

# MINUTES

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## CALL TO ORDER—Thursday, May 25, 2006

14:16 the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson George Soule.

### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 03	University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan	Present
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 by proxy
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' Union	Present
	Northern Lights College Student Association*	Absent
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local 53	Okanagan College Students' Union	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Present
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Present
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Present
Local 15	Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Absent
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 90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Absent
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 17	University of Saskatchewan Students' Union	Present
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 103	University of Manitoba Students' Union	Present
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	Absent
Local 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Present
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
	Association étudiante de la Cité Collégiale*	Absent
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Present
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 104	Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students*	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université	

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	Laurentienne	Present
Local 39	McMaster University Graduate Students Association	Absent
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Absent
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
	Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson*	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Absent
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
	Trent Graduate Students' Association*	Absent
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
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' Association	Present
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Local 67	University of New Brunswick Graduate Students Association*	Present
Local 63	Holland Collège Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Present
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Absent
Local 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	Cape Breton University Students' Union	Present
	Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students*	Absent
Local 11	University of King's College Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Student Union of NSCAD University	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne	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 of Newfoundland Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Union	Present

\* Prospective member

National Chairperson George Soule declared that quorum had been achieved.

## 2. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

### a. Consideration of National Executive Recommendation

Soule 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 in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He noted that Sioufi had chaired Federation national general meetings on several previous occasions.

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**2006/05:001 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 71

Be it resolved that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the plenary speaker of the May 2006 national general meeting.

**CARRIED****b. Overview of Plenary Rules**

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.

**3. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

National Chairperson George Soule offered the following remarks:

"Welcome to the 49<sup>th</sup> semi-annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students. I don't think I have to tell you that we have a very important year ahead of us. In fact, it is fair to say that every year is an important year for the student movement. Every year we are challenged by an unfriendly government in one region or another. Every year we are confronted by organisations and individuals that purport to represent the best interests of public education, even though we know that the opposite is true. And every year, our Federation has met these challenges. We have come together and worked time and time again against those with more money and resources.

In fact, the history of our Federation is a testament to the value of solidarity and the need for students across Canada to work together. Without the money or power of government or regressive organisations like the Millennium Scholarship Foundation the currency of our organisation is solidarity. For this reason and many more, celebrating a milestone like our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this fall is a true achievement.

For those of you who have been to a meeting before, welcome back. For first-time delegates, welcome to an experience that I'm sure you won't soon forget. The next four days are the democratic lifeblood of our Federation. We have the next four days to work together to develop a common strategy to work toward our common goals. Throughout this process I encourage all of you to learn from each other. The enduring strength of our Federation has been the ability to listen to each other and consider the different regional and constituency realities we bring to these debates while respecting differences. One of the most gratifying elements of building the student movement is finding how much we have in common when we are united by the values of an inclusive, affordable system of post-secondary education that is not based on how much money your family has or where you live.

I also challenge all of you to think about those who came before us. As a movement, we stand on the shoulders of our predecessors. Our Federation turns 25 years old this fall thanks in part to their hard work. It is our responsibility to continue building our movement in the same spirit of solidarity and working together that got us to where we are today.

For now, I'd like to review some of our successes and challenges from the past year. In British Columbia, our Rock the Vote campaign is still paying dividends. A scarred Liberal Premier returned to power, but he returned with a newfound respect for the student movement. As a result of a tremendous campaign, our members are engaged, informed, and voting. Those tuition fee increases that Premier Campbell was so proud of have been capped.

In Saskatchewan, the government has found it's footing, and has announced that tuition fees will be frozen until 2008. In a few minutes we will hear from one of the freeze's champions in the Cabinet, Minister Pat Atkinson. As for Manitoba's tuition fee freeze, it's about to enter its eighth consecutive year. It will come as a surprise to no one in this room that, since the start of the freeze, enrolment in Manitoba's universities and colleges has been increasing.

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As for Québec, thanks to the solidarity that we share with our brothers and sisters in the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec and the Fédération étudiante collégiale du Québec; Premier Jean Charest knows that no matter what the elitist university presidents say, if he wants to be re-elected next year, he better not touch the tuition fee freeze. In the Atlantic, student activists in Newfoundland and Labrador are enjoying continued success, keeping the second lowest tuition fees in the country frozen until at least fall 2007. I'm sure that it is just a coincidence that one hundred percent of the post-secondary students in that province are working together as members of our Federation.

And in Nova Scotia, the hard work of our members is beginning to pay off. The Conservative government that has been the architect of the highest tuition fees in Canada, has been forced to promise tuition fee reductions. An election campaign is underway in Nova Scotia, and Federation members will not let other voters forget that, as opposition members are fond of saying, it is pointless to "close the barn door after the bull has left."

Of course, there are a number of challenges that we are facing provincially as well. It appears that after a brief flirtation with regulation, the Klein government is poised to return to the status quo. In Manitoba, as we'll hear from a panel on Saturday, sheer complacency on behalf of the Doer government has opened the door for aggressive university presidents to undermine the freeze. Massive ancillary fee increases are scheduled for this fall, and still not a peep from the Premier. And of course, in Ontario, where we moved mountains to achieve the freeze for 2004 and 2005, the McGuinty government has turned its back on students and their families. After a fight with Bob Rae and his so-called review of Ontario's university and college system, the student movement will have to re-group during a suspension of the freeze in 2006. We can find some consolation in the fact that Ontarians, and for that matter Canadians, still support our campaign to reduce tuition fees. They supported it before, during, and even after Bob Rae's 'dog and pony show'.

The picture I've just painted of the last year makes a couple things clear: First, by working together, we are clearly affecting change. But second, there is still a lot of work to do. Nowhere is this more obvious than our national campaigns and government relations work with Stephen Harper's government. But let me back up just a bit. Six months ago, on the other side of the Ottawa river, we came together and focused our national campaigns on a federal election that we all knew was just around the corner. In December, when opposition members pulled the plug on Paul Martin's government, we were ready. In yet another election of American style negative advertising, filled with talk of government entitlements and corporate tax cuts, and dominated by two parties who spoke more about what they weren't than what they were, Federation members mounted an impressive campaign. We put post-secondary education on the agenda and, among other important achievements, we did the unthinkable: we got a promise from the Conservative Party to drop their Income Contingent Repayment fetish. But make no mistake. If the Conservatives do manage another term Stephen Harper will not hesitate to put Income Contingent Repayment Schemes back on the table as the basis for any post-secondary education policy discussion.

And that is just the beginning. Stephen Harper's first federal budget in May was a shining example of some of the backwards ideas floating around the Tory backrooms. Harper had the chance to follow through on his promise for a dedicated transfer payment, he had the money to reinvest in federal transfers to support tuition fee reductions and to strengthen the quality of Canadian post-secondary education but instead he chose to cut taxes and tinker around with education tax credits. We all know that there was nothing in that budget that improves either accessibility or quality.

In our deliberations this week, we will need to discuss the best strategies for getting what we want out of a Parliament that is led by Stephen Harper. We need to develop a plan for reminding him just how tenuous his minority government is and that the majority of Canadians don't actually support his neo-conservative values. He was not voted into government - the Liberals were voted out. A panel tomorrow afternoon will help frame that discussion.

Tomorrow we will also hear from the department of Citizenship and Immigration about the nuts and bolts of how, as a result of pressure from the Federation, international students have finally won the right to



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work off-campus. Tomorrow afternoon is also when we will hear from one of the candidates in the federal Liberal leadership race.

Much of the discussion this week will also focus on how to improve our growing services portfolio. This past year saw the introduction of a website and email service. Now, students' unions can have professionally-designed websites, and save their money for other projects and campaigns.

Our handbook service has grown again this year, as did Canada's only not-for-profit student health plan network. In April, students from coast to coast filed their taxes for free thanks to the Federation's partnership with Ufile.ca. And finally, a longstanding disagreement was settled this year over the management of our travel company. I'm confident that when you hear the details of the agreement tomorrow, you'll see that we are in an excellent position to move forward, continuing to provide great services through Travel CUTS.

In recent years the strength of our Federation has also been marked by an influx of new members and this year has been no different. In addition to the members of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union and the University of Manitoba Students' Union, who voted to become full members in our Federation in the fall we will add three new locals as full members. Please join me in welcoming the Laurentian University Association of Mature and Part-time Students, University of New Brunswick Graduate Students' Association, and Thompson Rivers University Students' Union. We will also welcome new prospective members from the Organisation of Part-Time University Students at the University of Windsor. There is no doubt that student solidarity in this country is strong, and it is getting stronger.

This year, the National Executive is counting on this solidarity and proposing a campaigns and government relations strategy that calls for a National Day of Action. Of course, that means that organising begins at this meeting, this moment, today. We have the next four days to plan how we will make that happen.

In the face of proponents of higher tuition fees and student debt, such as Bob Rae, the Millennium Scholarship Foundation and some university and college presidents I'm sure you'll agree that there is clearly more that unites us, than divides us. I want to remind you that we are a strong Federation because we stand together, we work together and we fight together. Most importantly, we stand, work and fight for each other, for our members and, maybe most importantly for all of those who may never get a chance to pursue a post-secondary education because it is just too expensive. So in solidarity, I wish all of you an exciting and productive meeting."

National Deputy Chairperson Angela Regnier introduced Pat Atkinson, Minister of Advanced Education and Employment for the Province of Saskatchewan.

The Honourable Member of the Legislative Assembly provided remarks.

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

Sioufi explained that the Federation's Bylaws enabled a voting member that was unable to attend all or portions of a general meeting to appoint another member to act as its proxy for all or portions of the meeting. She announced that:

- Local 18 had designated Local 61 as its proxy for the meeting;
- Local 62 had designated Local 19 as its proxy for the meeting;
- Local 30 had designated Local 88 as its proxy for the meeting.

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

**2006/05:002 MOTION**

Local 42/Local 94

Be it resolved that the agenda for the opening and closing plenaries be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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**6. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA****2006/05:003 MOTION**

Local 72/Local 3

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

**CARRIED**

**7. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES****2006/05:004 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 92

Be it resolved that the minutes of the November 2005 national general meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**8. OVERVIEW OF ANTI-HARASSMENT PROCEDURES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING**

Sioufi said that the Federation endeavoured to create an environment at its national general meetings free of harassment. She said that at each national general meeting the Federation employed an anti-harassment advisor who would be available on a 24-hour basis to assist delegates. She introduced Tara Connolly, the Anti-Harassment Advisor for the meeting.

Connolly said that the Federation had an anti-harassment policy to deal with any demeaning, abusive or threatening behaviour that might arise at the meeting. She said that the anti-harassment policy was a preventative measure and was not intended to discourage a jovial environment. She encouraged delegates to familiarise themselves with the policy and to be sensitive of how their actions could affect other delegates. She noted that any discussions with her would be confidential.

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

Hare explained that he served as the Staff Relations Officer for the Federation. He said that the staff of the Federation was unionised with Canadian Union of Public Employees-Local 1281 and that the relationship between the Federation and its staff was governed by a collective agreement. He said that the agreement outlined the rights and responsibilities of employees and the employer. He noted that the employees of the Federation had the right to attend and participate in all meetings of the employer with the exception of those meetings that included discussions of discipline, discharge and negotiations. He said that the employees often had more experience and provided context for a number of the issues that delegates would be discussing over the course of the meeting. He said that encouraging staff participation was very important to the health of the organisation.

**10. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS****a. Ratification of Full Membership Votes****2006/05:005 MOTION**

Local 1/Local 36

Be it resolved that the members of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

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**2006/05:006 MOTION**

Local 44/Local 32

Be it resolved that the members of the University of New Brunswick Graduate Students' Association-St. John be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:007 MOTION**

Local 93/Local 61

Be it resolved that the members of the Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**b. Consideration of Prospective Membership Application**

**2006/05:008 MOTION**

Continuing Education Students Association of Ryerson/Local 28

Be it resolved that the University of Windsor Organization of Part-time University Students be ratified as a prospective member of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**11. 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 for the elections being conducted at the meeting.

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

Hashemi explained that elections for the Alberta Representative, Students of Colour Representative, Francophone Representative, Graduate Students' Representative, Prince Edward Island Representative, Saskatchewan Representative and Women's Representative on the National Executive would be conducted at the general meeting. He noted that the elections were for the 2006-2007 term commencing at the adjournment of the general meeting.

Hashemi said that delegates should refer to Bylaws V, VI and the Standing Resolution 17 and 18 for information about the election procedures and the positions.

Bourque and Hashemi reviewed when elections would be held in each component and constituency group meeting.

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

**a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees**

Souifi said that, as per Standing Resolution 1, Section 1, the following sub-committees of the plenary were struck automatically:

- Budget Committee;
- Campaigns and Government Relations Forum;
- Policy Review and Development Committee; and
- Organisational and Services Development Committee.

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**b. Adoption of Sub-Committee Agendas****2006/05:009 MOTION**

Local 33/Local 67

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

**CARRIED**

**13. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE****a. Motions Submitted by Member Local Associations**

Sioufi said that the following motions had been served with notice for consideration at the meeting. She explained that most of the motions would require a seconder.

**2006/05:010 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 8/Local 68

Whereas Federation policy currently states that student loans are not a solution to the problem of restricted access to post-secondary education; and

Whereas, as long as the Canada Student Loans Program exists, it should be a tool to improve access to post-secondary education; and

Whereas the Canada Student Loans Program currently evaluates an applicant's level of need based on a comparison of expenses and income; and

Whereas the Canada Student Loans Program fails to take into account an applicant's family income or class background when assessing need, despite the importance of this factor in determining access to post-secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that the clause following, "The Federation supports" in the Student Financial Assistance be amended to include the following:

The equal consideration of both need and income background in student loan assessments, in order to improve accessibility of post-secondary education.

**2006/05:011 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:010 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:010 REFERRED****2006/05:012 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 68

Whereas most provinces exclude housing provided by educational institutions from acts governing tenant-landlord relationships in rental properties; and

Whereas the rights of a tenant should be extended to those living in student housing; and

Whereas students' tenancy rights are often violated and these students have little recourse; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the provincial governments in those provinces in which the housing provided by educational institutions is not governed by tenant-landlord legislation;

Be it further resolved that the member locals be encouraged to lobby provincial governments to include housing provided by educational institutions in legislation governing tenant-landlord relationships; and

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**2006/05:013 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:012 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:012 REFERRED****2006/05:014 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 68

Whereas Maclean's magazine publishes an annual ranking of Canadian universities; and

Whereas these rankings often favour universities that have raised tuition fees and increased private funding; and

Whereas some universities have established administrative working groups to examine changes the university can make in order to rank higher on the Maclean's list; and

Whereas these changes are often superficial and have come at the expense of students' interests; therefore

Be it resolved that Maclean's magazine be urged to discontinue its annual ranking of universities; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to reject participation in the annual Maclean's survey of universities and other similar surveys; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to submit motions to senates and governing bodies calling on them to reject participation in the annual Maclean's survey of universities and other similar surveys.

