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## OPENING PLENARY MINUTES

43<sup>rd</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting

Canadian Federation of Students/Canadian Federation of Students-Services

Thursday, May 15 to Sunday, May 18, 2003 — Ottawa

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### CALL TO ORDER—Thursday, May 15, 2003

15:46 the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Ian Boyko.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local 73	City Centre Students' Union	Present
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 76	King Edward Students' Union	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Association	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Present
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local 03	Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna	Present
	Okanagan University College Students' Association-Penticton	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Present
Local 42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Present
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 90	Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association	Absent
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Association	Present
Local 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Present-by-proxy
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present-by-proxy
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present-by-proxy
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present-by-proxy
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Absent
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Absent

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Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Present-by-proxy
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Absent
Local 83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Local 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Present
Local 11	University of King's College Society of the Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiant-e-s de l'Université Sainte-Anne	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Absent
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Present
Local 36	Grenfell College Student Union	Present
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Present
Local 100	Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland	Present
Local 35	Memorial University Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	Present

National Chairperson Ian Boyko declared that quorum had been achieved.

## **2. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Boyko welcomed delegates to the 43<sup>rd</sup> semi-annual general meeting. He welcomed Vice President Community and Government Affairs for the Students' Society of McGill University Brianna Hersey as a guest to the meeting. He said that three guests from the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec would also be present for part of the meeting on Friday, May 16.

Boyko said that 22 years earlier, delegates from students' unions from across Canada came together at Carleton University to form the Canadian Federation of Students. He said that they did so because they had known that to make progress students had to work together. He noted that 208 delegates were in attendance at the meeting, making it the largest general meeting in the recent history of the Federation.

Boyko welcomed the Federation's newest members: Memorial Graduate Students' Association, University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Union, Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna and Okanagan University College Students' Association-Penticton. He also welcomed the Northern Lights Students' Association as a prospective member local association of the Federation.

Boyko said that the Federation's growth in the past year had not been limited to membership growth. He said that the services the Federation offered members were growing and improving. He said that the National Student Health Network, the online housing site, homes4students, Studentsaver and the common handbook project were all examples of how the services had improved.

Boyko said that the general meeting was not a conference where delegates were passive participants. He explained that, as delegates, individuals were there to make decisions – to vote on the issues – that would shape the Federation in the coming months and years. He said that the meeting was also an opportunity to learn from each other and from people who were experts in their fields. He provided an overview of the

workshops that would be provided at the meeting. He said that two senior political leaders who had been supportive of the Federation's cause and goals would also attend the meeting: Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Roger Grimes and federal New Democratic Party leader Jack Layton. He said that the goal of the workshops and guest speakers was to inform the decisions and deliberations at what would be a busy and intense meeting.

Boyko said that on Monday, May 12 the Alberta government introduced a 100-page bill called "The Post-Secondary Learning Act". He said that Bill 43 would make students' unions accountable to the province's Minister of Learning. He said that on an annual basis, councils of students' unions would be required to submit the audits to boards of governors for review. He said that boards of governors could forward the audit to the Minister and request an investigation. He explained that if an investigator objected to the activities of the union, the Minister could fire the elected council members of the union, and replace it with an appointed administrator to be paid from the union's funds at a rate determined by the Minister. He said that the second worrisome aspect of the legislation was that academic workers, including instructors, teaching assistants and, likely, research assistants would be prohibited from striking – and from encouraging a strike.

Boyko said that without autonomy – without the free will to act in the best interest of students' union members – and be true to the values of the students' union without fear of reprisal, the student movement would not be an effective voice. He said that in a modern democracy nothing was more important than the rights of individuals to collectively organise.

Boyko said that in the coming days there would be a great deal of work to do on many issues. He wished delegates a productive and invigorating meeting.

### **3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER**

Boyko explained that the National Executive was recommending that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the Plenary Speaker. He said that Sioufi had a long history of involvement with the Federation, having served as an elected director and as a researcher for the Federation. He said that Sioufi had chaired Federation national general meetings on several previous occasions.

#### **2003/05:001 MOTION**

Local 19/Local 24

Be it resolved that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the plenary speaker of the May 2003 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

Sioufi provided a brief overview of Robert's Rules, the system of meeting rules and procedures that the Federation employs for plenary sessions, plenary sub-committee meetings and caucus meetings.

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES**

Sioufi announced that:

- Local 30-Laurentian University Students' General Association had designated Local 82-Algoma University Students' Association as the proxy for the general meeting (Appendix 1);
- Local 88-Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne had designated Local 82-Algoma University College Students' Union as the proxy for the general meeting (Appendix 2);
- Local 56-Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association had designated Local 47-University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students as the proxy for the general meeting (Appendix 3);
- Local 62-University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association had designated Local 47-University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students as the proxy for the general meeting (Appendix 4); and
- Local 20-Nipissing University Students' Union had designated Local 32-Lakehead University Students' Union as the proxy for the general meeting (Appendix 5).

### **5. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA**

#### **2003/05:002 MOTION**

Local 73/Local 18

Be it resolved that the agenda for the plenary be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

**6. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

**2003/05:003 MOTION**

Local 03/Local 49

Be it resolved that the agenda for the general meeting be adopted.

Local 97 delegate Chris Ramsaroop said that Standing Resolution #3, Workshop Rules and Procedures required that at each semi-annual general meeting a minimum of six hours of time be allocated for workshops, forums, and or panel discussions that addressed issues of oppression and social justice. He said that the general meeting agenda did not appear to include a workshop of that nature.

National Deputy Chairperson James Pratt said that it was the intention of the National Executive to include a workshop that focused on the development and implementation of anti-racist policies and practices in an academic environment. He said that the National Executive had contacted a well known University of Toronto faculty member, Keren Braithwaite, who had an extensive history developing and implementing anti-racist policies. He said that unfortunately she was unavailable. He said that the National Executive had then contacted a second potential presenter who was also unavailable.

Ramsaroop asked if it would be feasible to amend the agenda to include such a workshop.

Pratt said that it would be very difficult to secure a facilitator with such short notice.

National Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne said that member locals could assess the development and implementation of anti-oppression policies at each institution during provincial component meetings.

**2003/05:003 CARRIED**

**7. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Plenary Speaker Sylvia Sioufi said that the May 2002 and November 2002 national general meeting minutes were being translated into French. She said that once the translation was complete, the minutes would be distributed and adopted in the closing plenary session.

**2003/05:004 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 61/Local 01

Be it resolved that the adoption of the May 2002 and November 2002 national general meeting minutes be postponed to the closing plenary.

**CARRIED**

**8. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

Boyko said that, as per Bylaw V, Section 2 f., the National Executive would be presenting a report to the plenary detailing the work of the Federation undertaken since the previous national general meeting.

Boyko, Turk-Browne and Pratt highlighted sections of the written report.

Local 98 delegate Julia Munk asked if there was any consideration given to identifying accommodation that was accessible for students with disabilities on the Federation's new online housing service, homes4students.com.

Turk-Browne said that the website included a number of options including the ability to identify which accommodation was accessible for people with disabilities.

Local 54 delegate Dave Hauch asked why major communications conglomerates like Bell Canada and Rogers Cable Television had been permitted to advertise on the homes4students.com site. He said that companies like Bell Canada monopolised the industry and the Federation should not assist them by allowing them to advertise on the Federation's website.

Turk-Browne said that when the Federation initiated a new program it incurred a number of costs. She said that there were a number of options to cover the costs for a programme like the online housing service. She said that the first option was to fully subsidise the site. She said that the first option would require the membership to make decisions about spending less in other areas. She said that the second option was implementing a user fee for those who logged onto the site, those who posted housing or a combination of both. She said that the third option was allowing for a restricted amount of advertising. She said that the National Executive discussed the various options and concluded that, while it was not ideal to include advertising on the site, the other options were less ideal. She said that delegates would have the opportunity to discuss all of the Federation's programmes including the online housing website, homes4students.com in the Organisational Development Committee.

Local 18 delegate Heather Barnes said that many member locals did not have the resources to develop a local website. She asked if locals could use the national website as a template to develop local sites.

Turk-Browne said that the template of the site could be made available for the development of local sites.

Local 44 delegate Scott Payne asked what types of questions would be asked by the National Opinion Coalition in the coming months.

Boyko said that, as members of the National Opinion Coalition, the Federation could customise two questions per poll. He said that in addition to those questions, members of the Coalition developed and agreed to a common set of questions. He said that there were also questions that were asked in each poll that related to a specific issue or event, like provincial elections. He said that National Researcher Michael Conlon could elaborate on the specific questions in his upcoming workshop.

Local 61 delegate Stephen Littlely thanked the members of the National Executive for producing such a comprehensive report. He said that he also appreciated the effort to distribute it prior to opening plenary so delegates had an opportunity to thoroughly review it. He said that the Summits on Access to Post-Secondary Education were excellent events and he commended the National Executive for organising them.

Local 99 delegate Ashley Morton said that a few of the discounts that were included in the Studentsaver Discount guide were not exclusive to the programme. He asked how many discounts were unique to the programme and what steps could be taken to ensure that the discounts solicited were exclusively for holders of the Studentsaver and International Student Identity Cards. He said that the name of the homes4students.com website should be amended to better reflect the Federation's philosophies. He suggested renaming it homes4students.org.

Pratt said that when a retailer agreed to participate in the discount programme they signed a contract which included the stipulation that the discount offered was exclusive to the Federation's programme. He said that if locals identified discounts that were not exclusive to the programme, they should notify the appropriate provincial office. He said that the provincial office could then contact the retailer and the discount solicitor and determine why the discount was not exclusive. He said that the Organisational Development Committee could consider proposals to re-name the homes4students website.

Local 76 delegate Lucas Schuller said that some locals were being pressured by for-profit health insurance providers to sign long-term contracts. He said that long-term contracts resulted in students' unions and students ultimately paying more for the coverage. He asked if there was anything the Federation could do to address the problem.

Pratt said that the National Student Health Network was created to assist students' unions in negotiating the most comprehensive and least expensive health insurance plans. He said that the Federation had spent considerable resources educating students' unions about the health insurance industry and how to negotiate health plans. He said that the Federation offered students' unions free audits of existing plans so member locals could accurately assess the value of their plan and ensure they were not being swindled.

Local 75 Michael Subasic said that he did not understand how the Federation could conduct audits of health plans in a completely impartial manner when it had a stake in the outcome. He said that the Federation had an interest in making the National Student Health Network plan look better than any other broker.

Pratt said that the National Student Health Network was a network of students' unions working together to secure the best health plan possible. He said that the National Student Health Network was not a broker, but assisted students' unions with negotiations with brokers. He said that the Health Plan Coordinator merely

reviewed the information provided by a students' union's broker to ensure that there was no manipulation of the numbers and no hidden costs. He said that it was in the Federation's best interests to be accurate and transparent when conducting audits.

Turk-Browne said that the philosophy that drove the health network was that members of the Federation and students across the country deserved coverage that met their needs and was affordable. She said that with that as a guiding principle, it was in everyone's interest to assess the plans that were provided to students' unions. She said that the members of the Federation established the National Student Health Network in part, to protect students' unions from predatory practices which is what the audit process exposes.

Local 97 delegate David Melville asked why part-time students could not receive the International Student Identity Card.

Turk-Browne said that the International Student Travel Confederation, which was based in Amsterdam, regulated the distribution of the International Student Identity Card internationally. She said that the Federation had been lobbying the International Student Travel Confederation to make the Card available to part-time students. She said that part of the difficulty was that in Europe the definition of a part-time student was quite different than in North America. She said that Europeans view part-time students as mid-career professionals who were financially stable and, therefore, did not require travel discounts. She said that the Federation had been working to educate the International Student Travel Confederation that the European definition of part-time was not applicable in other countries.

Local 79 delegate David Wise asked about the status of the affordable housing campaign that was adopted at the November 2002 national general meeting.

Boyko said that the submission to the Standing Committee on Finance included some basic information about the dire financial situation faced by students and the increasing poverty levels.

Local 19 delegate Kendra Coulter said that the member locals should congratulate themselves for not only expanding the membership but also expanding the Federation's programs and campaigns. She said that it showed the strength of students working together.

**2003/05:005 MOTION**

Local 73/Local 32

Be it resolved that the National Executive report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**9. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**a. Applications for Full Membership**

**2003/05:006 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 24

Be it resolved that the members of the Okanagan University College-Kelowna Students' Association be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2003/05:007 MOTION**

Local 26/Local 28

Be it resolved that the members of the Penticton Campus Students' Association be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2003/05:008 MOTION**

Local 38/Local 69

Be it resolved that the members of the University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2003/05:009 MOTION**

Local 35/Local 33



Be it resolved that the members of the Graduate Students' Union of Memorial University of Newfoundland be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Local 100 delegate Krista Park said that she was very excited to be at the general meeting as a delegate from a new full member local. She said that the work the Federation had undertaken benefited graduate students at Memorial University of Newfoundland and the Graduate Students' Union was happy to add their 1,800 voices to those across the country. She said that the Local was excited about working with students' unions provincially and nationally. She said that the Local was already participating in the National Student Health Network and had joined the common handbook project. She said that this participation has already increased interest in the Federation. She said that members of the Federation had been very supportive in the lead up to and throughout the membership referendum.

Local 100 delegate Heather Smith said that an example of the benefits of Federation membership included successfully lobbying the Newfoundland and Labrador government to alter its position on tuition fees. She said that the provincial budget was released approximately one month after the membership referendum at the Local. She said that the 2003 budget included the final five per cent reduction in tuition fees to which the government had previously committed. She said that when released the budget did not extend the reduction to graduate students. She said that the Federation representatives who were present for the release of the budget met with the Minister of Public Post-secondary Education and Student Services and contacted the media calling for the inclusion of graduate students in the reduction. She said that only 23 minutes after the release of the budget the Federation's provincial office received a phone call from the Ministry saying that the reduction would apply to graduate students' tuition fees. She thanked everyone for helping with the membership drive. She noted that Newfoundland and Labrador was now 100 percent organised with Canada's student movement.

**b. Applications for Prospective Membership**

**2003/05:010 MOTION**

Local 25/Local 08

Be it resolved that the Northern Lights Students' Association's application for prospective membership be accepted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS**

**a. Introduction of Electoral Officers**

Sioufi said that in accordance with Bylaw 6, Section 7 the National Executive had appointed Ashkon Hashemi, Ontario Internal Coordinator, and Christine Bourque, Ontario Organiser, as the Electoral Officers.

**b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures**

Hashemi said that elections for the Alberta Representative, Saskatchewan Representative, Prince Edward Island Representative, Students' of Colour Representative, Francophone Students' Representative, Graduate Students' Representative, and Women's Representative on the National Executive would be conducted at the general meeting. He said that the elections were for the 2003-2004 term and that the term began at the adjournment of the general meeting.

Hashemi said that the nominations would open effective the end of opening plenary and would close at 10:00 Saturday, May 17. He said that voting for the positions would be held in the relevant provincial component, caucus or constituency group meetings. He said that the results would be presented in an Electoral Report to the closing plenary and ratified. He said that the elections would be held as the first item of business at the last meeting of the provincial component, caucus or constituency group.

Bourque said that delegates should review Bylaws V and VI and Standing Resolutions 17 and 18 for information about the election procedures and the positions. She said that each candidate required the nomination of two member locals.

**11. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS**

**2003/05:011 MOTION**

Local 73/Penticton Campus Students' Association

Be it resolved that the standing plenary sub-committee agendas be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**12. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE**

Sioufi said that the following motions were served with notice for consideration at the meeting. She said that some of the motions would require a mover and a seconder.

**a. Motions Submitted by Member Local Associations**

**i. Proposal to Amend Policy on Canada's Health and Social Transfer**

**2003/05:012 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 47/Local 73

Whereas the Federation's policy opposing the Canada Health and Social Transfer dates back to 1995 when the act was first imposed; and

Whereas in their proposed Post-Secondary Education Act, the Canadian Association of University Teachers calls for the replacement of the CHST with a National Post-Secondary Education Fund; and

Whereas the Federation has endorsed CAUT's Post-Secondary Education Act; therefore

Be it resolved that the existing Federation Policy on the Canada Health and Social Transfer be replaced with the following policy:

**CANADA HEALTH AND SOCIAL TRANSFER**

**Preamble**

Transfer payments for post-secondary education, health and social welfare were cut drastically in 1994 as a major part of the federal government's deficit reduction strategy. In total, this amounted to more than \$5 billion cut from post-secondary education and training over five years.

**Policy**

The Federation opposes the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST), a block funding scheme that replaced Established Programs Financing because the transfer:

- undermines national standards; and
- reduced funding to post-secondary education.

The Federation calls on the Federal government to repeal the Canada Health and Social Transfer and establish a National Post-Secondary Education Fund to provide stable federal cash funding.

The Federation proposes the replacement of the CHST with a set of national social investment funds, separately financed and governed by distinct principles. It is envisioned that, through amendments to the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, a Post-secondary Education Fund would be created (along with a Health Care Fund and Income Support). The cash value of the Post-Secondary Education Fund would initially be set at 0.3% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and would rise to 0.5% (about the same level it was in the late 1970s and early 1980s) within two years. To ensure regional equity, cash transfers to the provinces will be allocated on a per capita basis and equalised according to provincial GDP per capita.

**2003/05:013 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 61/Local 18

Be it resolved that Motion 2003/05:012 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:012 REFERRED**

**ii. Proposal to Amend Policy on Student Financial Assistance**

**2003/05:014 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 47/Local 101

Be it resolved that the section titled "General Policy" under the Federation Policy "Student Financial Assistance" be replaced with:

**Preamble**

In the context of affordable post-secondary education, student financial assistance is an important mechanism for reducing social and economic inequalities in access to post-secondary education. In Canada, 80% of students require some financial assistance. Three-quarters of those receiving student aid believe they would be unable to participate in higher education without this assistance.

