# MINUTES

31st Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)
Tuesday, November 27 to Friday, November 30, 2012

## CALL BACK TO ORDER—Friday, November 30, 2012

14:26 The meeting was called back to order by National Chairperson Adam Awad.

## 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

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| Local | 03 | University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan | Absent |
| Local | 73 | Students' Union of Vancouver Community College | Present |
| Local | 75 | Camosun College Student Society | Present |
| Local | 05 | Capilano Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 18 | Douglas Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 33 | Emily Carr Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 26 | Kwantlen Student Association | Present |
| Local | 61 | Vancouver Island University Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 13 | College of New Caledonia Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 72 | North Island Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 66 | Northwest Community College Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 53 | Okanagan College Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 86 | College of the Rockies Students' Union | Absent |
| Local | 04 | Selkirk College Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 15 | Thompson Rivers University Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 42 | Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association | Absent |
| Local | 21 | University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association | Absent |
| Local | 90 | First Nations University of Canada Students' Association | Present |
| Local | 09 | University of Regina Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 101 | University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association | Absent |
| Local | 17 | University of Saskatchewan Students' Union* | Absent |
| Local | 37 | Brandon University Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 96 | University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association | Absent |
| Local | 103 | University of Manitoba Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 38 | Association étudiante de l'Université de Saint-Boniface | Present |
| Local | 08 | University of Winnipeg Students' Association | Present |
| Local | 82 | Algoma University Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 102 | Brock University Graduate Students' Association | Present |
| Local | 78 | Carleton University Graduate Students' Association | Present |
| Local | 01 | Carleton University Students' Association | Absent |
| Local | 107 | Association étudiante de La Cité collégiale | Present |
| Local | 92 | Student Association of George Brown College | Present by proxy |
| Local | 93 | Glendon College Students' Union | Present by proxy |
| Local | 54 | University of Guelph Central Student Association | Present |
| Local | 62 | University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association | Absent |
| Local | 32 | Lakehead University Student Union | Present |
| Local | 111 | Laurentian Students' Union | Absent |
| Local | 30 | Laurentian University Students' General Association | Absent |
| Local | 110 | Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association | Present |
| Local | 88 | Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne | Absent |
| Local | 104 | Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students | Absent |
| 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 | 41 | Student Federation of the University of Ottawa/ Fédération étudiante de l'Université d'Ottawa | 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 |
| Local | 105 | Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson | Absent |

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| Local | 85 | Saint Paul University Students' Association | Present |
| Local | 99 | Scarborough Campus Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 19 | University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 97 | University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students | Present |
| Local | 98 | University of Toronto Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 109 | University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 71 | Trent Central Student Association | Present |
| Local | 47 | University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students | Present |
| Local | 56 | Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association | Absent |
| Local | 48 | University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society | Absent |
| Local | 106 | Organization of Part Time University Students (University of Windsor) | Present by proxy |
| Local | 49 | University of Windsor Students' Alliance | Present |
| Local | 68 | York Federation of Students | Present |
| Local | 84 | York University Graduate Students' Association | Present |
| Local | 91 | Concordia Student Union | Absent |
| Local | 83 | Concordia University Graduate Students' Association | Absent |
| Local | 108 | Dawson Student Union | Present |
| Local | 79 | Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill University | Absent |
| Local | 67 | University of New Brunswick Graduate Students Association | Absent |
| Local | 63 | Holland College Student Union | Absent |
| Local | 70 | University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association | Present by proxy |
| Local | 31 | University of Prince Edward Island Student Union | Absent |
| Local | 95 | Cape Breton University Students' Union | Absent |
| Local | 11 | University of King's College Students' Union | Present |
| Local | 34 | Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union | Absent |
| Local | 07 | Student Union of NSCAD University | Present |
| Local | 69 | Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne | Present |
| Local | 36 | Grenfell Campus 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

Awad declared that quorum had been achieved.

Awad welcomed a guest from the Young Workers' Committee of the Canadian Labour Congress. He also noted that a member of the media was present reporting for Canadian University Press.

**2012/11:144** **MOTION**
Local 103/Local 8

Be it resolved that Elizabeth Carlyle be ratified as the Plenary Speaker for the closing plenary.
**CARRIED**

## 2. BUSINESS TABLED FROM OPENING PLENARY

Awad, McCormick and Olson, and other members of the National Executive highlighted sections of the National Executive report.

**2012/11:145** **MOTION**
Local 24/Local 47

Be it resolved that the report of the National Executive be adopted.
**CARRIED**

## 3. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

National Treasurer Michael Olson highlighted sections of the Budget Committee Report and the draft revised 2012-13 budget.

**2012/11:146** **MOTION**
Local 98/Local 32

Be it resolved that the final draft 2012-13 revised budget be adopted as presented.
**CARRIED**

**2012/11:147** **MOTION**
Local 61/Local 109

Be it resolved that the Budget Report be received.
**CARRIED**

## 4. PRESENTATION OF POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

British Colombia National Executive Representative Zachary Crispin highlighted sections of the Policy Review and Development Committee Report.

### a. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Income Equality

**2012/05:057** **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 68/Local 11

Whereas the Occupy Movement has highlighted global and local disparities in wealth, resources, and income;

Whereas Canada's gap between the richest and the rest is continuing to grow wider; and

Whereas a strong, healthy and prosperous society and economy cannot be the product of a divided and unequal society; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy "Income Inequality" be adopted:

**Income Inequality**

**Preamble**

Since the 1970's, the gap between the highest and lowest income earners has widened dramatically. The end of the post-war period of economic investment and growth followed by the financialisation of the economy brought about tremendous changes in the distribution of wealth and resources, with the highest earners owning an enormously greater share of net wealth than those in the middle- and lower-income brackets.

While the incomes of the wealthiest in North America have risen for the last forty years, the real average incomes of the majority have stagnated or fallen. The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has reported that from 1997-2007, the share of total income growth going to the richest 1% of Canadians was 32% - a staggering number given that in the 1950's and 60's, the richest 1% share of total income growth was only 8%. Further studies and reports by the Conference Board of Canada and other think tanks, government agencies, and academics have echoed the CCPA's findings that income inequality in Canada is rising – and is doing so at a faster rate than even the United States of America.

Recently, studies by sociologists, economists and epidemiologists have shown that income inequality is either directly or indirectly linked to many of the social inequities that manifest in our contemporary lived experience: issues of crime, productivity, economic growth, mental and physical health have all been linked to an unequal distribution of economic resources. The problems of inequality are further exacerbated for marginalized communities that already face significant economic, social and political barriers.

Even the International Monetary Fund released a report that linked income inequality to shorter and more unsustainable periods of economic growth.

In light of these new insights, governments and societies must strive to close the massive gap between the highest earners and the remaining population. Ethically and economically, there must be a commitment from all parties and political institutions to minimise the income gap and to ensure the fair distribution of our collective economic resources.

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- a system of progressive taxation that ensures all members of society pay their fair share towards high quality, affordable public services and industries.
- efforts to close loopholes in the income tax system that enable wealthy individuals and corporations to place money in overseas bank accounts to avoid paying taxes.
- the institution of a financial transaction tax – also known as the Tobin or Robin Hood Tax – that takes .05% of speculative financial transactions to pay for efforts to fight climate change, fund public services and end global poverty.
- caps on the incomes and bonuses of chief EO's and other corporate incomes.
- the creation of new provincial and federal tax brackets for wealthy individuals, beginning with those making $500,000 per year and above.
- international efforts to clamp down on corporate tax evaders.

The Federation opposes:

- tax preferences that almost exclusively benefit the wealthiest citizens – such as the capital gains policy that sees only 50% of such assets taxed.
- tax loopholes that allow businesses and wealthy individuals to unilaterally deduct lavish "business" expenses from their tax returns – such as first-class flights, stays in five star hotels, or dinner at expensive gourmet restaurants.
- the institution of "flat taxes" to supplement the loss of corporate tax revenue.
- efforts to reduce corporate rates of taxation.

**2012/11:006** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 41/Local 109

Be it resolved that the policy statement proposed in Motion 2012/05:057 be amended to read:

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- a system of progressive taxation that ensures all members of society pay their fair share towards high quality, affordable public services and industries.
- efforts to close loopholes in the income tax system that enable wealthy individuals and corporations to place money in overseas bank accounts to avoid paying taxes.
- the institution of a financial transaction tax – also known as the Tobin or Robin Hood Tax – that takes .05% of speculative financial transactions to pay for efforts to fight climate change, fund public services and end global poverty.
- the creation of new provincial and federal tax brackets for wealthy individuals, beginning with those making $500,000 per year and above.
- international efforts to clamp down on corporate tax evaders.
- the recognition of systemic racism, colonialism, and the exploitation of Aboriginal (Status, Non-Status, Métis, and Inuit) and racialised people as causes of income inequality.

