia membership voted overwhelmingly to re-affirm their membership within the Federation. He said the National Executive was recommending that the results of the second de-federation drive undertaken in contravention of the Federation's Bylaws, not be recognised. He said the National Executive would pursue the matter through legal channels. He said that further recommendations could be made at the November National General Meeting, should new information come to light.

A delegate from the Acadia University Students' Union said the local undertook a de-federation drive in February 1995. He said the Bylaw had been adopted in May of 1995 and therefore the 24 months stipulation could not be construed to begin prior to May of 1995. He said the Acadia referendum was therefore valid and that the Acadia University Students' Union would not be collecting fees as of September 1996. He said that if the National Executive simply wanted to hang on to Acadia University Students' Union for the money, there would be not money to be found as of the Fall. He said the membership should support the motion.

Karen MacGillivray the Nova Scotia Representative on the National Executive said the Acadia University Students' Union provided little notice to the National Executive that a referendum was pending. She said the information arrived only two or three weeks prior to the actual referendum. She said this short notice prevented the membership from receiving information on both sides of the issue.

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The National Treasurer, Cassandra Koenen, said the Bylaw precluding members from having referenda less than two years apart was in fact adopted in May 1995. She said the Bylaw went into effect immediately. She said that the Acadia University Students' Union did not serve notice until after May of 1995 and therefore, the Bylaw applied. She said that the Federation had been led to believe that the Acadia Students' Union had been intending to respect the Federation's Bylaws and not proceed with the de-federation drive. She said that a Federation staff person had been on campus the day before the invalid Acadia referendum and had been told explicitly that the de-federation drive would not be undertaken. She said one week into the campaign, the staff person found out the referendum was happening. She said in fact the membership of the Federation at Acadia had been misled, denied information and denied the right to make an educated decision. She said she objected to the insinuation that the National Executive would not recognise the Acadia referendum as a means of making money, since in fact, the money remitted in membership fees from that local would have little impact on the overall budget of the Federation. She said the Federation accepts member locals large and small because it believes in students working together. She said the Federation does not engage in "money grabs."

A delegate from Local 44 asked what the results of the de-federation drive were in the spring of 1995 and the spring of 1996.

A delegate from the Acadia University Students' Union said that in February 1996 the results of the de-federation drive were: 76% opposed to maintaining their membership; 13% in favour of maintaining their membership; 11% spoiled their ballots; and 39% of 3,700 individual members cast votes.

Koenen said the Acadia University Students' Union had a history of high voter turnouts for its local elections and said that likewise it had been high in the spring of 1995 when the membership voted to maintain membership in the Federation. She said she did not have the results in front of her but recalled that the results were overwhelmingly in favour of a re-affirming membership in the Federation. She said the percentages were close to 80% in favour and 20% opposed.

The British Columbia Chairperson, Michael Gardiner said he did not think all the issues that were raised were germane to the motion. He said what was being discussed were the principles of democracy established by the members—the principles by which the members agree to abide when they join the Federation. He said that when a student association joins the Federation, it agrees to participate in accordance with the Bylaws, recognising them as the mechanism through which student associations work with each other. He said those mechanisms, the Bylaws, are amended from time to time through a process agreed upon by the membership. He said the fact that the Bylaws change from time to time is recognised when a student association joins the Federation. He said in the case of the Acadia University Students' Union, not only were the rights of its own members violated since they did not have access to information, but so were the rights of the other members of the Federation since students federated with those at Acadia University Students' Union were given no opportunity whatsoever to participate in the referendum. He urged the delegates to vote against recognising the referendum and in doing so, to uphold the principles of the democracy within the Federation as a whole.

A delegate from Acadia University Students' Union-Local 64 said the Bylaw was adopted after the spring 1995 referendum. He said in following the Bylaw, Local 64 having had a referendum in February of 1996, would not be able to hold another referendum until February 1998. He said the Bylaw was not retroactive. He said 76% of students at Local 64 voted to withdraw and those wishes should be respected.

A delegate from Simon Fraser Student Society-Local 23 said the notice for the February 1996 referendum was served after the Bylaw had been adopted, not prior to the Bylaw being adopted. He said therefore the new Bylaw applied. He said democracy was not just about making a choice, it was about making an informed choice. He said that by violating the Bylaws, the executive of Local 64 denied the membership of Acadia University Students' Union the opportunity to make an informed choice as to whether they wished to continue being federated with students across the country.

The Speaker said he had entertained three speakers against the motion and unless there were a speaker to speak in favour of the motion, then he would move to a vote on the motion. He said he would entertain a motion to extend the speakers list.

96/05/12:10 DEFEATED

7. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

96/05/12:11 MOTION

Local 76/Local 33

Be it resolved that the opening plenary agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Noted abstention: Acadia University Students' Union-Local 64

8. PRESENTATION BY STAFF RELATIONS OFFICER

National Deputy Chairperson Michael Mancinelli introduced himself as the Staff Relations Officer. He said both national and provincial staff of the Federation were unionised with the Canadian Union of Public Employees. He said all Federation staff have the right to fully participate in national general meetings of the Federation. He said while staff have the right to participate in committees, caucuses, and constituency groups as well as in plenary sessions, staff did not have the right to vote. He said the role of the staff was varied, but primarily consisted of resourcing the work undertaken at the national general meeting. He said the employer of the staff is the National Executive, not the general membership. He said if there were any questions regarding the work of the Federation, delegates should feel free to talk to staff. He said if there were any concerns regarding the work of the staff, such concerns may only be raised with the Staff Relations Officer.

9. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mancinelli said that while there were no guests currently present, he said that a representative from the International Union of Students had been present for the rally on Parliament Hill on May 11. He said Nasir Au'dusa was the International Union of Students' representative to the United Nations headquarters in New York. Mancinelli said that since Au'dusa was in New York he had made a special effort to attend the Federation's national general meeting, but unfortunately he was called away on an emergency. Mancinelli said Au'dusa had been impressed with the "On to Ottawa Trek" and extended, on behalf of the IUS, a hearty congratulations on the success of the campaign. Mancinelli said Au'dusa sent solidarity greetings to the Canadian Federation of Students on behalf of the executive secretariat of the International Union of Students.

10. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING BLOCK AGENDA

96/05/12:12 MOTION

Local 32/Local 14

Be it resolved that the national general meeting block agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

A delegate from Emily Carr Students' Union-Local 33 said the Student Artists' Constituency Group would be having a performance night and it would take place after Closing Plenary on Wednesday, May 15 at 11:00 pm.

11. NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING LOGISTICS

Pam Frache, National Internal Coordinator, said there would be a meeting right after Opening Plenary with the hotel management and all those with special dietary requirements. She reminded delegates to check the message board in the hotel lobby. She said the computers would be set up in the committee rooms on May 13. She said she would be on hand to answer questions.

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Saskatchewan National Executive Representative, Pam Kapoor said nominations were officially open for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students' Constituency Group Commissioner, Women's Commissioner and Women's National Executive Representative. She said that nominations for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students' Constituency Group position and the Women's Constituency Group positions closed on May 13 at noon, and May 15 at 11:00 am respectively.