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- Student financial assistance programmes being universally and equitably accessible to full- and part-time students;
- Student financial assistance programmes that are adequate to meet the needs of all students, including the needs for the extra expenses incurred by some students with dependants, and by students with disabilities and/or special needs;
- The integration and harmonisation of student financial assistance programmes so that students do not suffer from unnecessary confusion, delays, errors, superfluous requests for information, and duplication of administration;
- The public provision of accessible and thorough information on all aspects of student financial assistance programmes;
- Eligibility requirements for student financial assistance that include a definition of independent student status which would not include age; that does not include a waiting period after a student's parent or guardian stops claiming the student on their federal income tax return; and which does not require the student to maintain a minimum income level; and
- An equitable calculation of childcare and other dependent expenses, current non-school debt, housing costs, travel expenses and education-related technological expenses in determining the costs of attending post-secondary institutions for the purpose of determining financial need.

The Federation opposes:

- The use of student financial assistance programmes as a means of justifying higher user fees for post-secondary education;
- Student-funded student financial assistance;
- All user fees for students applying for or benefiting from student financial assistance including, but not limited to, application fees and service charges;
- Any delay in disbursement of student financial assistance, as any delay in receipt of these funds has a detrimental effect on needy students;
- Penalising students due to delays in the disbursement of student financial assistance including, but not limited to, course cancellation and the imposition of late fees;
- The treatment of student financial assistance as income in the calculation of eligibility for government assistance programmes;
- Public-private partnership requirements in government funding for student financial assistance and other student financial assistance distribution mechanisms that rely on an institution's fundraising capacity over the characteristics of individual students; and
- Work study programmes as a replacement for needs-based student financial assistance.

Be it further resolved that the section titled "Student Grants" be replaced with:

**NEEDS-BASED STUDENT GRANTS**

**Preamble**

Canada is one of only three industrialised countries that does not have a national system of student grants. Virtually all European and South American countries, as well as the United States, have grants programmes. A national system of needs-based grants would immediately reduce the daunting debt level students face.

The Federal government currently spends \$1.3 billion each year to administer the Canada Student Loans Program. The Federation estimates the cost of a national grants programme to be \$1.2 billion. In addition, for every dollar allocated in grants, savings will also be realised in reduced administrative costs, education tax credit claims and payments to service providers.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the provision of student aid through a full and adequate system of needs-based student grants.

The Federation opposes:

- Merit-based scholarships as a substitute for a needs-based student grants programme; and
- Individually-driven savings plans for post-secondary education, such as registered education savings plans, as a substitute for a needs-based student grants programme.

Be it further resolved that the "Preamble" to the section titled "Student Loans" be replaced with:

Public student loans programmes are not student-aid plans, but rather are a funding model for post-secondary education. They are based on the belief that the individual is the primary beneficiary of a post-secondary education and should bear the financial burden of the cost of that education. Furthermore, student loans programmes typically provide an alibi to government and college and university administrators to justify further tuition fee increases.

Insofar as the federal and provincial governments have chosen to provide student financial assistance in the form of loans rather than needs-based student grants, the Federation supports the following policies on student loans.

Be it further resolved that the section titled "Student loans" be amended to include:

The Federation opposes debt management measures that tie debt reduction or "forgiveness" to:

- starting a family;
- re-locating to isolated, rural or under-served communities; and
- post-graduation professional practice in particular professions or specialties.

**2003/05:015 MOTION TO RÉFER**

Local 33/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:014 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:014 REFERRED**

**iii. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Portability**

**2003/05:016 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 47/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**PORTABILITY**

**Preamble:**

In the 1980's and 1990's, there has been a proliferation of institution-to-institution transfer agreements that are, in some cases, inter-provincial. The increased co-operation of colleges and universities reflects the changing role of post-secondary education in society and a greater need for flexible opportunities for retraining, educational upgrading, and diversity of credentials.

Given the substantial differences in credit transfer systems and in the structure of post-secondary education systems between provinces and territories, it is clear that a pan-Canadian system of credit transfer must be built-up over time through an initial focus on developing and enhancing strong provincial/territorial transfer systems.

**MOBILITY**

**Preamble:**

The evolving characteristics of the Canadian college and university student body which is generally older, more mobile, and more likely to be forced by work-related or personal reasons to register in more than one institution to complete their diploma or degree work.

Given the changes in educational advantages that accrue from greater mobility, the changing needs of the student body and the growing need for individuals to return to post-secondary education during the course of their working lives, it is important to facilitate mobility for individuals among colleges, among universities, and among colleges and universities in Canada.

In addition, the ability to transfer credits also creates an efficient use of human and institutional resources — students will see a reduction of educational costs through the elimination of time-consuming repetition of

studies. However, in Canada, the difficulties experienced by transfer students in having their previous post-secondary experience recognised inhibit mobility and are damaging to students.

**Policy:**

The Federation supports the integrity and transferability of course credits between all post-secondary educational institutions.

The Federation supports the increase of joint transfer programs.

The Federation supports the development and implementation of a framework for credit transfer arrangements.

The Federation calls on federal, provincial and territorial governments to ensure that there are no barriers to inter-provincial mobility that unreasonably inhibit access.

The Federation opposes quotas on the number of students allowed to transfer from colleges to universities.

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

**PAN-CANADIAN PROTOCOL ON THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LEARNING**

**Preamble**

Governments have established colleges and universities as substantially autonomous bodies where academic decisions are made by the institutions themselves. As admissions standards and credit recognition decisions are made by institutions, this means that cooperation between institutions is required to build credit transfer systems within and between provinces and territories.

Establishing a pan-Canadian protocol on the transferability of learning would allow colleges and universities to identify common standards and interests; encourage dialogue between institutions and systems that have traditionally operated separately; set or target provincial and national standards; maximise the use of resources; and increase awareness of articulation goals and principles.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the coordination of provincial credit transfer through the establishment of a pan-Canadian protocol on transferability of learning.

The Federation calls upon the Council of Ministers of Education (CMEC) to coordinate and implement such a protocol.

The Federation supports the establishment of a common course numbering system, electronic information systems, articulation facilitators, and provincial governing boards to oversee credit transfer between public post-secondary education institutions.

**PRIOR-LEARNING ASSESSMENT**

**Preamble**

Prior learning assessment and recognition of skills acquired outside of college should also be an element of any pan-Canadian protocol ratified by colleges and universities. Prior learning assessment and recognition allows an individual to get some form of recognition for the skills and knowledge she or he has. Prior learning assessment and recognition would give equal value to learning and skills from school, community work, on the job training and other life experiences. The benefits of prior learning assessment and recognition for colleges and universities include, a better use of limited resources, cost-savings for students and assurances that students can transfer from one place to another.

Lack of recognition of prior learning is most severe with respect to foreign educational attainment and, therefore has a negative effect on educational and employment opportunities for international students, immigrants and refugees.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the promotion of continued education and skills upgrading through recognition of foreign and domestic prior learning credentials and credit transfer.

The Federation opposes policies that create an unnecessary duplication of prior learning.

The Federation calls on the federal government and the Council of Ministers of Education Canada to establish clearly articulated public policies at federal and provincial/territorial levels which support the recognition of prior learning and the subsequent programming/funding for implementation.

The Federation calls on the Federal government to establish a central coordinating body to gather and disseminate prior learning assessment and recognition information on best practices, research and training.

#### **CLEAR PATHWAYS TO LEARNING**

##### **Preamble**

In order to effectively plan their educational choices, students need to be assured that all course work satisfactorily completed will be considered for recognition of credit should they be granted admission at another public post-secondary institution. Students also require a process of transferring from one institution to another in Canada that will not result in undue additional costs or in the need to repeat essentially equivalent previous learning experiences.

The lack of consistency in the rules and procedures governing credit transfer among the universities, and at times within an institution, leads to substantial confusion for the student and often results in inconsistencies in the recognition of credits.

##### **Policy**

The Federation calls on the Council of Ministers of Education Canada to provide clear pathways for students by ensuring that postsecondary institutions provide accurate and timely information to students in advance of transfer.

The Federation calls for the establishment of a consistent system by all colleges and universities to calculate, record, and retain the graduating or final-year GPA for students.

The Federation calls upon the Council of Ministers of Education Canada to encourage the development of arm's-length agencies to promote cooperation and credit transfer between colleges and universities. The steering committees of these agencies should include democratically selected and accountable student representation.

#### **2003/05:017 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 13

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:016 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

##### **CARRIED**

#### **2003/05:016 REFERRED**

#### **iv. Proposal to Amend Policy on Pan-Canadian Principles**

#### **2003/05:018 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 47/Local 37

Whereas in its proposed Post-Secondary Education Act, the Canadian Association of University Teachers calls for "the establishment of national principles setting standards for the provision of post-secondary education" and proceeds to outline those principles; and

Whereas the Federation has endorsed CAUT's Post-Secondary Education Act; and

Whereas the Federation has existing policy entitled "Pan-Canadian Principles" that includes most, but not all, of the principles outline by CAUT; therefore

Be it resolved that the existing Federation Policy on called "Pan-Canadian Principles" be amended to include:

Collegial Governance: Post-secondary education institutions should be governed in a collegial manner that includes meaningful and effective representation from faculty and students.

Academic Freedom: Assure protection of the principle of free and independent academic inquiry and the academic and intellectual autonomy of post-secondary institutions.

#### **2003/05:019 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 08

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:018 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

##### **CARRIED**

#### **2003/05:018 REFERRED**

#### **v. Proposal to Participate in International Day of Action and Strike against the FTAA**

#### **2003/05:020 MOTION**

Local 91/Local 83

Whereas the Federation has endorsed the international campaign to stop both the Free Trade Area of the Americas and General Agreement on Trade in Services agreements for the negative effects they will have on our education system, as well as on social, environmental and labour standards throughout the Americas and the world;

Be it resolved that the Federation endorse the International Days of Action and Strike against the Free Trade Area of the Americas taking place November 20-23 2003, in conjunction with the Free Trade Area of the Americas meetings in Miami, Florida;

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to organise local participation in this campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation offer support to provincial components as needed for this campaign, such as providing relevant educational materials.

**2003/05:021 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:020 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:020 REFERRED**

**vi. Proposal to Promote homes4students.com**

**2003/05:022 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 44

Whereas homes4students, the Federation's online housing service, was created because there is a vacuum in online housing services for students; and

Whereas homes4students is the Federation's newest programme; and

Whereas it is important to promote all Federation programmes, particularly those programmes that are new; and

Whereas member local associations are responsible for promoting the programmes of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to promote homes4students in student day planners; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to include links to the homes4students on their websites.

**2003/05:023 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 69/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:022 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:022 REFERRED**

**2003/05:024 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 76

Whereas it is important to promote homes4students to renters; and

Whereas campus housing centres are high traffic areas for students seeking housing; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to foster links/ties with off-campus housing centres in order to promote homes4students.com.

**2003/05:025 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 26

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:024 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:024 REFERRED**

**vii. Proposal to Adopt Acceptable Partnerships Practice**

**2003/05:026 MOTION**

Local 05/Local 66

Whereas the Federation has endorsed the “six bucks sucks” campaign; therefore

Be it resolved that no partnerships exist with companies or organisations that contradict Federation campaigns.

**2003/05:027 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 28/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:026 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:026 REFERRED**

**2003/05:028 MOTION**

Local 05/Local 33

Whereas partnerships with companies or organisations that disregard the rights of women, the disabled, first nations, queer people or other marginalized groups should not be endorsed; and

Whereas partnerships with companies or organisations that create products that are harmful to people or the environment, or depend on harmful methods of production should not be endorsed; therefore

Be it resolved that no partnerships exist with companies or organizations that contradict the Federation's Policy, By-laws or mission statement.

**2003/05:029 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 08/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:028 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:028 REFERRED**

**viii. Proposals to Amend Bylaw I**

**2003/05:030 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 78/Local 46

Whereas Section 2 of Bylaw I-Membership describes in part the Federation's membership application process; and

Whereas Section of 4 of Bylaw I also deals with the membership application process; and

Whereas it would be clearer and more straightforward if all language about the membership application process was consolidated in one section of the Bylaw; therefore

Be it resolved that Section 4 of Bylaw I-Membership be removed and that Sections 1 and 2 of Bylaw I-Membership be amended to read as follows:

**1. Types of Memberships**

**General Description:** There are two types of members of the Federation, individual members and voting members. Students, or individual members, are represented through the local student association to which they belong. Local student associations representing individual members are called voting members.

- a. Local student associations are eligible to receive the status of voting members in the Federation as provided for in Bylaw I, Section 2, and 3;
- b. Individual members of the Federation will be all students in local student associations that are voting members.

**2. Types of Voting Membership Status**

**a. Full Membership**

**General Description:** Full membership is the standard form of membership in the Federation.

- i. A local association is eligible to apply for full membership in the Federation if its members have approved by referendum membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, Canadian Federation of Students-Services and the applicable provincial component as described in Bylaw VII-Provincial Components;



- ii. A written application for full membership submitted by an eligible local student association will be considered as a binding contract to accept the rights and responsibilities of full membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, Canadian Federation of Students-Services and the applicable provincial component.
- iii. Within 90 days of the receipt by the National Executive of a written application for full membership, the National Executive will examine the application to see whether it is in order, and will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the application.
- iv. At the next general meeting of the Federation, the full membership application shall be put to a vote and shall require a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast to be accepted.
- v. A local association's application for membership, once accepted by the Federation, shall constitute a binding contract to collect and remit to the Federation full membership fees for the duration of the membership;
- vi. Notwithstanding Section 2.a.vii. of this Bylaw, the fees for full member local associations shall be:
  - \$3.00 per semester, or \$6.00 per academic year, per local association individual member of the Canadian Federation of Students/Canadian Federation of Students-Services, pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association; and
  - the applicable provincial component fee.
- vii. Beginning in 1996, the Federation membership fee shall increase on August 1 each year by the rate of increase in the national Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar year.

**b. Prospective Membership**

**General Description:** Prospective membership is a trial membership of limited duration.

- i. A local student association is eligible to apply for prospective membership if it has passed a motion of its members, executive, council or equivalent representative body to apply for prospective membership in the Federation and its applicable provincial component as described in Bylaw VII-Provincial Components;
- ii. A written application for prospective membership submitted by an eligible local student association will be considered as a binding contract to accept the rights and responsibilities of prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, Canadian Federation of Students-Services and the applicable provincial component.
- iii. Within 90 days of the receipt by the National Executive of a written application for prospective membership, the National Executive will examine the application to see whether it is in order, and will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the application.
- iv. At the next general meeting of the Federation, the prospective membership application shall be put to a vote and shall require a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast to be accepted.
- v. A local student association's application for prospective membership, once accepted by the Federation, shall constitute a binding contract to pay prospective membership fees, as described in Section 2 b-vi, and conduct a full membership referendum, as described in Section 2 b-viii;
- vi. The fee for prospective membership in the Federation shall be five per cent (5%) of the regular Federation membership fee, notwithstanding that the fee may be reduced or waived by a majority vote of a national general meeting or the National Executive;
- vii. A prospective member association shall have full voting rights in Federation national general meetings, but shall not be permitted to designate a proxy to vote on its behalf, and shall have the same access to Federation resources and materials, except the International Student Identity Card, that a full member association has;
- viii. A prospective member association must hold a referendum on full membership in the Federation, in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw, within five (5) months following its acceptance as a prospective member unless an extension is granted by the National Executive of the Federation;
- ix. In the event that the majority of those voting in the referendum support full membership in the Federation, full membership will be granted at the subsequent national general meeting, at which point prospective membership shall cease;
- x. In the event that the majority of those voting in the referendum oppose full membership in the Federation, prospective membership will immediately cease;
- xi. In the event that the referendum fails to achieve quorum, prospective membership will be automatically extended and another referendum on full membership will be held within the subsequent six (6) months in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw; and

- xii. In the event that a prospective member fails to conduct a referendum on full membership as required by this Bylaw, the Federation shall have the option to either cancel or extend, by majority vote of a national general meeting, the prospective membership until a referendum on full membership is conducted.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent sections of Bylaw I be re-numbered accordingly.

Be it resolved that Section 5 of Bylaw I-Membership be amended to read as follows:

**5. Vote to Federate**

In accordance with Section 2 of this Bylaw, the following shall be the rules and procedures for a referendum in which the individual members of a prospective member local association vote on full membership in the Federation:

**a. Scheduling of the Referendum**

The referendum will be scheduled by the prospective member association in consultation with the Federation.

**b. Referendum Oversight Committee**

The referendum shall be overseen by a committee, composed of two (2) members appointed by the prospective local association and two (2) members appointed by the Federation, that shall be responsible for:

- i. establishing the notice requirements for the referendum in accordance with Section 5-c of this Bylaw and ensuring that notice is posted.
- ii. establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 5-d of this Bylaw.
- iii. approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 5-e of this Bylaw and removing campaign materials that have not been approved;
- iv. deciding the number and location of polling stations;
- v. setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 5-f of this Bylaw;
- vi. overseeing all aspects of the voting;
- vii. counting the ballots following voting; and
- viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the referendum.

**c. Notice of the Referendum**

Notice of the referendum, that includes the referendum question and voting dates, shall be provided to the individual members of the prospective member association no less than two weeks prior to voting in the referendum.

**d. Campaigning**

- i. There shall be no less than ten (10) days on which campaigning is permitted, during which classes are in session, immediately preceding and during voting; and
- ii. Only individual members and representatives of the prospective member association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of the Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.

**e. Campaign Materials**

- i. Campaign materials shall include all materials developed specifically for the referendum campaign.
- ii. Materials produced by Federation that promote Federation the campaigns and services of the Federation shall not be considered as campaign materials unless they include specific content about the referendum.
- iii. The Federation website shall not be considered a campaign material unless it includes specific content about the referendum.
- iv. The Federation's annual report, financial statements, research and submissions to government shall not be considered a campaign material.
- v. Campaign materials shall not be misleading, potentially libelous or false.

**f. Voting and Tabulation**

- i. Voting shall be conducted at voting stations or, subject to agreement between the prospective member association and the Federation, at a general meeting of the prospective member association or by a mail-out ballot.
- ii. There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting.
- iii. Unless mutually agreed otherwise by the prospective member association and the Federation, the referendum question shall be: "Are you in favour of membership in the Canadian Federation of Students."