The Federation opposes:

- tax preferences that almost exclusively benefit the wealthiest citizens – such as the capital gains policy that sees only 50% of such assets taxed.
- tax loopholes that allow businesses and wealthy individuals to unilaterally deduct lavish "business" expenses from their tax returns – such as first-class flights, stays in five star hotels, or dinner at expensive gourmet restaurants.
- the institution of "flat taxes" to supplement the loss of corporate tax revenue.
- efforts to reduce corporate rates of taxation."

**2012/11:148** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 78/Local 84

Be it resolved that the following be added to the "Federation supports" list in the policy proposed in Motion 2012/11:006:

- the recognition of systemic racism, colonialism, and the exploitation of racialised people as causes of income inequality;
- the recognition of the systemic oppression of marginalized communities as a cause of income inequality; and
- the recognition of class structures as a symptom of and a cause of income inequality.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:006** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2012/05:057** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### b. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Food Sovereignty

**2012/11:012** **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 27/Local 109

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy on "Food Sovereignty" be adopted:

**Food Sovereignty**

**Preamble**

Food sovereignty refers to the right to healthy, ecologically and culturally sound, and sustainable foods, assessed independently of market and corporate demands. Food sovereignty also reflects manufacturing, distribution, purchase, and consumption practices that comply with the principles of ethical procurement: based on environmental, social, and economic sustainability.

The concept of food sovereignty was developed in response to increased concerns over the effects of contemporary agricultural production, coupled with growing dissatisfaction with foodservice provision tailored to meet global market incentives. As we continue to see University and College campuses corporatize, so do the provision and delivery of campus foodservices. As a result, students' food 'choices' are often limited, constrained as much in quality as in pricing.

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- the establishment and operation of campus foodservices that: are nutritional; channel money back to local communities; support area small businesses, especially farms, restaurants and catering services; emit less carbon in their delivery; adopt higher standards of employment conditions, as do Canadian labour laws (that control the production of local food); comply with higher environmental thresholds, as do Canadian environmental laws and regulations (that control the production, quality and sale of local food);
- the autonomy of student-run foodservices to choose food sovereignty over food monopolies, agribusiness, and multinationals;
- the purchase and distribution of ethical foods on campus, including but not limited to those that are student-run, on- and off-campus;
- initiatives that cultivate food sovereignty for students and local community members;
- advertisement for foodservices that are local, healthy, socially and environmentally sound, but not those supporting the interests of agribusiness (such as Kraft Organics Inc., for instance); and
- educational initiatives serving to highlight food monopolies (e.g. Walmart, Costco, Nestle, Coca-Cola, Nabob) and their subsidiaries.

The Federation opposes:

- foodservice monopolies on campus, as well as food and beverage exclusivity contracts; and
- favouring foodservices that offer consumer incentives while masking for-profit motives, that may include but are not limited to marketing, listing stock market shares, incentivizing corporate food producers, or bypassing Canadian labour and environmental law to lower production costs.

**2012/11:149** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 5/Local 82

Be it resolved that the policy proposed in Motion 2012/11:012 be amended to read:

The Federation supports:

- the establishment and operation of campus food services that: are affordable; are nutritional; channel money back to local communities; support area small businesses, especially farms, restaurants and catering services; emit less carbon in their delivery; adopt higher standards of employment conditions, as do Canadian labour laws (that control the production of local food); comply with higher environmental thresholds, as do Canadian environmental laws and regulations (that control the production, quality and sale of local food);
- the autonomy of student-run food services to choose food sovereignty over food monopolies, agribusiness, and multinationals;
- the purchase and distribution of ethical foods on campus, including but not limited to those that are student-run, on- and off-campus;
- initiatives that cultivate food sovereignty for students and local community members;
- advertisement for foodservices that are local, healthy, socially and environmentally sound
- educational initiatives serving to highlight food monopolies and their subsidiaries; and
- the inclusion of campus stakeholders in all negotiation of food and beverage contracts.

The Federation opposes:

- food service monopolies on campus, as well as for-profit, corporate food and beverage exclusivity contracts;
- favouring food services that offer consumer incentives while masking for-profit motives, that may include but are not limited to marketing, listing stock market shares, incentivizing corporate food producers, or bypassing Canadian labour and environmental law to lower production costs;
- advertisement for food services that support the interests of agribusiness;
- mandatory, non-refundable meal plans for students living on campus; and
- meal plans that subsidize the operations of for-profit, contracted food service providers.

**2012/11:150** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 103/Local 37

Be it resolved that a bullet point be added to the "Federation Supports" in the policy proposed in Motion-2012/11:149:

"- the inclusion of students and faculty as primary campus stakeholders with voting privileges in all negotiations of food and beverage contracts."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:151** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 97/Local 19

Be it resolved that the last bullet point under the "Federation Supports" in the policy proposed in Motion-2012/11:149 be amended to read:

"- the inclusion of students, faculty and food service staff as primary campus stakeholders with voting privileges in all negotiations of food and beverage contracts."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:152** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 15/Local 53

Be it resolved that a bullet point be added under "The Federation Opposes" in the policy proposed in Motion 2012/11:149:

- favouring food services that offer consumer incentives while masking for-profit motives, that may include but are not limited to marketing, listing stock market shares, incentivizing corporate food producers, or bypassing Canadian labour and environmental law to lower production costs.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:149** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2012/11:012** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### c. Proposal to Consolidate Policies on Peace

**2012/11:072** **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**
Local 108/Local 109

Whereas the Federation has two policies on peace; therefore

Be it resolved that all policy regarding "Peace" be consolidated into a single Issues Policy.

**DEFEATED**

### d. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Criminalization of Dissent

**2012/11:106** **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas repressive action has increasingly been taken against students organizing to protest and dissent in various circumstances; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Issue Policy on "Criminalization of Dissent" be adopted:

**Criminalization of Dissent**

**Preamble**

Students have long engaged in dissent across our nation to advocate on the issues that most affect them and to speak, in solidarity, for others who are engaged in struggle. However, in recent years, there has been an increase of repressive action taken towards events and actions of student protest and outward dissent towards grave policies of government, some of which culminate in violence.

The use of legislation, in particular, to override or limit the freedoms of students to engage in these activities is troubling and counter to both the letter and spirit of the Charter and other law that provides some measure of protection to students and all people.

As a body that is representative of students throughout Canada and that stands in solidarity with students elsewhere, the Federation must raise the alarm when the spectre of such oppressive action and government edicts is raised.

**Policy:**

The Federation supports:
- the expression of dissent uninhibited by law enforcement, government or other institutions within society;
- the rights and freedoms of students and others to dissent, including rights of assembly and free speech as defined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and other related legislation;
- the preservation of personal and bodily integrity of protestors and organizers;
- the collaboration of faculty, staff and students of post-secondary institutions to organize and express dissent;
- freedom from discrimination on the basis of affiliation or identification with a political organization; and
- individuals who have been criminalized or incarcerated for exercising their right to dissent.

The Federation opposes:
- the passage of legislation that engages in the criminalization of dissent and oversteps the rights provided in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms along with other related legislation;
- the use of tactics by police forces to maximize the effectiveness of the oppression of students and other groups, such as:
  - pre-emptive arrest and detention;
  - charges of conspiracy based upon action taken for lawful dissent and subsequent restrictive bail conditions designed to prevent actions taken for lawful dissent; and
  - techniques of personal intimidation including the:
    i. use of sexual violence, including but not limited to: sexual harassment, sexual assault;
    ii. pursuit of sexual relationships by undercover police officers or investigators for the purposes of infiltration, investigation or intimidation;
    iii. intrusion of personal spaces such as through the use of undercover officers;
    iv. detainment lacking charge or cause or warrant;
    v. use of violence;

vi. incitement of hatred, harassment, and discrimination against any marginalized group based on, but not limited to their colour, race, religion, ethnic origin, ability, gender identity, sexual choice or other related grounds;
vii. use of kettling and other forms of mass detainment;
viii. use of agent provocateurs;
ix. unlawful arrest of members and raiding of student union premises based upon the prevention of lawful dissent; and
x. removal of identification of law enforcement officials to prevent prosecution of unlawful acts; and

- the collaboration of post-secondary educational institutions and their administration with government and others in the above instances, particularly when said institutions take an active role to oppress or place the general well-being of students and others at risk.