12. PRESENTATION BY HARASSMENT ADVISORS

Mancinelli introduced Tara Connelly and Rick Harp as the two National General Meeting Harassment Advisors.

Connelly read the Federation's harassment policy from the manual. She said that harassment can take place on a variety of levels and can be very subtle. She said she and Harp would be attending various sessions at the national general meeting. She said she had attended one constituency group meeting and had been pleasantly surprised that the participants were taking the time to go through the Federation's harassment policy in the delegate's binders. She said all delegates had the right to be able to safely participate in the national meeting and a responsibility to understand the parameters of the harassment policy. She said she and Harp would be happy to answer any questions regarding the harassment policy. She said the policy existed not to squelch any conflict—since conflict can be a catalyst to progressive work—but rather to ensure that it does not get out of hand. She said harassment complaints may be formal or informal. She said formal complaints would necessitate the striking of a committee to hear the complaint. She said informal complaints can be made to resolve less serious situations, or situations that may develop into more serious ones. She said harassment advisors could intervene on behalf of a particular delegate, or could mediate between conflicting parties. She said harassment advisors operate with confidentiality. She said delegates should approach harassment advisors to cope with stress rather than creating a potentially explosive situation at a later date. She said that everyone should respect those with differing opinions, pay attention to the manner in which they communicate and pay particular attention to body language.

Connelly invited all harassment liaisons to stand and said that these liaisons were intended to be another mechanism through which harassment issues might be raised. She said the liaisons were in place to provide a network of "peers" in whom some delegates may feel more comfortable to confide.

Connelly encouraged all delegates to speak with her or with Harp, and added that the harassment advisors also appreciated hearing positive comments from time to time. She said delegates should not hesitate to share positive experiences with the harassment advisors.

13. PRESENTATION BY LESBIAN, GAY & BISEXUAL STUDENTS' CONSTITUENCY GROUP

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students' Constituency Group stood silently in a circle on plenary floor for five minutes.

A delegate from Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design-Local 07 said the circle was a symbol of mutual support from amongst the constituency group, as well as a symbol of solidarity with other marginalised groups. She introduced herself as Jessica Squires and said that she had never before told so many people that she was bisexual.

Wayne Poirier, President of York Federation of Students-Local 68, said that for three years, he had been silenced as a student leader, but that he had been out of the closet for the past year.

Jennifer Wy, a delegate from Emily Carr Students' Union-Local 33, said she was in the process of coming out of the closet and that addressing the plenary was an important step for her. She said the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students' Constituency Group was intending to make itself visible to give confidence to any other delegates who were lesbian, gay or bisexual and to encourage them to come out.

Marijke Edmunson said she was queer, and had come out of the closet while she had been a student senator. She said she had come out to the Ontario membership at a provincial general meeting. She said she then made the announcement to her own local board of directors. She said she appreciated the consistent and strong support that the Federation has shown toward Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people.

Kevin Arbruster, a delegate from Camosun College Student Society-Local 75, said he had been out of the closet for some time. He said his first national general meeting had been in Thunder Bay where he came out publicly. He said before that national general meeting he had not been out to very many people. He said that meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students had been critical for him since he learned that it was possible to be out, do one's job, and still be treated with respect and dignity.

Becky MacFarlane, a delegate from the York Federation of Students-Local 68, said she had been out since she was thirteen years old. She said most of her experience had been in groups such as Queer Nation. She said that in such a milieu, the people she worked with were very supportive while the people she had been opposing were very intolerant. She said this national general meeting was different in that she did not know what to expect from the delegates she met. She said the situation was such that it actually pushed people back into the closet. She said the five minutes of silence that the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students' Constituency Group used to start their presentation was symbolic of the silence that lesbian, gay and bisexual people experienced everyday of their lives. She said as a constituency group, there were many issues the members shared, such as discrimination in schools, in workplaces, in the street, and in meetings such as this national general meeting. She said there was also violence faced at the hands of police, through the courts, and individuals who think they have a license to bash anyone with a sexual orientation different from themselves. She said at the same time, there were issues that the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students' Constituency Group did not share. She said it was a shame that there was not more diversity represented within the constituency group. She said there were lesbians, gays and bisexuals of colour, with disabilities, and aboriginal. She said such people were not present and the participants should address that situation. She said that Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students' Constituency Group issues should be considered a priority as should the issues pertaining to other marginalised groups.

The Speaker invited the delegates to express their appreciation for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students' Constituency Group.

14. STRIKING OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING COMMITTEES

96/05/12:13 MOTION

Local 71/Local 72

Be it resolved that the following national general meeting committees be struck:

- Budget Committee;
- Campaigns and Government Relations Committee;
- National Education and Student Rights Committee; and
- Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

15. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS HAVING RECEIVED DUE NOTICE

Mancinelli said a motion served by the National Executive in accordance with the notice provisions in the Bylaws had not been included in the motions package.

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96/05/12:14

MOTION

Local 19/Local 83

Be it resolved that the following be adopted:

SCHEDULE "A"

BYLAW NO. ____

OF THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS/FEDERATION CANADIENNE DES
ETUDIANTES ET ETUDIANTS

Being a by-law respecting the surrender of the charter of the Corporation

Be it enacted as a By-law of the Canadian Federation of students/Fédération canadienne des
étudiantes et étudiants (herein called the "Corporation") that:

1. The Corporation be and is hereby authorized to make an application to the Minister of Industry Canada for acceptance of the surrender of the charter of the Corporation and the fixing of a date upon and from which the Corporation shall be dissolved;
2. For the purpose of enabling the Corporation to surrender its charter, all debts, liabilities and obligations of the Corporation be discharged and the property and assets of the Corporation be transferred to the Canadian Federation of Students-Services.
3. The directors and officers are hereby authorized and directed to do, sign and execute all things, deeds and documents necessary or desirable for the due carrying out of the foregoing.

Mancinelli said the motion pertained to the amalgamation of the Federation's two legal entities. He said that after careful consideration and consultation with the lawyers and auditors of the Federations, it had been concluded that the best way to proceed was to wind up the legal entity named Canadian Federation of Students and transfer all assets to the legal entity named Canadian Federation of Students-Services. He said the name could be changed to Canadian Federation of Students once the transfer had been made. He said the membership must adopt the motion in order to give the National Executive the mandate to comply with directives adopted previously.

96/05/12:15

MOTION TO REFER

Local 31/Local 54

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:14 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:14

REFERRED

The Speaker noted that the motions in the first section of the package already had been properly moved and seconded. He said the plenary should refer the motions to the appropriate committee or consider them without referral.

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.

96/05/12:16

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:134 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

95/11:134

REFERRED

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 recognizes 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 recognizes 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."

96/05/12:17

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:137 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

95/11:137

REFERRED

95/11:138

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 08/Local 71

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 recognizes HIV and AIDS as a disease which is not exclusive to the non-heterosexual community. The Federation recognizes that HIV infection is not dependent on sexual orientation but on sexual practices.

