

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉTUDIANTES ET ÉTUDIANTS

21st Annual General Meeting • 21e Assemblée générale annuelle



AGENDA

Opening Plenary

November 2002 National General Meeting

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

The Federation's Bylaws require that not less than one-half of the members of the Federation having voting rights be present in person or by proxy at the general meeting for business to be conducted.

A roll call of the membership will be taken to determine attendance and to confirm that quorum is present.

2. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Bob Carty is an Ottawa-based radio producer and documentary maker for the current affairs programmes The Sunday Edition and The Current, broadcast on the Radio One network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). He is active in freedom of expression issues through Canadian Journalists for Free Expression and is one of the founders of the International Freedom of Expression eXchange.

3. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

At this time, National Chairperson Ian Boyko will:

- Provide welcoming remarks to delegates;
- Introduce any guests that are present; and
- Give an overview of and general orientation to the meeting.

4. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

The plenary is the formal decision-making assembly at the general meeting. A Plenary Speaker, the parliamentarian who will preside over the meeting, chairs general meeting plenaries.

a. Consideration of National Executive Recommendation

The National Executive is recommending that Guy Caron be ratified as the Plenary Speaker for the opening plenary session and Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the Plenary Speaker for closing plenary. Both Guy and Sylvia have long histories of involvement with the Federation, both having served as elected directors and Sylvia also worked as a researcher for the Federation. Guy and Sylvia have each chaired Federation national general meetings on several previous occasions.

b. Overview of Plenary Rules

The Plenary Speaker will provide a brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order, a system of meeting rules and procedures that the Federation employs for plenary sessions, plenary sub-committee meetings and caucus meetings.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

The Federation's Bylaws enable a voting member that is unable to attend all or portions of a general meeting are permitted to appoint another member to act as its proxy for some or all of the meeting. The Plenary Speaker will announce all proxies that conform to Bylaw II, Section 7 b., Proxy Votes.

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6. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

The plenary will consider the plenary agenda prepared by the National Executive. Any changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

7. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

The plenary will consider the schedule for all four days of the general meeting, prepared by the National Executive. Any changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

8. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The plenary will consider the minutes of the previous national general meeting.

9. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

As per Bylaw V, Section 2 f., the National Executive will present a report to the plenary detailing the work of the Federation undertaken since the previous national general meeting.

Following the presentation, delegates will have the opportunity to ask the National Executive questions on the contents of its report and other activities undertaken since the previous national general meeting.

10. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

a. Ratification of Full Membership

At the May 2002 national general meeting, five students' associations were granted prospective membership in the Federation. A referendum of the individual members of each prospective member local has now been completed, as per Bylaw 1, Section 2-b-V. In each referendum, a majority of the members voted in favour of full membership. In accordance with Bylaw I, Section 2-b-vi, the National Executive is recommending that the following prospective member locals be ratified as full members:

- Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne;
- University of Windsor Students' Alliance;
- University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council.
- Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto; and
- Scarborough Campus Students' Union;

b. Applications for Prospective Membership

Since the previous national general meeting, applications for prospective membership have been received from four students' associations. In accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 4-b, the National Executive has reviewed these applications and is recommending that following students' associations be granted prospective membership in the Federation:

- University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association;
- Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna;
- Memorial University of Newfoundland Graduate Students' Union; and
- Okanagan University College-Penticton Campus Students' Association.

11. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS

a. Introduction of Electoral Officers

In accordance with Bylaw 6, Section 7 the National Executive has appointed Christine Bourque, Ontario Fieldworker, and Ashkon Hashemi, Ontario Internal Coordinator as Electoral Officers for the elections to be conducted at this meeting.

b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

The Electoral Officers will provide an overview of the election schedule and procedures at this time.

*Ab. May 17 2002
Chair
dep. chair
treas.*

12. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS

As per Standing Resolution 1, Section 1, the following sub-committees of the plenary are automatically struck:

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

The plenary will consider the plenary sub-committee agendas prepared by the National Executive. Any changes or additions to the agendas may be proposed at this time.

13. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

The Federation Bylaws require that all motions that seek to amend the Federation's Bylaws and Policy Manual must be submitted to the National Executive not less than six weeks prior to the general meeting at which they are to be considered. The plenary will consider motions served with due notice.

a. Motion Served Notice at the Previous National General Meeting

The following motion was served notice at the previous national general meeting for consideration at this meeting.