**2012/11:153** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 19/Local 32

Be it resolved that the first sentence of the Preamble in the policy proposed in Motion-2012/11:106 be amended to read:

"Students have long engaged in dissent across our nation to advocate on the issues that most affect them and to speak, in solidarity, with others who are engaged in struggle."; and

Be it further resolved that the second point under "The Federation supports" in the policy proposed in Motion-2012/11:106 be amended to read:

- The rights and freedoms of students and others to dissent, including rights of assembly and freedom of expression as defined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and other related legislation;; and

Be it further resolved that the fifth subsubpoint under the third subpoint under the second point under the "Federation opposes" be struck and third subpoint under the second point under "The Federation opposes" in the policy proposed in Motion-2012/11:106 be amended to read:

- techniques of personal intimidation and violence including: and

And be it further resolved that the ninth subsubpoint under the third subpoint under the second point under the "Federation opposes" in the policy proposed in Motion-2012/11:106 be amended to read:

xi. unlawful arrest of members and raiding of students' union premises based upon the prevention of lawful dissent.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:106** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2012/11:154** **MOTION**
Local 32/Local 94

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

**CARRIED**

## 5. CAUCUS AND CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORTS

Representatives provided updates on the work of the caucuses and constituency groups.

**2012/11:155** **MOTION TO RECESS**
Local 45/Local 33

Be it resolved that the meeting recess to 6:45 pm.

**CARRIED**

17:16 the meeting recessed.

19:02 the meeting reconvened.

## 6. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT

**2012/11:156** **MOTION**
Local 47/Local 84

Be it resolved that Jessica McCormick (Local 35) be ratified as the National Chairperson for the 2013-14 term.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:157** **MOTION**
Local 98/Local 32

Be it resolved that Michael Olson (Local 61) be ratified as the National Treasurer for the 2013-14 term.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:158** **MOTION**
Local 103/Local 13

Be it resolved that Vanessa Hunt (Local 68) be ratified as the National Deputy Chairperson for the 2013-14 term.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:159** **MOTION**
Local 98/Local 72

Be it resolved that the Electoral Report be received.

**CARRIED**

## 7. PRESENTATION OF ORGANISATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ontario National Executive Representative Toby Whitfield highlighted sections of the Organisational and Services Development Committee Report.

### a. Proposal to Investigate Alternative Hosting Companies

**2012/11:080** **MOTION**
Local 108/Local 109

Whereas the Federation's website service has experienced significant trouble over the last few years; and

Whereas there is an increasing number of alternative website services available for locals to use; therefore

Be it resolved that alternative hosting companies for the Website Service be sought; and

Be it further resolved that report be given to 62nd semi-annual general meeting on options for alternate hosting companies for the Website Service.

**2012/11:160** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 68/Local 71

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:080 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that alternative hosting companies for the Website Service be investigated."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:080** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### b. Proposal on Website Service

**2012/11:134** **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 103/Local 109

Whereas the Federation is responsible for the website and e-mail server host for member local to utilize for e-mail correspondence and to access pertinent Canadian Federation of Students documentation and materials; and

Whereas the unavailability of the host server for periods lasting a couple of hours to days has severely disrupted the productivity of member locals and provincial offices, losing valuable time and resources at critical times in the academic year; and

Whereas local membership fees to the Canadian Federation of Students indirectly fund the host server; therefore

Be it resolved that the host servers used for website and email services ensure uninterrupted service;

Be it further resolved that issues related to the website and email services host servers be resolved swiftly in accordance with all applicable policies and by-laws; and

Be it further resolved that member-locals be advised of anticipated and/or reported disruptions with the host servers used by website and email services in a timely manner.

**2012/11:161** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 24/Local 68

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:134 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that issues related to the website and email services host servers be resolved swiftly in accordance with all applicable policies and by-laws; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be advised of anticipated and/or reported disruptions with the host servers used by website and email services in a timely manner."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:080** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### c. Proposal to Expand Products Available through the Ethical Purchasing Network

**2012/11:057** **MOTION**
Local 100/Local 109

Whereas sexually transmitted infections (STIs) continue to affect the health and well-being of students, youth and the general population; and

Whereas the promotion of safer sex practices and the distribution of safer sex products can have a positive effect of slowing the transmission of STIs; and

Whereas the spread of STIs, such as Chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis, AIDS and HIV can be significantly reduced by using safer sex products; and

Whereas consent and sovereignty over reproductive cycles can be negotiated with the use of safer sex products; and

Whereas some locals already have access to safer sex products, this availability does not exist for all locals; and

Whereas the inclusion of safer sex products in the Ethical Purchasing Network would save locals money and improve the availability of these products; therefore

Be it resolved that safer sex products, such as condoms, gloves, lube and dental dams, be made available through the Ethical Purchasing Network.

**2012/11:162** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 98/Local 53

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:057 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that availability of safer sex products, such as condoms, gloves, lube and dental dams, to be made available through the Ethical Purchasing Network be investigated; and

Be it further resolved that services run by other national or provincial organisations offering safer sex products, such as condoms, gloves, lube and dental dams be investigated as possible models or jointly offered services."

**2012/11:163** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 100/Local 84

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:162 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that safer sex products, such as condoms, gloves, lube and dental dams, be offered through a bulk purchasing service; and

Be it further resolved that more ethical products be investigated;

Be it further resolved that services run by other national, provincial or community organisations offering safer sex products and awareness materials be investigated as possible models or jointly offered services."

**DEFEATED**

**2012/11:164** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 84/Local 41

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:162 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with community organisations working towards sexual health awareness and well-being to promote educational information, workshops and resources on using sexual health products."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:162** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2012/11:057** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### d. Proposal to Create More Gender Diverse Identification Options with Service Partners

**2012/11:010** **MOTION**
Local 27/Local 109

Whereas several of the Federation's service partners (including Green Shield Canada and OOHLALA) currently require that clients identify as either male or female in order to access a service; and

Whereas many members of the Federation do not identify as either male or female, and feel excluded and unrepresented when forced to do so; therefore

Be it resolved that the creation of more gender diverse identification options be negotiated with service partners.

**2012/11:165** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 75/Local 41

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:010 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the creation of more gender diverse identification and sex markers be properly identified as male, female, intersex and that gender and sex are properly referred to; be negotiated with service partners.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:010** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### e. Proposal to Investigate Online Registration System for General Meetings

**2012/11:023** **MOTION**
Local 68/Local 109

Whereas physical registration forms are currently used to register participants for Federation general meetings; and

Whereas the introduction of an online system could simplify and improve the registration process; and

Whereas a variety of online registration tools and systems exist that could be used by the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the feasibility of an online registration system for national general meetings be investigated.

**CARRIED**

### f. Proposal to Establish Working Group on Policy

**2012/11:027** **MOTION**

Local 49/Local 109

Be it resolved that a working group be established to review all Issues Policies and Education Policies of the Federation.

**DEFEATED**

### g. Proposal to Amend Record of Resolutions

**2012/11:029** **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 49/Local 109

Whereas Standing Resolution 7 governs the record of resolutions; and

Whereas it is at times difficult for delegates to discern the tally of votes at Plenary; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 7 be amended to read:

> **Record of Resolution**
>
> Policy resolutions, standing resolutions, and constitutional amendments which are considered and adopted by the voting members of the Federation at a general meeting in accordance with Bylaws III, IV, and XVI shall be noted in the minutes of the general meeting as having met the requirements for notice and passage, as well as the tally of those locals in favour, those against, and any noted abstentions.

**DEFEATED**

### h. Proposal to Expand Content on Federation's Website

**2012/11:031** **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 49/Local 109

Whereas the Policy Manual of the Federation includes a section titled "Federation Documents"; and

Whereas many Federation documents are posted on the Federation's Website; and

Whereas minutes of national general meetings have been posted on the internet by sources other than the Federation; and

Whereas these minutes may be doctored or altered to create a false impression of the national general meeting content going back to 1981; and

Whereas these minutes include financial documents of the Federation; and

Whereas these financial documents may be doctored or altered to create a false impression of the Federation's budgeted expenses; and

Whereas some member locals of the Federation have no institutional memory in terms of documents of national general meetings; and

Whereas some member locals have outdated policy manuals comprising of outdated copies of the Federation's constating documents; and

Whereas this disadvantages member locals, and gives individual members possibly incorrect information; therefore

Be it resolved that Operations Policy "Federation Documents" be amended to include:

> **Online Documents**
>
> The Federation's constating documents, general meeting minutes and audits are to be posted online under a tab called "Federation Documents" on the cfs-fcee.ca website.