- iv. In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting;
- v. The prospective member association and the Federation shall each appoint one poll clerk for each polling station.
- vi. The prospective member association and the Federation shall each be permitted to appoint one scrutineer to oversee the counting of ballots.

**g. Appeals**

Any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the Referendum Oversight Committee shall be adjudicated by an Appeals Committee composed of one (1) member appointed by the prospective member association and one (1) member appointed by the Federation.

**2003/05:033 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 76/Local 18

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:032 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:032 REFERRED**

**2003/05:034 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 99/Local 25

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 5, entitled "Vote to Federate" be replaced in full with the following text.

**5. Vote to Federate**

The individual member of a prospective students association may vote on becoming full members in the Federation, subject to the following rules and procedures:

**a. Notice**

- i. All notices issued by either the students' association shall be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation.
- ii. All notices issued by the Referendum Committee shall be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation, and of the students' association.
- iii. The following notice shall be issued by the students' association no later than two (2) months after the request for Prospective membership. The Federation shall be notified at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date, time, and location of the first meeting in a possible series of meetings between the students' association and the Federation to jointly appoint the members of the Referendum committee.
- iv. The following notices must be given to the student association's membership:
  - a. Notice of the vote to federate must be posted one (1) month before the campaign period for duration of two (2) weeks. The following information shall be included on the notice:
    - 1. Parties or individuals interested in forming an official "No" campaign can contact the Referendum Committee;
    - 2. method of obtaining referendum materials, including:
      - Federation By-Laws;
      - Students' association By-Laws;
      - Compromises to by-laws, as determined by 5.d.viii;
      - All rules of the referendum;
      - Any other materials relevant to the referendum;
    - 3. the dates of the campaign period;
    - 4. the dates of the voting period;
    - 5. the names and contact information of the Referendum Committee.
  - b. Notice of the referendum question and other ballot information must be posted at least two (2) weeks before the campaign period begins for duration of two (2) weeks. The following information shall be included on the notice:
    - 1. the official question;
    - 2. the dates of campaign period;
    - 3. the dates and time of voting;
    - 4. the location(s) of polling station(s);
    - 5. the contact information of the Referendum Committee.

- c. Notice of the referendum results shall be issued immediately after the results of the vote are known, and should be posted for duration of two (2) weeks. The following information shall be included on the notice:
    - 1. the official question;
    - 2. the number of spoiled ballots, rejected ballots, "Yes" votes, "No" votes, "Abstain" votes, total number of voters, and total number of potential voters;
    - 3. the release date for final report of the Referendum Committee
    - 4. the deadline for submitting appeals about the referendum process to the students' association, which shall be no earlier than one (1) week after the release of the final report of the Referendum Committee;
    - 5. the official of the students' association to whom all appeals can be directed;
    - 6. the date, time and location of the meeting for which the students' association shall rule on all appeals and ratify the results of the referendum.
- b. **Campaigning**
  - i. There shall be no less than three (3) weeks of campaigning immediately preceding the voting during which classes are in session;
  - ii. Campaigning shall include a public forum regarding the vote to federate and related issues. The forum shall include both campaigns, "Yes" and "No", pending formation of an official "No" campaign.
  - iii. Only individual members and representatives of the students' association, representatives of the Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the "Yes" campaign.
  - iv. Individuals who would like to form an official "No" campaign may do so. Notice, in the form of a letter, must be given to the Referendum Committee expressing such an interest.
  - v. Campaigning is allowed on the days of voting, however absolutely no campaign material may be within fifty (50) metres or direct sight of the polling station(s).
- c. **Voting**
  - i. Voting shall be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the students' association or by a mail out ballot.
  - ii. There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting.
  - iii. In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting.
  - iv. Quorum for the vote shall be that of the students' association or five percent (5%) of the members of the students' association, whichever is higher.
- d. **Administering the Campaign**
  - i. A Referendum Committee shall be comprised of three (3) students who are members of the students' association and have no direct affiliation with students' association or the Federation.
  - ii. The members the Referendum committee shall be jointly appointed by the Federation and the students' association, as outlined in 5.a.iii.
  - iii. A committee chair shall be selected from the three (3) appointed committee members. The chair shall coordinate the business of and preside at all meetings of the Referendum committee.
  - iv. The formation of the referendum committee shall include a "Yes" campaign contribution of \$2000 to be held in trust by the committee. The \$2000 shall be made available in the form of reimbursements to the official "No" campaign in exchange for expense receipts.
  - v. An official "No" campaign can form any time prior to the voting period of the referendum.
  - vi. The Referendum Committee shall be empowered by the Federation to administer the referendum on its behalf.
  - vii. The students' association must empower the Referendum Committee to administer the referendum on its behalf prior to the notice required in 5.a.iv.
  - viii. Any compromises that must be made to either the Federation by-laws or the students' association by-laws shall be decided upon before the notice of the referendum is served, as outlined in 5.a.iv. The Referendum Committee shall be empowered to make these compromises, as required by 5.d.vi. and vii.
  - ix. Within the confines of the referendum, the principles of democracy must be upheld. As such, the Referendum Committee must:

- a. remain independent and non-partisanship, while exhibiting professionalism;
  - b. be non-political but capable of operating in a political environment;
  - c. be designated to serve the voters by providing them with the highest quality service;
  - d. enable voters to exercise their rights with the least possible inconvenience;
  - e. demonstrate respect for bylaws and resolutions of the Federation and the students' association, and make fair, well-informed compromises when discrepancies exist;
  - f. provide reimbursements for "No" campaign expenses, subject to 5.d.iv;
  - g. discuss and rule on all issues, complaints and appeals arising from the referendum.
- x. The Referendum committee shall be responsible for:
- a. deciding the manner of voting, be that by referendum, general meeting or mail out ballot;
  - b. approving all materials to be distributed;
  - c. deciding the ballot question;
  - d. overseeing the voting;
  - e. deciding the number and location of polling stations;
  - f. counting ballots;
  - g. adjudicating all appeals;
  - h. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote;
  - i. issuing public reports describing all business that has been and still needs to be conducted by the Referendum Committee. Such reports shall be issued to the students' association and the Federation prior to releasing the notice required by 5.a.iv.a, following the counting of the ballots, and following adjudication of all referendum appeals. The final report must comprehensively describe the referendum process and all decisions of the committee.
- xi. \$250 honoraria shall be provided to each of the non-chair Referendum Committee members upon release of the final report. The chair of the Referendum Committee shall receive \$500 upon release of the final report. All honoraria shall be paid by the federation.
- xii. All expenses of the Referendum Committee shall be paid for by the students' association.
- e. Ratification**
- i. Following the release of the final report of the Referendum Committee, the students' association shall ratify the results of the referendum. Appeals of the decisions made by the Referendum Committee shall be adjudicated by the students' association prior to ratifying the results of the referendum.
  - ii. If a students' association membership has approved membership in the Federation through the referendum, then immediately following ratification of the referendum results by the students' association, the students' association shall issue a request to the Federation for full membership in the Federation.
  - iii. The Federation shall accept or reject the students' associations request for full membership at the first annual general meeting of the Federation following such request. The final report of the Referendum Committee shall be made available to all member locals of the Federation in a responsible time prior to the acceptance or rejection of the request.
  - iv. Following the decision of the Federation on the request for full membership, the students' association shall be notified of the decision in writing. Should the Federation accept the request, the students' association shall have assumed the privileges and responsibilities of full membership in the Federation
  - v. Prospective membership shall seize upon issuing the response letter regarding full membership.

and,

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 2.b.v. be amended to read:

**2. Types of Voting Membership Status**

**b. Prospective Membership**

- v. A prospective member association must hold a referendum on full membership in the Federation, in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw.

and,

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 2.b.vi. and vii. be deleted, and subsequent sub-sections be renumbered.

**2003/05:035 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 37/Local 23

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:034 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:034 REFERRED**

**b. Motion Submitted by Nova Scotia Component**

**2003/05:036 MOTION**

Local 11/Local 7

Whereas the Council of Ministers of Education Canada is deliberating linking designation of institutions for student loan purposes to student loan default rates;

Whereas a policy of de-designation would lead to students in many programs and/or institutions becoming ineligible for student loans; and

Whereas this policy would have a negative impact both on accessibility and on the ability of institutions to offer programs; therefore

Be it resolved that a fact sheet be produced on de-designation;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Council of Ministers of Education Canada outlining the Federation's opposition to the policy; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to seek endorsements from local faculty associations, university and college senates and education councils, Boards of Governors, and other coalition partners for the Federation's position opposing de-designation.

**2003/05:037 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 69/Local 32

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:036 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:036 REFERRED**

**c. Proposal Submitted by National Graduate Caucus**

**2003/05:038 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 101/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**Preamble:**

Knowledge, as perceived by the Canadian Federation of Students, should be a "social good" which allows the widest distribution of information in order to benefit, improve and advance society as a whole. As a result, the Federation continues to advocate the basic principles of post secondary education based on the concept of free access to education, open inquiry and the wide spread and free dissemination of knowledge within an open and pluralistic environment of opinions.

The Federation acknowledges that intellectual property may take many forms that include but are not limited to applications, artistic creations (inclusive of games, media, internet and technology based applications), methods, ideas and inventions which will be referred to in this document as creation, idea and/or invention.

Understanding that there may be potential to capitalize on ideas, creations and inventions to the benefit of the creator/inventor and the community in general and keeping mindful that the university is a publicly funded institution, the Federation advocates for the right of the creator/inventor to have an informed and protected interest in the distribution of funds and information dissemination that may result from the creation, idea and/or invention.

With respect to the legal implications involving creations, inventions and ideas, the Federation acknowledges the legal distinctions within copyright and patent laws but does not condone the movement of creations, ideas and inventions from the public and social realm to private enterprise for exploitation at the expense of the creator/inventor and nor does it condone the potential expense and/or dangers that it may have on the social significance, social welfare and general contribution to the knowledge pool.

**Policy:**

The Federation supports intellectual property policies at public institutions that:

- apply to all forms and all stages of research, scholarly and artistic work;
- applies equally to all researchers including faculty, staff and students;
- promote the dissemination of knowledge as its primary goal; and
- recognize that researchers are entitled to recognition in proportion to their contribution to research, including but not limited to subsequent papers and materials resulting from such research.

The Federation opposes intellectual property policies of public institutions that restrict the timely disclosure of research, scholarly and artist work in a public forum.

The Federation acknowledges the need for confidentially agreements between researchers but opposes non-disclosure agreements that restrict public access to research, scholarly and artistic work.

The Federation encourages all public post-secondary institutions to develop intellectual property policies.

**2003/05:039 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:038 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:038 REFERRED**

**d. Proposal Submitted by National Aboriginal Caucus**

**2003/05:040 MOTION**

Local 26/Penticton Campus Students' Association

Be it resolved that the portion of the common handbook pertaining to the Aboriginal Caucus be expanded to include the history of the Caucus and its current campaigns.

**2003/05:041 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 66/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:040 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:040 REFERRED**

**e. Motions Served Notice at the Previous National General Meeting**

**i. Proposal to Develop Campaign on Post-Secondary Education Act**

**2003/05:042 MOTION**

Local 32/Local 44

Whereas the Federation committed at the May 2002 general meeting to a campaign of "reducing fees until they are free"; and

Whereas the Federation has committed to the establishment of a "national system of standards of post-secondary education" including "a Universal Post-Secondary Education Act"; therefore

Be it resolved that a nationally focused and provincially coordinated campaign for the establishment of a "Universal Free Post-Secondary Education Act" be launched; and

Be it further resolved that the proposed Universal Free Post-Secondary Education Act include five criteria analogous to the Canada Health Act, namely:

- i. Public Administration: that the administration of the post-secondary education system of a province or territory must be carried out on a non-profit basis by a public authority;
- ii. Comprehensiveness: that a full range of programmes and courses, representing a diversity of knowledge and experience, be available at all post-secondary institutions;
- iii. Universality: that all persons in the province or territory must be entitled to public post-secondary education on uniform terms and conditions;
- iv. Portability: that access to post-secondary education programmes must be maintained when a person moves or travels within Canada or travels outside the country; and
- v. Accessibility: that all residents of Canada are ensured access to post-secondary education, unimpeded by financial or other barriers, without direct fees, and with grant-based financial support to cover cost of living and study expenses.

**2003/05:043 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 26/Local 25

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:042 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:042 REFERRED**

**ii. Proposal to Amend Term 'Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered'**

**2002/11:017 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, AND POLICY**

Local 05/Local 61

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

**2003/05:044 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 61/Local 71

Be it resolved that Motion-2002/11:017 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2002/11:017 REFERRED**

**iii. Proposal to Support Students' Right to Education**

**2002/11:087 MOTION**

Local 98/Local 91

Be it resolved that support for the rights of Palestinian students to have access to education, freedom, and self-determination be communicated to the Canadian government;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Canadian government that condemns the Israeli government's closure of Palestinian universities and it's prevention of students' travel to and from these universities;

Be it further resolved that the letter call for a reversal of these inhumane policies while also expressing solidarity with students in Palestine;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send similar letters.

**2003/05:045 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 26/Local 18

Be it resolved that Motion 2002/11:087 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2002/11:087 REFERRED**

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

Boyko said that the Federation endeavoured to create an environment at its national general meetings that was free of harassment. He said that at each national general meeting the Federation employed an anti-harassment advisor who was available on a 24-hour basis to assist delegates. He said that Elizabeth Carlyle had been hired as the Anti-Harassment Advisor for the meeting.

Carlyle said that the Federation had an anti-harassment policy to address demeaning, abusive or threatening behaviour that took advantage of a friendly or informal atmosphere. She said that the anti-harassment advisor was a reminder that certain words and behaviour were not appropriate at the meeting. She said that there were expectations and definitions of acceptable behaviour. She said that those who engaged in inappropriate behaviour would be asked to stop. She noted that any discussions with her would be confidential.

**15. PRESENTATION BY THE FEDERATION'S STAFF RELATIONS OFFICER**

National Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne explained that she served as the Staff Relations Officer. She said that the staff of the Federation were unionised with Canadian Union of Public Employees-Local 1281. She said that



the relationship between the Federation and its staff was governed by a contract, known as a collective agreement. She said that the agreement outlined the rights and responsibilities of employees and the employer. She noted that staff of the Federation had the right to attend and participate in all meetings of the employer with the exception of those meetings that include discussions of discipline, discharge and negotiations. She said that staff often had more history and provided context for a number of the issues that delegates would be discussing over the course of the meeting. She said that encouraging staff participation was very important to the health of the organisation.

#### **16. OTHER BUSINESS**

BC Organiser Michael Gardiner provided an overview of the newly introduced legislation in Alberta, Bill 43, The Post-Secondary Learning Act. He said that the provincial legislation would combine into a single act all of the existing legislation in Alberta governing public post-secondary institutions. He said that in addition, the legislation included new language that had a significant impact on students' unions and their right to exist. He said that the legislation would likely not be adopted until the fall and that students would have an opportunity to critique the proposed legislation.

A series of logistical announcements were made.

#### **17. RECESS**

##### **2003/05:046 MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 32/Local 05

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until 14:00, Sunday, May 19, 2003.

**CARRIED**

17:41 the meeting recessed.



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### CALL BACK TO ORDER—Sunday, May 18, 2003

14:42 the meeting was called back to order by Plenary Speaker Sylvia Sioufi.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local 73	City Centre Students' Union	Present
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 76	King Edward Students' Union	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Association	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Present
	Northern Lights Students' Association	Present
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local 03	Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna	Present
	Okanagan University College Students' Association-Penticton	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Present
Local 42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Present
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 90	Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association	Absent
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Association	Present
Local 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Present-by-proxy
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present-by-proxy
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present-by-proxy
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present-by-proxy
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Absent
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Absent

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Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 97	Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Present-by-proxy
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Present
Local 83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Union	Absent
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Local 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Present
Local 11	University of King's College Society of the Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Student Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Present
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Present
Local 36	Grenfell College Student Union	Present
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Present
Local 100	Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland	Present
Local 35	Memorial University Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	Present

Plenary Speaker Sioufi declared that quorum had been achieved.

## **2. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

National Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne said that the Budget Committee had spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the actuals and comparing them to the budget. She said that the Committee had not made any changes to the draft budget that was presented to the meeting. She provided an orientation to the budget.

Turk-Browne said that Local 66 delegate and Colleges and Institutes representative Karalee Racz and Local 24 delegate and Ontario Component representative Mike Verticchio's names were spelt incorrectly in the report. She said that Local 61 delegate Stephen Littlely attended the Committee meeting as the Mature and Part-time Students Representative. She asked delegates to correct their reports accordingly.

**2003/05:047**

### **MOTION**

Local 18/Local 72

Be it resolved that the 2003/2004 budget be adopted as presented.

**2003/05:048**

### **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 18/Local 01

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:047 be amended to include:

- \$35,000 from the contingency line item be 'earmarked' for a second Prairies Organiser.

### **CARRIED**

**2003/05:047**

### **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2003/05:049**

### **MOTION**

Local 30/Local 69

Be it resolved that the Budget Committee report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**3. CONSIDERATION OF ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

BC National Executive Representative Summer McFadyen said that in addition to reviewing the motions referred to it by the plenary, the Organisational Development Committee had discussed the Federation's programs and membership development and awareness. She said that the ideas and suggestions that were developed in the Committee meeting would be presented at the next National Executive meeting.

McFadyen noted that Local 32 delegate James Gallant had attended the meeting on behalf of the Small Universities Caucus, Local 8 delegate Mitch Obach had attended the meeting on behalf of the Manitoba Component, Local 44 delegate Rich Tones and Local 61 delegate Mel Vogels had attended the Committee meetings. She noted that Local 26 delegate Mohammad Aktaruzzaman had attended the meeting as an observer. She asked delegates to correct their reports accordingly.