**2006/05:015 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:014 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:014 REFERRED****2006/05:016 MOTION**

Local 54/Local 68

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is a policy board that can pass resolutions regarding Human Rights; and

Whereas Iran was one of the signatories who unanimously adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948; and

Whereas Article 26 of the Declaration states that:

Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all based on merit; and

Whereas Iran ratified the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights on the 3 January 1976; and

Whereas Article 13 of the Covenant states that:

Higher education shall be made equally accessible to all, on the basis of capacity, by every appropriate means, and in particular by the progressive introduction of free education; and

Whereas Article 18 of the Covenant states that:

Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. This right shall include freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice, and freedom, either individually or in



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community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching; and

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran has systematically sought to deprive its largest religious minority, the Bahá'í community, of the right to a full education since 1979; and

Whereas the Supreme Revolutionary Cultural Council of Iran has stated that its dealings with the Bahá'ís must be in such a way that their progress and development are blocked. This has manifested itself in the form of denial of post-secondary education to the Bahá'ís based solely on their faith; and

Whereas this is in direct violation of the aforementioned Declaration and Covenant; and

Whereas the United Nations Commission on Human Rights has passed more than 20 resolutions expressing concerns about reports of human rights violations in Iran, and each has made specific mention of the situation of the Bahá'í community there; and

Whereas the Senate at the University of Winnipeg on February 6, 2006 passed a resolution expressing their concern over the denial of higher education to Iranian Bahá'ís by communicating this concern to international human rights organizations and Iranian authorities; and

Whereas the student union of Trent University also passed a resolution relating to the denial of education to the Bahá'ís in Iran; and

Whereas Le Monde newspaper in France published an article written by twelve professors, including two Nobel Prize winners, expressing their concern on the issue; and

Whereas the students and faculty at the University of Guelph understand and value the importance of education for all people, and members of its administration, faculty, and student body have written and expressed their concern; and

Whereas recently, a letter by the Chairman of the Command Headquarters of the Armed Forces in Iran to a number of governmental agencies has been brought to the attention of the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations. In the letter, the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, had instructed the Command Headquarters to identify persons who adhere to the Bahá'í faith and monitor their activities. The letter goes on to request the recipients to, in a highly confidential manner, collect any and all information about members of the Bahá'í faith; and

Whereas the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief of the United Nations issued a statement of concern as to the information she has received concerning the treatment of members of the Bahá'í community in Iran. This statement is dated March 20th 2006; therefore

Be it resolved that the systematic persecution of the Bahá'ís in Iran be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that that this concern be communicated to international human rights organizations and Iranian authorities as well as to the general student body in universities and colleges across Canada through the following campaigns:

- the presenting of resolutions condemning the denial of Bahá'í students to higher education through students' unions;
- funding for the production and distribution of campaign buttons and other educational material deemed appropriate;
- coordinated letter-writing to the UN General Secretary, High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran; and
- consistent and continuous effort to show support for members of the Bahá'í community in its struggle for the right to education.

**2006/05:017 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:016 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:016 REFERRED**

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**2006/05:018 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 54/Local 68

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Whereas the Senate at the University of Winnipeg on February 6, 2006 passed a resolution expressing their concern over the denial of higher education to Iranian Bahá'ís by communicating this concern to international human rights organizations and Iranian authorities; and

Whereas the student union of Trent University also passed a resolution relating to the denial of education to the Bahá'ís in Iran; and

Whereas Le Monde newspaper in France published an article written by twelve professors, including two Nobel Prize winners, expressing their concern on the issue; and

Whereas the students and faculty at the University of Guelph understand and value the importance of education for all people, and members of its administration, faculty and student body have written and expressed their concern; and

Whereas, recently, a letter by the Chairman of the Command Headquarters of the Armed Forces in Iran to a number of governmental agencies has been brought to the attention of the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations; and

Whereas, in the letter, the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, instructed the Command Headquarters to identify persons who adhere to the Bahá'í faith and monitor their activities; and

Whereas the letter goes on to request the recipients to, in a highly confidential manner, collect any and all information about members of the Bahá'í faith; and

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Whereas the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief of the United Nations issued a statement of concern as to the information she has received concerning the treatment of members of the Bahá'í community in Iran. This statement is dated March 20th 2006; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation condemns the systematic persecution of the Bahá'ís in Iran and supports the efforts of the members of the Bahá'í community in their struggle for the right to education.

**2006/05:019 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:018 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:018 REFERRED****2006/05:020 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 54/Local 68

Whereas international students are currently not allowed to work off campus; and

Whereas international students pay significantly more in tuition fees; and

Whereas international students are excluded from being able to receive government subsidies for things like childcare; and

Whereas international student tuition fees are deregulated in Canada making international students a target for cash-strapped universities; and

Whereas their tuition fees increased by four percent last year at the University of Guelph (due to a budget deficit) when domestic tuition fees remained frozen; and

Whereas international student tuition fees are being raised again for September 2006 (incoming international tuition fees at the University of Guelph are set to increase by \$4000 per year for regular degree programs and \$5000 for specialised programs); therefore

Be it resolved that the International Students' policy be amended to include the following:

Member locals are encouraged to:

- adopt employment equity clauses for international students applying for student union jobs;
- lobby their administrations to freeze international student tuition fees; and
- lobby the government to allow international students work opportunities off campus.

**2006/05:021 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:020 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:020 REFERRED****2006/05:022 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 54/Local 68

Whereas municipal elections occur at roughly the same time in all provinces; and

Whereas city councils deal with many issues relevant to post-secondary students especially pertaining to city by-laws, housing and public transportation; and

Whereas in addressing student issues such as tuition fees, it is important to build coalitions with and gain support from all levels of government; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the heading Municipal Elections:

Member locals are encouraged to:

- lobby their administrations for on-campus polling stations during municipal elections;
- record and make public where mayoral and city council candidates stand on student issues; and

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- hold on-campus all candidates forums before municipal elections take place.

Template campaign material will be provided to all member locals, which will advertise such things as information on candidates, polling booth locations and voting day for municipal elections, as well as a fact sheet on the benefits on engaging in local politics and references to where information can be found.

**2006/05:023 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:022 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:022 REFERRED****2006/05:024 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 19/Local 68

Be it resolved that the following issues policy on "Child Care" be adopted:

**Preamble**

To enable individuals with children to pursue post-secondary education, child care must be publicly-funded and administered, universal, accessible, comprehensive, of high-quality, and non-profit.

Not-for-profit child care centres are more likely to have better quality, higher paid staff, better child/staff ratios, more inclusive programme offerings, and are more accessible to low-income families than private, for-profit child care services.

The delivery of child care on a public, not-for-profit basis in Canada protects child care from being negotiated in trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), which would allow for large commercial chains to deliver child care in Canada. In Australia, where child care is primarily offered by for-profit chains, stakeholder profits have taken priority over quality of services.

Child care is a necessity to achieve equality for women, who are disproportionately affected by child care in Canada. Public child care enables women to choose to study or work.

**Policy**

The Federation supports a national child care program that is:

- Publicly funded and publicly administered;
- Universal in that it provides child care services for all children in Canada aged 0-12;
- Accessible in that child care services are provided without discrimination based on income, disability, geographical location, or other criteria;
- Comprehensive so that a range of child care services are offered, including both full and part-time child care services, and support services for caregivers taking care of children at home;
- High quality through licensed programs and well-paid, well-trained staff; and,
- Not-for-profit to ensure that child care is delivered for public not private interest.

**2006/05:025 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:024 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:024 REFERRED**

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**2006/05/026 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 19/Local 68

Be it resolved that the following policy on "Whistleblower" protection be adopted:

**Preamble**

As post-secondary institutions intensify their research agenda and increasingly rely on private donors to fund research projects and infrastructure, corporate interests can influence the direction and reported results of research. Researchers and post-secondary institution administrations are increasingly under pressure to comply with private sponsor demands to sacrifice research integrity and therefore academic freedom. Government funding policy at the federal and provincial levels is also placing significant pressure on researchers to produce research with profit potential in return for funding and recognition.

Many individuals in Canada have made efforts in good faith to expose research misconduct in public institutions despite putting themselves at risk. These individuals are often referred to as "whistleblowers" and, in some cases, have been subject to retaliation. Whistleblowers are individuals who report or attempt to report, in good faith, violations to research integrity. Such violations can include data falsification or fabrication, data suppression, and plagiarism.

Students in particular are afforded little protection from retaliation because they often lack the protection normally afforded through such mechanisms as collective agreements and university policies relating to academic integrity.

Retaliation can mean any adverse action taken against a whistleblower and can include, but is not limited to, threats or action to: withhold data, suspend, expel, terminate employment, initiate deportation or otherwise threaten visa status, harass, refuse to fulfill supervisory duties, pursue defamation litigation, compromise academic standing, publicly defame, or otherwise subject to discrimination.

While Canadian post-secondary institutions that receive public funds for research are required to comply with the federal research granting councils' policy on research integrity, these ethical guidelines do not include procedures for protecting those who expose breaches to research integrity.

In contrast, the United States of America's Federal Office of Research Integrity includes a Whistleblower's Bill of Rights that states, "Institutions have a duty not to tolerate or engage in retaliation against good-faith whistleblowers", and Whistleblower Protection Policy that outlines procedures for responding to retaliation against good-faith whistleblowers.

The lack of explicit protection for whistleblowers in Canada undermines efforts to ensure scientific integrity in public research.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the implementation of federal whistleblower protection policy that requires public post-secondary institutions to:

- recognise the integral role of whistleblowers in upholding the highest standards of research excellence;
- encourage all students, faculty, staff, and volunteers to bring forth good-faith reports of actual or suspected research misconduct;
- protect students, faculty, staff, and volunteers from interference or retaliation for reporting in good faith actual or suspected research misconduct;
- censure the use of kick-backs or influence of one's position in order to interfere in an individual's efforts to expose research misconduct;
- censure the use of retaliation against an individual's efforts to expose research misconduct;
- clearly outline procedures for disclosing good-faith allegations of research misconduct;
- evaluate fully and objectively all allegations of research misconduct that are brought forward in good faith by whistleblowers;
- respond to all allegations brought forward in good faith by whistleblowers in a timely, yet thorough, manner;
- follow procedures in a manner that is not tainted by conflict of interest, such as influence from a private donor; and



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- refrain, and prohibit their researchers, from entering into research contracts that include secrecy or non-disclosure clauses which would disallow researchers from defending the public interest.

**2006/05:027 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:026 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED****2006/05:026 REFERRED****2006/05:028 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 19/Local 68

Be it resolved that the policy entitled "Privatisation" be amended to read:

**Preamble**

Privatisation threatens access to post-secondary education and the integrity of colleges and universities as public institutions. Privatisation on campus can take the form of increasing tuition fees, partnerships with the private sector for product sales and the services provision, a cost-recovery approach to campus services, the transfer of institutional facilities and services to private ownership or management, and the opening of fully private accredited post-secondary education institutions.

Privatisation is the result of a growing reliance by post-secondary programs and institutions on revenue from private, instead of public, sources. Higher tuition fees are the most common effect of privatisation and such fees represent a significant barrier to access for low and middle-income students. In addition to high fees, an increasingly prevalent example of privatisation is the reliance of public-private partnerships for funding new buildings, departments, and facilities. Such funding regimes serve to starve certain programmes within the post-secondary education system and exacerbate inequities between institutions and programmes.

The encroaching privatisation of universities and colleges is also manifest in the increased outsourcing of institutional and student-run services, such as food services and administrative services, by large corporate chains. Such agreements frequently give the company exclusive rights to the campus that often compete directly with, or prohibit the existence of, services and operations run by students unions. Privatised services on campus prioritise profit by maintaining low wages, limiting consumer choice, avoiding ethical purchasing policies, and promoting consumption – all of which can undermine both quality and affordability.

In exchange for generous donations, corporations can receive direct or indirect influence over the governance and management of post-secondary institutions. Direct influence can come in the form of input into course content or research focus, ownership over research results and outcomes, and representation on departmental, faculty, and institutional governing bodies. As private fundraising increasingly becomes a permanent institutional objective, institutional governing boards have taken on an increasingly corporate character. This trend is visible in the increasing number of corporate appointees selected, over local community representatives, for their fundraising potential. Indirect influence is a byproduct of a greater institutional reliance on private financing and can lead to informal and invisible control, as institutional priorities and policies are modified to fit the interests of corporate sponsors. Both forms of influence undermine the autonomy of institutional governing bodies and threaten to distort the mandate of public post-secondary institutions through the incorporation of business values into the policies and operations of public colleges and universities.

The establishment of fully-private for-profit institutions threatens to undermine the entire public system of post-secondary education. The existence of a parallel and competing private education system siphons resources from the public system, offers sub-standard education, and endangers sovereign policy-making under international trade liberalisation agreements.

**Policy**

The Federation supports publicly funded and administered education.

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The Federation is therefore opposed to any and all forms of privatised education, including but not limited to:

- the removal of public funding from universities and colleges;
- the trend toward the deregulation of tuition and user fees for education;
- privatisation of existing public educational programs and institutions;
- the opening of accredited private post-secondary institutions,
- the replacement of public funds for research with private funds and the resulting loss of public accountability;
- the transfer of institutional facilities and services to private ownership and/or management;
- the outsourcing of college and university services to private for-profit companies; and
- corporate representation on the governing bodies of post-secondary institutions.

**2006/05:029 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:028 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:028 REFERRED****2006/05:030 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 68

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is composed of a large number of locals that use paper ballots for elections and referenda; and

Whereas the use of paper ballots is costly and bears a detrimental impact on the environment; therefore

Be it resolved that a secure and confidential online voting system be developed for use by member locals in students' union elections and referenda.

**2006/05:031 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:030 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:030 REFERRED****2006/05:032 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 68

Whereas student organisations around the country are shifting away from mail-in ballots to cost-effective and environment-friendly online voting systems; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1.4.f.i be amended to read:

Voting shall be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement between the prospective member association and the Federation, at a general meeting of the prospective member association or by a mail-out ballot, or by a secure and confidential online voting system or any voting system that has been used by the prospective member association for at least two years prior to the vote to federate.

Be it further resolved Bylaw 1.6.c.i be amended to read:

Voting will be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the member local association or by a mailout ballot, or by a secure and confidential online voting system or any voting system that has been used by the member local association for at least two years prior to the vote on defederating.

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**2006/05:033 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:032 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED****2006/05:032 REFERRED****2006/05:034 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 68

Whereas the Bylaws pertaining to the Vote on Defederating are unclear and, in some items, ambiguous; and

Whereas the procedure for federating and defederating should be clear; and

Whereas member locals should have the right to leave the Federation if they wish to do so, in a straightforward and democratic procedure; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1.6 be amended as follows:

**Vote on Defederating**

The individual members of the Federation belonging to a member local association may vote on whether to defederate, subject to the following rules and procedures:

**a. Petition**

i. A petition calling for a referendum should be signed by no less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the association and sent to the National Executive of the Federation

ii. The petition should read:

"We, the undersigned, members of [name of local association], Local [local number] of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) call for a referendum for defederation from the Canadian Federation of Students, to be carried out during the [academic term] term of [year], in accordance with the Canadian Federation of Students' Bylaw 1.3.a.iii.

**b. Notice**

i. No vote on de-federating may be held between:

- April 15 and September 15; and
- December 15 and January 15.

ii. Notice of a vote on defederating must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than four (4) months prior to the vote. The notice shall be signed by the President of the local association or the Vice-President External.

iii. Notice of the vote must include the exact dates and times of voting.

iv. In the case of a withdrawal referendum incorporating a mail-out component, the exact date of the referendum shall be the date the ballots are mailed to the individual members;

v. Failure to adhere to the notice provisions in Articles b.i, b.ii. and b.iii. shall invalidate the results of the vote.

**c. Campaigning**

i. There shall be no less than two (2) weeks of campaigning immediately preceding the voting during which time classes are in session.

ii. Only individual members and representatives of the member local association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of other Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.

**d. Voting**

i. Voting will be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the member local association or by a mailout 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.

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- 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.