**2012/11:166** **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 68/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:031 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Operations Policy "Federation Documents" be amended to include:

**Online Documents**

The Federation's constating documents, general meeting summary minutes and auditor's summary are to be posted on the cfs-fcee.ca website."

**2012/11:167** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 19/Local 108

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:166 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Operations Policy "Federation Documents" be amended to include:

**Online Documents**

The Federation's constating documents, general meeting minutes and auditor's summary are to be posted on the cfs-fcee.ca website."

**DEFEATED**

**2012/11:166** **CARRIED**

**2012/11:031** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### i. Proposal to Broadcast General Meetings

**2012/11:033** **MOTION**
Local 49/Local 109

Whereas the Federation is a democratic and member-driven union of students; and

Whereas opponents of the Federation claim that the Federation is a closed organisation; and

Whereas livestreaming meetings via the web is a simple yet effective way to make meetings more available to members of the Federation, dispelling such ridiculous assertions; and

Whereas a livestream may be turned off and on at the convenience of delegates; therefore

Be it resolved that livestreaming opening and closing plenary during national general meetings be investigated;

Be it further resolved that a review the results of an investigation into livestreaming national general meetings be presented at the May 2013 national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that an investigation into livestreaming national general meetings be reported on in a subsequent National Executive Report.

**2012/11:168** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 8/Local 26

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:033 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that all investigated livestreaming options be inclusive of all accessible formats including closed captioning in both official languages, sign language etc."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:033** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### j. Proposal to Create Document Detailing History of Student Movement

**2012/11:035** **MOTION**
Local 49/Local 109

Whereas the student movement's history is long and fruitful, and filled with successes; and

Whereas the Federation has played an immense role in the shaping of post-secondary education since its' founding in 1981; and

Whereas the student movement grows stronger by reflecting upon its' history; therefore

Be it resolved that a document detailing the history of the student movement in Canada and the history of the Federation since its' founding in 1981 be created;

Be it further resolved that this document include; a list of the National Executive members for each year, a list of all member locals including those that have decertified from the Federation, and a list of successes and drawbacks from each year;

Be it further resolved that past National Executive members, former staff members, and former members of locals be consulted to create a narrative for a document detailing the history of the student movement in Canada; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be invited to participate in the development and reviewing of a document detailing the history of the student movement in Canada.

**DEFEATED**

### k. Proposal to Display Agenda During Plenary

**2012/11:037** **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION**
Local 49/Local 109

Whereas Standing Resolution 3 governs plenary rules and procedures; and

Whereas delegates at times have felt disadvantaged by confusion at opening and closing plenary; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 3 be amended to include:

> **10. Display of Agenda**
> The Agenda should be displayed on projector screens during plenary. When motions are being discussed at plenary, they should be visible on the projector screens in both French and English. If possible, amendments should be simultaneously displayed on screens.

**2012/11:169** **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 68/Local 8

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:037 be referred to the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:037** **REFERRED**

### l. Proposal to Develop New National Website

**2012/11:039** **MOTION**
Local 49/Local 109

Whereas some members have found the Federation's website to lack user-friendliness; therefore

Be it resolved that a new national website be developed.

**DEFEATED**

### m. Proposal to Adapt Websites and Website Service

**2012/11:041** **MOTION**
Local 98/Local 109

Whereas having a strong online presence supports mobilization efforts; and

Whereas mobile access to online content outpacing access to online content by desktop and laptop computing; and

Whereas online content is increasingly being adapted to mobile platforms; and

Whereas Federation websites, and the Federation's website service do not have a mobile phone adaptation; and

Whereas the Federation websites and the Federation Website Service do not have accessibility options to accommodate users with different abilities; and

Whereas the World Wide Web Consortium (W3) is the body which sets Internet protocol standards globally; and

Whereas locals participating in the Federation Website Service are dependent on the service being open and accessible for members; and

Whereas the Web Accessibility Initiative by the W3 is the current Internet standard for merging web standards with changes in accessible technologies; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation's websites, and websites offered through Federation services, be adapted for mobile devices; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation's websites, and websites offered through Federation services, be adapted to be fully accessible, at least as outlined by the Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium.

**CARRIED**

### n. Proposal to Repeal Bylaws

**2012/11:061** **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 108/Local 109

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is one of the few student organisations that has bylaws regulating decertification; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has been engaged in litigation around these bylaws;

Whereas the legal fees stemming from these cases could be put toward the goals of the CFS such as campaigns and lobbying; and

Whereas one of the founding principles of the Federation is "To organize students on a democratic, co-operative basis"; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I.VI.a be deleted;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.b be amended to read:

b. Decertification votes shall be scheduled as per member locals' own bylaws;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.c be amended to read:

c. As per member local;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.d be repealed;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.e be repealed;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.f be repealed;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.i be repealed; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.g be repealed.

**2012/11:170** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 49

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:061 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that Bylaw I.VI.a be amended to read:

a. As per Bylaw I, Section 3.a.iii a petition calling for a vote on decertification shall be signed by no less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the member local association and delivered to the National Executive of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.b be amended to read:

b. Decertification votes shall be scheduled as per member locals' own bylaws;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.c be amended to read:

c. As per member local;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.d be repealed;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.e be repealed;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.f be repealed;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.i be repealed; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.VI.g be repealed.

**RULED OUT OF ORDER**

**2012/11:171** **MOTION TO SUSTAIN RULING OF CHAIR**
Local 68/Local 8

Be it resolved that the ruling of the Chair be sustained.

**CARRIED**

**2009/11:172** **MOTION**
Local 68/Local 70

Be it resolved that the speakers' list for Motion-2012/11:061 be extended to allow three additional speakers in favour and three additional speakers against.

**DEFEATED**

**2009/11:173** **MOTION**
Local 24/Local 36

Be it resolved that debate on Motion 2012/11:061 be ended.

**CARRIED**

**NOTED OPPOSED:**
Local 5
Local 19
Local 49
Local 26
Local 9
Local 106
Local 108

**2012/11:061** **DEFEATED**

**NOTED IN FAVOUR:**
Local 3
Local 5
Local 9
Local 19
Local 26
Local 49
Local 106
Local 108

### o. Proposal on Voting Rights

**2012/11:064** **MOTION**
Local 108/Local 109

Whereas the Federation is based around sovereign student organisations;

Whereas students should be able to participate and decide on the fate of their Federation without employees of respective member locals intervening; therefore

Be it resolved that non-student employees be disallowed from voting on motions at national general meetings.

**DEFEATED**

**NOTED IN FAVOUR:**
Local 5
Local 19
Local 26
Local 49
Local 108

### p. Proposal to Adopt Operating Policy

**2012/11:068** **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 108/Local 109

Whereas the Federation has taken legal actions against its own members, and members of the press; and

Whereas the majority of these actions have been taken without reference to the national plenary; therefore

Be it resolved that Operating Policy "Disclosure of Legal Activities" be adopted to read:

**Disclosure of Legal Activities**

The CFS(-Services) shall maintain a list of all of the legal actions (including threat / demand letters issued, and any and all procedures filled in any court at any jurisdiction) it has taken in the past three years, and the cost of these actions. Upon request of a member association, copies of all documents and materials generated in pursuit of any of the listed legal actions shall be delivered to the requesting association.

**2012/11:174** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 9/Local 49

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:068 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Operating Policy "Disclosure of Legal Activities" be adopted to read:

**Disclosure of Legal Activities**

The CFS(-Services) shall maintain a list of all of the legal actions (including threat / demand letters issued, and any and all procedures filed in any court at any jurisdiction) it has taken in the past three years, and the cost of these actions. At each annual general meeting, there will be a presentation made in camera about each lawsuit by or against that has occurred in the previous 12 months."

**DEFEATED**

**2012/11:068** **DEFEATED**
**NOTED IN FAVOUR:**
Local 3
Local 5
Local 19
Local 26
Local 49
Local 106
Local 108
Local 110

### q. Proposal to Create Additional Website

**2012/11:070** **MOTION**
Local 108/Local 109

Whereas the policies of the Federation reflect our collective objectives; and

Whereas the Federation should strive towards presenting policies as accessibly as possible; therefore

Be it resolved a unique website be created to highlight Federation policies.