**a. Proposal to Promote homes4students.com**

**2003/05:022**

**MOTION**

Local 18/Local 76

Whereas homes4students, the Federation's online housing service, was created because there is a vacuum in online housing services for students; and

Whereas homes4students is the Federation's newest programme; and

Whereas it is important to promote all Federation programmes, particularly those programmes that are new; and

Whereas member local associations are responsible for promoting the programmes of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to promote homes4students in student day planners; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to include links to the homes4students site on their websites.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:024**

**MOTION**

Local 18/Local 76

Whereas it is important to promote homes4students to renters; and

Whereas campus housing centres are high traffic areas for students seeking housing; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to foster links/ties with off-campus housing centres in order to promote homes4students.com.

Local 99 delegate Ashley Morton said that while the motion referred specifically to off-campus housing, it was also important to work with on-campus housing centres.

McFadyen said that the intention was to encourage member locals to work with those housing centres that dealt specifically with off-campus housing. She said that locals should work with housing centres that were located both on and off campus.

**2003/05:024**

**CARRIED**

**b. Proposal to Adopt Acceptable Partnerships Practice**

**2003/05:026**

**MOTION**

Local 05/Local 66

Whereas the Federation has endorsed the "six bucks sucks" campaign; therefore

Be it resolved that no partnerships exist with companies or organisations that contradict Federation campaigns.

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**2003/05:026 DEFEATED**

**2003/05:028 MOTION**

Local 05/Local 33

Whereas partnerships with companies or organisations that disregard the rights of women, the disabled, first nations, queer people or other marginalized groups should not be endorsed; and

Whereas partnerships with companies or organisations that create products that are harmful to people or the environment, or depend on harmful methods of production should not be endorsed; therefore

Be it resolved that no partnerships exist with companies or organisations that contradict the Federation's Policy, By-laws or mission statement.

**2003/05:050 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 26/Local 23

Be it resolved Motion-2003/05:028 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a policy be drafted to guide the Federation's partnerships with companies and/or organisations;

Be it further resolved that the policy be based upon existing Federation policy; and

Be it further resolved that the policy proposal be presented to the November 2003 national general meeting."

**2003/05:051 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 5/Local 98

Be it resolved Motion-2003/05:050 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a policy be drafted to guide the Federation's partnerships with companies and/or organisations."

**CARRIED**

Local 54 delegate Dave Hauch said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that the original intention of the motion was not reflected in the amendment. He said that it should be worded more strongly.

Local 98 delegate Alex Artful-Dodger said that, although she agreed with the intention of the original motion, it would be difficult to implement without the amendment. She said that the language in the original motion was too vague. She said that "disregard" was a very broad term that would be difficult to define. She said that the Federation needed a comprehensive policy on partnerships.

Local 54 delegate Dave Hauch said that the Federation had very extensive policy that guided its partnerships. He said that in the past the Federation had entered into partnerships with organisations that contradicted the Federation's policies. He said that a strongly worded policy should be included in the Federation's policy manual.

**2003/05:050 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2003/05:028 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**c. Proposals to Amend Bylaw I**

**2003/05:030 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 78/Local 46

Whereas Section 2 of Bylaw I-Membership describes in part the Federation's membership application process; and

Whereas Section of 4 of Bylaw I also deals with the membership application process; and

Whereas it would be clearer and more straightforward if all language about the membership application process was consolidated in one section of the Bylaw; therefore

Be it resolved that Section 4 of Bylaw I-Membership be removed and that Sections 1 and 2 of Bylaw I-Membership be amended to read as follows:

**1. Types of Memberships**

**General Description:** There are two types of members of the Federation, individual members and voting members. Students, or individual members, are represented through the local student association to which they belong. Local student associations representing individual members are called voting members.

- a. Local student associations are eligible to receive the status of voting members in the Federation as provided for in Bylaw I, Section 2, and 3;
- b. Individual members of the Federation will be all students in local student associations that are voting members.

**2. Types of Voting Membership Status**

**a. Full Membership**

**General Description:** Full membership is the standard form of membership in the Federation.

- i. A local association is eligible to apply for full membership in the Federation if its members have approved by referendum membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, Canadian Federation of Students-Services and the applicable provincial component as described in Bylaw VII-Provincial Components;
- ii. A written application for full membership submitted by an eligible local student association will be considered as a binding contract to accept the rights and responsibilities of full membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, Canadian Federation of Students-Services and the applicable provincial component.
- iii. Within 90 days of the receipt by the National Executive of a written application for full membership, the National Executive will examine the application to see whether it is in order, and will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the application.
- iv. At the next general meeting of the Federation, the full membership application shall be put to a vote and shall require a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast to be accepted.
- v. A local association's application for membership, once accepted by the Federation, shall constitute a binding contract to collect and remit to the Federation full membership fees for the duration of the membership;
- vi. Notwithstanding Section 2.a.vii. of this Bylaw, the fees for full member local associations shall be:
  - \$3.00 per semester, or \$6.00 per academic year, per local association individual member of the Canadian Federation of Students/Canadian Federation of Students-Services, pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association; and
  - the applicable provincial component fee.
- vii. Beginning in 1996, the Federation membership fee shall increase on August 1 each year by the rate of increase in the national Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar year.

**b. Prospective Membership**

**General Description:** Prospective membership is a trial membership of limited duration.

- i. A local student association is eligible to apply for prospective membership if it has passed a motion of its members, executive, council or equivalent representative body to apply for prospective membership in the Federation and its applicable provincial component as described in Bylaw VII-Provincial Components;
- ii. A written application for prospective membership submitted by an eligible local student association will be considered as a binding contract to accept the rights and responsibilities of prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, Canadian Federation of Students-Services and the applicable provincial component.
- iii. Within 90 days of the receipt by the National Executive of a written application for prospective membership, the National Executive will examine the application to see whether it is in order, and will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the application.
- iv. At the next general meeting of the Federation, the prospective membership application shall be put to a vote and shall require a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast to be accepted.
- v. A local student association's application for prospective membership, once accepted by the Federation, shall constitute a binding contract to pay prospective membership fees, as

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- described in Section 2 b-vi, and conduct a full membership referendum, as described in Section 2 b-viii;
- vi. The fee for prospective membership in the Federation shall be five per cent (5%) of the regular Federation membership fee, notwithstanding that the fee may be reduced or waived by a majority vote of a national general meeting or the National Executive;
  - vii. A prospective member association shall have full voting rights in Federation national general meetings, but shall not be permitted to designate a proxy to vote on its behalf, and shall have the same access to Federation resources and materials, except the International Student Identity Card, that a full member association has;
  - viii. A prospective member association must hold a referendum on full membership in the Federation, in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw, within five (5) months following its acceptance as a prospective member unless an extension is granted by the National Executive of the Federation;
  - ix. In the event that the majority of those voting in the referendum support full membership in the Federation, full membership will be granted at the subsequent national general meeting, at which point prospective membership shall cease;
  - x. In the event that the majority of those voting in the referendum oppose full membership in the Federation, prospective membership will immediately cease;
  - xi. In the event that the referendum fails to achieve quorum, prospective membership will be automatically extended and another referendum on full membership will be held within the subsequent six (6) months in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw; and
  - xii. In the event that a prospective member fails to conduct a referendum on full membership as required by this Bylaw, the Federation shall have the option to either cancel or extend, by majority vote of a national general meeting, the prospective membership until a referendum on full membership is conducted.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent sections of Bylaw I be re-numbered accordingly.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:032**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 78/Local 33

Whereas Section 5 of Bylaw I-Membership was adopted in 1998; and

Whereas over twenty membership referenda have now been conducted using the procedures established in Section 5 of Bylaw I; and

Whereas the experience from those referenda have served to identify areas in which the procedures need to be modified and improved; therefore

Be it resolved that Section 5 of Bylaw I-Membership be amended to read as follows:

**5. Vote to Federate**

In accordance with Section 2 of this Bylaw, the following shall be the rules and procedures for a referendum in which the individual members of a prospective member local association vote on full membership in the Federation:

**a. Scheduling of the Referendum**

The referendum will be scheduled by the prospective member association in consultation with the Federation.

**b. Referendum Oversight Committee**

The referendum shall be overseen by a committee, composed of two (2) members appointed by the prospective local association and two (2) members appointed by the Federation, that shall be responsible for:

- i. establishing the notice requirements for the referendum in accordance with Section 5-c of this Bylaw and ensuring that notice is posted.
- ii. establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 5-d of this Bylaw.
- iii. approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 5-e of this Bylaw and removing campaign materials that have not been approved;
- iv. deciding the number and location of polling stations;
- v. setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 5-f of this Bylaw;
- vi. overseeing all aspects of the voting;



- vii. counting the ballots following voting; and
- viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the referendum.
- c. Notice of the Referendum**

Notice of the referendum, that includes the referendum question and voting dates, shall be provided to the individual members of the prospective member association no less than two weeks prior to voting in the referendum.
- d. Campaigning**
  - i. There shall be no less than ten (10) days on which campaigning is permitted, during which classes are in session, immediately preceding and during voting; and
  - ii. Only individual members and representatives of the prospective member association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of the Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.
- e. Campaign Materials**
  - i. Campaign materials shall include all materials developed specifically for the referendum campaign.
  - ii. Materials produced by Federation that promote Federation the campaigns and services of the Federation shall not be considered as campaign materials unless they include specific content about the referendum.
  - iii. The Federation website shall not be considered a campaign material unless it includes specific content about the referendum.
  - iv. The Federation's annual report, financial statements, research and submissions to government shall not be considered a campaign material.
  - v. Campaign materials shall not be misleading, potentially libelous or false.
- f. Voting and Tabulation**
  - i. Voting shall be conducted at voting stations or, subject to agreement between the prospective member association and the Federation, at a general meeting of the prospective member association or by a mail-out ballot.
  - ii. There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting.
  - iii. Unless mutually agreed otherwise by the prospective member association and the Federation, the referendum question shall be: "Are you in favour of membership in the Canadian Federation of Students."
  - iv. In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting;
  - v. The prospective member association and the Federation shall each appoint one poll clerk for each polling station.
  - vi. The prospective member association and the Federation shall each be permitted to appoint one scrutineer to oversee the counting of ballots.
- g. Appeals**

Any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the Referendum Oversight Committee shall be adjudicated by an Appeals Committee composed of one (1) member appointed by the prospective member association and one (1) member appointed by the Federation.

2003/05:052

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 71/Local 73

Be it resolved that subsection e. ii in Motion-2003/05:032 amended to read:

- e. Campaign Materials**
  - ii. Materials produced by the Federation that promote campaigns and services of the Federation shall not be considered as campaign materials unless they include specific content about the referendum.

**CARRIED**

2003/05:053

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 71/Local 68

Be it resolved that subsection g. in Motion-2003/05:032 be amended to read:

**g. Appeals**

Any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the Referendum Oversight Committee shall be adjudicated by an Appeals Committee composed of one (1) member appointed by the prospective member association and one (1) member appointed by the Federation, who were not members of the Oversight Committee."

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:054**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 99/Local 98

Be it resolved that subsection b. in Motion-2003/05:032 be amended to read:

**b. Referendum Oversight Committee**

The referendum shall be overseen by a committee, composed of three (3) members appointed jointly by the prospective member local association and the Federation who are members of the prospective member local association but hold no elected position with the prospective member local association or the Federation, that shall be responsible for:

- i. establishing the notice requirements for the referendum in accordance with Section 5-c of this Bylaw and ensuring that notice is posted.
- ii. establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 5-d of this Bylaw.
- iii. approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 5-e of this Bylaw and removing campaign materials that have not been approved;
- iv. deciding the number and location of polling stations;
- v. setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 5-f of this Bylaw;
- vi. overseeing all aspects of the voting;
- vii. counting the ballots following voting; and
- viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the referendum.

Local 99 delegate Dan Bandurka said that the purpose of the original motion was to initiate a debate about some of the concerns that arose during and following the membership drive at Local 99. He said that when the Local submitted the motion, it was with the understanding that it would be amended extensively. He said that because the referendum oversight was composed of four people, two selected by the students' union and two appointed by the Federation, it could result in a stalemate if the members of the committee could not reach an agreement. He said that although the committee was supposed to operate on consensus, there were issues where there may be no agreement. He said that a jointly-appointed committee of three, two representatives appointed by the students' union and one by the Federation, would accomplish three things; it would reduce the possibility of a stalemate, it would remove the perception of, or the possible, bias in the committee. He said that the committee should have some autonomy from the Federation and the member local association.

Local 3 delegate Karina Frisque said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that Federation representatives brought a lot of knowledge and perspective to the oversight committee, which facilitated the Local 3 referendum to join the Federation. She said that the Federation had a role to play in overseeing a referendum to join the organisation. She said that she had been a member of the Local 3 referendum oversight committee. She noted that the committee had worked well through a variety of issues and arrived at solutions that were acceptable to everyone.

Local 44 delegate Rich Tones said that the Federation's bylaw that governed referenda was not only adequate but appropriate for a membership driven organisation. He said that the committee was the process by which the 71 member local associations of the Federation and the prospective member collectively made decisions about testing the potential members to determine if they wanted to become members of the Federation. He said that both parties were part of the process for good reason. He said that the Federation was there to ensure that any decision to become a member of the Federation was in accordance with some basic principles. He said that the organisation that sought prospective membership and subsequently full membership had the responsibility to ensure that the vote was held.

Local 78 delegate Andrea Rounce said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that she appreciated the discussions about the motions that proposed to amend Bylaw 1. She said that they were very interesting and thought provoking discussions. She said that the referendum oversight committee should work on a consensus basis. She said that although it would, at times, be difficult to achieve agreement, it was ultimately a better system because all the committee members would have to reach an agreement rather than a majority vote. She said that the inclusion of the appeals committee should resolve some of the concerns raised by Local 99. She said that it was important to ensure that the member locals of the Federation had representation on the committee because Federation member locals had a vested interest in the referendum process. She said that the prospective member local should also be part of the process to ensure its practices and traditions were integrated.

Local 98 delegate Morton said that he supported the proposed amendment. He said that a membership referendum was about a students' union deciding whether to become a member of the Federation. He said that the students' union should make an autonomous decision to join or not to join the organisation, and that the Federation should not be involved in the process.

Local 99 delegate Bandurka said that the process that was currently in place worked. He said, however, that there were problems with the process and it should be amended.

**2003/05:054      DEFEATED**  
**2003/05:055      MOTION TO AMEND**  
Local 05/Local 26

Be it resolved that subsection b. in Motion-2003/05:032 be amended to read:

**b. Referendum Oversight Committee**

The referendum shall be overseen by a committee, composed of two (2) members appointed by the prospective local association and two (2) members appointed by the Federation and one (1) member at large who is appointed and agreed upon by both parties, that shall be responsible for:

- i. establishing the notice requirements for the referendum in accordance with Section 5-c of this Bylaw and ensuring that notice is posted.
- ii. establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 5-d of this Bylaw.
- iii. approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 5-e of this Bylaw and removing campaign materials that have not been approved;
- iv. deciding the number and location of polling stations;
- v. setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 5-f of this Bylaw;
- vi. overseeing all aspects of the voting;
- vii. counting the ballots following voting; and
- viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the referendum.

Local 5 delegate Jeannette Abbey said that the proposal to include one additional person on the committee was intended to break a deadlock should one occur. She said that both the Federation and the prospective member local students' association would have representation on the committee.

Local 83 delegate Tobias Whitfield said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that it would be virtually impossible to find a student who was well enough informed about referenda processes who could participate in such a committee. He said that it was also unlikely that there was anyone who was unbiased who could participate on the committee. He said that everyone had a bias and ignoring or denying the bias meant that it was merely hidden and as a result more difficult to address. He said that for the referendum to proceed smoothly there should be an emphasis on consensus.

National Graduate Caucus Chairperson Jesse Greener said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that the model that was being proposed moved too far from the existing consensus model.

**2003/05:055      DEFEATED**  
**2003/05:056      MOTION TO AMEND**  
Local 99/Local 98

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Be it resolved that subsection d i. in

Motion-2003/05:032 be amended to read:

**d. Campaigning**

- i. There shall be no less than ten (10) days on which campaigning is permitted, during which classes are in session, immediately preceding voting; and

Local 99 delegate Bandurka said that it should be the responsibilities of the Committee to determine if campaigning on voting days was necessary or appropriate.

Local 98 delegate Artful Dodger said that Local 98 seconded the motion because it was an important issue for the meeting to consider. She said that she believed that campaigning during voting had many benefits. She said that the voter turnout for the membership referendum at University of Toronto had been higher than voter turnout for any presidential election. She said that campaigning during voting resulted in higher voter turn-out and it meant that the referendum was more representative and democratic. She said that the prospective member local and the Federation should employ methods to ensure that students were encouraged to vote.

Local 1 delegate George Soule said that allowing campaigning during voting increased participation. He said that people would campaign during the voting period regardless of whether it was permitted so it was better to allow campaigning and regulate it just as the preceding days were regulated.

Local 98 delegate Morton said that the amendment did not ban campaigning during voting. He said that it changed which parties were responsible for determining when campaigning was permitted. He said that the bylaws should not dictate whether campaigning was permitted. He said that there may be a culture at a local that did not allow campaigning during voting so the bylaw as it was written would create a conflict.

Local 11 delegate Ben Pearlman said that he was in favour of the amendment. He said that Local 11's bylaws prevented campaigning during voting and, although the Local would not be holding a referendum on membership, the bylaws should not contradict the Local's bylaws. He added that Local 11 enjoyed high voter turnout even without campaigning during voting.

**2003/05:056 DEFEATED**

**2003/05:032 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2003/05:034 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 99/Local 25

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 5, entitled "Vote to Federate" be replaced in full with the following text.