**e. Quorum**

Quorum for the vote shall be that of the member local association's or five percent (5%) of the individual members of the local association, whichever is higher,

**f. Administering the Campaign and Voting**

- i. Within 3 weeks of the receipt of notice, a committee composed of two (2) members appointed by the Federation and two (2) members appointed by the member local shall be formed.
- ii. The committee shall be responsible for:
  - ii.a. deciding the manner of voting, be that by referendum, general meeting or mailout ballot;
  - ii.b. deciding the number and location of polling stations;
  - ii.c. approving all materials to be distributed during the campaign;
  - ii.d. deciding the ballot question;
  - ii.e. overseeing the voting;
  - ii.f. counting ballots;
  - ii.g. adjudicating all appeals; and
  - ii.h. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

**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 member association and one (1) member appointed by the Federation, who were not members of the Referendum Oversight Committee.

**h. Advance Remittance of Outstanding Membership Fees**

In addition to Articles a. to f., in order for a de-federation referendum to proceed, a member local association must remit all outstanding Federation fees not less than four (4) weeks prior to the date of referendum.

**i. Minimum Period Between De-Federation Votes**

In addition to Articles a. to h., in order for a de-federation referendum to take place, a member local association may not have held a de-federation referendum within the previous twenty-four (24) months.

This clause may be waived, by a two-thirds majority vote of the National Executive, if the procedures of the de-federation referendum are questionable in the extreme.

**j. Minimum Period Between Federation and De-Federation Votes**

In addition to Articles a. to i., in order for a de-federation referendum to proceed, a member local association may not have held a referendum to join the Federation within the previous twenty-four (24) months. This clause may be waived, by a two-thirds majority vote of the National Executive.

**2006/05:035 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:034 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:034 REFERRED****2006/05:036 MOTION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE POLICY**

Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson/Local 68

Be it resolved that the "International Students' Issues" policy be repealed and replaced with the following:

**Preamble**

The participation of international students in Canadian colleges and universities:

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- fosters the international exchange and development of knowledge;
- promotes cultural diversity and understanding within Canada's colleges and universities, and the communities in which they are located;
- enriches the educational experience of international students and of Canadian students and academic staff; and
- facilitates international cooperation and development.

Federal and provincial governments, granting councils, universities and colleges, employers participating in co-operative educational programs, police authorities, and other organisations or persons involved in the education of international students should not discriminate against international students on any grounds including race, creed, colour, ancestry, citizenship, ethnic or national origin, political or religious affiliation, belief or practice, sex, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, family relationship and responsibility, personal or social lifestyle or behaviour, or age. Colleges and universities in particular should not discriminate in the admission of, or the provision of services to, international students.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the:

- rights of international students, as described in policy of the Federation;
- establishment and continuance of campus international student clubs, societies, and organisations (first adopted in 1987);
- establishment and continuance of campus international student services and centres; and
- entrenchment of international student representation within local students' unions (first adopted SAGM 1991).

The Federation opposes:

- any and all differential tuition, ancillary, and administrative fees for international students (first adopted in 1976);
- quotas placed on international student enrollment (first adopted AGM 1987);
- provincial health care charges for international students;
- the use of 900 series Social Insurance Numbers and other mechanisms that identify workers based on their citizenship status (first adopted SAGM 1987);
- the expulsion of international students from Canada because of unexpected financial difficulties or unanticipated cost increases (first adopted SAGM 1990); and
- discrimination against international students by federal and provincial governments, colleges, universities, granting councils, employers participating in co-operative education programs, police authorities, and other organisations or persons involved in the education of international students.

The Federation supports the establishment of public policy that ensures that:

- there are no differential fees applied to international students;
- the Government of Canada engage in formal co-operation to establish and implement policy and programs for international students at all post-secondary institutions;
- international students are eligible for access to sufficient student financial assistance and special emergency funds in order to ensure they are able to access and maintain studies at Canadian colleges and universities irrespective of their family income background;
- international student access to colleges and universities in Canada should be based on the merit of candidates, where the criteria and judgment of merit are determined by students and academic staff;
- the Governments of Canada provide appropriate financial assistance to ensure that students admitted to public colleges and universities in Canada from the forty poorest countries in the world (as determined by the United Nations) are not denied access to a college or university in Ontario for financial reasons;
- international students are free to work in Canada during the period of their studies, on the same basis as domestic students; (first adopted AGM 1973)
- restrictions of the federal granting councils on the employment of international graduate students should be abolished;
- international students are able to obtain visas, at the time of their enrolment, lasting for the duration of their studies in Canada (first adopted SAGM 1990); and
- international students receive coverage under the provincial Health Insurance Plans that is equivalent to that of domestic students.



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The Federation supports the establishment of institutional policies that ensure that:

- there are no differential fees applied to international students;
- international student access to colleges and universities in Canada should be based on the merit of candidates, where the criteria and judgment of merit are determined by students and academic staff;
- the purposes of recruiting international students are those outlined in the Preamble, not financial gain;
- the employment of specialised, trained staff and the provision of support services, commensurate with the number and diversity of students recruited, to meet the special needs of international students and to comply with the legal duty to provide services free from discrimination;
- academic staff are provided with resources and professional development opportunities to facilitate teaching, supervision, evaluation methods, etc. that accommodate the special needs of international students (first adopted AGM 1991); and
- all reasonable assistance is provided to international students in their interactions with municipal, police, immigration, and other authorities and take all reasonable measures to ensure that such authorities do not discriminate against international students.

**2006/05:037 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:036 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED****2006/05:036 REFERRED****2006/05:038 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas after years of tuition fee hikes, Ontario students finally won a fully funded two-year tuition fee freeze in October 2003; and

Whereas students in Ontario have benefited from this freeze for the last two academic years; and

Whereas Ontario students have been in a struggle with the Liberal government to have tuition fees frozen for the 2006-2007 academic year; and

Whereas the government of Ontario announced a tuition fee framework that allows institutions to increase tuition fees between 4 and 8 percent and, in some programmes, as much as 20 percent; and

Whereas a number of universities have opted to increase student fees by the full 8 percent; and

Whereas this increase is the highest over-all increase that Ontario students have been subjected to in over a decade, far exceeding the devastating cuts and tuition fee increases of the Mike Harris years in the mid-1990s; and

Whereas Ontario already has the second-highest fees in Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty condemning the government's decision to increase tuition fees, and calling for an immediate tuition fee freeze; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of the letter be sent to the Ontario component office.

**2006/05:039 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:038 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED****2006/05:038 REFERRED****b. Motions Submitted by the National Executive**

Sioufi explained that the following motions had been submitted by the National Executive with due notice for consideration at this meeting. She said that they would require a mover and seconder.

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**2006/05:040 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 26/Local 53

Whereas from time to time the National Executive must consider issues that are particularly time sensitive or urgent; and

Whereas it is detrimental to the work of the organisation for the National Executive to postpone consideration of such issues until a National Executive meeting; and

Whereas many similar organisations allow for meetings of their boards of directors to be convened by telephone or video conferencing to consider issues that require an immediate response; and

Whereas Bylaw V is currently silent on the process for convening a National Executive meeting by teleconference; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V, Section 12, Calling of National Executive Meetings, be amended to include the following:

d. **Emergency National Executive Meetings**

The National Executive shall have the authority to convene a National Executive meeting by teleconference.

- i. teleconference meetings of the Executive may be formally called upon written request by the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and/or National Treasurer; and
- ii. notice of such meeting must be sent orally or in writing by each member of the National Executive not less than three (3) days prior to the start of the meeting.

Be it further resolved that the remaining clauses be renumbered accordingly.

**2006/05:041 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:040 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:040 REFERRED****2006/05:042 MOTION**

Local 26/Local 53

Whereas the Federation's "No Means No" campaign, launched in 1992, is one of Canada's most popular and longstanding anti-date rape campaigns; and

Whereas thousands of "No Means No" campaign materials including fact sheets, buttons, stickers, coasters, and tee-shirts are distributed to member and non-member students' unions, campus health centres, and community organisations annually; and

Whereas national statistics report university and college campuses are the second most common place where sexual assaults occur; and

Whereas the responses adopted by university and college administrations to sexual assault varies; and

Whereas there is no comprehensive information available on the scope of programs and services that currently exist on Canadian campuses to combat sexual assault;

Whereas, as an awareness campaign, accurate and up-to-date research is the cornerstone of the "No Means No" campaign; and

Whereas the "No Means No" campaign currently relies on outdated national statistics on sexual assault in Canada in the fact sheet and other research materials; therefore

Be it resolved that information be collected on programs and services currently available on Canadian campuses to combat sexual assault; and

Be it further resolved that Statistics Canada be lobbied to gather up-to-date statistics on sexual assault in Canada.

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**2006/05:043 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 24/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:042 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:042 REFERRED****c. Motions Served Notice at the Previous National General Meeting**

Sioufi said that the following motions had been served notice at the previous national general meeting for consideration at this meeting.

**2006/05:044 MOTION**

Local 25/Local 46

Whereas art and design education is fundamental to understanding and creating a national identity; and

Whereas art- and design-based institutions create unique learning environments that are continuously being undervalued and under funded;

Whereas funding cutbacks in education have been continuously targeting arts-based learning; therefore

Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the history of under-funding and funding cuts in art-based institutions and programs; and

Be it further resolved that a campaign calling for increased funding specifically for art- and design-based education be implemented nation-wide.

**2006/05:045 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 103/Local 97

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:044 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:044 REFERRED****2006/05:046 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 89

Whereas, in the Darfur region of Western Sudan, armed conflict is generating an immense humanitarian crisis of which many Canadians know little and, thus, in which the Canadian government is taking some action; and

Whereas the citizens of Darfur are struggling to survive the continual conflict and crimes against humanity as indicated by the deaths of over 400,000 people, the displacement of over two million people, the burning of villages, and constant rape of women and girls who endure some of the worst forms of human torture; and

Whereas these atrocities are unacceptable, and there is the need for further international involvement to achieve an end to the crisis and to holding those accountable who are involved in these crimes; and

Whereas a newly formed student organisation, Canadian Students for Darfur (CSFDarfur), (formerly the Vancouver-Darfur committee of Simon Fraser University and endorsed by the Canadian Federation of Students at its May 2005 national general meeting) is seeking to:

- increase public awareness throughout Canada about the ongoing crisis in Darfur;
- fundraise to assist aid agencies working to help the victims of the tragedy in Darfur; and
- urge the Canadian government to become further involved in helping to resolve the Darfur crisis; and

Whereas all aid agencies working in Darfur have recognised the urgent need for humanitarian assistance from private sources in addition to that pledged by national governments (especially in

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light of the many natural disasters that have occurred in the past year leading to donor fatigue, which have in turn pushed issues like Darfur to the back burner); and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has set up a fund where donations can be made; and

Whereas the Canadian Students for Darfur fund aims to raise \$1 million in one year, and was launched on October 5th, 2005 at Simon Fraser University by Senator and former Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire; and

Whereas the fundraising strategy and campaign called "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" seeks to collect \$1 from each student and subsequently each person in Canada until the target is reached; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur and its fund-drive have been endorsed by former Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire, Senator Mobina Jaffer, Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton, MP David Kilgour, MP Peter Julian, MP Bill Siksay, Simon Fraser University President Dr. Michael Stevenson, musician Warren Flandez, the African Heritage Society of BC, the Teaching Support Staff Union of Simon Fraser University, the Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group, the Simon Fraser Student Society, the students unions of Vancouver Community College; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur currently has chapters and or contacts in the following institutions: Langara College; Simon Fraser University; Kwantlen University-College: Langley Campus; University College of the Cariboo; Kwantlen University-College: Newton Campus; University of British Columbia-Okanagan; McGill University; and, Douglas College; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur is currently working to establish more chapters and striving to work with all student unions and labour organisations, as well as city and municipal councils across Canada; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has hosted events with speakers from various aid and human rights agencies; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur works closely and collaboratively with Students Taking Action Now: Darfur-Canada (STAND) as well as aid agencies working to help the victims of the Darfur conflict including Oxfam Canada, Doctors without Borders (MSF), War Child and Canadian Red Cross; and

Whereas an advisory committee will be set up to disburse funds collected for Darfur, with membership to be drawn from Canadian Students for Darfur, STAND Canada, Canadian Federation of Students, academics, civil society and NGOs to ensure credibility and fairness in the handling and allocation of funds; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has undertaken many advocacy initiatives including exhibitions, talks, presentations, and a vigil; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has also launched a postcard campaign addressed to the Prime Minister Paul Martin, calling on his government to maintain its involvement in the resolution of the humanitarian crisis in Darfur; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has developed promotional material to help create awareness, including brown bracelets, t-shirts, pins and magnets urging action in Darfur; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has launched an online "Petition to World Leaders" campaign, targeting world leaders with the power to pressure the government of Sudan and the rebel groups to sit down and find a political solution to the crisis in Darfur; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Students for Darfur national fundraising drive "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" (aimed at raising 1 million dollars to help the victims of the Darfur crisis) be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that the national fundraising drive be promoted; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to endorse, support and collect money for the "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" campaign; and

Be it further resolved that coalition partners and sister organisations be encouraged to endorse and support the national fundraising campaign; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Paul Martin, calling on him to publicly recognise the genocide underway in Darfur and seek to increase the number of African Union

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troops in Darfur as well as a stronger mandate through the United Nations for the protection of civilians by the African Union; and

Be it further resolved that \$4,000 or an equivalent in-kind donation be contributed toward the production of awareness and promotional material aimed at enhancing the work of Canadian Students for Darfur such as petitions, postcards, posters, brochures, wristbands, newsletters, or magnets; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to help secure the endorsement and support of their university or college governing boards, senates or equivalents, and education councils for the "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" campaign; and

Be it further resolved that member locals without chapters or contact persons be encouraged to initiate chapters and/or encourage students on their campuses to start chapters or become contacts of Canadian Students for Darfur.

**2006/05:047 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 103/Local 97

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:046 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED****2006/05:046 REFERRED****2006/05:048 MOTION**

Local 1/Local 24

Whereas for more than a decade campuses across the country have been targeted by major beverage corporations such as Coca-Cola and PepsiCo to sign long-term exclusivity contracts, exchanging cash for exclusive access to sell their beverages to the campus community; and

Whereas these contracts are typically negotiated in confidence with the administration and/or student governments and with little meaningful debate and involvement of the students, staff and faculty; and

Whereas two of the principal corporations pursuing exclusivity contracts, Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, have been involved in well-documented human rights abuses, an environmentally damaging manufacturing process, poor labour management practices and the production of products that contribute to poor health and the rise of obesity amongst young people; and

Whereas these corporations increasingly are shifting their profit centre to focus on bottled water, sports drinks and juice products, since these products can be marketed through exclusivity contracts, are exorbitantly priced and poorly regulated, while the water for these products comes from public water sources (direct from municipal tap water systems in the case of Coca-Cola and Pepsi products) and is extracted in such quantity that it depletes local water aquifers; and

Whereas these exclusivity contracts have become a specious form of revenue for student unions and university administrations in a context of post-secondary education under-funding; and

Whereas exclusivity contracts contribute to the commercialisation of public spaces; and

Whereas it is time for students' unions to show leadership on this issue and advocate for change; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with groups such as the Polaris Institute and the "Stop Killer Coke" campaign that are helping to raise awareness of the public policy threats associated with the bottled water/beverage industry;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to challenge the renewal and negotiation of exclusivity contracts on campuses and to seek the termination of existing exclusivity agreements;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with allied groups to develop alternative beverage agreements on campuses that encourage campus/community partnerships and that are in keeping with ethical purchasing policies; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to strengthen lobby efforts to pressure provincial/federal/territorial governments to increase post-secondary education funding.