**DEFEATED**

### r. Proposal to Amend Standing Resolution

**2012/11:076** **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 108/Local 109

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 31 be amended to read:

The name shall be known as the Quebec Component, hereinafter referred to as the Component.

1. **Membership**
   The members of the component shall be all active Federation member local associations in the province of Quebec. Each member association shall be entitled to one (1) vote within the Component.
2. **Steering Committee**
   The affairs of the Component shall be managed by a Steering Committee.
   a. **Composition**
      The Steering Committee shall be composed of the Quebec Component Representative on the National Executive and one representative from each member local association in Quebec.

**b. Term of Office**
The term of office for a local representative shall be one (1) year commencing upon ratification to the Steering Committee, and expiring at the Steering Committee scheduled the closest to one (1) year after the Steering Committee meeting at which the member was ratified.

3. **Duties of the Steering Committee**

**a. Collective Duties of the Steering Committee**
The Steering Committee shall manage the affairs of the Component, implement campaigns and programs of the Federation in Quebec, and be responsible for the administration of Federation provincial resources in Quebec.

**b. Duties of the National Executive Representative**
The National Executive Representative shall oversee the keeping of accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Federation, and shall deposit all monies or other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Federation.

**c. Duties of Local Representatives**
Local Representatives shall be responsible for coordinating the implementation of Federation campaigns and programs at the local level.

**2012/11:175** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 49/Local 108

Be it resolved that the Motion-2012/11:076 be amended to include:

4. **Elections**
Elections shall be conducted in accordance with Bylaw V.

**DEFEATED**

**2012/11:176** **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 108/Local 38

Be it resolved that the Motion-2012/11:076 be referred to the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:076** **REFERRED**

### s. Proposal to Repeal Standing Resolution

**2012/11:078** **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 108/Local 109

Be it resolved that article f of Standing Resolution 33 be repealed.

**2012/11:177** **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 78/Local 36

Be it resolved that the Motion-2012/11:078 be referred to the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:078** **REFERRED**

### t. Proposal to Rename Students with Disabilities Constituency Group

**2012/11:100** **MOTION**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas the current name of the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group is exclusive and non-inclusive of the diversity of the community; and

Whereas the current language could be updated to reflect the diversity of the community; therefore

Be it resolved that the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group be renamed the Disabled, Deaf and Mad Students Constituency Group.

**2012/11:178** **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 8/Local 72

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:100 be postponed to the May 2013 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:100** **POSTPONED**

### u. Proposal to Rename Women's Constituency Group

**2012/11:102** **MOTION**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas the current name of the Women's Constituency Group is exclusive, transphobic, and non-inclusive of the diversity of the community; and

Whereas the current language could be updated to reflect the diversity of the community; and

Whereas the Queer Constituency Group addresses issues of sexuality and the Women's Constituency Group addresses issues of gender; therefore

Be it resolved that the Women's Constituency Group be renamed the Women and Trans People Constituency Group.

**2012/11:179** **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 68/Local 15

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:102 be postponed to the end of plenary.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:102** **POSTPONED**

### v. Proposal to Adopt Operational Policy on Strikes

**2012/11:104** **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas from time to time discussions arise over the nature of possible student strikes throughout Canada and there is a need for procedure to be implemented for the Federation in the possible event of such an action being taken within member locals' own governing structures or through that of the governing processes of the Federation, provincially or nationally; and

Whereas such procedure is to serve in the event of a student strike and to maximize our collective preparedness, but does not advocate nor deny the ability of member locals to take up this tactic; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Operational Policy on "Student Strikes" be adopted:

**Student Strikes**

The Federation shall allow, in the event of a strike, the general assemblies and other governing bodies of authority at member locals to collectively give direction through their assembly votes to the Federation on any given proposal by government.

The Federation shall in the event of a strike, not recommend a proposal made by the government to its member locals, but shall follow the direction given by locals' assemblies and the body of Plenary.

**DEFEATED**

### w. Proposal to Display Minutes During Plenary

**2012/11:110** **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas it is important that minutes from all Federation meetings accurately reflect the discussion had at those meetings; and

Whereas there is currently no method for participants to ensure that minutes taken accurately reflect said discussion; therefore

Be it resolved that minutes be projected on screen for all members to view and include in these minutes any edits made to motions; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3 be amended to include the following article:

10. **Screen Projection of Minute-Taking and Amendments**
The minutes taken at each plenary will be projected on screen for all delegates to view, including minutes taken that reflect edits made to motions.

**2012/11:180** **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 35/Local 71

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:110 be referred to the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:110** **REFERRED**

### x. Proposal to Amend Speaking Priority

**2012/11:112** **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas the Federation is a member-run organization; and

Whereas members of locals are the primary decision makers of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 3 be amended to read:

3. **Speaker Priority on Plenary Motions**
   a. **First Priority**
      Member delegates from member local associations and provincial components
   b. **Second Priority**
      National Executive members and national caucus representatives
   c. **Third Priority**
      Member local staff, and national and provincial staff of the Federation.

**2012/11:181** **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 41/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:112 and subsequent amendment 2012/11:181 be postponed for consideration at the May 2013 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:112** **POSTPONED**

### y. Proposal to Create a Task Force on International Solidarity

**2012/11:116** **MOTION**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas there has been over the last number of years an increase in successful student organizing internationally (i.e. Chile, Greece, Spain, etc.); and

Whereas there has been continued outreach to these iterations of the student movement in other nations by the Federation over the past number of years; and

Whereas in spite of this outreach, there is a void in concrete international coordination between student unions, associations, federations and other groups in the movement; and

Whereas the Federation has demonstrated some manner of ties with national and continental student organizations already in South and Central America, the United States, Europe, and perhaps elsewhere; and

Whereas the Federation has been a member of the International Union of Students (IUS), which once served the ends of international coordination of the student movement and is the originator of the Education is a Right campaign; and

Whereas the Federation still engages with some notable international work through the World Youth Student & Educational Travel Confederation; therefore

Be it resolved that the formation of a new international body for students to replace the International Union of Students be investigated–in consultation with its other national and continental student organizations–or reactivate the International Union of Students;

Be it further resolved that a summit of national and continental student organisations be called to discuss the formation of a new international body for students within the next two years;

Be it further resolved that a task force of the membership be struck – with the representation from the Executive Committee and each component of the Federation – to carry out the formation of a new international body for students under the title 'Task Force on International Solidarity';

Be it further resolved that distinct representation from Quebec be included in discussion on the formation of a new international body for students;

Be it further resolved that bi-annual reports be given on the progress of these initiatives at both (semi-) annual general meetings held during any given year following this meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the policy on the International Union of Students be removed from the Federation's policies, to be replaced upon which time a functioning organization exists.

**2012/11:182** **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 99/Local 36

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:116 be referred to the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:116** **REFERRED**

### z. Proposal to Amend Priority Speakers List

**2012/11:120** **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas the Federation Equity Policy states that, "in every activity of the Federation, non-gender specific and non-discriminatory language shall be used"; and

Whereas the Federation's Operational Policy states that "affirmative action speaking rights shall be employed at general meetings"; and

Whereas it is the Federation's practice to employ Gender Parity at general meetings; and

Whereas gender parity speakers list require a binary definition of gender and do not address other forms of oppression; and

Whereas the Federation is committed to ending transphobia and transphobic practices; therefore

Be it resolved that the practice of employing gender-based affirmative action speakers' list at national general meetings be ceased;

Be it further resolved that that Standing Resolution 4, article 3 be amended to read:

> 3. **Priority Speakers List**
> Priority shall be given to first time speakers in all workshops.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3, article 4 be amended to read:

> 4. **Anti-Oppression Procedures, Mood-Watchers and Information-Helpers**
> In order to ensure that conversations remain productive and safe, a minimum of one mood-watcher who has undergone training in anti-oppression politics and facilitation frameworks will be appointed by the voting members at the beginning of plenaries. Their responsibilities will include observing the development of gender, race, sexuality and other dynamics as they develop, and commenting on or make suggestions for rectification. They will also watch for any harassing behaviour or intimidation, and monitor the energy level of the room. The mood-watcher can recommend that a member local motion for a break The mood-watcher will also be available to be contacted privately throughout the plenary so that participants can identify oppression or harassment they may be witnessing or experiencing.
>
> In order to ensure the full participation of delegates, there will be several identifiable information-helpers throughout the room who can provide assistance on issues of procedures or answer clarifying questions.