96/05/12:18

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:138 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

95/11:138

REFERRED

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95/11:248

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 32/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.

96/05/12:19

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:248 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

95/11:248

REFERRED

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.

96/05/12:20

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:133 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

95/11:133

REFERRED

95/11:145

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 61/Local 72

Be it resolved that Bylaw V, i.b) to include a Students with Disabilities Representative on the National Executive.

96/05/12:21

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:145 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

95/11:145

REFERRED

95/11:274

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 51/Local 79

Whereas the Federation is committed to bilingualism policies;

Whereas the Federation is committed to offer consecutive translation when requested;

Whereas consecutive translation may potentially double the length of the meeting;

Whereas Budget Committee contains many technical terms in English as well as in French;

Be it resolved that the policy motion 94/05:168 be amended as follows:

Simultaneous translation will be provided in Budget Committee during the time period allotted on the agenda. Consecutive translation will be provided if the Committee discussion time is extended.

Be it further resolved that simultaneous translation be provided for all plenaries, speakers, large group orientation sessions. Consecutive translation will be provided for all committee, special interest caucus and constituency group meetings.

96/05/12:22

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:274 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

95/11:274

REFERRED

95/11:275

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 77/Local 51

Be it resolved that the operational policy under Bilingualism be amended by adding the underlined words :

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.

96/05/12:23

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:275 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

95/11:275

REFERRED

96/05/12:24

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION

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 organization 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.

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- c) Responsibility of Members
Each member association shall:
 - i. support the goals of the Caucus and 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.
- 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.

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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 organized 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 graduate 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.

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- e) Individual Duties of the National Executive Representative
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.

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.

96/05/12:25

MOTION TO REFER

Local 35/Westviking College Student Association

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:24 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:24

REFERRED

96/05/12:26

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 86/Local 57

Be it resolved that Bylaw IX, Section 3, be amended to include 'Aboriginal Caucus'.

96/05/12:27

MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:26 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:26

REFERRED

96/05/12:28 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 35/Local 61

Be it resolved that Bylaw VIII be amended to delete reference to the Aboriginal Constituency Group.

96/05/12:29 MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:28 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:28 REFERRED

96/05/12:30 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 76/Local 87

Be it resolved that the words "Aboriginal Caucus" replace the words "Aboriginal Constituency Group" in the following policy:

All standing committees will respect, support and encourage the participation of aboriginal students and the Aboriginal Constituency Group.

96/05/12:31 MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:30 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:30 REFERRED

96/05/12:32 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 76/Local 87

Be it resolved that the following policy be deleted:

The Federation supports the Canadian Federation of Aboriginal Students as a parallel organization that will represent aboriginal students, 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.

96/05/12:33 MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:32 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:32 REFERRED

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96/05/12:34

DIRECTIVE

Local 76/Local 87

Be it resolved that negotiations with CUPE 1281 be undertaken to add an Aboriginal Caucus Coordinator to the national staff complement.

96/05/12:35

MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:34 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:34

REFERRED

96/05/12:36

DIRECTIVE

Local 76/Local 87

Be it resolved that a list be compiled of aboriginal institutions for the purposes of membership drives.

96/05/12:37

MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:36 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:36

REFERRED

96/05/12:38

DIRECTIVE

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.

96/05/12:39

MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:38 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:38

REFERRED

96/05/12:40

DIRECTIVE

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 individual students.

96/05/12:41

MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:40 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:40

REFERRED

96/05/12:42 DIRECTIVE

Local 76/Local 87

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

96/05/12:43 MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:42 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:42 REFERRED

96/05/12:44 DIRECTIVE

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.

96/05/12:45 MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:44 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:44 REFERRED

96/05/12:46 DIRECTIVE

Local 76/Local 87

Be it resolved that a lobbying resource manual be created for aboriginal student associations; and

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 and funding for programs
- The impact of the CHST on aboriginal students
- The proposed changes to the guidelines for the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Student Support Program
- Support for the creation of culturally appropriate student services on campuses
- Support for aboriginal representation on student association boards of directors.

96/05/12:47 MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:46 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:46 REFERRED

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MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

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.

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.

96/05/12:49

MOTION TO REFER

Local 09/Westviking College Student Association

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:48 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:48

REFERRED

96/05/12:50

DIRECTIVE

Local 61/Local 72

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

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

Whereas other organizations 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:

1. How Autonomous Student Unions Were (and Are) Organised;
2. Post-Secondary Education Funding Formulas and Structures;
3. Student Aid and Employment Programs;
4. Skills Training Programs;
5. Human Rights and Harassment;
6. Analysing Budgets;
7. 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.

96/05/12:51 MOTION TO REFER

Local 71/Local 24

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:50 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:50 REFERRED

96/05/12:52 DIRECTIVE

Local 61/Local 83

Whereas collecting, analyzing 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-member associations as it is for member associations.

96/05/12:53 MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 57

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:52 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:52 REFERRED

96/05/12:54 DIRECTIVE

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.

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96/05/12:55 MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 57

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:54 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:54 REFERRED

96/05/12:56 DIRECTIVE

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.

96/05/12:57 MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 57

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:56 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:56 REFERRED

96/05/12:58 DIRECTIVE

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 privatizing 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. This research should address: numbers of institutions, rates of expansion/failure, tuition fees, rates of profit, amount of financial support from government, amount of policy support from government.

96/05/12:59 MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 57

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:58 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:58 REFERRED

96/05/12:60

DIRECTIVE

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 regarding private scholarships/foundations. This research should include, but not necessarily be limited to, information about private bank student loans, and national foundations.

96/05/12:61

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 57

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:60 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:60

REFERRED

96/05/12:62

DIRECTIVE

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 the National Executive obtain information on what would be involved in forming a student-owned credit union.

96/05/12:63

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 57

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:62 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:62

REFERRED

96/05/12:64

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 14/Local 83

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, Section 6. a) be amended to read as follows:

- a) A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of voting members shall consist of at least fifty percent (50%) of the total membership of Canadian Federation of Students. If at any time, fifty percent (50%) of full membership is not attained at any meeting, the meeting shall be declared non-quorate and all motions passed thereafter invalid.

96/05/12:65

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 57

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:64 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:64

REFERRED

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96/05/12:66 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 61/Local 83

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.

96/05/12:67 MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 57

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:66 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:66 REFERRED

96/05/12:68 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 61/Local 83

Whereas some elements within the Federation have suggested that quorum was lost during a portion of the closing plenary session of the May 1995 national general meeting; and

Whereas these same elements have questioned the validity of particular bylaw amendments adopted during the closing plenary of the May 1995 national general meeting; and

Whereas any doubt about the validity of these bylaws could be put to rest simply by re-adopting them; therefore

Be it resolved that the existing Bylaws, as distributed for this general meeting, be repealed and re-adopted.

96/05/12:69 MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 57

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:68 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:68 REFERRED

96/05/12:70 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 61/Local 83

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 #26 and #27 be repealed.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent Standing Resolutions be re-numbered accordingly.