Proposal to Amend Terminology

2002/11:N01 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, AND POLICY

Local 5/Local 61

Be it resolved that the words Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered be replaced with the word Queer in all Bylaws, Standing Resolutions and Policies.

b. Motions Submitted by Member Local Associations

The following motions were submitted by member local associations with due notice for consideration at this meeting. They will require a seconder in the opening plenary.

i. Proposal to Undertake Campaign against Differential and Deregulated Tuition Fees for International Students

2002/11:N02 MOTION

Local 68/

Whereas international students are increasingly comprising a larger proportion of our student body; and

Whereas de-regulation has led to international students paying upwards of \$12,000 per year for a full-time course load, 300% higher than domestic students; and

Whereas these fees are explicitly justified by many government representatives as cash-cows; and

Whereas many international students, on top of having to pay these exorbitant fees, are exclusively confined to often underpaid on-campus employment; therefore

Be it resolved that a nationally focused and provincially coordinated campaign against the de-regulation of international student fees and differential fees be undertaken;

Be it further resolved that posters and campaign materials specifically dealing with this issue be developed; and

Be it further resolved that this campaign include among its demands the elimination of limitations on international student off-campus employment.

ii. Proposal to Undertake Campaign to Organise High School Students

2002/11:N03 MOTION

Local 68/54

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Whereas 700 high school students participated in the Toronto-area February 6th, 2002 demonstrations for a tuition fee freeze; and

Whereas there are many examples around the world of high school student unions and organisations; therefore

Be it resolved that a national strategy on how to engage high school students in Federation campaigns be developed;

Be it further resolved that research on active high school student organisations in Europe and the Americas be undertaken;

Be it further resolved that models for organising high school students into active and effective organisations be developed and that these models be made available to high school student activists; and

Be it further resolved that a provincially focused and nationally co-ordinated campaign to organise high school students into active and effective organisations be undertaken.

iii. Proposal to Amend Racism Policy

2002/11:N04 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 1/38

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy entitled Racism be replaced with the following preamble and policy:

Preamble

There are at least three main forms of racism (Henry, Tator, Mattis & Rees, 1995):

- Individual racism manifests itself in individual's attitudes and behaviours, and is the easiest type to identify.
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- Cultural racism is the basis of both other forms of racism, as it is the value system which is embedded in society which supports and allows discriminatory actions based on perceptions of racial difference, cultural superiority and inferiority.

Racialisation is the attribution of characteristics to an individual or group based on stereotypical beliefs about biological traits stemming from ethnicity.

Policy

The Federation is opposed to specific actions that marginalise and oppress some people based on racialisation.

The Federation understands the concept of race to be a social construction, rather than biologically determined differences between peoples.

iv. Proposal to Adopt Millennium Scholarship Foundation Policy

2002/11:N05 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 61/7

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Preamble

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inadequate consultation with provincial governments has led to the failure of what was supposed to be the federal government's solution to the student debt crisis.

The Millennium Scholarship Foundation's research project entitled "Does Money Matter?" has consistently proven to be a public relations exercise to cover up the student debt crisis. By using out-dated data and selectively interpreting results, the Foundation is actively attempting to undermine the struggle for accessible post-secondary education.

Policy

The Federation is opposed to the Millennium Scholarship Foundation as a simple solution to the student debt crisis. The Federation supports the transfer of federal funding from the Millennium Scholarship Foundation to help fund a Canada Student Grant Program.

v. Proposal to Undertake National Anti-FTAA campaign

2002/11:N06 MOTION

Local 79/75

*referred
campaign*

Whereas the Solidarity Network to Stop the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA) has mobilised student groups from across Canada to support a Day of Action against the FTAA, creating strong linkages between provincial student associations across Canada such as the Quebec component of the Canadian Federation of Students and international student organisations from across the western hemisphere;

Whereas the Quebec component of the Canadian Federation of Students and other provincial student associations do not have the funding nor the resources to continue with a large scale educational campaign of this nature;

Whereas there is a real need to sustain the momentum gained during this mobilisation and to establish a national baseline of resources and support for further action, including lobbying to protect public education and other key social services across Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that a national anti-FTAA campaign be supported, developed and implemented with the goals of; informing the Federation's membership about the dangers that the agreement poses to public education; and maintaining a strong baseline of resources for use in future campaigns by member locals.

vi. Proposal to Amend Standing Resolution 1

2002/11:N07 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 44/18

*referred
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Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 1, Section 2., describing sub-committee structure and the corresponding selection process, be amended to read:

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Each constituency group may have one vote per committee. The constituency group may divide its vote by any number of delegates from the constituency.

14. INTRODUCTION OF ANTI-HARASSMENT ADVISOR FOR THE GENERAL MEETING

The Federation strives to create an environment at its national general meetings that is free of harassment. At each national general meeting the Federation employs an anti-harassment advisor who is available on a 24-hour basis to assist delegates.

At this time, Tara Connolly, the Anti-Harassment Advisor will provide a brief orientation to the Federation's harassment policy as described in the policy manual.

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15. PRESENTATION BY THE FEDERATION'S STAFF RELATIONS OFFICER

National Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne, who serves as the Federation Staff Relations Officer, will make a brief presentation on the collective agreement between the Federation and its employees as it pertains to the rights and responsibilities of the employees at national general meetings.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

17. RECESS



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July 22, 2002

Ian Boyko, National Chairperson
Canadian Federation of Students
1700 Metcalfe Street, 5th Floor
Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1P3

ATTN: Canadian Federation of Students

Dear Mr. Boyko,

At the July 18, 2002 executive meeting of the University of Saskatchewan Graduate Student's Association (GSA), the following motion was passed:

Be it resolved that the GSA apply for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

As such, please consider this letter an application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services to be considered for approval at the next general meeting of the Federation.