**5. Vote to Federate**

The individual member of a prospective students association may vote on becoming full members in the Federation, subject to the following rules and procedures:

**a. Notice**

- i. All notices issued by either the students' association shall be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation.
- ii. All notices issued by the Referendum Committee shall be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation, and of the students' association.
- iii. The following notice shall be issued by the students' association no later than two (2) months after the request for Prospective membership. The Federation shall be notified at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date, time, and location of the first meeting in a possible series of meetings between the students' association and the Federation to jointly appoint the members of the Referendum committee.
- iv. The following notices must be given to the student association's membership:
  - a. Notice of the vote to federate must be posted one (1) month before the campaign period for duration of two (2) weeks. The following information shall be included on the notice:

1. Parties or individuals interested in forming an official "No" campaign can contact the Referendum Committee;
  2. method of obtaining referendum materials, including:
    - Federation By-Laws;
    - Students' association By-Laws;
    - Compromises to by-laws, as determined by 5.d.viii;
    - All rules of the referendum;
    - Any other materials relevant to the referendum;
  3. the dates of the campaign period;
  4. the dates of the voting period;
  5. the names and contact information of the Referendum Committee.
- b. Notice of the referendum question and other ballot information must be posted at least two (2) weeks before the campaign period begins for duration of two (2) weeks. The following information shall be included on the notice:
1. the official question;
  2. the dates of campaign period;
  3. the dates and time of voting;
  4. the location(s) of polling station(s);
  5. the contact information of the Referendum Committee.
- c. Notice of the referendum results shall be issued immediately after the results of the vote are known, and should be posted for duration of two (2) weeks. The following information shall be included on the notice:
1. the official question;
  2. the number of spoiled ballots, rejected ballots, "Yes" votes, "No" votes, "Abstain" votes, total number of voters, and total number of potential voters;
  3. the release date for final report of the Referendum Committee
  4. the deadline for submitting appeals about the referendum process to the students' association, which shall be no earlier than one (1) week after the release of the final report of the Referendum Committee;
  5. the official of the students' association to whom all appeals can be directed;
  6. the date, time and location of the meeting for which the students' association shall rule on all appeals and ratify the results of the referendum.
- b. Campaigning**
- i. There shall be no less than three (3) weeks of campaigning immediately preceding the voting during which classes are in session;
  - ii. Campaigning shall include a public forum regarding the vote to federate and related issues. The forum shall include both campaigns, "Yes" and "No", pending formation of an official "No" campaign.
  - iii. Only individual members and representatives of the students' association, representatives of the Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the "Yes" campaign.
  - iv. Individuals who would like to form an official "No" campaign may do so. Notice, in the form of a letter, must be given to the Referendum Committee expressing such an interest.
  - v. Campaigning is allowed on the days of voting, however absolutely no campaign material may be within fifty (50) metres or direct sight of the polling station(s).
- c. Voting**
- i. Voting shall be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the students' association or by a mail out ballot.
  - ii. There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting.
  - iii. In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting.
  - iv. Quorum for the vote shall be that of the students' association or five percent (5%) of the members of the students' association, whichever is higher.

**d. Administering the Campaign**

- i. A Referendum Committee shall be comprised of three (3) students who are members of the students' association and have no direct affiliation with students' association or the Federation.
- ii. The members the Referendum committee shall be jointly appointed by the Federation and the students' association, as outlined in 5.a.iii.
- iii. A committee chair shall be selected from the three (3) appointed committee members. The chair shall coordinate the business of and preside at all meetings of the Referendum committee.
- iv. The formation of the referendum committee shall include a "Yes" campaign contribution of \$2000 to be held in trust by the committee. The \$2000 shall be made available in the form of reimbursements to the official "No" campaign in exchange for expense receipts.
- v. An official "No" campaign can form any time prior to the voting period of the referendum.
- vi. The Referendum Committee shall be empowered by the Federation to administer the referendum on its behalf.
- vii. The students' association must empower the Referendum Committee to administer the referendum on its behalf prior to the notice required in 5.a.iv.
- viii. Any compromises that must be made to either the Federation by-laws or the students' association by-laws shall be decided upon before the notice of the referendum is served, as outlined in 5.a.iv. The Referendum Committee shall be empowered to make these compromises, as required by 5.d.vi. and vii.
- ix. Within the confines of the referendum, the principles of democracy must be upheld. As such, the Referendum Committee must:
  - a. remain independent and non-partisanship, while exhibiting professionalism;
  - b. be non-political but capable of operating in a political environment;
  - c. be designated to serve the voters by providing them with the highest quality service;
  - d. enable voters to exercise their rights with the least possible inconvenience;
  - e. demonstrate respect for bylaws and resolutions of the Federation and the students' association, and make fair, well-informed compromises when discrepancies exist;
  - f. provide reimbursements for "No" campaign expenses, subject to 5.d.iv;
  - g. discuss and rule on all issues, complaints and appeals arising from the referendum.
- x. The Referendum committee shall be responsible for:
  - a. deciding the manner of voting, be that by referendum, general meeting or mail out ballot;
  - b. approving all materials to be distributed;
  - c. deciding the ballot question;
  - d. overseeing the voting;
  - e. deciding the number and location of polling stations;
  - f. counting ballots;
  - g. adjudicating all appeals;
  - h. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote;
  - i. issuing public reports describing all business that has been and still needs to be conducted by the Referendum Committee. Such reports shall be issued to the students' association and the Federation prior to releasing the notice required by 5.a.iv.a, following the counting of the ballots, and following adjudication of all referendum appeals. The final report must comprehensively describe the referendum process and all decisions of the committee.
- xi. \$250 honoraria shall be provided to each of the non-chair Referendum Committee members upon release of the final report. The chair of the Referendum Committee shall receive \$500 upon release of the final report. All honoraria shall be paid by the federation.
- xii. All expenses of the Referendum Committee shall be paid for by the students' association.

**e. Ratification**

- i. Following the release of the final report of the Referendum Committee, the students' association shall ratify the results of the referendum. Appeals of the decisions made by

the Referendum Committee shall be adjudicated by the students' association prior to ratifying the results of the referendum.

- ii. If a students' association membership has approved membership in the Federation through the referendum, then immediately following ratification of the referendum results by the students' association, the students' association shall issue a request to the Federation for full membership in the Federation.
- iii. The Federation shall accept or reject the students' associations request for full membership at the first annual general meeting of the Federation following such request. The final report of the Referendum Committee shall be made available to all member locals of the Federation in a responsible time prior to the acceptance or rejection of the request.
- iv. Following the decision of the Federation on the request for full membership, the students' association shall be notified of the decision in writing. Should the Federation accept the request, the students' association shall have assumed the privileges and responsibilities of full membership in the Federation
- v. Prospective membership shall seize upon issuing the response letter regarding full membership.

and,

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 2.b.v. be amended to read:

**2. Types of Voting Membership Status**

**b. Prospective Membership**

- v. A prospective member association must hold a referendum on full membership in the Federation, in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw;

and,

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 2.b.vi. and vii. be deleted, and subsequent sub-sections be renumbered.

**DEFEATED**

**d. Proposal to Expand Aboriginal Caucus Section of Common Handbook**

**2003/05:040**

**MOTION**

Local 26/Penticton Campus Students' Association

Be it resolved that the portion of the common handbook pertaining to the Aboriginal Caucus be expanded to include the history of the Caucus and its current campaigns.

**CARRIED**

**e. Proposal to Amend Term 'Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered'**

**2002/11:017**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS, STANDING RESOLUTIONS, AND POLICY**

Local 05/Local 61

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

Telfer said that the motion was tabled by the previous general meeting. He said that the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Constituency Group had debated the merits of amending the name. He said that the Constituency Group ultimately decided that the name should be changed and that it was a positive development.

Local 68 delegate Kathryn Waters said that the Local intended to vote against the motion. She said that the Transgendered, Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay Alliance at York University had discussed at length the proposed name change. She said that the group could not find a way to adequately address the concerns of the transgendered members. She said that within the queer community transsexuals and transgendered people are often excluded and alienated and the name change did not address that problem.

Local 38 delegate Miguel Viefaure asked if the word "queer" could be accurately translated into French.

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Telfer said that he had investigated whether the word could be translated and had not been able to find a definitive term. He explained that one of the terms that was used was "allosexul-le" but that it was not the most appropriate phrase for the Federation's use.

**2003/05:057 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 38/Local 89

Be it resolved that Motion-2002/11:017 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that research for an equivalent term in French for queer be conducted; and

Be it further resolved that while an equivalent term in French for queer is sought, the french equivalent of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered continue to be used."

**CARRIED**

Local 24 delegate Aviva West said that she was in favour of the motion. She said that the broader term was more inclusive. She said that she understood that some transgendered people might find the term restrictive but it was a step forward.

A Local 5 delegate said that the Constituency Group had discussed the option of adding the term "queer" to the existing name however the proposal was defeated because members of the constituency group did not want to lengthen the name.

**2002/11:017 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**f. Proposal to Develop Promotional Materials**

**2003/05:058 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 35

Be it resolved that rave cards be produced promoting membership in the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that the cards be distributed with International Student Identity Cards; and

Be it further resolved that the cards be produced for distribution in September 2003.

**CARRIED**

**g. Proposals Regarding Homes4students.com**

**2003/05:059 MOTION**

Local 05/Local 18

Be it resolved that the housing website homes4students.com be renamed homes4students.ca.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:060 MOTION**

Local 08/Local 76

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to solicit partnerships with landlords that comply with the laws governing tenancy.

**CARRIED**

**h. Proposal to Identify Accessible Businesses in Studentsaver Guide**

**2003/05:061 MOTION**

Local 76/Local 26

Be it resolved that the Studentsaver discount guide include icons indicating wheelchair accessible businesses.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:062 MOTION**

Local 33/Local 25

Be it resolved that Organisational Development Committee report be adopted.

**CARRIED**



**4. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTORAL REPORT**

**a. Alberta Representative**

**2003/05:063**

**MOTION**

Local 21/Local 42

Be it resolved that Rashaad Sader (Local 21) be ratified as the Alberta Representative for the 2003-2004 term.

**CARRIED**

**b. Prince Edward Island Representative**

**2003/05:064**

**MOTION**

Local 31/Local 70

Be it resolved that Jeffery Clow (Local 31) be ratified as the Prince Edward Island Representative for the 2003-2004 term.

**CARRIED**

**c. Saskatchewan Representative**

**2003/05:065**

**MOTION**

Local 101/Local 9

Be it resolved that Angela Regnier (Local 101) be ratified as the Saskatchewan Representative for the 2003-2004 term.

**CARRIED**

**d. Students of Colour Representative**

**2003/05:066**

**MOTION**

Local 68/Local 1

Be it resolved that Joseph Zangar Bright (Local 1) be ratified as the Students of Colour Representative on the National Executive for the 2003-2004 term.

**CARRIED**

**e. Francophone Students' Representative**

**2003/05:067**

**MOTION**

Local 3/Local 1

Be it resolved that Mike Ouellet (Local 18) be ratified as the Francophone Students' Representative on the National Executive for the 2003-2004 term.

**CARRIED**

**f. Graduate Students' Representative**

**2003/05:068**

**MOTION**

Local 83/Local 19

Be it resolved that Robert Johnson (Local 78) be ratified as the Graduate Students' Representative on the National Executive for the 2003-2004 term.

**CARRIED**

**g. Women's Representative**

**2003/05:069**

**MOTION**

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Christa Peters (Local 76) be ratified as the Women's Representative on the National Executive for the 2003-2004 term.

**CARRIED**

**h. National Executive Elections**

**2002/11:070**

**MOTION**

Local 72/Local 36

Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

**5. CAUCUS AND CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORTS**

**National Graduate Caucus**

National Graduate Caucus Chairperson Greener said that the Director of the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies, Jean Pierre Gaberi, attended the meeting to talk about the new direction that the Canadian Association of Graduate Students was taking in terms of lobbying on various issues. Greener provided a brief overview of the Caucus' campaign, "Whistleblowers", which was designed to highlight the importance of academic freedom. He said that the campaign sought to protect those academics who defended their academic freedom which in turn protected the public good. He said that the campaign also helped to strengthen the research mandate at public institutions. He noted that posters had been printed that would be distributed to member locals. He said that a website would also be developed. He thanked the delegates who attended the Caucus meeting for contributing to the discussions and congratulated the incoming members of the Caucus Executive.

**Aboriginal Caucus**

Aboriginal Students' Representative Lorisha Cook thanked the Algonquin First Nations for the use of their land. She thanked members of the Caucus and observers for participating in the meetings. She said that the Caucus had welcomed two guests from the Assembly of First Nations who gave a presentation on the First Nations Governance Act. She said that the Caucus was intending to expand its campaign opposing the First Nations Governance Act, including the production of various materials. She said that there was some urgency because the Act could be pushed through the House and the Senate in June. She said that the Caucus wished to thank outgoing members of the National Executive and outgoing BC Chairperson Jaime Matten.

**Student Artists' Constituency Group**

Local 33 delegate Lisa MacLeod reported that she had been elected as the Constituency Group's Commissioner. She said that the members of the Group discussed encroaching privatisation in many areas including campus expansion and curriculum development. She said that the Group also discussed chronic underfunding of arts facilities and deteriorating equipment. She said that the Group also discussed the emergence of programs that were designed to be solely responsive to market demands at the expense of critical and comprehensive curriculum. She said that the Group would be examining intellectual property policies and the effect on creative work.

**Students of Colour Constituency Group**

Students of Colour Representative Joseph Bright reported that he had been elected as the Students of Colour Commissioner. He said that the number of delegates attending and participating in the Group continued to increase at each meeting. He said that the Group had directed him to ensure that at every meeting, an anti-oppression workshop be held. He said that the group had discussed the proliferation of racial profiling.

**Students with Disabilities Constituency Group**

Local 61 delegate Mel Vogels reported that she and Northern Lights College Students' Association delegate Kim Davidson had been elected as co-commissioners for the constituency group. She said that the members of the Group discussed a number of issues including: workshop ideas for future general meetings and the requirement that students who received Canada study grants pay taxes on adaptive equipment.

**Francophone Students' Constituency Group**

Francophone Students' Representative Chris Mazeroll said that the Francophone Students Constituency Group had discussed the motion proposing that the name of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Students Constituency Group be changed. He said that two guests from the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec attended the meeting and briefed delegates about post-secondary education issues in Québec. He said that there had also been discussions about ways to increase the number of francophone students participating at the campus level and in the Federation.

**International Students' Constituency Group**

Boyko said that the members of the International Students' Constituency Group had discussed the motions that concerned international students. He said that one of the issues that the Group spent the most time discussing was the Federation's campaign to allow international students to work off-campus with no restrictions.

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Students' Constituency Group**

Koette said that members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Students' Constituency Group discussed Bill C-250, a proposed amendment to the Criminal Code to include sexual orientation under hate propaganda. He said that it was an issue of basic human rights.

**2003/05:071****MOTION**

Local 44/Local 18

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters of support for Bill C-250.

**CARRIED**

Koette said that the Group discussed the potential name change of the Constituency Group. He said that there was a concerted effort to incorporate the concerns of all groups. He said that the members of the Group reminded locals to continue working to protect those who did not categorise themselves as queer. He said that society still had a lot of work to do to accept transgendered people, gay marriage, and other issues. He said that he was the newly elected Queer Commissioner.

**Mature and Part-Time Students' Constituency Group**

Boyko said that there would be no report from the Mature and Part-Time Students' Constituency Group.

**Women's Caucus**

Women's Representative Christa Peters reported that the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) and Much Music had approached the Federation with a proposal to produce "No Means No" coasters that had drug test strips on them. She said that the intention was for people in bars to use the coaster to test their drinks for date rape drugs. She said that the members of the Group had an extensive discussion about the pros and cons of such a campaign. She said that there were concerns that the coasters would give women a false sense of security, and send women the message that if their drink did not test positive for drugs, they could continue drinking. She said that Statistics Canada showed that alcohol was the major contributing factor in incidents of date rape. She said that there was a desire to work with the YWCA and Much Music to raise awareness about date and acquaintance rape so she would be in contact with them.

Peters said that the Group reviewed the fact sheet that had been produced for the "Equal Minds, Equal Opportunity" campaign. She said that the campaign was intended to show the disparity in participation between women and men entering non-traditional fields, trades, sciences and engineering. She said that a resource sheet had also been prepared and members of the Group had been asked to provide additional resource information to include.

Peters said that the Group also reviewed the newly developed "No Means No" website.

**2003/05:072****MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 69/Local 100

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for two hours.

**CARRIED**

16:48 the meeting recessed.

19:16 the meeting reconvened.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT**

Boyko said that Manitoba National Executive representative Margaret Carlyle and he had facilitated the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee meetings. He provided an overview of the 2003-2004 Campaigns Strategy. He said that the leadership race within the federal Liberal party would provide the Federation with an opportunity to highlight the government's policies on post-secondary education. He noted that the Federation had been contacted by all of the candidates for the federal leadership of the Liberal Party and representatives would be meeting with them to discuss the Federation's policies.

Boyko said that the Campaigns Strategy included the Federation's long-standing campaign for a dedicated post-secondary education transfer payment, a campaign against the implementation of income contingent student loan repayment schemes, and access for part-time students to student financial assistance. He noted that the charter challenge to the Bankruptcy Act was also included. He explained that, in addition to challenging law in the courts, the Federation continued to lobby the government to change the Act.

Boyko said that one of the primary campaigns for the organisation was the campaign to reduce tuition fees. He explained that while the campaign to reduce fees had been one of the Federation's primary campaigns for over 20 years it was time to highlight the issue through a wide-scale mobilisation across the country.

Boyko noted that the third aspect of the Strategy included some of the Federation's standing campaigns including the campaign against the privatisation of post-secondary education.

**2003/05:073**

**MOTION**

Local 95/Local 7

Be it resolved that the 2003-2004 Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**a. Proposal to Participate in International Day of Action and Strike against the FTAA**

**2003/05:020**

**MOTION**

Local 91/Local 83

Whereas the Federation has endorsed the international campaign to stop both the Free Trade Area of the Americas and General Agreement on Trade in Services agreements for the negative effects they will have on our education system, as well as on social, environmental and labour standards throughout the Americas and the world; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation endorse the International Days of Action and Strike against the Free Trade Area of the Americas taking place November 20-23 2003, in conjunction with the Free Trade Area of the Americas meetings in Miami, Florida;

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to organise local participation in this campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation offer support to provincial components as needed for this campaign, such as providing relevant educational materials.