96/05/12:71

MOTION TO REFER

Local 30/Local 57

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:70 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:70

REFERRED

96/05/12:72

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 61/Local 83

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.

CARRIED

Noted abstention: Acadia University Students' Union-Local 64

The speaker noted that delegates from Local 45 had arrived at the meeting.

96/05/12:73

MOTION TO RECONSIDER MOTION 96/05/12:72

Local 71/Local 45

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:72 be reconsidered.

A delegate from Local 45 said they had been unclear that the previous vote was on the main motion and not on referring it to committee.

A delegate from Local 79 said she thought the Bylaw change would increase the dues applied to smaller member locals.

A delegate from Local 23 said the Bylaw was intending to change the way prospective fees were levied, not full membership fees.

A delegate from Local 44 asked for clarification from the National Executive.

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National Chairperson-elect, Brad Lavigne said that the Federation levied two different fees for its prospective membership due. He said that those student associations, regardless of the number of members, with a local membership fee of \$10.00 or over paid 5% of the Federation due as prospective membership fee while those student associations with a local membership fee of less than \$10.00 paid 2%. He said the intent of the Bylaw amendment was to equalise the amount prospective members pay in Federation dues. He did not think there was a student association with local dues of less than \$10.00, per member, per year.

A delegate from Local 14 said most delegates had been under the impression that they were voting on a committee referral.

96/05/12:73 CARRIED

96/05/12:72 RECONSIDERED

96/05/12:74 MOTION TO REFER

Local 14/Local 45

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:72 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

A delegate from Local 23 said he was opposed to the motion since it would increase the workload of the Organisational Development Committee. He said the intent of the motion was to make the prospective membership due consistent. He said few student associations had membership fees of less than \$10.00. He said the motion could easily be considered without having it referred.

A delegate from Local 33 said she opposed referring the motion to Organisational Development Committee. She said she thought the motion was clear enough to be considered in opening plenary.

A delegate from Local 35 said delegates should not hesitate to refer motions to committee if they need clarification. He said a concern about the workload of the committee was not adequate reason to adopt a Bylaw amendment in opening plenary.

A delegate from Local 14 said he had been directed to abstain on this motion until it was adequately clarified.

A delegate from the Local 79 asked whether there were accurate figures on the number of student associations which levied local fees of under \$10.00.

The Speaker said the information was contained in the Federation's Student Association Directory, but the compiled figures were not readily available.

96/05/12:74 DEFEATED

96/05/12:72 CARRIED

**Noted opposition: Westviking College Student Association; Local 87;
Local 35; & Local 45**

Noted abstentions: Local 82; Local 01; Local 14; Local 64; & Local 31

96/05/12:75 MOTION

Local 68/Local 61

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30 am, Monday, May 13, 1996.

CARRIED

22:08—The meeting recessed.

CALL BACK TO ORDER—Monday, May 13, 1996

The meeting was called back to order by Rick Smith, the plenary Speaker.

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 members	absent
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	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
New Brunswick Community College Students' Association	-Local 81	absent
Eastern College Student Association		absent
Central Newfoundland Regional College Student 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 College 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
Lakehead University Students' Union	-Local 32	present
Laurentian University Students' General Association	-Local 30	present
McMaster University Students' Union	-Local 14	present

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Nipissing University Student Union	-Local 20	absent
Ontario College of Art Students' Union	-Local 25	absent
Queen's 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	absent
Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	-Local 56	absent
York Federation of Students	-Local 68	present
York University Graduate Students' Association	-Local 84	present
Holland College Student Union	-Local 63	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	prospective member	absent

The Speaker declared quorum to be present.

15. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS HAVING RECEIVED DUE NOTICE (continued)

96/05/13:01 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 61/Local 23

Whereas wording in parts of Article 2-b of Bylaw I, Membership, is very sloppy; therefore

Be it resolved that Article 2-b-vi to ix of Bylaw I, Membership, be amended to read:

- vi. A prospective member local association shall have full voting rights in the national general meeting at which it is granted prospective membership, but shall not be permitted to designate a proxy to vote on its behalf.
- vii. A prospective member local association shall have the same access as a full member local association to Federation resources and materials, except the International Student Identity Card at no charge, for the duration of its prospective membership.
- viii. Unless waived by a majority vote of the National Executive, a prospective member local association must notify the Federation of the date of its referendum on full membership no less than two months prior to the referendum.
- ix. Prospective membership may be extended based on the individual merit of the association's case, irrespective of precedent, by a two-thirds majority vote of plenary.

A delegate from Local 23, said the motion was a housekeeping amendment intended to simplify the wording of the current Bylaw.

The BC Chairperson said the wording of the Bylaw was to ensure that a plenary decision taken in the past would not bind plenaries in the future.

96/05/13:01 CARRIED

96/05/13:02 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 61/Local 23

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.

96/05/13:03 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/Local 14

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/13:02 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/13:02 REFERRED

96/05/13:04 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 23/Local 54

Be it resolved that the following be added to Article 3-c of Bylaw I, Membership:

- iii. The voting member will not represent the membership fees collected on behalf of the Federation as an expense of the member in its budgets, its financial statements, its audits or any other documents of the voting member.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent sections of Article 3-c be renumbered accordingly.

96/05/13:05 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/Local 61

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/13:04 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/13:04 REFERRED

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96/05/13:06 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

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.

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.

96/05/13:07 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/13:06 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/13:06 REFERRED

96/05/13:08 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 23/Local 54

Be it resolved that Article I of Bylaw 5, National Executive, be amended to read:

1. Composition

The National Executive will be comprised of:

a. The following at-large positions elected by the national plenary:

- i. National Chairperson
- ii. National Deputy Chairperson
- iii. National Treasurer

b. The following representatives elected by their respective provincial components:

- i. British Columbia Representative
- ii. Manitoba Representative
- iii. Newfoundland-Labrador Representative
- iv. Nova Scotia Representative
- v. Ontario Representative
- vi. Prince Edward Island Representative
- vii. Québec Representative
- viii. Saskatchewan Representative

c. The following representatives elected by constituency groups:

- i. Aboriginal Students' Representative
- ii. Students of Colour Commissioner
- iii. Women's Commissioner

d. National Graduate Caucus Representative

Be it further resolved that Article 9 be deleted; and

Be it further resolved that all subsequent Articles in Bylaw 5 be renumbered accordingly.

96/05/13:09

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/13:08 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/13:08

REFERRED

96/05/13:10

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

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:

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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.

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;

96/05/13:11 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/13:10 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/13:10 REFERRED

96/05/13:12 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

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; and

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 serviced notice to the next general meeting; therefore

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

96/05/13:13 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/13:12 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/13:12 REFERRED

96/05/13:14 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

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 meetings 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.

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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.

c. National General Meetings

i. 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.

96/05/13:15

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/13:14 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/13:14

REFERRED

96/05/13:16

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 23/Local 54

Be it resolved that Article 6 of Bylaw 6, Election of the National Executive, become Article 5-g; and

Be it further resolved that all subsequent Articles in Bylaw 6 be re-numbered accordingly.