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**2006/05:049 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 103/Local 97

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:048 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:048 REFERRED****2006/05:050 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 75

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby provincial governments and university and college administrations to allow international students to seek election to all university and college governing bodies.

**2006/05:051 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 103/Local 97

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:050 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:050 REFERRED****14. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

Soule said that the National Executive report was included in the delegate binders. He explained that the report was a comprehensive overview of the work of the National Executive over the preceding six months. He said that the report had become much more comprehensive over the history of the organisation.

Soule, National Deputy Chairperson Angela Regnier, National Treasurer Dave Hare and other members of the National Executive highlighted sections of the report.

Local 83 delegate David Bernans said that in Québec the Federation's federal election report cards had not been very useful because they omitted the Bloc Québécois, the major party in the province. He said that it would be ideal to include the Bloc in the materials that were produced for the next federal election.

Soule said that, before producing the report cards, the National Executive did carefully consider which parties to include. He said that the Bloc had been excluded because the party only ran candidates in one province. He said that the more important consideration was that it was a difficult party to evaluate. He said that if one reviewed its policy, the party supported an accessible system of post-secondary education. He said that unfortunately its position was that the federal government should play no or a minimal role in funding post-secondary education and that the federal government should allow the provinces to assume the majority of that work. He said that the Federation's campaigns called for a national education act, a dedicated transfer payment governed by a national education act and the Federation believed that the federal government did have a role to play in funding post-secondary education and post-secondary education policy outside the province of Quebec. He said that, as a result, it was difficult to fairly evaluate the Bloc. He said that the provincial component undertook work to evaluate the Bloc within the province.

Local 68 delegate Shamini Selvaratnam said that everyone should be congratulated for their work to win the right for international students to work off-campus. She said that it had been a significant victory. She said that the National Executive report noted that Human Resources and Skills Development had started steering the post-secondary education policy discussions towards the Australian model of income contingent student loan repayment schemes. She said that at the same time the Conservative Party had been saying that it was not a policy that they would entertain. She said that it seemed like contradictory messages were being relayed. She asked what strategies would be employed to ensure the

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Conservatives were not wavering on their refusal to implement income contingent student loan repayment schemes.

Soule said that the Conservative Party's rejection of income contingent student loan repayment schemes was a reflection of the strength of the Federation. He said that the Conservatives saw the Federation's report card, saw their failing grade because of their position on income contingent student loan repayment schemes and that in order to improve their standing, they needed to respond to the demands of students. He said that in order to hold the Conservatives to their commitment, the Federation needed to continue to be a political threat. He said that the Federation needed to continue to offer well-reasoned arguments against income contingent student loan repayment schemes.

Local 8 delegate Kate Sjoberg said that members at Local 8 had been very pleased with their handbook which had been produced through the Federation's handbook service. She said that the Local had experienced some difficulties coordinating the handbook because of the deadlines and the other priorities of the Local. She asked if the National Executive was planning to do anything to address that challenge.

Payne said that there were definitely logistical challenges that were associated with participating in and offering the handbook service. He said that the National Executive was constantly assessing the challenges that locals identified with respect to the project. He said that the project was evolving to ensure that it met the needs of locals. He said that the National Executive would be reviewing the deadlines at its summer meeting to ensure that they were workable at the local level and allowed the Federation to honour the various print deadlines.

**2006/05:052 MOTION**

Local 78/Local 92

Be it resolved that the National Executive report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**16. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

**17. RECESS****2006/05:053 MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 17/Local 61

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until 13:30, Saturday, May 28, 2006.

**CARRIED**

17:47 the meeting recessed.

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## CALL BACK TO ORDER—Sunday, May 28, 2006

14:32 the meeting was called back to order by National Chairperson George Soule.

### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 03	University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan	Present
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 by proxy
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' Union	Present
	Northern Lights College Student Association*	Absent
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local 53	Okanagan College Students' Union	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Present
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Present
Local 15	Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Absent
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 90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Absent
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 17	University of Saskatchewan Students' Union	Present
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 103	University of Manitoba Students' Union	Present
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	Absent
Local 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Present
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
	Association étudiante de la Cité Collégiale	Absent
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Present
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 104	Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present

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Local 39	McMaster University Graduate Students Association	Absent
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
	Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Absent
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
	Trent Graduate Students' Association*	Absent
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
	University of Windsor Organization of Part-Time University Students*	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' Association	Present
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Local 67	University of New Brunswick Graduate Students Association*	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	Absent
Local 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	Cape Breton University Students' Union	Present
	Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students*	Absent
Local 11	University of King's College Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Student Union of NSCAD University	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne	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 of Newfoundland Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Union	Present

\* Prospective member

Sioufi declared that quorum had been achieved.

## 2. BUSINESS TABLED FROM OPENING PLENARY

Sioufi said that there was no business from the Opening to be dealt with at this time.

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**3. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

National Treasurer Dave Hare said that the Budget Committee had engaged in a thorough discussion about the financial realities and pressures the Federation had been facing, primarily the state of the travel industry which affected Travel CUTS.

**2006/05:054 MOTION**

Local 53/Local 1

Whereas the amount of new Travel CUTS' shares to be purchased annually is now determined automatically by the Unanimous Shareholder Agreement between the Federation and the new minority shareholder in CUTS; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #29, Procedure for Purchasing Shares in Travel CUTS, be repealed.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:055 MOTION**

Local 101/Local 24

Whereas Standing Resolution #32 lists the Saskatchewan Component fee as \$.50 per semester; and

Whereas the member locals in Saskatchewan are now collecting \$1.00 per semester; therefore

Be it resolved that reference to \$.50 be replaced with \$1.00 in Standing Resolution #32, Saskatchewan Component Fee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:056 MOTION**

Local 75/Local 53

Be it resolved that Budget Committee recommend to the National Executive that, at the November 2006 annual general meeting, the Organisational and Services Development Committee be tasked with examining ways to improve the manner in which the Federation and its locals market Travel CUTS to the membership.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:057 MOTION**

Local 33/Local 53

Be it resolved that the Budget Committee Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

BC National Executive Representative Scott Payne said that Organisational and Services Development Committee had undertaken an extensive review of the Federation services in addition to considering the motions that had been served with notice for consideration at the general meeting.

**2006/05:030 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 68

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is composed of a large number of locals that use paper ballots for elections and referenda; and

Whereas the use of paper ballots is costly and bears a detrimental impact on the environment; therefore

Be it resolved that a secure and confidential online voting system be developed for use by member locals in students' union elections and referenda.

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Local 68 delegate Shamini Selvarathnam said that her local had previously employed an online voting system and had recently returned to paper ballots. She said that there was no guarantee that online voting was completely secure because adequate technology had not yet been developed. She said that if the Federation created the system to be used in students' unions' elections, the losing candidates would attack the integrity of the system. She said that online voting also discouraged civic participation. She said that if people were trained to vote online at college or university they would come to expect it in federal, provincial and municipal elections. She said that Elections Canada was not intending to develop online voting in the near future and as a result, young voters would be less likely to vote because it would require more effort.

**2006/05:030 DEFEATED**

**2006/05:032 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 68

Whereas student organisations around the country are shifting away from mail-in ballots to cost-effective and environment-friendly online voting systems; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1.4.f.i be amended to read:

Voting shall be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement between the prospective member association and the Federation, at a general meeting of the prospective member association or by a mail-out ballot, or by a secure and confidential online voting system or any voting system that has been used by the prospective member association for at least two years prior to the vote to federate.

Be it further resolved Bylaw 1.6.c.i be amended to read:

Voting will be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the member local association or by a mailout ballot, or by a secure and confidential online voting system or any voting system that has been used by the member local association for at least two years prior to the vote on defederating.

**DEFEATED**

**2006/05:034 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 68

Whereas the Bylaws pertaining to the Vote on Defederating are unclear and, in some items, ambiguous; and

Whereas the procedure for federating and defederating should be clear; and

Whereas member locals should have the right to leave the Federation if they wish to do so, in a straightforward and democratic procedure; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1.6 be amended as follows:

**Vote on Defederating**

The individual members of the Federation belonging to a member local association may vote on whether to defederate, subject to the following rules and procedures:

**a. Petition**

- i. A petition calling for a referendum should be signed by no less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the association and sent to the National Executive of the Federation.
- ii. The petition should read:

'We, the undersigned, members of [name of local association], Local [local number] of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) call for a referendum for defederation from the Canadian Federation of Students, to be carried out during the [academic term] term of [year], in accordance with the Canadian Federation of Students' Bylaw 1.3.a.iii.

**b. Notice**

- i. No vote on de-federating may be held between:
  - April 15 and September 15; and
  - December 15 and January 15.



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- ii. Notice of a vote on defederating must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than four (4) months prior to the vote. The notice shall be signed by the President of the local association or the Vice-President External.
- iii. Notice of the vote must include the exact dates and times of voting.
- iv. In the case of a withdrawal referendum incorporating a mail-out component, the exact date of the referendum shall be the date the ballots are mailed to the individual members;
- v. Failure to adhere to the notice provisions in Articles b.i, b.ii, and b.iii, shall invalidate the results of the vote.

**c. Campaigning**

- i. There shall be no less than two (2) weeks of campaigning immediately preceding the voting during which time classes are in session.
- ii. Only individual members and representatives of the member local association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of other Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.

**d. Voting**

- i. Voting will be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the member local association or by a mailout 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.

**e. Quorum**

Quorum for the vote shall be that of the member local association's or five percent (5%) of the individual members of the local association, whichever is higher.

**f. Administering the Campaign and Voting**

- i. Within 3 weeks of the receipt of notice, a committee composed of two (2) members appointed by the Federation and two (2) members appointed by the member local shall be formed.
- ii. The committee shall be responsible for:
  - ii.a. deciding the manner of voting, be that by referendum, general meeting or mailout ballot;
  - ii.b. deciding the number and location of polling stations;
  - ii.c. approving all materials to be distributed during the campaign;
  - ii.d. deciding the ballot question;
  - ii.e. overseeing the voting;
  - ii.f. counting ballots;
  - ii.g. adjudicating all appeals; and
  - ii.h. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

**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 member association and one (1) member appointed by the Federation, who were not members of the Referendum Oversight Committee.

**h. Advance Remittance of Outstanding Membership Fees**

In addition to Articles a. to f., in order for a de-federation referendum to proceed, a member local association must remit all outstanding Federation fees not less than four (4) weeks prior to the date of referendum.

**i. Minimum Period Between De-Federation Votes**

In addition to Articles a. to h., in order for a de-federation referendum to take place, a member local association may not have held a de-federation referendum within the previous twenty-four (24) months.

This clause may be waived, by a two-thirds majority vote of the National Executive, if the procedures of the de-federation referendum are questionable in the extreme.

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**J. Minimum Period Between Federation and De-Federation Votes**

In addition to Articles a. to i., in order for a de-federation referendum to proceed, a member local association may not have held a referendum to join the Federation within the previous twenty-four (24) months. This clause may be waived, by a two-thirds majority vote of the National Executive.

**2006/05:058 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:34 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Bylaw 1.6 be amended to include:

**a. Petition**

As per Bylaw I, 3.1.a.iii a petition calling for a referendum shall be signed by no less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the association and sent to the National Executive of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that the remaining clauses be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that the first sentence of Bylaw 1.6.f.i be amended to read as follows:

- i. Within three (3) months of the receipt of notice, a committee composed of two (2) members appointed by the Federation and two (2) members appointed by the member local shall be formed."

**CARRIED****2006/05:034 CARRIED AS AMENDED****2006/05:040 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 26/Local 53

Whereas from time to time the National Executive must consider issues that are particularly time sensitive or urgent; and

Whereas it is detrimental to the work of the organisation for the National Executive to postpone consideration of such issues until a National Executive meeting; and

Whereas many similar organisations allow for meetings of their boards of directors to be convened by telephone or video conferencing to consider issues that require an immediate response; and

Whereas Bylaw V is currently silent on the process for convening a National Executive meeting by teleconference; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V, Section 12, Calling of National Executive Meetings, be amended to include the following:

**d. Emergency National Executive Meetings**

The National Executive shall have the authority to convene a National Executive meeting by teleconference.

- i. teleconference meetings of the Executive may be formally called upon written request by the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and/or National Treasurer; and  
ii. notice of such meeting must be sent orally or in writing to each member of the National Executive not less than three (3) days prior to the start of the meeting.

Be it further resolved that the remaining clauses be renumbered accordingly.

**2006/05:059 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:040 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Bylaw V, Section 12, Calling of National Executive Meetings, be amended to include the following:

**d. Emergency National Executive Meetings**

The National Executive shall have the authority to convene a National Executive meeting by teleconference.

- i. teleconference meetings of the Executive may be formally called upon written request by the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and/or National Treasurer; and

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- ii. notice of such meeting must be sent orally or in writing to each member of the National Executive not less than three (3) days prior to the start of the meeting and, if notice is provided orally, notice of the meeting shall also be transmitted electronically or via facsimile that same day."

Be it further resolved that the remaining clauses be renumbered accordingly.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:040 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/05:060 MOTION**

Local 71/Local 96

Be it resolved that the Organisational and Services Development Committee Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**5. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICERS REPORT**

Hashemi said that elections for a number of positions on the National Executive had been conducted at the meeting. He announced the results.

**a. Alberta Representative**

**2006/05:061 MOTION**

Local 42/Local 21

Be it resolved that Kathleen Rhodes (Local 21) be ratified as the Alberta Representative for the 2006-2007 term.

**CARRIED**

**b. New Brunswick Representative**

**2006/05:062 MOTION**

Local 67/Local 1

Be it resolved that Colin Curry (Local 67) be ratified as the New Brunswick Representative for the 2006-2007 term.

**CARRIED**

**c. Prince Edward Island Representative**

**2006/05:063 MOTION**

Local 70/Local 104

Be it resolved that Elmabrock Masaoud (Local 70) be ratified as the Prince Edward Island Representative for the 2006-2007 term.

**CARRIED**

**d. Saskatchewan Representative**

**2006/05:064 MOTION**

Local 101/Local 17

Be it resolved that Alice Collins (Local 17) be ratified as the Saskatchewan Representative for the 2006-2007 term.

**CARRIED**

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**e. Students of Colour Representative****2006/05:065 MOTION**

Local 68/Local 13

Be it resolved that Alam Ashraful (Local 24) be ratified as the Students of Colour Representative for the 2006-2007 term.

**f. Francophone Students' Representative****2006/05:066 MOTION**

Local 91/Local 94

Be it resolved that Katherine Boushel (Local 91) be ratified as the Francophone Students' Representative for the 2006-2007 term.

**CARRIED**

**g. Graduate Students Representative****2006/05:067 MOTION**

Local 96/Local 79

Be it resolved that Meghan Gallant (Local 96) be ratified as the Graduate Students Representative for the 2006-2007 term.

**h. Women's Representative****2006/05:068 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 38

Be it resolved that Sarah Amyot (Local 8) be ratified as the Women's Representative for the 2006-2007 term.

**CARRIED**

**6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY CAUCUSES AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS****a. Caucuses****Aboriginal Students**

Aboriginal Students' Representative Starleigh Grass reported that elections for the positions of National Executive Representative and National Aboriginal Caucus Chairperson had been conducted at the National Aboriginal Caucus meeting held in March. She said that Local 72 member Michael White had been elected the Aboriginal Chairperson. She said that Local 8 member Jarita Greyeyes had been elected the Aboriginal National Executive Representative.