Boyko explained that the Committee was recommending that the motion be ruled redundant because the campaign had already been incorporated into the 2003-2004 Campaign Strategy.

**2003/05:020**

**RULED REDUNDANT**

**b. Proposal to Develop Strategy Against De-Designation**

**2003/05:036**

**MOTION**

Local 11/Local 7

Whereas the Council of Ministers of Education Canada is deliberating linking designation of institutions for student loan purposes to student loan default rates; and

Whereas a policy of de-designation would lead to students in many programmes and/or institutions becoming ineligible for student loans; and

Whereas this policy would have a negative impact both on accessibility and on the ability of institutions to offer programmes; therefore

Be it resolved that a fact sheet be produced on de-designation;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Council of Ministers of Education Canada outlining the Federation's opposition to the policy; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to seek endorsements from local faculty associations, university and college senates and education councils, Boards of Governors, and other coalition partners for the Federation's position opposing de-designation.

Boyko said that there were politicians, bureaucrats and administrators who had been proposing that if a program or institution had high Canada Student Loan repayment default rates, the students in that program or at that particular institution would no longer have access to Canada Student Loans. He said that the proposal, known as de-designation, would have negative implications for economically depressed regions of Canada, or fields of study that did not result in financially viable work upon graduation. He said that if de-designation was implemented it would be a fundamental shift from universities and colleges being places of higher learning to being output driven places.

**2003/05:074      MOTION TO AMEND**  
Local 11/Local 7

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:036 be amended to include the word "public" to modify all references to "institutions."

**CARRIED**

Local 11 delegate Ben Pearlman said that in Nova Scotia there had been strong hints that a de-designation policy would be implemented. He said that the government had indicated that it would be targeted at private institutions, however, the government had also said that it would make no distinction in the legislation between private and public institutions. He said that the goal was to stop the process before it proceeded any further.

**2003/05:036      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**c.      Proposal to Develop Campaign on Post-Secondary Education Act**

**2003/05:042      MOTION**  
Local 32/Local 44

Whereas the Federation committed at the May 2002 general meeting to a campaign of "reducing fees until they are free"; and

Whereas the Federation has committed to the establishment of a "national system of standards of post-secondary education" including "a Universal Post-Secondary Education Act"; therefore

Be it resolved that a nationally focused and provincially coordinated campaign for the establishment of a "Universal Free Post-Secondary Education Act" be launched; and

Be it further resolved that the proposed Universal Free Post-Secondary Education Act include five criteria analogous to the Canada Health Act, namely:

- i. Public Administration: that the administration of the post-secondary education system of a province or territory must be carried out on a non-profit basis by a public authority;
- ii. Comprehensiveness: that a full range of programmes and courses, representing a diversity of knowledge and experience, be available at all post-secondary institutions;
- iii. Universality: that all persons in the province or territory must be entitled to public post-secondary education on uniform terms and conditions;
- iv. Portability: that access to post-secondary education programmes must be maintained when a person moves or travels within Canada or travels outside the country; and

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- v. Accessibility: that all residents of Canada are ensured access to post-secondary education, unimpeded by financial or other barriers, without direct fees, and with grant-based financial support to cover cost of living and study expenses.

**2003/05:075**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 44/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:042 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that a nationally focused and provincially coordinated campaign for the establishment of a "Universal Free Post-Secondary Education Act" be launched."

**CARRIED**

Boyko said that the Federation had endorsed the Canadian Association of University Teacher's draft legislation for a post-secondary education act. He said that the motion was intended to reinforce the Federation's work to secure a post-secondary act. He said that the amendment was a proposal to simplify the main motion.

**2003/05:042**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**d. Proposal to Support Students' Right to Education**

**2002/11:087**

**MOTION**

Local 98/Local 91

Be it resolved that support for the rights of Palestinian students to have access to education, freedom, and self-determination be communicated to the Canadian government;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Canadian government that condemns the Israeli government's closure of Palestinian universities and it's prevention of students' travel to and from these universities;

Be it further resolved that the letter call for a reversal of these inhumane policies while also expressing solidarity with students in Palestine;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send similar letters.

**CARRIED**

**e. Proposal to Adopt Campaign Opposing Alberta Legislation**

**2003/05:076**

**MOTION**

Local 68/Local 33

Whereas there has been a growing trend across Canada on the part of campus administrations to curtail the right of students to organise autonomously; and

Whereas only Québec and British Columbia have legislation protecting students' right to organise independently and without external interference; and

Whereas the Alberta government has just introduced legislation that not only curtails students' right to independent organising but also removes the right to strike for teaching assistants and faculty; therefore

Be it resolved that Bill 43, currently before the Alberta legislature, be opposed;

Be it further resolved that a letter be sent to Premier Ralph Klein expressing opposition to Bill 43; and

Be it further resolved that member and non-member students' unions be encouraged to send similar letters;

Be it further resolved that other social justice organizations be called upon to oppose the legislation;

Be it further resolved that a membership advisory summarizing the legislation be produced and distributed in a timely fashion; and

Be it further resolved that, where necessary, provincial legislation be sought that protects students' right to organise.

**2003/05:077**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 78/Local 21

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:076 be amended to read:

"Be it further resolved that a letter be sent to Alberta Premier Ralph Klein and the current Minister of Learning Dr. Lyle Odberg by the end of July, 2003 expressing opposition to those section of Bill 43 that curtail students' rights to independent organising and prohibit academic staff and graduate students from striking and consenting to strike; and

Be it further resolved that member students' unions be encouraged to send similar letters;

Be it further resolved that all provincial components be encouraged to draft, and lobby for the implementation of, provincial legislation that protects students' rights to organise;

Be it further resolved that a membership advisory summarizing Bill 43, highlighting items that go against Federation policies be produced by Federation researchers and circulated to all member locals by no later than the end of June 2003; and

Be it further resolved that the tools and resources of the Federation in particular the experience of Federation researchers and the National Executive be offered to member and non-member students' unions of Alberta in order to strengthen their ability to respond to Bill 43.

Local 21 delegate Jennifer Pelley said that she had prepared whereas clauses however because it was an amendment they could not be included in the motion. She said that she would read the clauses because they captured much of the motivation for the motion;

*Whereas on May 12, 2003 the Alberta legislature proposed legislation termed Bill 43-The Post-Secondary Learning Act that combines and updates the Universities Act, the Colleges Act, the Technical Institutes Act and the Banff Centre Act;*

*Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is particularly concerned that Bill 43 as proposed curtails students' rights to independent organising and furthermore prohibits any person, member of academic staff, or member of the graduate students' association employed by the board as instructional staff from striking or consenting to a strike;*

*Whereas a number of Canadian Federation of Students policies support the right of all individuals to strike;*

*Whereas there have been a growing and troubling trend across Canada on the part of local administrations to curtail the right of students to organise autonomously;*

*Whereas only Quebec and British Columbia have legislation protecting students' rights to organise independently and without external interference;*

*Whereas the students on whom Bill 43 will have the greatest impact are those in the Province of Alberta;*

*Whereas some parts of Bill 43 may prove beneficial to Alberta students; therefore...*

Pelley said that the original motion called for the entire Bill to be opposed. She said, however, that there had not been sufficient analysis of the Bill to oppose it in its entirety. She said that member and non-member students' unions in Alberta had known that the legislation was being developed and students had been consulted about the contents of the Bill. She said that Local 21 had concerns about the removal of the right to strike and would appreciate the Federation's support in proposing amendments to the legislation.

BC Representative Summer McFadyen said that she was in favour of the amendment. She said that it was important for the Federation to challenge the issues that threatened students' rights. She said that addressing very specific sections of the legislation would have more impact on legislators. She said that members in BC supported the members in Alberta and would be happy to provide assistance in their efforts to amend the legislation.

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Local 68 delegate Waters said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that, in the event that the efforts to amend the legislation failed, the motion did not provide further direction. She said that there should be an understanding that the bill would be opposed should the efforts to oppose sections of the bill fail.

**2003/05:078 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 54/Local 97

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:076 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that the growing practice of governments' to combine legislation and omnibus bills, including pieces of regressive legislation be opposed.

Local 54 delegate Hauch said that including some good legislation in a lengthy bill that contained regressive initiatives was a strategy on the part of the government. He said that it was an attempt to placate people so they would neglect to address the other, worse sections of the bill. He said that it was a practice that should be stopped and governments should be required to present shorter bills so legislation could not be buried or used in this fashion.

Local 21 delegate Pelley said that point of the new legislation was to combine the various acts and streamline the legislation that governed post-secondary education. She said that she was not confident that the government was attempting to sneak legislation through by presenting a lengthy bill. She said that it was possible that the language already existed elsewhere.

Local 72 delegate Pat Barbosa said that the term "regressive" was vague and would be interpreted it too many ways.

**2003/05:078 DEFEATED**

**2003/05:077 CARRIED**

**2003/05:076 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**f. Proposal to Adopt Campaign Opposing the Persecution of the Falun Dafa**

**2003/05:079 MOTION**

Local 83/Local 7

Whereas Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) is a traditional practice of body and mind based on the universal principle of "Truthfulness-Compassion-Tolerance and is commended for its devotion to public service and commitment to improving health in mind, body and spirit; and

Whereas many Falun Dafa practitioners across Canada are students and members of the Federation; and

Whereas all Falun Dafa activities, including classes and conferences, are offered by volunteers and are open to the public free of charge; and

Whereas the four year long persecution of Falun Dafa in China severely violates fundamental human rights protected in Chinese constitutional law, and has caused at least 673 deaths of practitioners; and

Whereas the Chinese Embassy in Canada repeatedly sent our members defamatory and contradictory materials against Falun Dafa, which is unacceptable interference with our supporting Falun Dafa practitioners' rights of practice, and serves to excite the hatred of Falun Dafa; therefore

Be it resolved that the Chinese Embassy or other Chinese government officials be urged to stop sending any defamatory materials about the Falun Dafa; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Government be requested to publicly urge the Chinese authorities to stop the persecution of the Falun Dafa.

**2003/05:080 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 61/Local 9

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:079 be postponed to the November 2003 general meeting.

**CARRIED**



**2003/05:079      POSTPONED**

**g. Proposal to Adopt Campaign Opposing the Concentration of Corporate Media**

**2003/05:081      MOTION**

Local 54/Local 68

Whereas mainstream media in Canada is controlled by a limited number of corporations;

Whereas the existence of independent and alternative media, including student media outlets, is threatened by this growing media concentration;

Whereas the Federation has policy opposing corporate media concentration and supporting student media outlets; therefore

Be it resolved that the a campaign be undertaken that highlights the problems that come with media concentration including, but not limited to, media bias and the threat to democracy; and

Be it further resolved that the campaign include statements of solidarity with alternative and independent media outlets.

Local 33 delegate Lisa MacLeod said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that there had not been a thorough discussion about the proposal.

**2003/05:081      CARRIED**

**h. Proposal to Adopt Campaign Opposing the Criminalisation of Dissent**

**2003/05:082      MOTION**

Local 68/Local 54

Whereas the level of student dissent against racism, war and occupation is growing across Canada and, as a result of this dissent, student activists have found themselves targeted by various university administrators, governments and police forces; therefore

Be it resolved that the growing criminalisation of dissent be strongly opposed;

Be it further resolved that a campaign be undertaken to show solidarity with and support for student activists facing political persecution and backlash;

Be it further resolved that such support include in-kind donations; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to take the similar actions.

Boyko said that the campaign was intended to protect the right to organise and mobilise. He said that 'codes of conduct' were being implemented at campuses across the country targeting those who were not covered by collective agreements as teaching assistants or instructors. He noted that the codes linked academic penalties to non academic behaviour. He said that the codes exceeded the Criminal Code and were a blatant attempt to stifle dissent on campus. He said that the Campaign and Government Relations Committee believed that the Federation should make an effort to defend and protect those who had been targeted.

**2003/05:082      CARRIED**

**i. Proposal to Adopt Campaign Promoting Student-Owned and Operated Businesses**

**2003/05:083      MOTION**

Local 94/Local 24

Whereas food providers and other essential services on university campuses are increasingly becoming controlled by large corporations that create de facto monopolies that care more about profits than students' well-being; and

Whereas these large corporations, often in conjunction with university administrations, are increasingly employing predatory practices to force out student-run businesses; therefore

Be it resolved that a campaign entitled "100% Student Owned", that would certify and brand businesses that are run by students, for students, be developed;

Be it further resolved that the campaign feature an attractive and easily recognizable logo that could be posted by student-run businesses in order to help students make informed choices about where they spend their money and for what the businesses they support stand.

**CARRIED**

**j. Proposal to Adopt Campaign for Accessible Student Housing**

**2003/05:084**

**MOTION**

Local 19/Local 97

Whereas many universities and colleges in Canada are not barrier-free for students with disabilities; and

Whereas while first-year students at the University of Toronto are guaranteed a space in residence, there is no guarantee of accessible housing for students with disabilities; and

Whereas May 26-30, 2003 is "National Access Awareness Week"; therefore

Be it resolved that "National Access Awareness Week" be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to demand the creation and expansion of accessible student housing.

**2003/05:085**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 98/Local 73

Be it resolved that Motion 2003/05:84 be amended to include:

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the Governing Council of the University of Toronto and administrators across Canada in support of "National Access Awareness Week", the students' actions at the University of Toronto and barrier free campuses.

Local 98 delegate Julia Munk said that disabled students at the University of Toronto would be participating in direct action, which would be the first time in 25 years.

**2003/05:085**

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:086**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 49/Local 48

Be it resolved that the first paragraph in Motion-2003/050:84 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to support "National Access Awareness Week"."

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:084**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**k. Proposal to Adopt Campaign to Allow International Students to Work Off-Campus**

**2003/05:087**

**MOTION**

Local 84/Local 28

Whereas Canada is the only major host country that does not allow international students to work off-campus at least part-time during their studies and full-time during the holidays; and

Whereas the Federation has recommended changes to Canada's regulation regarding off-campus work permits for international students; and

Whereas the Federation has committed itself to lobby the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Canada to honour its commitment to the above changes; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters supporting policy changes within the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Canada to allow international students to work off-campus.

**CARRIED**

**l. Proposal to Undertake Research Survey on Part-time and Mature Students**

**2003/05:088**

**MOTION**

Local 97/Local 78

Whereas there is a dearth of research that specifically addresses part-time and mature students; and

Whereas there is an existing research model and survey available from Local 97; therefore,

Be it resolved that a research campaign on part-time and mature students be coordinated; and

Be it further resolved that this research campaign focus on such issues as demographic trends, barriers faced by mature and part-time students, funding, housing, work and employment, childcare, summer and evening services, and summer and evening courses; and

Be it further resolved that this campaign be coordinated provincially and nationally.

**CARRIED**

**m. Proposal to Adopt Campaign Defending Students' Union Autonomy**

2003/05:089

**MOTION**

Local 97/Local 28

Whereas the University of Toronto administration has unilaterally changed the criteria used to determine part-time students' membership in the part-time students' union on campus; and

Whereas the new policy will result in a significant reduction in the membership base of the students' union; therefore

Be it resolved that the University of Toronto administration be condemned for its unilateral attempts to undermine the autonomy of the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto, Local 97; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the efforts of Local 97 in preserving its right to determine membership criteria.

Local 97 delegate Emily Sadowski said that the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students was a strong and vibrant students' union at the University of Toronto. She said that the students' union had challenged the university administration on several fronts including tuition fees, corporate governance and access to education for part-time students. She said that in September 2002, the University of Toronto administration made an arbitrary decision about the definition of part time study versus full-time study. She said that, as a result, the Union would be losing between 40-60 per cent of its members, and almost \$200,000 in membership dues. She said that the administration's justification for the change varied depending on who it was lobbying to convince that it was a good idea.

Sadowski said that there were many negative implications for students. She said that the students affected by the change would have to pay almost \$500 more in ancillary fees and fewer students would be eligible for student financial assistance because they would not meet the course load requirements established by Canada Student Loans. She said that the Union would be weakened and have to struggle to survive. She said that no institution should have the unilateral ability to change the definition of union membership.

Local 68 delegate Pablo Vivanco said that he was in favour of the motion. He said that although the motion was specific to the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students it applied to all students' unions. He said that Local 68-York Federation of Students had been engaged in a long standing dispute with the York University administration because the University refused to collect the correct Federation membership fee. He said that similar to the situation at the University of Toronto, the administration at York University had made an arbitrary decision that infringed upon the rights of the York Federation of Students.

Local 98 delegate Artful-Dodger said that she was in favour of the motion. She said that even though the Students' Administrative Council would gain members as a result of the University's decision, she understood the threat that the decision posed to the right of students' unions to organise. She said that the increase in ancillary fees was significant for those students who the University was proposing to re-classify as full-time.

Local 21 delegate Pelley said that the motion should not reference the amount of funding that would be lost as a result of the University's decision. She said that she supported the condemnation of the University for not consulting the Union, but felt that mentioning the fees weakened the Union's position.

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Local 97 delegate David Melville said that the motion would send a message that the student community, almost half a million strong, supported the part-time students at the University of Toronto despite the University's attempts to trivialise and dismiss their concerns.

**2003/05:089 CARRIED**

**n. Proposal to Send Representatives to the "All-African Students' Congress"**

**2003/05:090 MOTION**

Local 68/Local Local 28

Whereas the World Conference Against Racism took place in the year 2000 in Durban South Africa to address issues of racism in the post-colonial era; and

Whereas a subsequent conference took place in Barbados in 2002 to address issues particularly pertaining to African Descendants, adopting the movement for Reparations as a central goal and theme; and

Whereas the Ontario member locals have overwhelmingly voted in favour of endorsing the Afrikan Reparations movement; and

Whereas Ontario member locals sponsored three delegates, in addition to the Ontario Constituency Commissioner Kim Bryc to attend; and

Whereas a subsequent conference, the "All-African Students' Congress", will take place at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica in May 2003; therefore,

Be it resolved that up to \$5,000 be allocated for delegates to attend the "All-African Student Congress" at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica in May 2003; and

Be it further resolved that the current National Students of Colour Representative Joseph Zanger Bright be sent to this conference as the official delegate representing the Federation.