CARRIED

96/05/13:17

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 23/Local 54

Whereas the numbering of the Federation's Standing Resolutions changes frequently; and

Whereas it does not, therefore, make sense to refer to numbers of specific Standing Resolutions in the Bylaws; therefore

Be it resolved that the words "in Standing Resolution #19" in Article 7 of Bylaw 5 be replaced with "by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "in Standing Resolution #6" in Article 8 of Bylaw 5 be replaced with "by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "in Standing Resolution #10" in Article 9 of Bylaw 5 be replaced with "by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #8" in Article 10 of Bylaw 5 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #14" in Article 11 of Bylaw 5 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in the constitution of the National Graduate Council" in Article 2-c of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #6" in Article 2-d of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in the constitution of the National Graduate Council" in Article 3-c of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #6" in Article 3-d of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #8" in Article 3-e of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #14" in Article 3-f of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in the constitution of the National Graduate Council" in Article 4-c of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #6" in Article 4-d of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #14" in Article 4-e of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #14" in Article 4-f of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in the constitution of the National Graduate Council" in Article 5-c of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #6" in Article 5-d of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #14" in Article 5-e of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in the constitution of the National Graduate Council" in Article 7-c of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution";

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #6" in Article 7-d of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution"; and

Be it further resolved that the words "set out in Standing Resolution #14" in Article 7-e of Bylaw 6 be replaced with "established by Standing Resolution".

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The British Columbia Chairperson said that the Bylaws currently referred to specific Standing Resolutions. He said that as the numbering of the Standing Resolutions change, the Bylaws themselves are not amended to reflect the new numbering of the Standing Resolutions. He said the amendment provides for a standard reference to the Standing Resolution which would not need amending.

96/05/13:17 CARRIED

96/05/13:18 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

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.

96/05/13:19 MOTION TO REFER

Local 09/Local 38

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/13:17 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

A delegate from Local 09 spoke against the motion. He said the current Bylaw provided for one vote per member local within a constituency group, while the proposal on the floor was proposing to change the Bylaw to one vote per delegate within a constituency group. He said that due to such a substantive change, the motion should be referred.

The British Columbia Chairperson spoke against referring the motion. He said the wording to which the previous speaker referred was a typographical error in the Bylaws. He said that according to the Bylaws, constituency groups were comprised of delegates at a national general meeting, whereas caucuses were comprised of member local students associations. He said the Bylaw motion on the floor would correct that error.

96/05/13:19 CARRIED

96/05/13:18 REFERRED

96/05/13:20 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 61/Local 82

Be it resolved that the following Operational Policy be adopted:

The Federation shall endeavour to establish a scent-free environment.

The National Deputy Chairperson said that the motion reflected concerns that some people had environmental sensitivities and reacted negatively to scents such as heavy perfume, cleaning supplies, room fresheners, and even soap and shampoo. He said that such a situation impedes delegates with environmental sensitivities from participating fully in the national general meeting. He said the National Executive had complied with the motion for the current national general meeting. He said the hotel staff had done its utmost to accommodate the needs of the Federation in this area, such as changing the detergents used for cleaning and laundry, removed bathroom fresheners and used baking soda, and even replaced the chlorine in the swimming pool to an environmentally friendly product. He said delegates were reminded of the policy for the meeting and asked to refrain from using heavily scented products like deodorant, shampoo, body lotion, and perfume.

A delegate from Local 14 said he was opposed to the motion. He said he thought motion infringed upon the rights of those wishing to wear scents. He quoted Nicole Smith, a member of the Local 14 executive as having said, "I have allergies—bad ones—if someone next to me is wearing strong perfume, then I move."

A delegate from Local 68 said she spoke in favour of the motion. She said this motion was not trying to reduce the level of personal hygiene she said some people simply cannot breathe because of heavy perfume. She said that motion was not preventing anyone from wearing scents, she said it was simply encouraging people to do it in moderation. She said it was not infringing on anyone's right to ask that people show some respect for people who had serious health concerns.

A delegate from Local 45 said he agreed with both the two previous speakers. He said he thought that delegates could be sensitive to the physical needs of others without setting it out in policy.

96/05/13:21 MOTION

Local 33/Local 47

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/13:19 be put to a vote.

CARRIED

Noted in opposition: Local 01

96/05/13:20 DEFEATED

96/05/13:22 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 33/Local 82

Be it resolved that the following Operational Policies be deleted:

The Federation shall allocate one hour for an anti-discrimination workshop which will include a discussion of students with disabilities; and

The Federation shall have one day of simultaneously interpreted workshops.

Be it further resolved that the following Operational Policy be adopted:

At the Semi-annual General Meeting (May) at least one hour shall be allocated for a workshop discussing systemic discrimination.

A delegate from Local 33 said she supported the proposal.

A delegate from Local 14 said he opposed the motion because he did not believe that the motion should be mandated in the form of operational policy. He said if delegates at one meeting wanted to adopt a directive to hold a particular form of workshop, then they should be free to do so. He said he was not opposed to having workshops on systemic discrimination, but rather, he was opposed to making it policy.

A delegate from Local 68 said she supported the motion. She said policy was required precisely because the issues of systemic discrimination were overlooked so regularly. She said that having regular workshops would educate all students on issues important to marginalised groups.

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A delegate from Local 82 said he supported the motion. He said it was not too much to ask that at least once per year, such a workshop was conducted at national general meetings.

96/05/13:22 CARRIED

95/11:249 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 54/Local 23

Be it resolved that the Issue Policy "Quality" be amended to include the following:

7. the right to have a third party present in an educational or personnel appeal or grievance within their institution

Be it further resolved that the remaining policies in this section be renumbered accordingly.

A delegate from Local 47 spoke in favour of the motion. She said there were often disputes that arose between graduate students and professors. She said the policy at the University of Western Ontario prohibited a third party being present in the resolution process.

95/11:249 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

95/11:149 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 72/Local 23

Whereas barriers to part-time students are systematic, and

Whereas part-time students are frequently declared ineligible to participate as representatives on academic decision-making bodies

Be it resolved that the following motion be appended to the Declaration of Student Rights, The Right to Justice in the Educational Community; All Students have the right to:

- e) participate as student representatives without discrimination between part-time and full-time students.

A delegate from Local 72 said administrations tended to create eligibility requirements that preclude part-time students from getting involved in campus governance. He said the issue was particularly acute for students attending community colleges, where there was a higher concentration of part-time students. He said any and all students should be eligible to get involved with governance.

95/11:149 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 formalized federal involvement make 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 standardization 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.

96/05/13:23 MOTION TO REFER

Local 79/Local 07

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:247 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

A delegate from Local 79 said she wanted to refer the motion to the National Education and Student Rights Committee since the proposal contained some issues that still required clarification. She said one of the issues that needed further discussion was in the area of portability and its implications for Québec.