Grass said that the Caucus had reviewed its newest initiative, the Stolen Sisters campaign. She said that the campaign focused on violence against Aboriginal women who were four to five times more likely to die as a result of violence. She said that the campaign called for increased programming for the prevention of violence against Aboriginal women, called for measures to decrease the amount of negligence in the criminal justice system with respect to Aboriginal women and their families and for research on the incidences of violence against Aboriginal women to be conducted. She encouraged members to promote the campaign.

Grass reported that she and White had recently attended an Indian and Northern Affairs Canada meeting and addressed the issue of the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Support Programme. She said that she and White had been informed that the Conservative government was unlikely to increase funding to the programme. She said that the previous Liberal government had threatened to tax the funding; however, the representatives from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada had indicated that the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Support Programme would not be taxed. She said that the decision

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not to tax the funding was a victory and had been achieved as a result of pressure from the Federation.

Incoming Aboriginal Students' Representative Greyeyes thanked Grass for her contributions to the work of the Aboriginal Caucus. She noted that the Stolen Sisters postcards would be widely distributed at campuses throughout the fall. She said that the Caucus believed that it was important to raise awareness about AIDS amongst Aboriginal students and wanted to partner with organisations to work on Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week. She said that the Caucus had also discussed creating a library of Aboriginal media that could be used by locals as a resource.

**Graduate Students**

National Graduate Caucus Chairperson Eric Newstadt said that the Graduate Students Caucus had continued to discuss the issue of commercialisation and the research and innovation agenda that had been taking shape across the country. He said that the Caucus had invited the Secretary for the Expert Panel on Commercialisation to speak at a Caucus meeting. He said that the panel had been formed in 2005 by the Liberal government and had been intended to make recommendations to government on how to increase and make more effective the commercialisation of research. He said that the Caucus learned how rapidly the commercialisation agenda had been moving and how fundamentally rooted federal research money was in the interests of industry. He said that what had emerged from the discussions at the Caucus meeting was how steadfast the Federation was in its position against the commercialisation of research.

Newstadt reported that the Caucus had reviewed a forthcoming report that would later be distributed on the commercialisation of research. He said that the Caucus was pleased to see the whistleblower policy that had been served for consideration at the meeting and discussed an invitation to testify at a House of Commons subcommittee that was reviewing federal whistleblower protection legislation. He said that it demonstrated that the Federation was increasingly recognised as the national voice for students in Canada.

Newstadt reported that at its spring meeting the Caucus had elected its Deputy Chairperson, Graham Cox. He said that the Caucus wished to thank outgoing Graduate Students' Representative Phil Robinson who had been a stalwart supporter of the work of the Caucus.

**b. Constituency Groups****Student Artists Constituency Group**

Local 7 delegate Lyndall Musselman said that she had been elected the Student Artists Constituency Group Commissioner. She said that the Group had discussed art, education and how various fees for art students were hidden. She said that art students paid material fees that were, in effect, tuition fees and locals needed to be vigilant in lobbying their institution administrators to reduce or eliminate these fees.

**Students of Colour Constituency Group**

Manitoba Representative Amanda Aziz said that attendance at the Students of Colour Constituency Group had been impressive which was directly attributable to the increasing involvement of students of colour at the local level across the country. She said that the Group had discussed the motions that had been served with notice for consideration at the general meeting and had elected the Students of Colour Representative, Local 24 delegate Alam Ashraful. She said that the Group also discussed ways to encourage students of colour to get involved in their students' union and specifically with the day of action.

**Students with Disabilities Constituency Group**

Local 99 delegate Jeff Peters said that the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group had reviewed the various motions that had been served with notice for consideration at the general meeting. He said that Local 53 member Dave Lubbers had been elected the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group commissioner.

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Lubbers thanked Peters for his contributions to the work of the Group. He said that the Group had discussed a motion to present to the next general meeting. He said that the Group wanted to create and highlight the unique strengths of students' with disabilities. He encouraged locals to contact him with suggestions for the campaign.

**Francophone Students Constituency Group**

Francophone Students' Representative Katherine Boushel reminded delegates of the importance of wearing their interpretation headsets during the meeting and being mindful that some delegates would speak in French and that it was important to respect that.

**International Students Constituency Group**

Québec Representative Brent Farrington said that members of the International Students Constituency Group were extremely happy about the news that international students had won the right to work off campus. He said that working together as members of the Federation had resulted in this amazing victory. He said that the Federation had to work to ensure that international students on every campus had access to the information they required to take advantage of the right to work off campus. He said that there were a number of other issues that the Group had discussed including rising tuition fees for international students, different tuition fees from province to province, inconsistent access to information about immigration. He said that the Group discussed the requirement that international students had to prove at any moment they could access \$10,000. He said that it was a major barrier to international students pursuing an education in Canada. He said that Group also discussed the fact that many international students seek residency once they had completed their studies and the process should be consistent across the country.

**Queer Students Constituency Group**

Women's Representative Sarah Amyot said that the Queer Students Constituency Group had elected two co-commissioners, Local 5 delegate Ewan MacLean and Local 75 delegate Jadeh Keithiah.

**Women Students Constituency Group**

Amyot said that the Women Students Constituency Group discussed the No Means No campaign extensively. She said that there was a desire to provide accurate information about date rape and date rape drugs. She said, however, that the challenge was to find a way to undertake the work in a way that was truly empowering to women. She said that the goal should be to develop a campaign where the onus was not on the woman to protect herself but to help create a culture in which it was unacceptable to use date rape drugs and unacceptable to assault someone. She said that the Group also discussed the very limited access to abortion services for women in the Maritimes. She said that lastly, the Group had discussed the possibility of the Federation providing childcare at general meetings.

**7. PRESENTATION OF THE POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT****2006/05:010 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 8/Local 68

Whereas Federation policy currently states that student loans are not a solution to the problem of restricted access to post-secondary education; and

Whereas, as long as the Canada Student Loans Program exists, it should be a tool to improve access to post-secondary education; and

Whereas the Canada Student Loans Program currently evaluates an applicant's level of need based on a comparison of expenses and income; and

Whereas the Canada Student Loans Program fails to take into account an applicant's family income or class background when assessing need, despite the importance of this factor in determining access to post-secondary education; therefore



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Be it resolved that the clause following, "The Federation supports" in the Student Financial Assistance be amended to include the following:

The equal consideration of both need and income background in student loan assessments, in order to improve accessibility of post-secondary education.

**2006/05:069 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 8/Local 68

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:010 be referred to the National Executive; and

Be it further resolved that a draft policy related to the consideration of need and income for student loan assessment be presented at the November 2006 national general meeting.

**CARRIED****2006/05:010 REFERRED****2006/05:018 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 54/Local 68

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is a policy board that can pass resolutions regarding Human Rights; and

Whereas Iran was one of the signatories who unanimously adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948; and;

Whereas Article 26 of the Declaration states that:

Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all based on merit; and

Whereas Iran ratified the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights on the 3 January 1976, and

Whereas Article 13 of the Covenant states that:

Higher education shall be made equally accessible to all, on the basis of capacity, by every appropriate means, and in particular by the progressive introduction of free education; and

Whereas Article 18 of the Covenant states that:

Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. This right shall include freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice, and freedom, either individually or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching; and

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran has systematically sought to deprive its largest religious minority, the Bahá'í community, of the right to a full education since 1979; and

Whereas the Supreme Revolutionary Cultural Council of Iran has stated that its dealings with the Bahá'ís must be in such a way that their progress and development are blocked; and

Whereas this has manifested itself in the form of denial of post secondary education to the Bahá'ís based solely on their faith; and

Whereas this is in direct violation of the aforementioned Declaration and Covenant; and

Whereas the United Nations Commission on Human Rights has passed more than 20 resolutions expressing concerns about reports of human rights violations in Iran, and each has made specific mention of the situation of the Bahá'í community there; and

Whereas the Senate at the University of Winnipeg on February 6, 2006 passed a resolution expressing their concern over the denial of higher education to Iranian Bahá'ís by communicating this concern to international human rights organizations and Iranian authorities; and

Whereas the student union of Trent University also passed a resolution relating to the denial of education to the Bahá'ís in Iran; and

Whereas Le Monde newspaper in France published an article written by twelve professors, including two Nobel Prize winners, expressing their concern on the issue; and

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Whereas the students and faculty at the University of Guelph understand and value the importance of education for all people, and members of its administration, faculty and student body have written and expressed their concern; and

Whereas, recently, a letter by the Chairman of the Command Headquarters of the Armed Forces in Iran to a number of governmental agencies has been brought to the attention of the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations; and

Whereas, in the letter, the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, instructed the Command Headquarters to identify persons who adhere to the Bahá'í faith and monitor their activities; and

Whereas the letter goes on to request the recipients to, in a highly confidential manner, collect any and all information about members of the Bahá'í faith; and

Whereas the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief of the United Nations issued a statement of concern as to the information she has received concerning the treatment of members of the Bahá'í community in Iran. This statement is dated March 20th 2006; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation condemns the systematic persecution of the Bahá'ís in Iran and supports the efforts of the members of the Bahá'í community in their struggle for the right to education.

**DEFEATED****2006/05:020 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 54/Local 68

Whereas International students are currently not allowed to work off campus; and

Whereas international students pay significantly more in tuition fees; and

Whereas international students are excluded from being able to receive government subsidies for things like childcare; and

Whereas international student tuition fees are deregulated in Canada making international students a target for cash-strapped universities; and

Whereas their tuition fees increased by four percent last year at the University of Guelph (due to a budget deficit) when domestic tuition fees remained frozen; and

Whereas international student tuition fees are being raised again for September 2006 (incoming international tuition fees at the University of Guelph are set to increase by \$4000 per year for regular degree programs and \$5000 for specialised programs); therefore

Be it resolved that the International Students' policy be amended to include the following:

Member locals are encouraged to:

- adopt employment equity clauses for international students applying for student union jobs;
- lobby their administrations to freeze international student tuition fees; and
- lobby the government to allow international students work opportunities off campus.

**DEFEATED****2006/05:022 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 54/Local 68

Whereas municipal elections occur at roughly the same time in all provinces; and

Whereas city councils deal with many issues relevant to post-secondary students especially pertaining to city by-laws, housing and public transportation; and

Whereas in addressing student issues such as tuition fees, it is important to build coalitions with and gain support from all levels of government; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the heading Municipal Elections:

Member locals are encouraged to:

- lobby their administrations for on-campus polling stations during municipal elections;
- record and make public where mayoral and city council candidates stand on student issues; and
- hold on-campus all candidates forums before municipal elections take place.

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Template campaign material will be provided to all member locals, which will advertise such things as information on candidates, polling booth locations and voting day for municipal elections, as well as a fact sheet on the benefits on engaging in local politics and references to where information can be found.

**DEFEATED****2006/05:024 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 19/Local 68

Be it resolved that the following issues policy on "Child Care" be adopted:

**Preamble**

To enable individuals with children to pursue post-secondary education, child care must be publicly-funded and administered, universal, accessible, comprehensive, of high-quality, and non-profit.

Not-for-profit child care centres are more likely to have better quality, higher paid staff, better child/staff ratios, more inclusive programme offerings, and are more accessible to low-income families than private, for-profit child care services.

The delivery of child care on a public, not-for-profit basis in Canada protects child care from being negotiated in trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), which would allow for large commercial chains to deliver child care in Canada. In Australia, where child care is primarily offered by for-profit chains, stakeholder profits have taken priority over quality of services.

Child care is a necessity to achieve equality for women, who are disproportionately affected by child care in Canada. Public child care enables women to choose to study or work.

**Policy**

The Federation supports a national child care program that is:

- Publicly funded and publicly administered;
- Universal in that it provides child care services for all children in Canada aged 0-12;
- Accessible in that child care services are provided without discrimination based on income, disability, geographical location, or other criteria;
- Comprehensive so that a range of child care services are offered, including both full and part-time child care services, and support services for caregivers taking care of children at home;
- High quality through licensed programs and well-paid, well-trained staff; and,
- Not-for-profit to ensure that child care is delivered for public not private interest.

**2006/05:070 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 68/Local 8

Be it resolved that the second sentence in the preamble of the policy proposed in Motion-2006/05:024 be amended to read as follows:

Not-for-profit child care centres are more likely to have better quality, higher paid staff, lower child/staff ratios, more inclusive programme offerings, and are more accessible to low-income families than private, for-profit child care services.

Be it further resolved that the fifth and sixth sentences in the preamble of the policy proposed in Motion-2006/05:024 be amended to read as follows:

Child care is a necessity to achieve equality for women, who are disproportionately responsible for child care in Canada. Public child care enables women to choose to study and/or work.

Be it further resolved that the second bullet in the policy proposed in Motion-2006/05:024 be amended to read as follows:

- Universal in that it provides child care services for all children in Canada aged 0-12 and children with disabilities over the age of 12;

**CARRIED**

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Local 8 delegate Kate Sjöberg said that she strongly supported the proposed policy. She said that it was a positive direction for the Federation. She said that it was particularly timely given Prime Minister Stephen Harper's attempts to dismantle the work that has been undertaken to establish universal child care.

**2006/05:024 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/05:026 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 19/Local 68

Be it resolved that the following policy on "Whistleblower" protection be adopted:

**Preamble**

As post-secondary institutions intensify their research agenda and increasingly rely on private donors to fund research projects and infrastructure, corporate interests can influence the direction and reported results of research. Researchers and post-secondary institution administrations are increasingly under pressure to comply with private sponsor demands to sacrifice research integrity and therefore academic freedom. Government funding policy at the federal and provincial levels is also placing significant pressure on researchers to produce research with profit potential in return for funding and recognition.

Many individuals in Canada have made efforts in good faith to expose research misconduct in public institutions despite putting themselves at risk. These individuals are often referred to as "whistleblowers" and, in some cases, have been subject to retaliation. Whistleblowers are individuals who report or attempt to report, in good faith, violations to research integrity. Such violations can include data falsification or fabrication, data suppression, and plagiarism.

Students in particular are afforded little protection from retaliation because they often lack the protection normally afforded through such mechanisms as collective agreements and university policies relating to academic integrity.

Retaliation can mean any adverse action taken against a whistleblower and can include, but is not limited to, threats or action to: withhold data, suspend, expel, terminate employment, initiate deportation or otherwise threaten visa status, harass, refuse to fulfill supervisory duties, pursue defamation litigation, compromise academic standing, publicly defame, or otherwise subject to discrimination.

While Canadian post-secondary institutions that receive public funds for research are required to comply with the federal research granting councils' policy on research integrity, these ethical guidelines do not include procedures for protecting those who expose breaches to research integrity.

In contrast, the United States of America's federal Office of Research Integrity includes a Whistleblower's Bill of Rights that states, "Institutions have a duty not to tolerate or engage in retaliation against good-faith whistleblowers", and Whistleblower Protection Policy that outlines procedures for responding to retaliation against good-faith whistleblowers.