Boyko said that it was the Federation's practice to include an international component to the work that it undertakes, recognising that students exist in a context where there is a global movement of students fighting for students' rights throughout the world. He said that the Federation had a long standing and central role in the International Union of Students. He said that a students' congress was planned for the following week in Jamaica. He said that sending someone would ensure that the Federation was fulfilling its role in the international community.

Local 44 delegate Joanna Groves asked what the costs were.

Local 68 delegate Vivanco said that the registration fees would be \$5 United States Dollars per person. He said that the accommodation is \$12 USD per day. He said that he was unsure about the flight costs.

Local 68 delegate said that the congress was important not just for international reasons but also to address the systematic oppression and racism that people of colour face everyday.

**2003/05:090 CARRIED**

**2003/05:091 MOTION**

Local 33/Local 8

Be it resolved that the Campaigns and Government Relations report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Local 23 delegate Geordie Dent said that the 2003-2004 Campaigns Strategy included almost 20 different campaigns. He said that in addition the National Executive and member locals had the responsibility of implementing the standing campaigns, such as the "No Means No" campaign. He said that the campaigns were good but, in the future, delegates should consider the amount of work being assigned. He said that for the campaigns to be of high quality, there had to be fewer of them. He said that member locals should also consider sending campaigns proposals with notice for consideration at the general meeting instead of introducing them in the subcommittee

meetings. He said that it would give the other locals of the Federation an opportunity to discuss and consider the proposals before the meeting.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ontario Chairperson Joel Duff said that the first portion of the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee meeting was devoted to providing background information and context for the motions. He said that there had also been a discussion about the proposed new legislation in Alberta and the effect this type of legislation had on the functioning of students' unions elsewhere in Canada. He said that the goal was to use the situation in Alberta to examine the broader issues and develop principles to defend the rights of students' unions to organise and collect dues.

Duff said that the Committee had recommended adoption of Motion-2003/05:038. He asked delegates to correct their reports accordingly.

**a. Proposal to Amend Policy on Canada's Health and Social Transfer**

**2003/05:012**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 47/Local 73

Whereas the Federation's policy opposing the Canada Health and Social Transfer dates back to 1995 when the act was first imposed; and

Whereas in their proposed Post-Secondary Education Act the Canadian Association of University Teachers calls for the replacement of the CHST with a National Post-Secondary Education Fund; and

Whereas the Federation has endorsed CAUT's Post-Secondary Education Act; therefore

Be it resolved that the existing Federation Policy on the Canada Health and Social Transfer be replaced with the following policy:

**CANADA HEALTH AND SOCIAL TRANSFER**

**Preamble**

Transfer payments for post-secondary education, health and social welfare were cut drastically in 1994 as a major part of the federal government's deficit reduction strategy. In total, this amounted to more than \$5 billion cut from post-secondary education and training over five years.

**Policy**

The Federation opposes the Canada Health and Social Transfer, a block funding scheme that replaced Established Programs Financing, for the following reasons:

- it undermines national standards; and
- it reduced funding to post-secondary education.

The Federation calls on the Federal government to repeal the Canada Health and Social Transfer and establish a National Post-Secondary Education Fund to provide stable federal cash funding.

The Federation proposes the replacement of the CHST with a set of national social investment funds, separately financed and governed by distinct principles. It is envisioned that, through amendments to the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, a Post-Secondary Education Fund would be created (along with a Health Care Fund and Income Support). The cash value of the Post-Secondary Education Fund would initially be set at 0.3% of GDP and would rise to 0.5% (about the same level it was in the late 1970s and early 1980s) within two years. To ensure regional equity, cash transfers to the provinces will be allocated on a per capita basis and equalised according to provincial GDP per capita.

**2003/05:092**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 71/Local 11

Be it resolved that the amended policy proposed in Motion 2003/05:012 be amended to read as follows:

**CANADA HEALTH AND SOCIAL TRANSFER**

**Preamble**

Transfer payments for post-secondary education, health and social welfare were cut drastically in 1994 as a major part of the federal government's deficit reduction strategy. In total, this amounted to more than \$5 billion cut from post-secondary education and training over five years.

The Federation opposes the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST), a block funding scheme that replaced Established Programs Financing because the transfer:

- undermines national standards; and
- reduced funding to post-secondary education.

The Federation calls on the Federal government to repeal the Canada Health and Social Transfer and establish a National Post-Secondary Education Fund to provide stable federal cash funding.

The Federation proposes the replacement of the CHST with a set of national social investment funds, separately financed and governed by distinct principles. It is envisioned that, through amendments to the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, a Post-secondary Education Fund would be created (along with a Health Care Fund and Income Support). The cash value of the Post-Secondary Education Fund would initially be set at 0.3% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and would rise to 0.5% (about the same level it was in the late 1970s and early 1980s) within two years. To ensure regional equity, cash transfers to the provinces will be allocated on a per capita basis and equalised according to provincial GDP per capita.

Duff said that the the three different envelopes of funding that had been distributed to the provinces under the Established Programs Financing had been collapsed into one fund when the Canada Health and Social Transfer replaced the Established Programs Financing. He said that there was no clear direction about how the provincial governments were meant to spend the federal transfer funds. He said that during the previous year the federal government removed healthcare funding from the Canada Health and Social Transfer to protect the healthcare funding. He said that the proposed policy called for post-secondary education to be separated from the other funding so it was used exclusively for post-secondary education.

**2003/05:092      CARRIED**

**2003/05:012      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**b.      Proposal to Amend Policy on Student Financial Assistance**

**2003/05:014      MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 47/101

Be it resolved that the section titled "General Policy" under the Federation Policy "Student Financial Assistance" be replaced with:

**Preamble**

In the context of affordable post-secondary education, student financial assistance is an important mechanism for reducing social and economic inequalities in access to post-secondary education. In Canada, 80% of students require some financial assistance. Three-quarters of those receiving student aid believe they would be unable to participate in higher education without this assistance.

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- Student financial assistance programmes being universally and equitably accessible to full- and part-time students;
- Student financial assistance programmes that are adequate to meet the needs of all students, including the needs for the extra expenses incurred by some students with dependants, and by students with disabilities and/or special needs;
- The integration and harmonisation of student financial assistance programmes so that students do not suffer from unnecessary confusion, delays, errors, superfluous requests for information, and duplication of administration;
- The public provision of accessible and thorough information on all aspects of student financial assistance programmes;
- Eligibility requirements for student financial assistance that include a definition of independent student status which would not include age; that does not include a waiting period after a student's parent or

guardian stops claiming the student on their federal income tax return; and which does not require the student to maintain a minimum income level; and

- An equitable calculation of childcare and other dependent expenses, current non-school debt, housing costs, travel expenses and education-related technological expenses in determining the costs of attending post-secondary institutions for the purpose of determining financial need.

The Federation opposes:

- The use of student financial assistance programmes as a means of justifying higher user fees for post-secondary education;
- Student-funded student financial assistance;
- All user fees for students applying for or benefiting from student financial assistance including, but not limited to, application fees and service charges;
- Any delay in disbursement of student financial assistance, as any delay in receipt of these funds has a detrimental effect on needy students;
- Penalising students due to delays in the disbursement of student financial assistance including, but not limited to, course cancellation and the imposition of late fees;
- The treatment of student financial assistance as income in the calculation of eligibility for government assistance programmes;
- Public-private partnership requirements in government funding for student financial assistance and other student financial assistance distribution mechanisms that rely on an institution's fundraising capacity over the characteristics of individual students; and
- Work study programmes as a replacement for needs-based student financial assistance.

Be it further resolved that the section titled "Student Grants" be replaced with:

#### **NEEDS-BASED STUDENT GRANTS**

##### **Preamble**

Canada is one of only three industrialised countries that does not have a national system of student grants. Virtually all European and South American countries, as well as the United States, have grants programmes. A national system of needs-based grants would immediately reduce the daunting debt level students face.

The Federal government currently spends \$1.3 billion each year to administer the Canada Student Loans Program. The Federation estimates the cost of a national grants programme to be \$1.2 billion. In addition, for every dollar allocated in grants, savings will also be realised in reduced administrative costs, education tax credit claims and payments to service providers.

##### **Policy**

The Federation supports the provision of student aid through a full and adequate system of needs-based student grants.

The Federation opposes:

- Merit-based scholarships as a substitute for a needs-based student grants programme; and
- Individually-driven savings plans for post-secondary education, such as registered education savings plans, as a substitute for a needs-based student grants programme.

Be it further resolved that the "Preamble" to the section titled "Student Loans" be replaced with:

Public student loans programmes are not student-aid plans, but rather are a funding model for post-secondary education. They are based on the belief that the individual is the primary beneficiary of a post-secondary education and should bear the financial burden of the cost of that education. Furthermore, student loans programmes typically provide an alibi to government and college and university administrators to justify further tuition fee increases.

Insofar as the federal and provincial governments have chosen to provide student financial assistance in the form of loans rather than needs-based student grants, the Federation supports the following policies on student loans.

Be it further resolved that the section titled "Student loans" be amended to include:

The Federation opposes debt management measures that tie debt reduction or "forgiveness" to:

- starting a family;
- re-locating to isolated, rural or under-served communities; and

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- post-graduation professional practice in particular professions or specialties."

**2003:05:093**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 71/Local 11

Be it resolved that the amended policy titled "Student Loans" proposed in Motion-2003/05:014 be amended to read as follows:

"The Federation opposes debt management measures that tie debt reduction or "forgiveness" to:

- family size;
- relocation to isolated, rural or under-serviced communities;
- post-graduation professional practice in particular professions or specialties; and
- any other lifestyle choices."

Duff said that the mounting debt crisis had had a disproportionately negative effect on rural and remote communities. He said that students in those communities received an education but also accrued a significant debt and, after graduation, were often unable to make the income they required in the rural or remote community. He said that students were then forced to move to larger communities in order to make higher incomes. He said that there had been various initiatives across the country that tied loan forgiveness to post-graduation employment choices in low income or under serviced areas. He said that that type of policy sent the message to low income students that they did not have the rights to make the same employment and lifestyle choices as students from higher income backgrounds. He said that it did not serve the interests of the community because it forced people to work and live in areas in which they did not necessarily want to be. He said that recently in Quebec, in an effort to try to increase the birth rate, the government had promised to forgive student debt for every child that an individual had. He said that members of the Committee thought there were more appropriate ways of increasing the population or encouraging people to move to rural areas.

**2003:05:094**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 47/Local 89

Be it resolved that the amended policy titled "Student Loans" proposed in Motion-2003/05:014 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation opposes debt management measures that tie debt reduction or "forgiveness" to life style choices such as:

- starting a family;
- relocation to isolated, rural or under-serviced communities; and
- post-graduation professional practice in particular professions or specialties."

National Graduate Caucus Chairperson Greener said that debt forgiveness should not be tied to life style choices. He said that adding the phrase "such as" broadened the statement to include those choices that were not already included in the motion. He said that amending the motion to include "starting a family" as one of the lifestyle options, incorporated the language used in the Parti Quebecois' election platform.

**2003:05:094**

**CARRIED**

**2003:05:095**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 71/Local 97

Be it resolved that the amended policy titled "Student Loans" proposed in Motion-2003/05:014 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation opposes debt management measures that tie debt reduction or "forgiveness" to lifestyle choices such as:

- starting a family or family size;
- relocation to isolated, rural or under-serviced communities; and
- post-graduation professional practice in particular professions or specialties; and
- any other lifestyle choices."

**CARRIED**



**2003:05:096      MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 31/Local 98

Be it resolved that the amended policy titled "Student Loans" proposed in Motion-2003/05:014 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation opposes debt management measures that tie debt reduction or "forgiveness" to lifestyle choices such as:

- starting a family or family size;
- the requirement to relocate to isolated, rural or under-serviced communities;
- post-graduation professional practice in particular professions or specialties; and
- any other lifestyle choices."

Local 31 delegate Brandon MacKenzie said that he understood and agreed with the merits of the clause but that a simple tax incentive to Island graduates would give them the incentive to stay and work in the community. He said that such incentives would not be punitive but rather would provide students with the financial relief to stay in the community.

Local 98 delegate Ashley Morton said that he supported the amendment. He said that he grew up in a small town in BC and a wing of the hospital was closed because there had not been enough staff. He said that the town was 500 kilometers from the next largest centre. He said that if a policy of this nature was implemented, it would definitely improve life in smaller locales.

Local 33 MacLeod said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that two disadvantaged groups, students from low-income backgrounds and people from rural areas, should not be pitted against each other.

Local 37 delegate Dave Cannon said that he was in favour of the amendment. He said that the motion simply spoke to policies about debt management. He said that the policy would state that the Federation was against baiting poor students with the prospect of reducing their student debt if they were willing to make a lifestyle change. He said that he was completely supportive of any program that was developed by government to support small communities but felt, it had no place in the Federation's policies.

Local 70 delegate Emeka Moneke said that he was in favour of the amendment.

**2003:05:096      CARRIED**

**2003:05:093      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2003/05:014      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**c.      Proposal to Adopt Policy on Portability**

**2003/05:016      MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 47/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**PORTABILITY**

**Preamble:**

In the 1980's and 1990's, there has been a proliferation of institution-to-institution transfer agreements that are, in some cases, inter-provincial. The increased co-operation of colleges and universities reflects the changing role of post-secondary education in society and a greater need for flexible opportunities for retraining, educational upgrading, and diversity of credentials.

Given the substantial differences in credit transfer systems and in the structure of post-secondary education systems between provinces and territories, it is clear that a pan-Canadian system of credit transfer must be built up over time through an initial focus on developing and enhancing strong provincial/territorial transfer systems.

**MOBILITY**

**Preamble:**

The evolving characteristics of the Canadian college and university student body which is generally older, more mobile, and more likely to be forced by work-related or personal reasons to register in more than one institution to complete their diploma or degree work.

Given the changes in educational advantages that accrue from greater mobility, the changing needs of the student body and the growing need for individuals to return to post-secondary education during the course of their working lives, it is important to facilitate mobility for individuals among colleges, among universities, and among colleges and universities in Canada.

In addition, the ability to transfer credits also creates an efficient use of human and institutional resources – students will see a reduction of educational costs through the elimination of time-consuming repetition of studies. However, in Canada, the difficulties experienced by transfer students in having their previous post-secondary experience recognised inhibit mobility and are damaging to students.

**Policy:**

The Federation supports the integrity and transferability of course credits between all post-secondary educational institutions.

The Federation supports the increase of joint transfer programs.

The Federation supports the development and implementation of a framework for credit transfer arrangements.

The Federation calls on federal, provincial and territorial governments to ensure that there are no barriers to inter-provincial mobility that unreasonably inhibit access.

The Federation opposes quotas on the number of students allowed to transfer from colleges to universities.

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

**PAN-CANADIAN PROTOCOL ON THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LEARNING**

**Preamble**

Governments have established colleges and universities as substantially autonomous bodies where academic decisions are made by the institutions themselves. As admissions standards and credit recognition decisions are made by institutions, this means that cooperation between institutions is required to build credit transfer systems within and between provinces and territories.

Establishing a pan-Canadian protocol on the transferability of learning would allow colleges and universities to identify common standards and interests; encourage dialogue between institutions and systems that have traditionally operated separately; set or target provincial and national standards; maximise the use of resources; and increase awareness of articulation goals and principles.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the coordination of provincial credit transfer through the establishment of a pan-Canadian protocol on transferability of learning.

The Federation calls upon the Council of Ministers of Education (CMEC) to coordinate and implement such a protocol.

The Federation supports the establishment of a common course numbering system, electronic information systems, articulation facilitators, and provincial governing boards to oversee credit transfer between public post-secondary education institutions.

**PRIOR-LEARNING ASSESSMENT**

**Preamble**

Prior learning assessment and recognition of skills acquired outside of college should also be an element of any pan-Canadian protocol ratified by colleges and universities. Prior learning assessment and recognition allows an individual to get some form of recognition for the skills and knowledge she or he has. Prior learning assessment and recognition would give equal value to learning and skills from school, community work, on the job training and other life experiences. The benefits of prior learning assessment and recognition for colleges and universities include, a better use of limited resources, cost-savings for students and assurances that students can transfer from one place to another.

Lack of recognition of prior learning is most severe with respect to foreign educational attainment and, therefore has a negative effect on educational and employment opportunities for international students, immigrants and refugees.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the promotion of continued education and skills upgrading through recognition of foreign and domestic prior learning credentials and credit transfer.

The Federation opposes policies that create an unnecessary duplication of prior learning.

The Federation calls on the federal government and the Council of Ministers of Education Canada to establish clearly articulated public policies at federal and provincial/territorial levels which support the recognition of prior learning and the subsequent programming/funding for implementation.

The Federation calls on the Federal government to establish a central coordinating body to gather and disseminate prior learning assessment and recognition information on best practices, research and training.

**CLEAR PATHWAYS TO LEARNING**

**Preamble**

In order to effectively plan their educational choices, students need to be assured that all course work satisfactorily completed will be considered for recognition of credit should they be granted admission at another public post-secondary institution. Students also require a process of transferring from one institution to another in Canada that will not result in undue additional costs or in the need to repeat essentially equivalent previous learning experiences.

The lack of consistency in the rules and procedures governing credit transfer among the universities, and at times within an institution, leads to substantial confusion for the student and often results in inconsistencies in the recognition of credits.

**Policy**

The Federation calls on the Council of Ministers of Education Canada to provide clear pathways for students by ensuring that post-secondary institutions provide accurate and timely information to students in advance of transfer.

The Federation calls for the establishment of a consistent system by all colleges and universities to calculate, record, and retain the graduating or final-year GPA for students.