**2012/11:183** **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 68/Local 15

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:120 be postponed to the end of plenary.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:120** **POSTPONED**

### aa. Proposal to Amend Bylaws

**2012/11:124** **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 41/Local 109

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services are currently governed by the *Canada Corporations Act*; and

Whereas the federal government has introduced legislation to significantly overhaul the *Canada Corporations Act*, effectively replacing Part II which was enacted in 1917 and currently governs federally incorporated non-for-profit corporations, with the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* ("*New Act*"); and

Whereas the New Act requires the Federations to institute certain provisions in order to remain compliant; therefore

Whereas there are a number of changes to the Federations' bylaws that are required in order to maintain the basic structure and processes as established by the member local unions that comprise the Federations; and

Whereas the New Act takes a very different approach with regard to the election of directors; and

Whereas the New Act does not allow for the election of directors to occur outside of an annual meeting (ie. provincial representatives); and

Be it resolved that Bylaw IV.I Composition be amended to read:

1. **Composition**

The National Executive will be comprised of:

a. Each of the persons elected by the national plenary to hold the position of director and each of the following at-large officer positions:
   i. National Chairperson;
   ii. National Deputy-Chairperson; and
   iii. National Treasurer.

b. The following representatives nominated by their respective provincial component or caucus and elected by the national plenary as a director:
   i. Alberta Representative;
   ii. British Columbia Representative;
   iii. Manitoba Representative;
   iv. New Brunswick Representative;
   v. Newfoundland-Labrador Representative;
   vi. Nova Scotia Representative;
   vii. Ontario Representative;
   viii. Prince Edward Island Representative;
   ix. Québec Representative;
   x. Saskatchewan Representative;
   xi. Graduate Student Representative;
   xii. Aboriginal Student Representative;
   xiii. Francophone Students Representative;
   xiv.Racialised Students Commissioner; and
   xv. Women's Representative.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:126** **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 41/Local 109

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services are currently governed by the *Canada Corporations Act*; and

Whereas the federal government has introduced legislation to significantly overhaul the *Canada Corporations Act*, effectively replacing Part II which was enacted in 1917 and currently governs federally incorporated non-for-profit corporations, with the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* ("*New Act*"); and

Whereas the New Act requires the Federation to institute certain provisions in order to remain compliant; therefore

Whereas there are a number of changes to the Federations' Bylaws that are required in order to maintain the basic structure and processes as established by the member local unions that comprise the Federations; and

Whereas the New Act takes a very different approach with regard to the election of directors; and

Whereas the New Act does not allow for the election of directors to occur outside of an annual meeting (ie. provincial representatives); and

Be it resolved that Bylaw V be amended to read:

1. **Eligibility of Nominees for the National Executive**
   a. A nominee for the National Executive must have been a member of a member local student association of the Federation within the previous six (6) months, or a full-time salaried executive member of the Federation or of a provincial component of the Federation and must simultaneously come from a member local student association.
   b. In addition to Bylaw V, Section 1.a, nominees for National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, and National Treasurer must be a delegate of a member local student association or provincial component, or a member of the National Executive at the general meeting in which the election is being conducted.
   c. In addition to Bylaw V, Sections 1.a and (1.b) but notwithstanding Bylaw V, Section 1.d, a nominee for National Chairperson shall be able to comprehend and speak:
      - French and English, except where a documented disability prevents learning a second language; or
      - French or English, and a First Nations language, except where a documented disability prevents learning a second language.
   d. In the event that a nominee for National Chairperson fails to demonstrate second language proficiency, as described in the Standing Resolutions, the nominee shall be eligible to stand for election provided that she declares her intention to be able to comprehend and speak a second language by no later than five (5) weeks prior to assuming the position of National Chairperson.
2. **Timing of Nominations for National Executive Members**
   a. **Timing of Nominations of At-Large Members**
      i. The nomination of a person to occupy the positions of director and National Chairperson shall be conducted at an annual general meeting.
      ii. The nomination of a person to occupy the positions of director and the National Deputy Chairperson shall be conducted at an annual general meeting.
      iii. The nomination of a person to occupy the positions of director and National Treasurer shall be conducted at annual general meeting.
   b. **Timing of Nominations for Provincial Component Representatives**
      i. The nomination of Provincial Component Representatives shall be conducted at such times as set out in the bylaws of the applicable provincial components; or
      ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive, the nomination of the Provincial Component Representative shall be conducted at a meeting of the component member local student associations convened by the National Executive at the semi-annual general meeting.
   c. **Timing of Nominations for the Graduate Student Representative**
      The nomination for Graduate Student Representative shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.
   d. **Timing of Nominations of the Aboriginal Student Representative**
      The nomination for the Aboriginal Student Representative shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.
   e. **Timing of Nominations of the Racialised Students Commissioner**
      The nominations for the Racialised Students Commissioner shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.

f. **Timing of Nomination of the Francophone Students Representative**
The nomination for the Francophone Students Representative shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.

g. **Timing of Nominations of the Women's Representative**
The nomination for the Women's Representative shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.

h. **Nominating Committee**
The incumbent National Executive shall constitute in each year a nominating committee of [three (3) to coordinate, receive and compile a list of names for the director positions contemplated by By-law V, Sections 2.b through 2.g. The nominating committee shall ensure that only one (1) name is presented in connection with each open position. The nominating committee shall compile each slate of nominees and deliver it to the National Executive for approval and presentation to the members at the relevant meeting of members.

For greater certainty, in order to preserve the integrity of the nomination process and the wishes of the nominating entities, no nominations from the floor in respect of any of the director positions contemplated by By-law V, Sections 2.b through 2.g will be permitted at any meeting of the members of the Federation.

3. **Procedures for Election of National Executive Members**

a. **Procedure for the Election of At-Large Members**
Elections for National Chairperson, National Deputy-Chairperson and National Treasurer shall be conducted at national general meetings subject to the following rules and procedures:
i. elections shall be conducted by secret ballot;
ii. each member local student association present at the general meeting will be permitted one (1) vote in each election;
iii. a nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected;
iv. Prior to voting, a nominees' forum will be conducted by the Chief Returning Officer(s) in which:
- nominees shall be allotted up to four (4) minutes to present opening statements;
- the delegates shall be allotted up to fifteen (15) minutes to ask questions of candidates for each position:
- questions shall be directed to all nominees;
- questions shall be no more than forty five (45) seconds in length and shall not include preamble or commentary;
- nominees shall have up to ninety (90) seconds in which to respond to questions.
- nominees shall be allotted up to two (2) minutes to present closing remarks;
- nominees shall have access to interpretation throughout the nominees' forum.

b. **Procedure for Election of Directors**
The National Executive shall present each slate of names prepared by the nominating committee to the relevant meeting of members for election by the members of each of the nominees as directors of the Federation.

c. **Oath of Office**
Following election to the National Executive a director must execute, in writing, the Federation's Oath of Office in order to commence her term.

4. **Term of Office for National Executive Members**
The term of office of National Executive Members shall commence at the end of the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting immediately following the annual general meeting at which they were elected and shall expire at the end of the closing plenary of the following semi-annual general meeting.

5. **Removal from Office of National Executive Members**

a. **Removal of National Executive Members**
National Executive Members may be removed from office by a majority vote at a national general meeting or by mail-out vote.

b. **Initiation of Removal from Office Proceedings**

Removal from Office Proceedings against member of the National Executive may be initiated by:
i. a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Executive; or
ii. a petition signed by no less than three (3) member local student associations presented to the National Executive.

c. **Removal of National Chair for Failure to Achieve Second Language Proficiency**
In the event that a member elected to the position of National Chairperson fails to achieve second language proficiency, as described in the Standing Resolutions, by no later than five (5) weeks prior to the general meeting at which the member is to assume the position of National Chairperson, the position will be declared vacant.

d. **Attendance at National Executive Meetings**
A member of the National Executive who, without authorisation of the National Executive, is absent from two (2) consecutive, regularly-scheduled meetings of the National Executive shall be deemed to have resigned her position on the National Executive.

6. **Replacement of National Executive Members**

a. **Vacancy in an At-large National Executive Position**
In the event of a vacancy in the position of National Chairperson, National Deputy-Chairperson, or National Treasurer:
i. the National Executive shall have the authority to appoint a member of the National Executive to fill the position, until the next national general meeting; and
ii. an election for the position shall be conducted at the next national general meeting as per the election procedures set out in the Bylaws.

b. **Vacancy in the Position of Executive Positions Contemplated by By-law V, Sections 2.b through 2.g**
In the event of a vacancy in the position of National Executive Positions contemplated by Bylaw V, Section 2.b through 2.g:
i. the National Executive shall have the authority to appoint a person to fill the position following consultation with the entity which nominated the person who vacated office, until the next national general meeting; and
ii. an election for the position shall be conducted at the next national general meeting as per the nomination and election procedures set out in the Bylaws.