The lack of explicit protection for whistleblowers in Canada undermines efforts to ensure scientific integrity in public research.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the implementation of federal whistleblower protection policy that requires public post-secondary institutions to:

- recognise the integral role of whistleblowers in upholding the highest standards of research excellence;
- encourage all students, faculty, staff, and volunteers to bring forth good-faith reports of actual or suspected research misconduct;
- protect students, faculty, staff, and volunteers from interference or retaliation for reporting in good faith actual or suspected research misconduct;
- censure the use of kick-backs or influence of one's position in order to interfere in an individual's efforts to expose research misconduct;
- censure the use of retaliation against an individual's efforts to expose research misconduct;
- clearly outline procedures for disclosing good-faith allegations of research misconduct;
- evaluate fully and objectively all allegations of research misconduct that are brought forward in good faith by whistleblowers;

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- respond to all allegations brought forward in good faith by whistleblowers in a timely, yet thorough, manner;
- follow procedures in a manner that is not tainted by conflict of interest, such as influence from a private donor; and
- refrain, and prohibit their researchers, from entering into research contracts that include secrecy or non-disclosure clauses which would disallow researchers from defending the public interest.

**2006/05:071 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 24/Local 96

Be it resolved that the eighth sentence in the preamble of the policy proposed in Motion-2006/05:026 be amended to read as follows:

Students in particular are afforded little protection from retaliation because they often lack the protection normally afforded through such mechanisms as collective agreements and post-secondary institutional policies relating to academic freedom.

Be it further resolved that the twelfth sentence in the preamble of the proposed policy in Motion-2006/05:026 be amended to read as follows:

The lack of explicit protection for whistleblowers in Canada undermines efforts to ensure academic integrity in public research.

**CARRIED****2006/05:026 CARRIED AS AMENDED****2006/05:028 MOTION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE POLICY**

Local 19/Local 68

Be it resolved that the policy entitled "Privatisation" be repealed and replaced with the following:

**Preamble**

Privatisation threatens access to post-secondary education and the integrity of colleges and universities as public institutions. Privatisation on campus can take the form of increasing tuition fees, partnerships with the private sector for product sales and the services provision, a cost-recovery approach to campus services, the transfer of institutional facilities and services to private ownership or management, and the opening of fully private accredited post-secondary education institutions.

Privatisation is the result of a growing reliance by post-secondary programs and institutions on revenue from private, instead of public, sources. Higher tuition fees are the most common effect of privatisation and such fees represent a significant barrier to access for low and middle-income students. In addition to high fees, an increasingly prevalent example of privatisation is the reliance of public-private partnerships for funding new buildings, departments, and facilities. Such funding regimes serve to starve certain programmes within the post-secondary education system and exacerbate inequities between institutions and programmes.

The encroaching privatisation of universities and colleges is also manifest in the increased outsourcing of institutional and student-run services, such as food services and administrative services, by large corporate chains. Such agreements frequently give the company exclusive rights to the campus that often compete directly with, or prohibit the existence of, services and operations run by students unions. Privatised services on campus prioritise profit by maintaining low wages, limiting consumer choice, avoiding ethical purchasing policies, and promoting consumption – all of which can undermine both quality and affordability.

In exchange for generous donations, corporations can receive direct or indirect influence over the governance and management of post-secondary institutions. Direct influence can come in the form of input into course content or research focus, ownership over research results and outcomes, and representation on departmental, faculty, and institutional governing bodies. As private fundraising increasingly becomes a permanent institutional objective, institutional governing boards have taken on an increasingly corporate character. This trend is visible in the increasing number of corporate appointees selected, over local community representatives, for their fundraising potential. Indirect influence is a byproduct of a greater institutional reliance on private financing and can lead to informal and invisible control, as institutional priorities and policies are modified to fit the interests of corporate

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sponsors. Both forms of influence undermine the autonomy of institutional governing bodies and threaten to distort the mandate of public post-secondary institutions through the incorporation of business values into the policies and operations of public colleges and universities.

The establishment of fully-private for-profit institutions threatens to undermine the entire public system of post-secondary education. The existence of a parallel and competing private education system siphons resources from the public system, offers sub-standard education, and endangers sovereign policy-making under international trade liberalisation agreements.

**Policy**

The Federation supports publicly funded and administered education.

The Federation is therefore opposed to any and all forms of privatised education, including but not limited to:

- the removal of public funding from universities and colleges;
- the trend toward the deregulation of tuition and user fees for education;
- privatisation of existing public educational programs and institutions;
- the opening of accredited private post-secondary institutions;
- the replacement of public funds for research with private funds and the resulting loss of public accountability;
- the transfer of institutional facilities and services to private ownership and/or management;
- the outsourcing of college and university services to private for-profit companies; and
- corporate representation on the governing bodies of post-secondary institutions.

**2006/05:072 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 98/Local 54

Be it resolved that the word "removal" be replaced with the word "reduction" in the first bullet of the proposed policy in Motion-2006/05:028;

Be it further resolved that the words "tuition and user fees" be replaced with the words "tuition fees and other user fees" in the second bullet of the proposed policy in Motion-2006/05:028; and

Be it further resolved that the fifth bullet of the policy proposed in Motion-2006/05:028 be amended to read as follows:

- the loss of public accountability caused by the replacement of public funds for research with private funds and/or the creation of public-private partnerships;

**CARRIED****2006/05:028 CARRIED AS AMENDED****2006/05:036 MOTION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE POLICY**

Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson/Local 68

Be it resolved that the "International Students' Issues" policy be repealed and replaced with the following:

**Preamble**

The participation of international students in Canadian colleges and universities:

- fosters the international exchange and development of knowledge;
- promotes cultural diversity and understanding within Canada's colleges and universities, and the communities in which they are located;
- enriches the educational experience of international students and of Canadian students and academic staff; and
- facilitates international cooperation and development.

Federal and provincial governments, granting councils, universities and colleges, employers participating in co-operative educational programs, police authorities, and other organisations or persons involved in the education of international students should not discriminate against international students on any grounds including race, creed, colour, ancestry, citizenship, ethnic or national origin, political or religious affiliation, belief or practice, sex, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, family relationship



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and responsibility, personal or social lifestyle or behaviour, or age. Colleges and universities in particular should not discriminate in the admission of, or the provision of services to, international students.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the:

- rights of international students, as described in policy of the Federation;
- establishment and continuance of campus international student clubs, societies, and organisations;
- establishment and continuance of campus international student services and centres; and
- entrenchment of international student representation within local students' unions.

The Federation opposes:

- any and all differential tuition, ancillary, and administrative fees for international students (first adopted in 1976);
- quotas placed on international student enrollment;
- provincial health care charges for international students;
- the use of 900 series Social Insurance Numbers and other mechanisms that identify workers based on their citizenship status;
- the expulsion of international students from Canada because of unexpected financial difficulties or unanticipated cost increases; and
- discrimination against international students by federal and provincial governments, colleges, universities, granting councils, employers participating in co-operative education programs, police authorities, and other organisations or persons involved in the education of international students.

The Federation supports the establishment of public policy that ensures that:

- there are no differential fees applied to international students;
- the Government of Canada engage in formal co-operation to establish and implement policy and programs for international students at all post-secondary institutions;
- international students are eligible for access to sufficient student financial assistance and special emergency funds in order to ensure they are able to access and maintain studies at Canadian colleges and universities irrespective of their family income background;
- international student access to colleges and universities in Canada should be based on the merit of candidates, where the criteria and judgment of merit are determined by students and academic staff;
- the Governments of Canada provide appropriate financial assistance to ensure that students admitted to public colleges and universities in Canada from the forty poorest countries in the world (as determined by the United Nations) are not denied access to a college or university in Ontario for financial reasons;
- international students are free to work in Canada during the period of their studies, on the same basis as domestic students;
- restrictions of the federal granting councils on the employment of international graduate students should be abolished;
- international students are able to obtain visas, at the time of their enrolment, lasting for the duration of their studies in Canada; and
- international students receive coverage under the provincial Health Insurance Plans that is equivalent to that of domestic students.

The Federation supports the establishment of institutional policies that ensure that:

- there are no differential fees applied to international students;
- international student access to colleges and universities in Canada should be based on the merit of candidates, where the criteria and judgment of merit are determined by students and academic staff;
- the purposes of recruiting international students are those outlined in the Preamble, not financial gain;
- the employment of specialised, trained staff and the provision of support services, commensurate with the number and diversity of students recruited, to meet the special needs of international students and to comply with the legal duty to provide services free from discrimination;
- academic staff are provided with resources and professional development opportunities to facilitate teaching, supervision, evaluation methods, etc. that accommodate the special needs of international students; and

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- all reasonable assistance is provided to international students in their interactions with municipal, police, immigration, and other authorities and take all reasonable measures to ensure that such authorities do not discriminate against international students.

**2006/05:073 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 28/Local 99

Be it resolved that all references to "colleges and universities" or "universities and colleges" be replaced with the words "post-secondary institutions" in Motion-2006/05:036;

Be it further resolved that the words "gender, gender identity" be added between the words "sex" and "sexual orientation" in the second sentence of the preamble in the policy proposed in Motion-2006/05:036;

Be it further resolved that the first bullet of the second sentence of the policy in Motion-2006/05:036 be amended to read as follows:

- all differential fees for international students;

Be it further resolved that the word "Ontario" be replaced with the word "Canada" in the fifth bullet of the third sentence of the policy proposed in Motion-2006/05:036;

Be it further resolved that the words "should be" be replaced with the word "is" in the fourth bullet of the third sentence and the second bullet of the fourth sentence of the policy proposed in Motion-2006/05:036; and

Be it further resolved that the third bullet of the fourth sentence of the policy proposed in Motion-2006/05:036 be amended to read as follows:

- the purpose of recruiting international students is not financial gain;

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:036 CARRIED AS AMENDED****2006/05:074 MOTION**

Local 42/Local 103

Be it resolved that the Policy Development and Review Committee Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**8. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT****2006/05:012 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 68

Whereas most provinces exclude housing provided by educational institutions from acts governing tenant-landlord relationships in rental properties; and

Whereas the rights of a tenant should be extended to those living in student housing; and

Whereas students' tenancy rights are often violated and these students have little recourse; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the provincial governments in those provinces in which the housing provided by educational institutions is not governed by tenant-landlord legislation;

Be it further resolved that the member locals be encouraged to lobby provincial governments to include housing provided by educational institutions in legislation governing tenant-landlord relationships; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to lobby provincial governments to include housing provided by educational institutions in legislation governing tenant-landlord relationships.

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**2006/05:075 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 8/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:012 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the provincial governments in those provinces in which the housing provided by educational institutions is not governed by tenant-landlord legislation calling on those governments to amend legislation to protect the rights of students who live on campus;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby provincial governments to include housing provided by educational institutions in legislation governing tenant-landlord relationships; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to lobby provincial governments to include housing provided by educational institutions in legislation governing tenant-landlord relationships."

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:012 CARRIED AS AMENDED****2006/05:014 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 68

Whereas Maclean's magazine publishes an annual ranking of Canadian universities; and

Whereas these rankings often favour universities that have raised tuition fees and increased private funding; and

Whereas some universities have established administrative working groups to examine changes the university can make in order to rank higher on the Maclean's list; and

Whereas these changes are often superficial and have come at the expense of students' interests; therefore

Be it resolved that Maclean's magazine be urged to discontinue its annual ranking of universities; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to reject participation in the annual Maclean's survey of universities and other similar surveys; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to submit motions to senates and governing bodies calling on them to reject participation in the annual Maclean's survey of universities and other similar surveys.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:016 MOTION**

Local 54/Local 68

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is a policy board that can pass resolutions regarding Human Rights; and

Whereas Iran was one of the signatories who unanimously adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948; and

Whereas Article 26 of the Declaration states that:

Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all based on merit; and

Whereas Iran ratified the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights on the 3 January 1976; and

Whereas Article 13 of the Covenant states that:

Higher education shall be made equally accessible to all, on the basis of capacity, by every appropriate means, and in particular by the progressive introduction of free education; and

Whereas Article 18 of the Covenant states that:

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Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. This right shall include freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice, and freedom, either individually or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching; and

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran has systematically sought to deprive its largest religious minority, the Bahá'í community, of the right to a full education since 1979; and

Whereas the Supreme Revolutionary Cultural Council of Iran has stated that its dealings with the Bahá'ís must be in such a way that their progress and development are blocked. This has manifested itself in the form of denial of post-secondary education to the Bahá'ís based solely on their faith; and

Whereas this is in direct violation of the aforementioned Declaration and Covenant; and

Whereas the United Nations Commission on Human Rights has passed more than 20 resolutions expressing concerns about reports of human rights violations in Iran, and each has made specific mention of the situation of the Bahá'í community there; and

Whereas the Senate at the University of Winnipeg on February 6, 2006 passed a resolution expressing their concern over the denial of higher education to Iranian Bahá'ís by communicating this concern to international human rights organizations and Iranian authorities; and

Whereas the student union of Trent University also passed a resolution relating to the denial of education to the Bahá'ís in Iran; and

Whereas Le Monde newspaper in France published an article written by twelve professors, including two Nobel Prize winners, expressing their concern on the issue; and

Whereas the students and faculty at the University of Guelph understand and value the importance of education for all people, and members of its administration, faculty, and student body have written and expressed their concern; and

Whereas recently, a letter by the Chairman of the Command Headquarters of the Armed Forces in Iran to a number of governmental agencies has been brought to the attention of the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations. In the letter, the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, had instructed the Command Headquarters to identify persons who adhere to the Bahá'í faith and monitor their activities. The letter goes on to request the recipients to, in a highly confidential manner, collect any and all information about members of the Bahá'í faith; and

Whereas the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief of the United Nations issued a statement of concern as to the information she has received concerning the treatment of members of the Bahá'í community in Iran. This statement is dated March 20th 2006; therefore

Be it resolved that the systematic persecution of the Bahá'ís in Iran be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that that this concern be communicated to international human rights organizations and Iranian authorities as well as to the general student body in universities and colleges across Canada through the following campaigns:

- the presenting of resolutions condemning the denial of Bahá'í students to higher education through students' unions;
- funding for the production and distribution of campaign buttons and other educational material deemed appropriate;
- coordinated letter-writing to the UN General Secretary, High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran; and
- consistent and continuous effort to show support for members of the Bahá'í community in its struggle for the right to education.

**2006/05:076 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 24/Local 03

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:016 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that the systematic persecution of the Bahá'ís in Iran be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to communicate this concern to international human rights organisations and Iranian authorities as well as to the general student body in universities and colleges across Canada through:

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- presenting resolutions condemning the denial of Bahá'í students to higher education through students' unions;
- coordinated letter-writing to the UN General Secretary, High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran; and
- consistent and continuous effort to show support for members of the Bahá'í community in its struggle for the right to education."

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:016 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/05:038 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas after years of tuition fee hikes, Ontario students finally won a fully funded two-year tuition fee freeze in October 2003; and

Whereas students in Ontario have benefited from this freeze for the last two academic years; and -

Whereas Ontario students have been in a struggle with the Liberal government to have tuition fees frozen for the 2006-2007 academic year; and

Whereas the government of Ontario announced a tuition fee framework that allows institutions to increase tuition fees between 4 and 8 percent and, in some programmes, as much as 20 percent; and

Whereas a number of universities have opted to increase student fees by the full 8 percent; and

Whereas this increase is the highest over-all increase that Ontario students have been subjected to in over a decade, far exceeding the devastating cuts and tuition fee increases of the Mike Harris years in the mid-1990s; and

Whereas Ontario already has the second-highest fees in Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty condemning the government's decision to increase tuition fees, and calling for an immediate tuition fee freeze; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of the letter be sent to the Ontario component office.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:042 MOTION**

Local 26/Local 53

Whereas the Federation's "No Means No" campaign, launched in 1992, is one of Canada's most popular and longstanding anti-date rape campaigns; and

Whereas thousands of "No Means No" campaign materials including fact sheets, buttons, stickers, coasters, and tee-shirts are distributed to member and non-member students' unions, campus health centres, and community organisations annually; and

Whereas national statistics report university and college campuses are the second most common place where sexual assaults occur; and

Whereas the responses adopted by university and college administrations to sexual assault varies; and

Whereas there is no comprehensive information available on the scope of programs and services that currently exist on Canadian campuses to combat sexual assault;

Whereas, as an awareness campaign, accurate and up-to-date research is the cornerstone of the "No Means No" campaign; and

Whereas the "No Means No" campaign currently relies on outdated national statistics on sexual assault in Canada in the fact sheet and other research materials; therefore

Be it resolved that information be collected on programs and services currently available on Canadian campuses to combat sexual assault; and

Be it further resolved that Statistics Canada be lobbied to gather up-to-date statistics on sexual assault in Canada.