A delegate from Local 45 said he had just attended the Council of Ministers of Education-Canada conference. He said the question of national standards and the Higher Education Act became a sensitive issue for the Québec representatives that were in attendance. He said he supported the motion in principle, but agreed that issues surrounding Québec should be taken seriously. He said every effort should be made to develop a policy with which the students of Québec could feel comfortable. He said he supported referring the motion.

96/05/13:23 CARRIED

95/11:247 REFERRED

95/11:203 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 76/Local 72

Whereas the majority of international students are students of colour and that these students pay differential tuition fees that act as a racist barrier to students of colour;

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes tuition fees levied on international students being higher than tuition fees levied on Canadian students.

A delegate from Local 76 said his local was comprised of a large number of international students. He said international students had an increase in tuition fees imposed upon them last year and were facing increases in the Fall. He said international students had been very active in the Federation's February 7th action because they see the need for accessible post-secondary education.

A delegate from Local 71 said she supported the principle of the motion, but thought the motion might have a negative impact on the number of international students accepted at post-secondary institutions. She said without an equivalent amount of funding coming from the government, she said administrations might discourage international students from attending their institution.

A delegate from Local 09 said the motion had been postponed from the November 1995 national general meeting so that background could be provided on the issue. He said he thought the motion should be tabled until adequate information was available.

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96/05/13:24 MOTION TO REFER

Local 09/Local 45

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:203 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

A delegate from Local 72 said he opposed the motion to refer. He said the plenary should not need more information. He said the international fees were simply differential fees used to discriminate against students from other countries. He said the Fédération already opposed discrimination and tuition fees.

A delegate from Local 54 said a similar policy to that being proposed by 95/11:203 was already in place in the Issues Policy section. She asked what the intent was of referring motion 95/11:203 to committee.

The Speaker referred to the policy manual. He said the policy on the books was sufficiently similar to the policy proposed in motion 95/11:203 that it would be redundant. He then ruled motion 95/11:203 out of order.

95/11:203 OUT OF ORDER

96/05/13:24 OUT OF ORDER

95/11:252 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 44/Local 33

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes the downsizing and elimination of university transfer programs at community colleges.

A delegate from Local 44 said the motion had been developed in response to the downsizing and elimination of the transfer programs at the colleges in British Columbia. She said she thought similar things were happening across the country. She said in British Columbia, the emphasis was on skills and training not on university transfer programs or "liberal arts" programs in the college system.

The Newfoundland & Labrador Chairperson said that a major downsizing of the Newfoundland & Labrador system had just occurred. He said communities were spread-out over a large geographic area, and it was very important for students and potential students to have access to the colleges located in different communities throughout the province. He said in the past few weeks, over 700 seats had been lost and over five campuses were closed. He said the motion should be adopted and acted upon as soon as possible.

A delegate from Local 84 said he agreed with the previous speaker. He said the reason that transfer payments were being cut, and colleges downsized, was that the Federal government was cutting social programmes rather than taxing corporations. He said that since the 1970's, corporate taxation had been reduced, yet governments at all levels claim to have no money.

95/11:252 CARRIED

95/11:253 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 48/Local 79

Whereas the Canadian population is ageing and putting increasing pressure on our social programmes as well as creating difficulties for younger Canadians to be absorbed into the work force;

Be it resolved that the following be adopted as policy:

The Federation supports the creation of a national transition-to-retirement scheme which would provide older employees with true flexibility in moving towards retirement.

The National Graduate Caucus Chairperson said the motion was intended to start developing employment policy for the Federation. She said part of the fiscal difficulty was Canada's high level of unemployment. She said that when people are unemployed, they generate much less tax revenue for the government. She said that less tax revenue leads to less funding for social programmes. She said the Federation should take the lead on developing inter-generational and progressive employment strategies. She said a national transition-to-retirement scheme meant that instead of a person retiring suddenly at age 64, a transition-to-retirement plan would provide for a person to retire gradually over a five or ten year period through a reduction in her work week. She said the reduced week could provide employment for new people entering the workforce. She said it was similar the idea of job-sharing. She said that when a person contributes to a pension plan, often the employer will match the contributions. She said often such plans are not portable. She said if a person were to change jobs, then often the pension funds were not transferable. She said this creates disincentives for people to change jobs. She said pension funds should be transferable and flexible. She said different aspects of a person's work life should be seen as linked, and the policy proposed was the beginning of developing such policy.

A delegate from Local 71 opposed the motion. He said he thought it was a good idea to make retiring a smooth transition for those who wanted to retire, but he did not believe that those wishing to continue working should be coerced into abandoning their occupation in order to make space for younger workers. He said that everyone who wanted to work should have access to decently paid jobs. He said the Federation should demand jobs for everyone, and not advocate kicking people out of jobs so that others could take them.

96/05/13:25 MOTION TO REFER

Local 07/Local 14

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:253 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

DEFEATED

96/05/13:26 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 23/Local 79

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:253 be amended to strike the word "older".

CARRIED

95/11:253 CARRIED

Noted in opposition: Local 01; Local 14

96/05/13:27 MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Local 30/Local 87

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:72 be reconsidered.

A delegate from Local 30 said she understood that prospective membership fees were collected directly from the local operational budget. She said eliminating the 2% levy would have a detrimental effect on those locals with small operating budgets. She said a small budget member local might not be able to pay the 5% prospective membership fee levy.

A delegate from Local 87 said his local was the sum of students on four different campuses. He said there were two local fees levied on students, one campus fee and another student association fee. He said he would like the motion reconsidered in order to know how students in Newfoundland would be effected.

A delegate from Local 82 said his local membership was small, with about 750 full-time equivalents. He said that the effect of the motion on smaller locals would be negative.

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A delegate from Local 23 said he was opposed to reconsidering the motion. He said the motion provided for a percentage fee levy applied to different sized budgets, which would mean that small budget locals paid less than locals with large budgets. He said the defining feature of locals with small or large budgets was the number of students, not the size of the membership fees. He said that if a local had only five members, then the local fee required to maintain anything would have to be large. He said that fee would, according to the current bylaw, mean that the local with five members paid the 5% of the budget, not the 2%. He said locals with large budgets who collected a smaller fee but had so many members that they had a large budget, would have the 2% applied to them, while a local with a small budget collecting a higher individual fee might have the 5% prospective membership fee applied to them. He said the current bylaw did not address the concerns raised by those wishing to reconsider the motion. He said he opposed reconsidering the motion.

96/05/13:27 CARRIED

96/05/12:72 RECONSIDERED

96/05/12:72 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 61/Local 83

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.

96/05/13:28 MOTION TO REFER

Local 79/Local 44

Be it resolved that motion 96/05/12:72 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

96/05/12:72 REFERRED

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. Furthermore, the Federation supports Canadian and International monitoring of elections in Sierra Leone in February 1996.

96/05/13:29 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 45/Local 09

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:250 be amended to strike: "Furthermore, the Federation supports Canadian and International monitoring of elections in Sierra Leone in February 1996."

CARRIED

96/05/13:30 MOTION TO REFER

Local 75/Local 61

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:250 be referred the National Education and Student Rights Committee for further discussion.