7. **Appointment of a Chief Returning Officer**
The National Executive will appoint one (1) to two (2) member(s) of the staff of the Federation to act as Chief Returning Officer for any National Executive election conducted at a national general meeting.

8. **Notice of Elections for National Executive Positions**
Information to be posted to member local student association that includes, but is not limited to:
a. rate of remuneration;
b. outline of duties and responsibilities; and
c. outline travel obligations and/or necessary relocation.

9. **Announcement of Election Results**
Following the tabulation of votes for at-large positions, the Chief Returning Officers will announce to the plenary:
a. the nominees elected;
b. the process for additional balloting in the event that no nominees for a particular position receives a majority of the votes cast; and
c. the vote count for each candidate if directed to do so by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the plenary.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:128** **MOTION TO REPEAL BYLAW AND ADOPT STANDING RESOLUTION**
Local 41/Local 109

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services is currently governed by the *Canada Corporations Act*; and

Whereas the federal government has introduced legislation to significantly overhaul the *Canada Corporations Act*, effectively replacing Part II which was enacted in 1917 and currently governs

federally incorporated non-for-profit corporations, with the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* ("*New Act*"); and

Whereas the New Act requires the Federation to institute certain provisions in order to remain compliant; therefore

Whereas there are a number of changes to the Federations' Bylaws that are required in order to maintain the basic structure and processes as established by the member local unions that comprise the Federations; and

Be it resolved that Bylaw VII be repealed; and

Be it further resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

**Constituency Groups**

1. **General Description**
   A constituency group shall be comprised of individual delegates attending Federation national general meetings who share a common characteristic as recognized by the national plenary, except as provided for by the relevant Standing Resolutions. For greater certainty, constituency groups, as such, are not members of the Federation.
2. **Establishment of Constituency Group**

   A constituency group may be established subject to the following procedure:
   - a group of delegates, wishing to be established as a constituency group, shall apply in writing to the national plenary for recognition;
   - upon receipt of an application by a prospective constituency group, the National Plenary shall strike a review committee, comprised of at least one (1) representative of the proposed constituency group and such other persons as selected by the national plenary, to review and make a recommendation concerning the application;
   - in the event that the review committee recommends the establishment of the constituency group, its report to the national plenary must consist of a draft standing resolution outlining the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the constituency group; and
   - a constituency group must, as a stated goal, support the Statement of Purpose of the Federation.
3. **Current Constituency Groups**
   The current Constituency Groups are:
   - Student Artists Constituency Group
   - Students with Disabilities Constituency Group
   - Francophone Students Constituency Group
   - International Students Constituency Group
   - Part-Time and Mature Students Constituency Group
   - Queer Students' Constituency Group
   - Racialised Students Constituency Group
   - Women's Constituency Group
4. **Constituency Groups Rights**

   a. **Funding**
   A constituency group shall have the right to automatically receive a minimum level of funding established by a Standing Resolution.

   b. **Appointment of representatives to General Meeting Committees**
   A constituency group shall have the right to appoint representatives to committees at all Federation general meetings.

   c. **Establishment of Committees**
   A constituency group may establish steering committees or other standing committees.

   d. **Policy**
   A constituency group may establish policy in its own name provided the policy does not contradict policy of the Federation.
5. **Meetings of Constituency Group**
   Meetings of constituency group shall be held during Federation general meetings.
6. **Voting in Constituency Group Meetings**

Each delegate belonging to a Federation constituency group shall have one (1) vote in meetings of the constituency group, except where provided for by the relevant Standing Resolutions.

7. **Reporting Structure**
   Commissioners shall make reports to their respective constituency groups when requested by the constituency group. The reports shall be made available to the membership.

   National Executive Representatives and Commissioners with a vote on the National Executive must be ratified by plenary.

   Constituency groups are not otherwise obligated to report to plenary.

Be it further resolved that the Standing Resolutions be renumbered accordingly.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:130** **MOTION TO REPEAL BYLAW AND ADOPT STANDING RESOLUTION**
Local 41/Local 109

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services is currently governed by the *Canada Corporations Act*; and

Whereas the federal government has introduced legislation to significantly overhaul the *Canada Corporations Act*, effectively replacing Part II which was enacted in 1917 and currently governs federally incorporated non-for-profit corporations, with the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* ("*New Act*"); and

Whereas the New Act requires the Federation to institute certain provisions in order to remain compliant; therefore

Whereas there are a number of changes to the Federations' Bylaws that are required in order to maintain the basic structure and processes as established by the member local unions that comprise the Federations; and

Be it resolved that Bylaw VIII be repealed; and

Be it further resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

**Caucuses**

1. **General Description**
   A caucus shall be composed of Federation member local student associations with a common interest or concern. For greater certainty, caucuses, as such, are not members of the Federation.

2. **Establishment of Caucuses**
   A caucus may be established subject to the following procedure:
   - a group of member local student associations, wishing to be established as a caucus, shall apply in writing to the national plenary for recognition;
   - upon receipt of an application by a prospective caucus, the national plenary shall strike a review committee comprised of at least one (1) representative of the proposed caucus and such other persons as selected by the national plenary, to review and make a recommendation concerning the application;
   - in the event that the review committee recommends the establishment of a caucus, its report to the national plenary must consist of a draft standing resolution outlining the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the caucus; and
   - a caucus must, as a stated goal, support the Statement of the Purpose of the Federation.

3. **Designated Caucuses**
   The designated caucuses of the Federation are:
   - National Aboriginal Caucus
   - Caucus of College and Institute Associations
   - Caucus of Large Institute Associations
   - Caucus of Small University Associations
   - National Graduate Caucus

4. **Caucuses Rights**

   a. **Appointment of Representatives to General Meeting Committees**

A caucus shall have the right to appoint representatives to committees at all Federation national general meetings.

b. **Establishment of Committees**
A caucus may establish steering committees or other standing committees.

c. **Policy**
A caucus may establish policy in its own name provided the policy does not contradict policy of the Federation.

5. **Scheduling of Meetings**
Meetings of caucuses shall be held during Federation general meetings.

6. **Voting in Caucus Meetings**
Each member local student association belonging to a Federation caucus shall have one (1) vote in meetings of the caucus, except as provided for by the relevant Standing Resolutions.

Be it further resolved that the Standing Resolutions be renumbered accordingly.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:132** **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 41/Local 109

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services is currently governed by the *Canada Corporations Act*; and

Whereas the federal government has introduced legislation to significantly overhaul the *Canada Corporations Act*, effectively replacing Part II which was enacted in 1917 and currently governs federally incorporated non-for-profit corporations, with the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* ("*New Act*"); and

Whereas the New Act requires the Federation to institute certain provisions in order to remain compliant; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw VI, 1 be amended to read:

1. **General Description**
A provincial component shall be comprised of all member local student associations within a particular province. For greater certainty, provincial components are not, as such, members of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

## 4. PRESENTATION OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT

### a. Proposal to Support Graduate Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities

**2012/11:008** **MOTION**
Local 27/Local 109

Whereas the Federal government earmarked $14 million dollars of funding for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) for industry-partnership programs over this year and the next, forcing SSHRC to make major budget adjustments; and

Whereas in order to incorporate the earmarks, SSHRC has cut $460,000 from its Attendance Grants to Scholarly Associations (AAGSA) program; and

Whereas AAGSA assists researchers in the social sciences and humanities in travelling to meetings of scholarly associations, which are crucial to representation and academic governance; and

Whereas graduate students are disproportionately affected by the cuts to AAGSA; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the Minister of Industry demanding that the Social Science and Humanities Research Council's budget be augmented to accommodate full funding for Attendance Grants to Scholarly Associations;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Social Science and Humanities Research Council expressing the need for graduate students to participate in the governance of scholarly associations; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters to the Minister of Industry demanding that the Social Science and Humanities Research Council's budget be augmented to accommodate full funding for Attendance Grants to Scholarly Associations.