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**2006/05:077 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local 36

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:042 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that information be collected on programs and services currently available on Canadian campuses to combat sexual assault;

Be it further resolved that Statistics Canada be lobbied to gather up-to-date statistics on sexual assault in Canada, including drug-facilitated sexual assault; and

Be it further resolved that information leaflets be produced for the 'No Means No campaign."

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:042 CARRIED AS AMENDED****2006/05:044 MOTION**

Local 25/Local 46

Whereas art and design education is fundamental to understanding and creating a national identity; and

Whereas art- and design-based institutions create unique learning environments that are continuously being undervalued and under funded;

Whereas funding cutbacks in education have been continuously targeting arts-based learning; therefore

Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the history of under-funding and funding cuts in art-based institutions and programs; and

Be it further resolved that a campaign calling for increased funding specifically for art- and design-based education be implemented nation-wide.

**2006/05:078 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 36/Local 91

Be it resolved Motion-2006/05:044 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the history of under-funding and funding cuts in art-based institutions and programs;

Be it further resolved that a campaign calling for increased funding specifically for fine arts education, including performance art, and art- and design-based programs in publicly funded not-for-profit institutions be implemented nation-wide."

**2006/05:079 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 7/Local 37

Be it resolved Motion-2006/05:078 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the history of under-funding and funding cuts in art-based institutions and programs;

Be it further resolved that a campaign calling for increased funding specifically for visual and performance arts-based programs in publicly funded, not-for-profit institutions be implemented nation-wide; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support this campaign."

Local 7 delegate Musselman said that the Student Artists' Constituency Group had discussed some of the terms used in the proposed motion. She said that the Group wanted to expand the scope of the motion and make it more inclusive. She said that the term "visual" incorporated what was typically implied in the term "fine arts". She said that the term "fine arts" was hierarchical and the Group would prefer to avoid using the term. She said that "performance" encompassed music, theatre and performance art.

Local 8 delegate Mathew Gagne said that he was opposed to the proposed amendment. He said that the amendment separated the fine arts programmes from the campaign for increased funding for all



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programmes. He said that fine arts or visual arts-based programmes were included in the general campaign for additional funding. He said that the campaign for increased funding did reference specific groups like minority language institutions, and Aboriginal education; however, that was because there were different funding mechanisms in place for those groups. He said that funding for fine arts-based institutions was the same as the funding mechanisms for other institutions. He said that it also, indirectly, pitted students against each other based on discipline.

Local 36 delegate Jenn Brown said that she supported the amendment. She said that it was important to support visual and performance arts based programmes because they were undervalued and underfunded.

**2006/05:079 CARRIED**

**2006/05:078 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

Local 98 delegate Selvaratnam said that she was opposed to the motion as amended. She said that the original motion addressed arts-based institutions; however, the amendment seemed to pit programmes against each other. She said that humanities and social sciences also suffered from major underfunding and there had not been campaigns specific to those programmes. She said that the "Restore \$4 Billion" campaign called for the restoration of funding to the entire system.

**2006/05:080 MOTION TO DIVIDE**

Local 44/Local 26

Be it resolved Motion-2006/05:044 be divided.

**CARRIED**

Sioufi said that the meeting would recess for dinner.

17:51 the meeting recessed.

18:49 the meeting reconvened.

**2006/05:44-A MOTION**

Local 8/Local 26

Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the history of under-funding and funding cuts in art-based institutions and programs.

**2006/05:081 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 8/Local 25

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:44-A be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that a factsheet of the research be produced and distributed to member locals."

Local 8 delegate Gagne said that the amendment accommodated the concerns that members of the Student Artists' Constituency Group had about the level of federal funding being provided to arts-based institutions.

**2006/05:081 CARRIED**

**2006/05:44-A CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/05:44-B MOTION**

Local 8/Local 26

Be it resolved that a campaign calling for increased funding specifically for visual and performance art-based programs in publicly funded not-for-profit institutions be implemented nation-wide; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support this campaign.

Local 103 delegate Melanie Rollins said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that it was divisive and all programmes needed additional federal funding.

**2006/05:44-B DEFEATED**

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**2006/05:044 CARRIED AS AMENDED****2006/05:046 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 89

Whereas, in the Darfur region of Western Sudan, armed conflict is generating an immense humanitarian crisis of which many Canadians know little and, thus, in which the Canadian government is taking some action; and

Whereas the citizens of Darfur are struggling to survive the continual conflict and crimes against humanity as indicated by the deaths of over 400,000 people, the displacement of over two million people, the burning of villages, and constant rape of women and girls who endure some of the worst forms of human torture; and

Whereas these atrocities are unacceptable, and there is the need for further international involvement to achieve an end to the crisis and to holding those accountable who are involved in these crimes; and

Whereas a newly formed student organisation, Canadian Students for Darfur (CSFDarfur), (formally the Vancouver-Darfur committee of Simon Fraser University and endorsed by the Canadian Federation of Students at its May 2005 national general meeting) is seeking to:

- increase public awareness throughout Canada about the ongoing crisis in Darfur;
- fundraise to assist aid agencies working to help the victims of the tragedy in Darfur; and
- urge the Canadian government to become further involved in helping to resolve the Darfur crisis; and

Whereas all aid agencies working in Darfur have recognised the urgent need for humanitarian assistance from private sources in addition to that pledged by national governments (especially in light of the many natural disasters that have occurred in the past year leading to donor fatigue, which have in turn pushed issues like Darfur to the back burner); and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has set up a fund where donations can be made; and

Whereas the Canadian Students for Darfur fund aims to raise \$1 million in one year, and was launched on October 5th, 2005 at Simon Fraser University by Senator and former Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire; and

Whereas the fundraising strategy and campaign called "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" seeks to collect \$1 from each student and subsequently each person in Canada until the target is reached; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur and its fund-drive have been endorsed by former Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire, Senator Mobina Jaffer, Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton, MP David Kilgour, MP Peter Julian, MP Bill Siksay, Simon Fraser University President Dr. Michael Stevenson, musician Warren Flandez, the African Heritage Society of BC, the Teaching Support Staff Union of Simon Fraser University, the Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group, the Simon Fraser Student Society, the students unions of Vancouver Community College; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur currently has chapters and or contacts in the following institutions: Langara College; Simon Fraser University; Kwantlen University-College: Langley Campus; University College of the Cariboo; Kwantlen University-College: Newton Campus; University of British Columbia-Okanagan; McGill University; and, Douglas College; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur is currently working to establish more chapters and striving to work with all student unions and labour organisations, as well as city and municipal councils across Canada; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has hosted events with speakers from various aid and human rights agencies; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur works closely and collaboratively with Students Taking Action Now; Darfur-Canada (STAND) as well as aid agencies working to help the victims of the Darfur conflict including Oxfam Canada, Doctors without Borders (MSF), War Child and Canadian Red Cross; and

Whereas an advisory committee will be set up to disburse funds collected for Darfur, with membership to be drawn from Canadian Students for Darfur, STAND Canada, Canadian

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Federation of Students, academics, civil society and NGOs to ensure credibility and fairness in the handling and allocation of funds; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has undertaken many advocacy initiatives including exhibitions, talks, presentations, and a vigil; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has also launched a postcard campaign addressed to the Prime Minister Paul Martin, calling on his government to maintain its involvement in the resolution of the humanitarian crisis in Darfur; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has developed promotional material to help create awareness, including brown bracelets, t-shirts, pins and magnets urging action in Darfur; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has launched an online "Petition to World Leaders" campaign, targeting world leaders with the power to pressure the government of Sudan and the rebel groups to sit down and find a political solution to the crisis in Darfur; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Students for Darfur national fundraising drive "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" (aimed at raising 1 million dollars to help the victims of the Darfur crisis) be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that the national fundraising drive be promoted; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to endorse, support and collect money for the "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" campaign; and

Be it further resolved that coalition partners and sister organisations be encouraged to endorse and support the national fundraising campaign; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Paul Martin, calling on him to publicly recognise the genocide underway in Darfur and seek to increase the number of African Union troops in Darfur as well as a stronger mandate through the United Nations for the protection of civilians by the African Union; and

Be it further resolved that \$4,000 or an equivalent in-kind donation be contributed toward the production of awareness and promotional material aimed at enhancing the work of Canadian Students for Darfur such as petitions, postcards, posters, brochures, wristbands, newsletters, or magnets; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to help secure the endorsement and support of their university or college governing boards, senates or equivalents, and education councils for the "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" campaign; and

Be it further resolved that member locals without chapters or contact persons be encouraged to initiate chapters and/or encourage students on their campuses to start chapters or become contacts of Canadian Students for Darfur.

**2006/05:082 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local 96

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:046 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that the Canadian Students for Darfur (formerly the Vancouver Darfur Committee) national fundraising drive "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" be endorsed and promoted, and that member locals and coalition partners be encouraged to do the same;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, calling on him to continue to recognise the genocide underway in Darfur and lobby the international community to increase the number of African Union troops in Darfur as well as a stronger mandate through the United Nations for the protection of civilians by the African Union, and that member locals be encouraged to do the same; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian government be lobbied to take a larger role in the *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine* of the United Nations and humanitarian mission in Darfur."

**2006/05:083 MOTION TO DIVIDE**

Local 8/Local 103

Be it resolved Motion-2006/05:082 be divided.

**CARRIED**

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**2006/05:082-A MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local 96

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:046 be amended to include the following:

"Be it resolved that the Canadian Students for Darfur (formerly the Vancouver Darfur Committee) national fundraising drive "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" be endorsed and promoted, and that member locals and coalition partners be encouraged to do the same; and

"Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, calling on him to continue to recognise the genocide underway in Darfur and lobby the international community to increase the number of African Union troops in Darfur as well as a stronger mandate through the United Nations for the protection of civilians by the African Union, and that member locals be encouraged to do the same."

**2006/05:084 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 103/Local 96

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:082-A be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the Canadian Students for Darfur (formerly the Vancouver Darfur Committee) national fundraising drive "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" be endorsed and promoted, and that member locals and coalition partners be encouraged to do the same; and

"Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, calling on him to continue to recognise the genocide underway in Darfur and lobby the international community to increase humanitarian aid and that member locals be encouraged to do the same."

Local 96 delegate Jason Kelly said that he was in favour of the motion. He said that the issues with Darfur were not solely about sending more soldiers into the area. He said that a couple of months ago it had been announced that the World Food Programme was reducing the caloric intake for refugees to 1000 calories a day. He said that sending troops to the region would not solve the problem but humanitarian aid would help keep people from starving to death.

**2006/05:084 CARRIED****2006/05:082-A CARRIED AS AMENDED****2006/05:82-B MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local 96

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:046 be amended to include the following:

"Be it resolved that the Canadian government be lobbied to take a larger role in the *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine* of the United Nations and humanitarian mission in Darfur."

Local 103 delegate Christian Butera said that the motion referenced United Nation's policy that advocated the kind of intervention that was contrary to the Federation's values. He said that the Federation should take a more progressive stance with respect to the situation in Darfur. He said that the Doctrine was a new way of allowing the United Nations to intervene in the affairs of African nations and a justification for that intervention.

A Local 96 delegate said that the *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine* had been developed immediately after the genocide in Rwanda. He said that the international body, the United Nations, intervened directly and developed the *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine* to govern its role.

**2006/05:085 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 38/Local 70

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:82-B be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that the Canadian government be lobbied to take a larger role in the humanitarian mission in Darfur."

Local 24 delegate Nora Loreto said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that the inclusion of the *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine* was the subject of the sentence and removing it would render the sentence nonsensical.

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Local 84 delegate Newstadt said that he supported the amendment. He said that it was important to recognise that Western countries did not have a good track record of rebuilding countries in the south, particularly in Africa. He said that the *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine* did not address that context. He said that the *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine* left nations feeling helpless, either troops were sent in or no assistance was provided. He said that it set up a false choice. He said that the motion would articulate to the United Nations and the government of Canada that sending in troops was not enough of a solution. He said that supporting the *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine* that did not address the problems in Darfur or the conditions that produced the problems in Darfur was not adequate.

**2006/05:085 DEFEATED**

Local 103 delegate Butera said that the *Doctrine* and its enforcement would exacerbate existing problems in various nations. He said that the *Doctrine* did not address the root of the problem which included the policies of colonialist nations that damaged the continent and left African nations weakened. He said that loopholes in the *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine* could be exploited to justify other imperial policies that the Federation opposed. He encouraged delegates to defeat the amendment.

Local 23 delegate Erica Halpern said that Local 23 did not move the amendment to include the *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine* in the motion. She said that Local 23 did not want to be the mover of the amendment.

Sioufi said that the amendment had been amended in the subcommittee so technically Local 23 still appeared as the mover. She said that it would be noted in the minutes that Local 23 did not support the amendment.

**2006/05:086 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 44/Local 48

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:046 be referred to the National Executive.

**DEFEATED**

Local 8 delegate Amyot said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that the meeting had not discussed the *Doctrine* in any meaningful way and therefore could not knowledgeably vote on the issue. She said that delegates had not been prepared in advance for the amendment and many did not actually know what the *Doctrine* was. She said that it was a contentious document. She said that it was irresponsible to vote on something that endorsed a particular doctrine without having an informed opinion.

**2006/05:082-B DEFEATED****2006/05:087 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 38/Local 97

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:046 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send used text books to Darfur via diplomatic means."

A Local 38 delegate said that every year university and college libraries discarded thousands of books. He said that the Federation could encourage member locals to collect and send the books to Darfur.

**2006/05:087 CARRIED****2006/05:046 CARRIED AS AMENDED****2006/05:048 MOTION**

Local 1/Local 24

Whereas for more than a decade campuses across the country have been targeted by major beverage corporations such as Coca-Cola and PepsiCo to sign long-term exclusivity contracts, exchanging cash for exclusive access to sell their beverages to the campus community; and



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Whereas these contracts are typically negotiated in confidence with the administration and/or student governments and with little meaningful debate and involvement of the students, staff and faculty; and

Whereas two of the principal corporations pursuing exclusivity contracts, Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, have been involved in well-documented human rights abuses, an environmentally damaging manufacturing process, poor labour management practices and the production of products that contribute to poor health and the rise of obesity amongst young people; and

Whereas these corporations increasingly are shifting their profit centre to focus on bottled water, sports drinks and juice products, since these products can be marketed through exclusivity contracts, are exorbitantly priced and poorly regulated, while the water for these products comes from public water sources (direct from municipal tap water systems in the case of Coca-Cola and Pepsi products) and is extracted in such quantity that it depletes local water aquifers; and

Whereas these exclusivity contracts have become a specious form of revenue for student unions and university administrations in a context of post-secondary education under-funding; and

Whereas exclusivity contracts contribute to the commercialisation of public spaces; and

Whereas it is time for students' unions to show leadership on this issue and advocate for change; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with groups such as the Polaris Institute and the "Stop Killer Coke" campaign that are helping to raise awareness of the public policy threats associated with the bottled water/beverage industry;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to challenge the renewal and negotiation of exclusivity contracts on campuses and to seek the termination of existing exclusivity agreements; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with allied groups to develop alternative beverage agreements on campuses that encourage campus/community partnerships and that are in keeping with ethical purchasing policies.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:050 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 75

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby provincial governments and university and college administrations to allow international students to seek election to all university and college governing bodies.