A delegate from Local 75 said the motion should be referred so the membership could have a more thorough discussion as to whether or not the Federation should support peacekeeping initiatives in foreign countries.

96/05/13:30 CARRIED

95/11:250 REFERRED

95/11:251 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 32/Local 54

Be it resolved that policy 93.05.243 be amended to read:

The Federation supports and stands in solidarity with students in different countries around the world as well as groups and organizations supportive of their struggles for freedom of expression and freedom of assembly--conditions necessary to overcome barriers to access to education.

A delegate from Local 32 said the purpose of the amendment was simply a housekeeping amendment to give the policy a more broad application than that which was currently in the Federation's policy manual.

95/11:251 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

95/11:305 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 09/Local 33

Be it resolved that Operational Policy under the heading PROCEDURES be amended to read:

The National Executive shall ensure that the opening plenary and general meeting agendas be sent to member locals no later than two weeks prior to the first day of each national general meeting and that all National Executive Reports be presented in written form to the membership no later than the first day of each national general meeting. Written notification shall be in English and French, as determined by member local preference, ~~and shall be presumed to include alternative media such as cassette and braille as requested by individual delegates.~~

96/05/13:31 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 68/Local 33

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:305 be amended so that the last line reads:

"Written notification shall be in English and French, or as determined by member local preference."

CARRIED

96/05/13:32 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 35/Local 79

Be it resolved that motion 95/11:305 be amended so that the last line reads:

Written notification shall be in English and French, or as determined by member local preference, and shall be presumed to include alternative media such as cassette and Braille as requested by individual delegates.

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A delegate from Local 35 said he did not support striking out reference to alternative media for those delegates who needed it. He said it was better to have the reference explicit than implicit.

A delegate from Local 79 said she supported the amendment.

96/05/13:33 MOTION TO REFER

Local 05/Local 57

Be it resolved that motions 95/11:305; 96/05/13:31 and 96/05/13:30 be referred the Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

CARRIED

95/11:305 REFERRED

96/05/13:32 REFERRED

96/05/13:31 REFERRED

95/11:108 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 72/Local 75

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

STANDING RESOLUTION 22

**PROCEDURE TO ASSESS SECOND LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OF NOMINEES FOR
NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON AND NATIONAL DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

Second language proficiency will be considered the ability to:

- comprehend the second language;
- communicate with member locals in the second language; and
- carry out public relations in the second language.

The following shall be the procedure to assess the level of Bilingualism of nominees for National Chairperson or National Deputy Chairperson:

1. Assessing French or English as a Second Language

The Federation will arrange with the Second Languages Institute at the University of Ottawa to conduct second language proficiency tests in English or French on nominees for National Chairperson or National Deputy Chairperson following the close of nominations at the annual general meeting.

In the event that a member elected to the position of National Chairperson or National Deputy Chairperson is not proficient in the second language at the time of election, the Federation will arrange with the Second Language Institute at the University of Ottawa to conduct second language proficiency tests in English or French on the member by no later than five (5) weeks prior to the date on which the member is to assume the position of National Chairperson or National Deputy Chairperson.

2. Assessing First Nations Languages

- The Aboriginal Students' Constituency Group shall notify the National Executive in writing, a minimum of six (6) weeks prior to a general meeting, of a request to activate the Language Criteria/Evaluation Committee.

- The Language Criteria/Evaluation Committee for the Aboriginal languages requirement shall be comprised of the Elders Council(s), the nominee(s), the Aboriginal Students' Representative on the National Executive and/or a Commissioner of the Aboriginal Students' Constituency Group.
- The decision of the Elders Council(s) shall be ratified by the Aboriginal Students' Constituency Group and shall be final.

A prospective nominee for National Chairperson or National Deputy Chairperson, wishing to be tested by a Language Criteria/Evaluation Committee, must declare her intention to the Aboriginal Students' Representative on the National Executive no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the general meeting in order for the Language Criteria/Evaluation Committee to be activated.

A delegate from Local 72 said he thought the motion would provide clear guidelines for the evaluation of second language proficiency.

A delegate from Local 75 said he thought it would be a good idea for the Federation to develop its policy regarding first nations peoples' contribution to the founding of Canada.

95/11:108 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

95/11:309 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 09/Local 73

Be it resolved that the following Operational Policy be adopted:

Provincial Components have the right to:

1. send the component Chairperson and one staff person to general meetings with the cost assumed by the national budget;
2. cost-recovery of national programs and other work performed by the component as agreed upon by the provincial component Executive and the National Executive of the Federation; and
3. collect membership fees on behalf of the national office.

It was noted that the motion had been referred to the National Executive to make a recommendation to the plenary. In accordance with the referral, the National Executive recommended that the motion be defeated at its March 1996 meeting.

A delegate from Local 09 said the Organisational Development Committee had recommended that the motion be adopted, at the November 1995 National General Meeting. He said some provincial components did not have money to send the provincial chairperson to the national general meeting. He said provincial components found it useful to have their provincial chairperson present. He said that in Saskatchewan, the money did not exist to send provincial chairpeople to national meetings. He said the Saskatchewan component did not even have a staff person. He said the policy proposed would serve to facilitate provincial development.

A delegate from Local 07 asked why the National Executive had recommended that the motion be defeated.

The National Chairperson, Guy Caron, said the National Executive considered the motion as per the will of the November national plenary. He said the recommendation was to defeat the motion, but it was still up to the will of the membership as to whether or not the motion would be adopted or defeated.

A delegate from Local 35 asked for the political rationale for recommending defeat.

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The National Chairperson-elect, Brad Lavigne, said the goal of the Federation was to develop provincial components. He said developing provincial components was contingent upon establishing adequate provincial membership fee levies. He said some provincial components had provincial fee levies, while others did not. He said the goal was encourage those provinces without a provincial fee levy to implement one that reflected the average provincial fee levy. He said in that way, all provincial components would be able to hire staff and send provincial chairpeople to meetings as they so desired. He said it was also important not to put too much pressure on the National budget. He said the Federation had to consider the best way to spend its financial resources. He said while the National Executive was recommending that the policy proposal be defeated, those provincial components with scarce financial resources were always permitted to make an application to the National Executive for funding for a provincial representative, chairperson or otherwise, to attend national general meetings.

A delegate from Local 83 said she opposed the policy proposal. She said that the Québec component was in a position to send its provincial chairperson to meetings even though it only had two member locals, because the membership had implemented a provincial fee levy of \$6.00.

A delegate from Local 23 said he opposed the motion. He said he agreed that having the provincial chairperson present at national general meetings was useful. He said having adequate resources to send the provincial chairperson was not a question of the number of individual Federation members in the province, but rather was a question of having or not having an adequate provincial fee levy. He said there should be incentive for provincial components to develop an adequate provincial levy. He said that if the national budget were to completely compensate for the lack of provincial resources, the Federation would not be able to undertake any national work. He said that such an approach created a disincentive for provincial components to develop provincial membership fees. He said there would never be a concrete need to develop a provincial fee if the national budget simply provided all resources all the time. He said the Federation was not a rich organisation. He said the membership constantly had to evaluate how it allocated its resources. He said the question was whether the membership wanted to spend money on sending provincial chairpeople and provincial staff to national meetings, or spend the money on effective Federation campaigns.