The Federation calls upon the Council of Ministers of Education Canada to encourage the development of arm's-length agencies to promote cooperation and credit transfer between colleges and universities. The steering committees of these agencies should include democratically selected and accountable student representation.

**2003/05:097      MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 47/Local 89

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:016 be referred to the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:016      REFERRED**

**d.      Proposal to Amend Policy on Pan-Canadian Principles**

**2003/05:018      MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**  
Local 101/24

Whereas in its proposed Post-Secondary Education Act, the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) calls for "the establishment of national principles setting standards for the provision of post-secondary education" and proceeds to outline those principles; and

Whereas the Federation has endorsed CAUT's Post-Secondary Education Act; and

Whereas the Federation has existing policy entitled "Pan-Canadian Principles" that includes most, but not all of the principles outline by CAUT; therefore

Be it resolved that the existing Federation Policy on called "Pan-Canadian Principles" be amended to include:

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Collegial Governance: Post-secondary education institutions should be governed in a collegial manner that includes meaningful and effective representation from faculty and students.

Academic Freedom: Assure protection of the principle of free and independent academic inquiry and the academic and intellectual autonomy of post-secondary institutions.

**2003/05:098      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 47/Local 89

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/N05:018 be referred to the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:018      REFERRED**

**e.    Proposal to Adopt Policy on Intellectual Property**

**2003/05:038      MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 101/24

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**Preamble:**

Knowledge, as perceived by the Canadian Federation of Students, should be a "social good" which allows the widest distribution of information in order to benefit, improve and advance society as a whole. As a result, the Federation continues to advocate the basic principles of post secondary education based on the concept of free access to education, open inquiry and the wide spread and free dissemination of knowledge within an open and pluralistic environment of opinions.

The Federation acknowledges that intellectual property may take many forms that include but are not limited to applications, artistic creations (inclusive of games, media, internet and technology based applications), methods, ideas and inventions which will be referred to in this document as creation, idea and/or invention.

Understanding that there may be potential to capitalize on ideas, creations and inventions to the benefit of the creator/inventor and the community in general and keeping mindful that the university is a publicly funded institution, the Federation advocates for the right of the creator/inventor to have an informed and protected interest in the distribution of funds and information dissemination that may result from the creation, idea and/or invention.

With respect to the legal implications involving creations, inventions and ideas, the Federation acknowledges the legal distinctions within copyright and patent laws but does not condone the movement of creations, ideas and inventions from the public and social realm to private enterprise for exploitation at the expense of the creator/inventor and nor does it condone the potential expense and/or dangers that it may have on the social significance, social welfare and general contribution to the knowledge pool.

**Policy:**

The Federation supports intellectual property policies at public institutions that:

- apply to all forms and all stages of research, scholarly and artistic work;
- applies equally to all researchers including faculty, staff and students;
- promote the dissemination of knowledge as its primary goal; and
- recognize that researchers are entitled to recognition in proportion to their contribution to research, including but not limited to subsequent papers and materials resulting from such research.

The Federation opposes intellectual property policies of public institutions that restrict the timely disclosure of research, scholarly and artist work in a public forum.

The Federation acknowledges the need for confidentially agreements between researchers but opposes non-disclosure agreements that restrict public access to research, scholarly and artistic work.

The Federation encourages all public post-secondary institutions to develop intellectual property policies.

**CARRIED**

**2003/05:099**

**MOTION**

Local 97/Local 26

Be it resolved that research be conducted into the rights of students and academic workers to organise and have membership dues collected; and

Be it further resolved that policy be developed for presentation to the November 2003 national general meeting.

Duff said that Local 97 had moved the motion, not Local 96. He asked delegates to correct their reports accordingly.

**2003/05:099**

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 101/Local 24

Whereas part-time study is an essential component of diversity in institutional academic programming in institutional academic programming and individual educational choice;

Whereas lifelong learning is a vital individual and societal good;

Whereas certain life circumstances allow for only part-time study and later-life learning, such as family, employment, and disability; and,

Whereas discriminatory practices exist against part-time study, such as preferential admissions and enrolment for full-time students, and preferential government funding for full-time and direct-entry high school students; therefore,

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**PART-TIME AND MATURE STUDENTS**

The Federation believes that:

- overt and systemic barriers to part-time and mature students should be eliminated.
- part-time and mature students should have full access to existing federal, provincial and university/college based student financial aid programs, with additional specific grant-based bursaries developed for part-time and mature students.
- a full range of winter sessions courses should be made available during evenings, weekends and summer sessions.
- student and administrative services hours of operation, including libraries, registration, food and athletic services, should include adequate evening and summer hours.
- family care, including evening care, weekend care, infant care, part-time and drop in childcare, should be available for part-time and mature students' unique needs.
- affordable housing on all campuses should be available for part-time and mature students.
- where no representation for part-time mature students exists, support should be provided for the creation of part-time student unions on all campuses.
- where appropriate, student health plans should be created for part-time students or part-time students should be covered under existing student health plan.

**2003/05:100**

**MOTION**

Local 18/Local 71

Be it resolved that the National Education and Student Rights report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Boyko said that he wanted to recognise the contributions of outgoing members of the National Executive. He thanked the following members of the National Executive: BC Representative Summer McFadyen, Newfoundland and Labrador Representative Keith Dunne, Graduate Students' Representative Andrea Rounce, Saskatchewan Representative Kyall Glennie, Francophone Representative Chris Mazeroll, Québec Representative Caroline Kim, Prince Edward Island Representative Phil MacDonald and Nova Scotia Representative Donald Andrews. He said that the outgoing members had made very important

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contributions to the work of the organisation and the deliberations of the National Executive. He said that National Graduate Caucus Chairperson Jesse Greener was also finishing his term and thanked him for his contributions.

### **NOTICE -**

#### **MOTION**

Local 23/Local 54

Whereas the Federation recognises that transphobia creates a climate that fosters transphobic violence;

Whereas the Federation recognises the right to the basic necessities of a healthy life including but not limited to food water, shelter and medicare;

Whereas transphobia limits research and education, training and services in medicine that benefit transgendered and transsexual peoples;

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation recognises the need for health services that are inclusive to transgendered and transsexual peoples in all post-secondary institutions in Canada;

The Federation supports research, education and training pertaining to transgendered and transsexual issues, available services for transgendered and transsexual peoples and an end to discrimination against transgendered and transsexual peoples in post-secondary institutions across Canada.

Northern Lights College Students' Association Kim Davidson said that she wanted to extend thanks to delegates at the meeting for making her first general meeting very exciting. She said that it was her pleasure to speak with students who were working to make a difference for all other students across Canada. She said that it was important to her that the Students' Association joined the Federation. She said that six member locals in BC had already offered to assist with the membership drive which was a true example of solidarity.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

2003/05:101

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Local 44/Local 24

Be it resolved that plenary be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

21:59 the meeting adjourned.

# ATTENDANCE

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## Delegations

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### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### Local 75

Camosun College Student Society

Aileen Briggs

Irene Sosath

Julian Strongitharm

Michael Subasic

Audra Taillefer

#### Local 5

Capilano Students' Union

Jeanette Abbey

Lina Borzillo

Amanda Camley

Christine Ellis

Alex Evanshen

Ben West

#### Local 73

City Centre Students' Union

Ashlin Collishaw

Michelle Kemper

Eileen Mendez

Ben Williams

#### Local 18

Douglas Students' Union

Heather Barnes

Joey Hansen

Yasmin Irani

Joel Koette

Ashley Laughlin

Mike Ouellet

#### Local 33

Emily Carr Students' Union

Yin Choi

Zahra Habib

Lisa MacLeod

Chanda Stallman

#### Local 76

King Edward Students' Union

Zahra (Nasi) Khodadad Kani

Laine Levecque

Christa Peters

Lucas Schuller

#### Local 26

Kwantlen Student Association

Laura Anderson

Robert Edger

Catherine Wilkinson

#### Local 61

Malaspina Students' Union

Steve Beasley

Stephanie Konefall

Stephen Littley

Melanie Vogels

Lee Wittmann

#### Local 13

College of New Caledonia Student Association

Colin Haugen

#### Local 72

North Island Students' Association

Pat Barbosa

James Bowen

Wesley Guiboche

Bonnie Rouleau

Trish Scheck

Joleen Watson

#### Local 66

Northwest Community College  
Students' Association

Dan Buck

Bonnie DeCooman

Kara Rasz

Sandy Wesley

#### Local

Northern Lights College Students' Association

Kim Davidson

#### Local 3

Okanagan University College  
Students' Association-Kelowna

Leslie Fabriz

Karina Frisque

Shayne Robinson

Matt Westaway

#### Local

Okanagan University College-Penticton  
Campus Students' Association

Tree Kennedy

Jill Spencer

Tony Trudel

#### Local 23

Simon Fraser Student Society

Melissa Cornwell

Gisele da Silva

Gwalegen Geordie Dent

Steven Kammerer

Nammi Poorooshasb

Sara Rozell  
Camilla A. Sears  
Ryan Weal

**Local 89**  
**University of Victoria**  
**Graduate Students' Society**  
Sue Pell  
Jordan Smith

**Local 44**  
**University of Victoria Students' Society**  
Jude Coates  
Wil George  
Joanna Groves  
Scott Payne  
Richard Tones

## **ALBERTA**

**Local 42**  
**Students' Association**  
**Alberta College of Art & Design**  
Naomi Yamamoto

**Local 21**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
**of the University of Calgary**  
Jennifer Pelley  
Rashaad Sader

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

**Local 9**  
**University of Regina Students' Union**  
Phoebe De Ciman  
Nathan Lane  
Hitomi Suzuta

**Local 101**  
**University of Saskatchewan**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Dale Eslinger  
Robert Peterson-Wakeman  
Angela Regnier  
Serife Tekin

## **MANITOBA**

**Local 37**  
**Brandon University Students' Union**  
David Canon  
Meeghan Gavin  
Mitch Obach  
Jared P. Weir

**Local 96**  
**University of Manitoba**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Phil Koch  
Suzanne Ronald  
Joanne Valin

**Local 38**  
**Association des étudiantes et étudiants du**  
**Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface**  
Rachel Grenier  
Jean-Luc LaFlèche  
Miguel Vielfaure  
Jillian Wolfe

**Local 8**  
**University of Winnipeg Students' Association**  
Farnoosh Ali  
Kate Dykman  
Cathy Hamilton  
Chris Minaker

## **ONTARIO**

**Local 82**  
**Algoma University Students' Association**  
Margaret Cameron

**Local 28**  
**Atkinson Students' Association**  
Victor Antonucci  
Mohammed Kharazmi  
Shamini Selvaratnam  
Michelle Steele

**Local 78**  
**Carleton University**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Ezequiel Glinsky  
Robert Johnson  
Phillip Robinson

**Local 1**  
**Carleton University Students' Association**  
Joseph Zanger Bright  
Kimberley Bryce  
Melissa Davis  
Carole Saab  
George Soule

**Local 92**  
**Students' Association**  
**of George Brown College**  
Aytan Buron  
Stephanie Elliott  
Dwayne Hines  
Simone Ross  
Jermaine Smith

**Local 54**  
**University of Guelph**  
**Central Student Association**  
Dave Hauch  
Andrew Langille  
Luke Weiler

**Local 62**  
**University of Guelph**  
**Graduate Student Association**  
Andria Jones  
Kristin MacCallum

**Local 32**  
**Lakehead University Student Union**  
Billi Jo Cox  
James Gallant  
Ashleigh Gehl  
Irene Goodwin  
Sean Hannaford

**Local 25**  
**Ontario College of Art and Design**  
**Student Union**  
Regan Brennan  
Issac Kay  
Jocelyne Tremblay



Natalyn Tremblay

**Local 94**  
**University of Ottawa**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Marie Lyne Laliberté

**Local 24**  
**Ryerson Students' Union**  
Carlos Flores  
Christine Johns  
Ken Marciniac  
Sean Marshall  
Lara Museitiff  
Joyce Thian  
Mike Verticchio  
Aviva West

**Local 99**  
**Scarborough Campus Students' Union**  
Dan Bandurka  
Anjali Mohan  
Virata Thaivasigamony  
Preet Virdi

**Local 19**  
**University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union**  
Kendra Coulter  
Kelly Holloway

**Local 97**  
**Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto**  
Murphy Browne  
David Melville  
Chris Ramsaroop  
Emily Sadowski

**Local 98**  
**University of Toronto**  
**Students' Administrative Council**  
Moneeza Ahmed  
Alex Artful-Dodger  
Ryan DeMello  
Ashley Morton  
Julia Munk  
Howard Tam

**Local 71**  
**Trent Central Students' Association**  
Marisa Barnhart  
Dwayne Collins  
Lesa Smith

**Local 47**  
**University of Western Ontario**  
**Society of Graduate Students**  
Anne Escrader  
Jesse Greener

**Local 48**  
**University of Windsor**  
**Graduate Student Society**  
Ahsanul Arefeen  
Mohammad Aktaruzzaman  
Andrea Boffa  
Melanie Namespetra  
Daniel Ross

**Local 49**  
**University of Windsor Students' Alliance**  
Balinder Ahluwalia  
Jarrett Bezaire  
Lindsay Bradac  
Michelle Buisse  
Rob Dufour  
Jeff La Porte

**Local 68**  
**York Federation of Students**  
Theressa Arsenault  
Mostafa Henaway  
Pablo Vivanco  
Kathryn Waters  
Kaneka Watkins

**Local 84**  
**York University Graduate Students Association**  
Darryl Hobbs  
Renée Valiquette

## **QUÉBEC**

**Local 83**  
**Concordia University**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Tobias Whitfield

**Local 91**  
**Concordia Student Union**  
Brandi Heeren  
Adam Slater

**Local 79**  
**Post-graduate Students' Society of McGill University**  
Kaleigh Smith  
David Wise

## **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**Local 70**  
**University of Prince Edward Island**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Emeka Moneke

**Local 31**  
**University of Prince Edward Island**  
**Student Union**  
Jared Hogg  
Brandon MacKenzie

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

**Local 95**  
**University-College of Cape Breton**  
**Students' Union**  
Charlie MacKinnon  
Derek Mombourquette  
Donna Moulton  
Scott Thomas

**Local 11**  
**University of King's College**  
**Students' Union**  
Ben Pearlman  
Jim Reid

Anna Wilson

**Local 34**  
**Mount Saint Vincent University**  
**Students' Union**  
Elizabeth Evans

**Local 7**  
**Students' Union of**  
**Nova Scotia College of Art & Design**  
Michael Eddy  
Lynne Hood  
Danielle Sampson

**Local 69**  
**Association générale des étudiants de**  
**l'Université Sainte-Anne**  
Gilles Comeau

## **NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR**

**Local 36**  
**Grenfell College Student Union**  
Matthew Byrne  
Brandon Pardy

**Local 45**  
**Marine Institute Students' Union**  
Renée Gates  
Kim Hann

**Local 100**  
**Memorial University of Newfoundland**  
**Graduate Students' Union**  
Krista Park  
Heather Smith

**Local 35**  
**Memorial University of Newfoundland**  
**Students' Union**  
Thom Duggan  
Les MacFadden  
Jessica Magalios

**Local 46**  
**College of the North Atlantic**  
**Students' Association**  
Lacey Abbott  
Jeffery Jennings  
Valine Kavanagh  
Janine West

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*students' general association  
association générale des étudiant(e)s*

May 9, 2003

**To Whom It May Concern:**

The Students' General Association (SGA) of Laurentian University,  
Local 30 would like to proxy their vote for the CFS National Meeting to  
Local 82, of Algoma University.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raye Lemke', written over a horizontal line.

Raye Lemke  
VP Services

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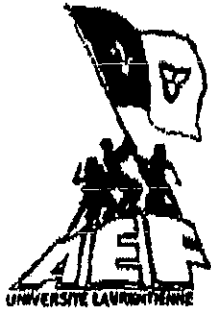
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# Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones

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Le 9 mai 2003

Monsieur Ian Boyko, président  
Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants  
Bureau central  
170, rue Metcalfe, bureau 500  
Ottawa (Ontario) K2P 1P3

## Objet : Vote par procuration

Monsieur,

Veillez noter que pour l'assemblée générale nationale de la Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants, élément de l'Ontario qui aura lieu du 15 au 18 mai 2003, l'Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones (AEF) de l'Université Laurentienne, section 88, n'y participera pas. Par conséquent, l'AEF donne son vote par procuration à Margaret Cameron, de « Algoma University Students' Association – Local 82 ».

Veillez agréer, Monsieur, mes sincères salutations.

Le vice-président,

Alain Boucher  
AB/pv

c.c. Margaret Cameron  
Christine Bourque



# Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association

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## MEMORANDUM

From: Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students Association (WLUGSA)  
To: National Graduate Council of the CFS  
Date: May 6, 2003  
Subject: A Proxy

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We the members of the WLUGSA would like to proxy our vote to Local 47- University of Western Ontario Society for Graduate Students (SOGS) for the duration of the May 15-18, 2003 Semi-Annual National Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students. This proxy has become necessary due to circumstances beyond our control. We have confidence in the ability of the delegate of Local 47 to represent our interest.

We wish the delegates success in all deliberations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abednego A. Aryee", is written over a horizontal line.

Abednego A. Aryee  
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May 12, 2003

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Dear Rick,

Please be advised that Xiao Wang, V.P. External for the Graduate Students' Association (Local 62), University of Guelph, is unable to attend the 43<sup>rd</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting, to be held at Carleton University, May 15-18, 2003.

The Graduate Students' Association at the University of Guelph, Local 62, designates University of Western Ontario, Society of Graduate Students, Local 47 (Jesse Greener), to hold our proxy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Erin Angus'.

Erin Angus  
Office Manager  
Graduate Students' Association

/ea

cc: Xiao Wang, V.P. External  
Jesse Greener, University of Western Ontario, Society of Graduate Students

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May 9, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: National General Meeting - May 15-18, 2003

This letter is to advise that Nipissing University Student Union, local 20 of the Canadian Federation of Students, is giving its proxy vote to local 32, Lakehead University Student Union, for the upcoming national general meeting.

Thank you,

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