**CARRIED**

**2006/05:088 MOTION**

Local 68/Local 5

Be it resolved that the 2006-2007 Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy be adopted as presented.

Soule said that an additional section on the Council of the Federation's annual general meeting had been added to the Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy. He said that the Council of the Federation was the group created by the Premiers that focused exclusively on lobbying the federal government.

**2006/05:088 CARRIED**

**2006/05:089 MOTION**

Local 9/Local 1

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to:

- adopt employment equity clauses for international students applying for student union jobs; and
- lobby their administrations and government for employment equity clauses for international students applying for university, college, and public sector jobs.

**CARRIED**



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**2006/05:090 MOTION**

Local 99/Local 93

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to:

- lobby their administrations and municipal, provincial, and federal authorities for on-campus polling stations during municipal, provincial, and federal elections;
- record and make public where all municipal, provincial, and federal candidates stand on student issues; and
- hold on-campus all forums before municipal, provincial, and federal elections take place.

Be it further resolved that template campaign materials be developed for municipal elections, that can be used to highlight information about candidates, polling booth locations, and voting day notices; as well as a fact sheet about the benefits of engaging in local politics and references to where information about municipal elections can be found.

**2006/05:091 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 11/Local 34

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/05:090 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to:

- lobby their administrations and municipal authorities for on-campus polling stations during municipal elections;
- record and make public where all municipal candidates stand on student issues; and
- hold on-campus all forums before municipal elections take place.

Be it further resolved that template campaign materials be developed for municipal elections, that can be used to highlight information about candidates, polling booth locations, and voting day notices; as well as a fact sheet about the benefits of engaging in local politics and references to where information about municipal elections can be found."

A Local 11 delegate said that it was unlikely that a federal election would be held in the coming six months. She said that a plan for a federal election should include more detail than was currently included in the motion. She said that provincial components should coordinate provincial election campaigns. She said that because municipal elections did not include any official parties, the template materials would be slightly different.

A Local 91 delegate said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that although a federal election would not likely be held in the next six months, it was important to increase awareness amongst young people about their right to vote, how to vote and the importance of the student vote. He said that preparing in advance for federal, provincial and municipal elections was important.

A Local 54 delegate said that she supported the amendment. She said that the original motion had focused on municipal elections. She said that the reason for the original motion was that students often overlooked or ignored municipal elections.

**2006/05:091 DEFEATED****2006/05:090 CARRIED****2006/05:092 MOTION**

Local 49/Local 5

Be it resolved that the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

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**9. OTHER BUSINESS****2006/05:0093 MOTION**

Local 32/Local 72

Be it resolved that letters of support be written for the Six Nations Reclamation efforts to the Six Nations Reclamation Camp, the federal government, the Ontario provincial government, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Governor General of Canada; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters of support for the Six Nations Reclamation to the Six Nations Reclamation Camp, the federal government, the Ontario provincial government, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Governor General of Canada; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive and member locals be encouraged to make donations to the Six Nations Reclamation Camp.

Local 32 delegate Brandon Johnson said that because of the actions of the Ontario Provincial Police, in the form of an early morning raid, the situation in Caledonia was no longer a protest but could escalate into a much more serious and devastating crisis.

Local 72 delegate and incoming Aboriginal Caucus Chairperson Mike White expressed thanks to Local 5 for preparing the motion and being so committed to the issue. He said that the Aboriginal Caucus had voted to allocate money from its budget to support the Reclamation Camp.

A delegate from Local 68 said that some Local 68 members had visited the Reclamation Camp and the Local had contributed food through its food bank. He said that he encouraged locals to support the motion.

**2006/05:093 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****2006/05:094 MOTION**

Local 97/Local 71

Whereas the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students (APUS) at the University of Toronto has been told to vacate their office space at Woodsworth College by June 28, 2006; and

Whereas Woodsworth College was established in 1974 for part-time students through the efforts and financial support of part-time students and APUS; and

Whereas there was no consultation by the Office of Student Affairs, no apology, no acknowledgement of the impact on part-time students nor has there been any real effort to accommodate the needs of APUS and its members; and

Whereas this latest attack by the University of Toronto administration is only one in a long series of attempts to undermine the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students; therefore

Be it resolved that the University of Toronto administration be encouraged to respect the rights of APUS to represent and serve the needs of part-time undergraduate students at the University of Toronto; and

Be it further resolved that the University of Toronto administration be called upon to implement an immediate moratorium on the eviction of APUS from the Woodsworth College office location at 119 St. George Street until a full consultation has taken place with APUS and equivalent office space is agreed upon by both parties; and

Be it further resolved that Woodsworth College at the University of Toronto be called upon to reaffirm its commitment to and support for the work of APUS; and

Be it further resolved that the Office of Student Affairs be urged to stop working against the interests of students' unions and their elected representatives; and

Be it further resolved that the University of Toronto administration be urged to respect APUS' demands for alternative space situated at the Margaret Fletcher building which is both in close proximity to its current location and which has been vacant for the last three years.

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Local 97 delegate Murphy Browne said that the Association of Part-Time University Students (APUS) had been very vocal and active on campus. She said that APUS had been successful in a number of its initiatives like securing a transit pass at a reduced cost for its members, implementing a health and dental plan and supporting many progressive initiatives in the Toronto area. She said that because of the work that it undertook on behalf of its members APUS had been targeted by the University of Toronto. She said that three years ago the University had redefined the definition of part-time students, and as a result, APUS lost a significant portion of its members. She said that APUS had to reduce its staff complement and its budget was halved as a result of the redefinition. She said that despite these setbacks, APUS has continued to work on behalf of students. She said that APUS had been notified that it had to relocate to a different space which was yet another setback. She said that after APUS had galvanised support, it had been told by the University that it could have new space. She said however that other student groups had been using the space so they would have been evicted for APUS which was unpalatable. She said that the Margaret Fletcher Building had been vacant for three years. She said that APUS was asking for support from the members of the Federation.

Local 97 delegate Jen Hassum encouraged locals to support the motion so APUS did not lose the ability to offer the advocacy and services that it had offered its members for years. She encouraged locals to write letters of support for APUS to the University of Toronto.

**2006/05/094 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

**11. ADJOURNMENT****2006/05/095 MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Local 1/Local 78

Be it resolved that plenary be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

21:36 the meeting adjourned.

## ATTENDANCE

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### Delegations

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#### BRITISH COLUMBIA

##### Local 3

University of British Columbia  
Students' Union-Okanagan  
Brianna Berchowitz  
Starleigh Grass  
Mike Ouellet  
Krystal Smith  
Zenla Smith

##### Local 75

Camosun College Student Society  
Lindsay Bell  
Jaden Keitlah  
Natalie Schlogl  
Michael Turcotte

##### Local 5

Capitano Students' Union  
Giselle Aiabens  
Christine Ellis  
Ewan MacLean

##### Local 15

Cariboo Students' Union  
Nathan Lane  
Terry Monteleone  
Jessy Sahota  
Yeshwant Selvaratnam  
James Studer

##### Local 73

City Centre Students' Union  
Joanna Hoover  
Tiffany Kalanj

##### Local 33

Emily Carr Students' Union  
Zahra Habib

##### Local 76

King Edward Students' Union  
Anoush Ekmekjian  
Christa Peters

##### Local 26

Kwantlen Student Association  
Danish Butt  
Jaivin Khatri  
Andre Lesur  
Harninder Sandhu  
Brian Tran  
Michael Van Sleet

##### Local 61

Malaspina Students' Union  
Steve Beasley  
Sheridan Clemson  
Kate Rycroft  
Mel Vogels

##### Local 13

College of New Caledonia  
Students' Association  
Valentine Crawford  
Rob Mealey  
Jessica Welygan

##### Local 72

North Island Students' Association  
James Bowen  
Keith Davidson  
Mike White

##### Local 66

Northwest Community College Students'  
Association  
Joyce Robinson

##### Local 53

Okanagan College Students' Union  
Patrick Barbosa  
Donald Forbes  
Dave Lubbers  
Phaedra Oddy

##### Local 4

Selkirk Students' Association  
Dustin Grof  
Justin Bourke  
Dustin Grof  
Joanna Groves

##### Local 23

Simon Fraser Student Society  
Hattie Aitken  
Margo Dunnet  
Erica Halpern  
Shawn Hunsdale  
Mary Catherine Lennon  
Jewelles Smith  
Anna Thomas  
Brandy Zimmerman

##### Local 15

Thomson Rivers University Students' Union  
Blair Campbell  
Nathan Lane  
James Studer

**Local 44**  
University of Victoria Students' Society  
Penny Beames  
Susan Farmer  
Maggi Gyuricska  
Joe Kruger  
Shamus Reid  
Jamie Strachan

## **ALBERTA**

**Local 42**  
Alberta College of Art and  
Design Students' Association  
Michael Kirsch

**Local 21**  
University of Calgary  
Graduate Students' Association  
Kathleen Rhodes  
Yonatan Porat

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

**Local 9**  
University of Regina Students' Union  
Devon Floyd  
Kathleen Wilson

**Local 101**  
University of Saskatchewan  
Graduate Students' Association  
Muyiwa Adaramola  
Gaganpreet Chawla  
Cameron Goodfellow  
Rishabh Malhotra

**Local 17**  
University of Saskatchewan  
Students' Union  
Alice Collins  
Brad Flavell  
Cody Lang  
Ashlee Smith  
Kelly Tolley

## **MANITOBA**

**Local 37**  
Brandon University Students' Union  
Adam Dutka  
Chris Thomas Fisher  
Yasmin Hajian  
Kelly Loughheed  
Stacy Senkbeil

**Local 96**  
University of Manitoba  
Graduate Students' Association  
Meghan Gallant  
Jason Kelly  
Meaghan Labine  
Mait McLean

**Local 103**  
University of Manitoba  
Students' Union  
Christina Butera  
Rachel Gotthilf  
Amanda Jonson  
Melanie Rollins  
Garry Sran

**Local 38**  
Association étudiante du Collège universitaire  
de Saint-Boniface  
Emmet Collins  
Abdou Sow  
Chantal Thérout  
Jennifer Winters

**Local 8**  
University of Winnipeg Students' Association  
Sarah Amyot  
Vivian Belik  
Amanda Davis  
Mat Gagne  
Kate Spring  
Jarita Greyeyes

## **ONTARIO**

**Local 28**  
Atkinson Students' Association  
Infan Ali  
Buddhi Jay  
Junaid Khan

**Local 78**  
Carleton University  
Graduate Students' Association  
Oren Howlet  
Natalia Demidova  
Lee Alexander Weiler  
Tara Westover

**Local 1**  
Carleton University Students' Association  
Issac Cockburn  
Katy McIntyre  
Shelley Melanson  
Shawn Menard  
James Pratt

**Local 92**  
Students' Association  
of George Brown College  
Pablo Fresenga  
Bradley Hansraj  
Peter Poulos

**Local 93**  
Glendon College College Student Union  
Hani El Masry  
Siobhan Ozege

**Local 54**  
University of Guelph  
Central Student Association  
John Coombs  
Becky Wallace  
Bre Walt

**Local 32**

Lakehead University Student Union

Brendon Johnson

Isabelle Poniatowski

Ray Wesley

**Local 88**

Association des étudiantes et étudiants  
francophones de l'Université Laurentienne

Patrick Imbeau

**Local 104**

Laurentian University Students' General  
Association

Anne Mallet

Steve Mallet

**Local 20**

Nipissing University Students' Union

Kyle Marsh

**Local 25**

Ontario College of Art and Design  
Student Union

Christopher Hutchinson

**Local 94**

University of Ottawa

Graduate Students' Association des  
étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s

Philippe Marchand

**Local 27**

Queen's University

Society of Graduate and Professional Students

Julia Bryan

Claire Russell

Jennifer Stacey

**Local 105**

Continuing Education

Students' Association of Ryerson

Gail Alivio

Shane Mine

Jeremy Salter

Luke Yung

**Local 24**

Ryerson Students' Union

Alam Ashraful

Chris Drew

Ben Lewis

Nora Loreto

Frank Sedghipour

Mike Venicchio

**Local 99**

Scarborough Campus Students' Union

Rajgumar Gunaratnam

Tony Kao

Sewthooran Uruthiralinge

Arjune Selvarajan

**Local 19**

University of Toronto

Graduate Students' Union

Rose Da Costa

Gina Trubiani

**Local 97**

Association of Part-Time Undergraduate  
Students of the University of Toronto

Murphy Brown

Jeff Peters

Estefania Toledo

**Local 98**

University of Toronto Students' Union

Andréa Amborst

Ashwin Balamohan

Paul Bretscher

Camille Cendana

Vlad Glebov

Jen Hassum

Ausma Malik

**Local 71**

Trent Central Student Association

Catherine Dickinson

Julia Fryer

Steve Lanni

**Local 47**

University of Western Ontario

Society of Graduate Students

Nicholas Cothros

**Local 48**

University of Windsor

Graduate Student Society

Bhartesh Bhudshia

Lena Mangoff

Sathiah Subramanian

Melodie Wilson

**Local 49**

University of Windsor Students' Alliance

David Fox

William Ma

Justin Teeuwen

**Local 68**

York Federation of Students

Evad Aboul

Kemba Bayam

Reuben Clarke

Hamid Osman

Corrie Sakaluk

Shamini Selveratnam

Safiya Williams

**Local 84**

York University

Graduate Students' Association

Susan Dieleman

Eric Newstadt



**QUÉBEC**

**Local 83**  
 Concordia University  
 Graduate Students' Association  
 Veronique Allard  
 David Bernans  
 Malham Chikhalsouk

**Local 91**  
 Concordia Student Union  
 Anika Henry  
 Khaleed Juma  
 Justin Levy  
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**Local 79**  
 Post-Graduate Students' Society  
 of McGill University  
 Mehdi El Ouali  
 Danielle Fraser  
 Roland Nassim

**NEW BRUNSWICK**

**Local 67**  
 University of New Brunswick  
 Graduate Student Association  
 Graham Cox

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**Local 70**  
 University of Prince Edward Island  
 Graduate Students' Association  
 Faiz Ahmed

**NOVA SCOTIA**

**Local 95**  
 Cape Breton University  
 Students' Union  
 Adam Langer  
 Austin Smith  
 Joshua Wroblewski

**Local 11**  
 University of King's College  
 Students' Union  
 Dave Jerome  
 Kalay Kennedy  
 Chris Parsons

**Local 34**  
 Mount Saint Vincent University  
 Students' Union  
 Lloyd Nash

**Local 7**  
 Student Union of the  
 Nova Scotia College of Art & Design  
 Brendon Dunlop  
 Lyndall Musselman  
 Michael Peters

**Local 69**  
 Association générale des étudiants de  
 l'Université Sainte-Anne  
 Christine Martin

**NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR**

**Local 36**  
 Grenfell College Student Union  
 Jennifer Brown  
 Daniel Smith

**Local 45**  
 Marine Institute Students' Union  
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**Local 100**  
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 Students' Union  
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 College of the North Atlantic  
 Students' Association  
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