Sincerely,

Angela Regnier
President



Okanagan University College Students' Association - Kelowna

August 9, 2002

Ian Boyko, Chairperson
Canadian Federation of Students
Suite 500, 170 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa, ON
K2P 1P3

Dear Ian,

On Thursday, August 8, 2002 the council of the Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna adopted the following motion:

Be it resolved that OUCSAK submit an application for prospective membership to the Canadian Federation of Students.

Please accept this letter as our Association's formal application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-British Columbia.

On behalf of the members of the Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna, I request that this application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-BC be accepted at the upcoming national general meeting of the Federation.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Ekman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Aaron Ekman
President

cc. Jaime Matten, BC Chairperson

AUG 19 2002



GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION
Memorial University of Newfoundland

August 27, 2002

Ian Boyko, Chairperson
Canadian Federation of Students
Suite 500, 170 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa, ON
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Dear National Executive,

On August 21, 2002 the Board of Directors of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Graduate Students' Union resolved to apply for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students-National Graduate Caucus (CFS-NGC) and to hold a membership referendum following a period of prospective membership.

Please accept this letter as the Graduate Students' Union formal application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.

On behalf of the members of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Graduate Students' Union, I request that this application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students be considered at the next general meeting of the Federation.

Respectfully,

Roxana Vernescu
President

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MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Canadian Federation of Students
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PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

Budget Committee

- reviews the Federation's budget, adopted at the previous meeting, for the current fiscal year, and makes any changes deemed necessary; and
- recommends to the plenary the amount the Federation will need to invest in its wholly-owned subsidiary, Travel CUTS.

Coordinators: National Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne
National Deputy Chairperson James Pratt

Campaigns and Government Relations Committee

- reviews the Federation's Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy, adopted at the previous meeting, for the current year, and makes any changes deemed necessary;
- reviews the current issues facing students and post-secondary education and establishes goals related to these issues (eg. reducing tuition fees); and
- develops strategies for achieving the goals which have been established.

Coordinators: National Chairperson Ian Boyko
BC National Executive Representative Summer McFadyen

National Education and Student Rights Committee

- refines and expands the Federation's vision of an accessible, high quality, public post-secondary education system;
- develops the Federation's stances on current issues; and
- examines all proposals to amend the issues policy of the Federation.

Coordinators: Graduate Students' Representative Katharine Charlton
Manitoba National Executive Representative Margaret Carlyle

Organisational Development Committee

- reviews the internal structures of the Federation to ensure that they facilitate the work of the Federation;
- examines all proposals to amend the bylaws, operational policy and standing resolutions of the Federation;
- discusses strategies for strengthening and expanding membership within the Federation; and
- reviews and makes recommendations to improve the Federation programmes and may propose the development of new programmes.

Coordinators: Ontario National Executive Representative Rick Telfer
Newfoundland & Labrador National Executive Representative Keith Dunne

CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

Definition

A constituency group is composed of individual delegates who share a common characteristic as recognised by the Federation.

Purpose

The primary purpose of constituency group meetings is to:

- select representatives to serve on the plenary sub-committees; and
- develop constituency group perspectives on matters being addressed by the general meeting.

Constituency Groups

Student Artists' Constituency Group

Students of Colour Constituency Group

Students' with Disabilities Constituency Group

Francophone Students' Constituency Group

International Students' Constituency Group

Part-time and Mature Students' Constituency Group

Queer Students' Constituency Group

Women's Constituency Group

CAUCUSES

Definition

A grouping of member local associations with common characteristics.

Caucus of College and Institute Associations

All member local associations from colleges and institutes including:

- Local 04 Selkirk Students' Association
- Local 05 Capilano Students' Union
- Local 13 College of New Caledonia Student Association
- Local 18 Douglas Students' Union
- Local 75 Camosun College Students' Society
- Local 26 Kwantlen Student Association
- Local 33 Emily Carr Students' Union
- Local 61 Malaspina Students' Union
- Local 66 Northwest Community College Students' Association
- Local 72 North Island Students' Association
- Local 03 Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna
- Penticton Campus Students' Association (Okanagan University College)
- Local 73 City Centre Students' Union (Vancouver Community College)
- Local 76 King Edward Students' Union (Vancouver Community College)
- Local 86 College of the Rockies Students' Union

Caucus of Large Institute Associations

All member local associations with 8,000 or more individual members including:

- Local 26 Kwantlen Student Association
- Local 23 Simon Fraser Students' Society
- Local 44 University of Victoria Students' Society

National Aboriginal Caucus

All member local associations composed in whole or in part of Aboriginal students; virtually all member locals belong to the Caucus.

However, to exercise a vote in Caucus meetings, a member local must be represented by an Aboriginal delegate.

National Graduate Caucus

All member local associations composed in whole or in part of graduate students. A number of Federation member locals are composed of both graduate and undergraduate members.

However, to exercise a vote in Caucus meetings, such a member local must be represented by a delegate who is a graduate student.

Caucus of Small University Associations

All member local associations with less than 8,000 individual members including:

- Local 61 Malaspina Students' Union
- Local 03 Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna
- Penticton Campus Students' Association (Okanagan University College)