A delegate from Local 11 said she understood the National budget should not be responsible for sending delegates to national meetings. She said the Nova Scotia component did not have a budget. She said there was no money to have staff or a full-time salaried chairperson. She said in order to get the component fee in place, local fees would have to increase, and she said she did not think that individual members in Nova Scotia should have their fees increased.

A delegate from Local 45 said he would like to consider the first part of the policy proposal, that which referred to the national budget paying for the cost of sending provincial chairpeople to national general meetings. He said he wanted to consider the following two parts of the policy proposal separately since he did not see the issues as being linked.

96/05/13:34 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 45/Local 35

Be it resolved that the following clause be struck from motion 95/11:309:

1. send the component Chairperson and one staff person to general meetings with the cost assumed by the national budget;

A delegate from Local 45 said he thought the clause in the motion was the contentious part of the debate.

96/05/13:35 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 07/Local 25

Be it resolved that motions 95/11:309 and 96/05/13:33 be referred to Organisational Development Committee for further discussion.

A delegate from Local 07 said she supported referring the motion, since the Organisational Development Committee would be considering other motions pertaining to the development of provincial components.

The National Treasurer said she opposed referring the motion. She said the motion had been discussed at length at the November 1995 national general meeting as well as at the March 1996 National Executive meeting. She said that points two and three of the policy proposal were already covered in the competency agreements, and were therefore redundant. She said that was one reason why the National Executive had recommended that the motion be defeated. She said delegates should refer to the report of the National Executive, because she had included charts which showed how much of the money contributed by students for national work were re-allocated back to those components without an adequate provincial fee levy. She said in transferring money to those components without an adequate provincial fee, and using national money to do so, those students who pay provincial fees for provincial work and national fees for national work were being penalised. She said some students pay \$11.00 or \$12.00 to be a member of the Federation while others only pay \$7.00 to be a member of the Federation. She said the motion should not be referred, but rather considered and defeated.

A delegate from Local 35 said he was in favour of referring the motion to the Organisational Development Committee. He said he agreed with the delegate from Local 23 regarding campaigns of the Federation. He said part of effective campaigns involved effective communication. He said having provincial chairpeople at the meeting is integral to the success of a Federation campaign. He said he agreed that the national budget should not always be absorbing the costs of sending provincial chairpeople to national meetings, but he said he wanted some other provision to ensure that provincial components who really did need assistance, had access to such assistance.

A delegate from Local 25 said his delegation was withdrawing their support for referring the motion.

It was noted that Local 11 then seconded the motion to refer.

96/05/13:35 DEFEATED

Noted in favour: Local 11; Local 07

96/05/13:34 CARRIED

Noted in opposition: Local 09

95/11:309 DEFEATED

Noted abstention: Local 14

The Speaker noted that there were no more motions to be considered.

16. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

The Speaker said that since the translated version of the Report of the National Executive was not available, the report of the National Executive would be moved to one of the first items of business during closing plenary. He said the National Executive question and answer period would be at that time. He said members of the National Executive could introduce sections of the report orally under this item.

The National Treasurer, Koenen introduced the section of the report titled Review of Federation Programmes. She said the Canadian Programming Services was the first item in that section of the report. She said that the November national plenary resolved to wind-up the Canadian Programming Service in the format that it had taken at the time. She said that in addition to winding up the programme as it was, another directive had been adopted calling for an investigation to be undertaken into a "speakers data base." She the National Executive had not completed the directive, but intended to complete it over the summer. She said what that would mean, is that member locals could phone the Ottawa office and ask for potential speakers, available in their area, to address a variety of topics. She said in the past, most member locals could not afford to bring in speakers, since the cost of travel and the speakers fees were so high. She said as a result, more non-members and businesses were using the programme than were members. She looked forward to having a more effective programme in place in the near future.

Koenen said the World Wide Web Page displaced the need to have a computer network specifically for member locals like the former programme: CFSNet. She said the home page was being developed and would be in place in the fall. She said one test site had been posted, but it did not meet the standards set by the National Executive for the Federation's home page. She said the new page would be better.

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Koenen said the National Student Health Network had developed a mission statement and a statement of principles so that it was clear that the Federation's support of universal health care would guide the development of supplementary plans for students. She said a directive had been adopted at a previous national general meeting to develop the ethics of the Network. She said that in December of 1995, a member from Locals 79, Local 07 as well as an aboriginal student representative, herself and the Federation's broker, Canadian Actuarial and Consulting Group Inc. had a two day meeting to develop a simple, affordable and ethical plan. She said a dental and vision care plan were also being developed. She said provisions were developed for aboriginal students who have coverage through their band, but whose coverage might not be as extensive as the Federation's plan. She said a proposal was developed to allow aboriginal students to opt-in to those aspects of the Federation's plan that they do not already have, at a discounted, pro-rated rate.

Koenen said the Studentsaver Card had been well-received in the past two years. She said using the Studentsaver Card enclosure as a membership development tool had been effective. She said some difficulties existed getting information to provincial components but she said she thought the problems would be resolved for the 1997 card. She said the success of the discount card depends entirely on the enthusiasm of the member locals involved in securing discounts for students at the local level. She encouraged delegates to remember that when they returned to their member locals.

Koenen said the International Student Identity Card had originally been the discount card and membership card for the Federation. She said logistical difficulties existed in getting the ISIC's out on as wide a scale as possible. She said that a separate card was then developed to act as a membership card and also as card that would give students access to discounts throughout the country. She said the Federation currently had two programmes, one: the Studentsaver Programme; and two: the International Student Identity Card.

Koenen introduced three Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus representatives: Robert Keddy (Product Development); Janet McGovern (Atlantic Regional Director); and Layla Jasrawy (Regional Manager for Southwestern Ontario). She said the Student Work Abroad Programme was going well. She said Ireland had become a popular Programme destination in the past year. She said the 1997 programme would, for the first time, include South Africa. She said some discussion should take place in Organisational Development Committee regarding the South Africa SWAP destination.

Koenen said Travel Pool was still in the process of being sorted out. She said she would try to get information out to all member locals as soon as possible. She said all other financial information was included in the report of the National Executive. She drew delegates' attention to the diagram which broke Federation expenses into percentages. She said that contrary to rumor mongering, the Federation did not spend more than 60% of its budget on staff and administrative expenses. She said that information such as that contained in the report of the National Executive would be useful to dispell some of the myths about the Federation that had recently developed.

The Students of Colour Representative on the National Executive announced that nominations were open for the Students of Colour Representative on the National Executive for the 1996-97 term and the Students of Colour Commissioner.

96/05/13:36

MOTION

Local 87/Local 30

Be it resolved that the plenary recess.

CARRIED

12:27—the meeting recessed.