**CARRIED**

### b. Proposal to Support the Museum of Civilization

**2012/11:015** **MOTION**

Local 27/Local 36

Whereas the federal government recently announced their intention to change the Canadian Museum of Civilization into a Canadian Museum of History; and

Whereas the move would see the Canadian Museum of Civilization's international anthropology exhibits removed in favour of exhibits on Canadian history; and

Whereas the National Capital Region already has attractions that educate individuals about Canadian history, including the Canadian War Museum, the Diefenbunker, and the grounds of Parliament; and

Whereas the Canadian Museum of Civilization's anthropology exhibits are a valuable resource to students in the national capital region and beyond, providing rare opportunities to see artefacts from around the world; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages and to the President of the Canadian Museum of Civilization opposing the changes to the Museum and suggesting other ways to promote Canadian history;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages and to the President of the Canadian Museum of Civilization opposing the changes to the Museum and suggesting other ways to promote Canadian history; and

**2012/11:184** **MOTION**

Local 41/Local 4

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a letter be written to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages and to the President of the Canadian Museum of Civilization opposing the changes to the Museum and suggesting other ways to promote Canadian history;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages and to the President of the Canadian Museum of Civilization opposing the changes to the Museum and suggesting other ways to promote Canadian history; and

Be it further resolved that the "Canada's Past Matters" campaign be endorsed."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:015** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### c. Proposal to Campaign for Sexual Health

**2012/11:017** **MOTION**

Local 105/Local 49

Whereas there is no sexual health awareness campaign to raise awareness of sexual health issues free from prejudice or harm and to promote safer sex; therefore

Be it resolved that a sexual health awareness campaign be launched;

Be it further resolved that a campaign toolkit that includes items, such as fact sheets, posters, and leaflets be produced for a sexual health awareness campaign with the suggested title being called 'Better safe than sorry';

Be it further resolved that a sexual health awareness campaign be developed to address issues related to, but not limited to:

- the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) with condom use;
- highlight the importance of getting tested for STIs;
- encourage talking to partners about safe sex;

- provide clear, accurate information relating to sexual health issues, encourage those who are sexually active to practice safer sex;
- raise awareness about the risks of sexually transmitted infections, such as the 4 H's (Human papillomavirus—HPV, Herpes, Hepatitis C, HIV/AIDS);
- raise awareness about the risk of unplanned pregnancy by not using a reliable form of contraception;
- provide information on the Federations' website about online resources relating to sexual health; and
- encourage member locals to seek sexual health community resources and services and share this information via the Federations' list serves; and

Be it further resolved that sexual health materials be produced in collaboration with member locals and community partners (e.g. Canadian Federation for Sexual Health); and

Be it further resolved that sexual health materials and campaign kits be accessible by member locals on the Federations' website.

**2012/11:185** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 8/Local 7

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:017 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a sexual health awareness campaign be launched in coalition with existing campaign partners."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:017** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### d. Proposal to Update No Means No Campaign

**2012/11:019** **MOTION**
Local 105/Local 49

Whereas the No means No campaign has been the predominant sexual assault awareness campaign on campuses for over 10 years; and

Whereas the content of the campaign's framework has not been updated since its inception; and

Whereas in practice, behavioural change lags behind attitudinal change; and

Whereas the campaign currently lacks sufficient information to educate member locals about sexual violence, sexual assault, and related resources; therefore

Be it resolved that the No means No campaign be updated and expanded to cover issues relating to, but not limited to; sexual health, gender-based violence, clear definitions of terms related to sexual assault, and changes to policies related to reporting sexual assault incidences;

Be it further resolved that the No means No campaign be complemented with other educational campaigns, such as 'Consent to Sexy,' 'One too Many', 'Bringing in the Bystander,' 'Men Stop Rape', and other relevant campaigns;

Be it further resolved that a working group be formed to facilitate the introduction and inclusion of materials related to, but not limited to, the following areas related to sexual assault awareness; consent, pro-social bystander behaviour, rape culture, highlight penalties imposed by engaging in non-consensual sexual activity, educating men about how they can stop rape;

Be it further resolved that one or more factsheets on, but not limited to; consent, rape culture, pro-social bystander behaviour, and sexual violence on campus be developed;

Be it further resolved that research be conducted in collaboration with member locals on sexual assault and sexual violence in residences;

Be it further resolved that materials from community partners be included in any future campaign kits produced member locals and be made available on the No Means No website;

Be it further resolved that the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)'s 'My Strength' campaign be investigated as a source for potential materials for inclusion in the No Means No campaign materials currently offered;

Be it further resolved that the 'Bringin' in the Bystander' program at the University of New Hampshire, and its implementation at the University of Windsor, be investigated and its materials be incorporated into the No Means No campaign;

Be it further resolved that 'Only Yes Means Yes' posters and materials be developed;

Be it further resolved that No Means No campaign materials draw attention to the sentencing and punishment imposed if men engage in non-consensual sex (i.e., maximum penalty for a sexual assault is ten years in jail, while the maximum penalty for aggravated sexual assault is life in prison);

Be it further resolved that a task force on sexual assault issues be initiated to spread awareness through educational campaigns and to act as a voice for students of member locals by:
- encouraging students to become involved in the process of cultural change surrounding sexual assaults;
- facilitating dialogue with university administration and security for policy changes on-campus;
- establishing that a safety audit is conducted on-campus;
- evaluating security protocols in response to reported incidences of sexual assault;
- investigating ways to address safety concerns of students;
- administering surveys to target specific areas of concern on the campuses of respective member locals; and
- ensuring equal accessibility to counselling and resources for victims of sexual assault; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to hold sexual assault task force hearings on each of their campuses and invite all members of their campus (i.e., students, university administration, legal representatives, campus security, sexual assault support team, centre for women and trans people, faculty and staff), and local community partners (e.g., rape crisis centre, abuse care centres, domestic violence services, etc.) to collaborate in the task force.

**2012/11:186** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 8/Local 4

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:019 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the No means No campaign be updated and expanded to cover issues relating to, but not limited to, sexual health, gender-based violence, clear definitions of terms related to sexual assault, and changes to policies related to reporting sexual assault incidences;

Be it further resolved that a working group be formed to facilitate the introduction and inclusion of materials related to, but not limited to, the following areas related to sexual assault awareness, consent, pro-social bystander behaviour, rape culture, highlight penalties imposed by engaging in non-consensual sexual activity, educating men about how they can stop rape;

Be it further resolved that one or more factsheets on, but not limited to; consent, rape culture, pro-social bystander behaviour, and sexual violence on campus be developed;

Be it further resolved that research be conducted in collaboration with member locals on sexual assault and sexual violence in residences;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to strike a task force on sexual assault issues be initiated to spread awareness through educational campaigns and to act as a voice for students of member locals by:
- encouraging students to become involved in the process of cultural change surrounding sexual assaults;
- facilitating dialogue with university administration and security for policy changes on-campus;
- establishing that a safety audit is conducted on-campus;
- evaluating security protocols in response to reported incidences of sexual assault;
- investigating ways to address safety concerns of students;
- administering surveys to target specific areas of concern on the campuses of respective member locals; and
- ensuring equal accessibility to counselling and resources for victims of sexual assault."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:019** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### e. Proposal to Support Anti-Violence Against Women Work at Local 68

**2012/11:021** **MOTION**
Local 68/Local 109

Whereas sexual violence has plagued York University for several years; and

Whereas students fought for an independent, third-party safety audit that took into account physical and social barriers to safety; and

Whereas a final report was completed by the Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children and released on June 25, 2010 with 101 recommendations to improve campus safety; and

Whereas progress on the implementation of recommendations has been slow and mostly addressed campus infrastructure; and

Whereas sexual assaults occurred within the first weeks of school, many between students who knew each other and in campus buildings; and

Whereas the York Federation of Students, alongside the Sexual Assault Survivors Support Line, and Feminist Action at York University organized a "Take Back Our Campus" rally to respond to these incidents; and

Whereas the rally put forward five demands, that included: better lighting in paths and walkways; a fully funded Sexual Assault Support Centre with permanent staff; a university-wide Sexual Assault Policy; expanded equity and inclusivity training to students, including those in residence; and a redesign of security bulletin formats; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the York University administration condemning recent sexual assaults and supporting the above demands made by students; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the York University administration condemning recent sexual assaults and supporting the demands made by students for better lighting in paths and walkways; a fully funded Sexual Assault Support Centre with permanent staff; a university-wide Sexual Assault Policy; expanded equity and inclusivity training to students, including those in residence; and a redesign of security bulletin formats.

**CARRIED**

### f. Proposal to Support Malala Yousafzai

**2012/11:025** **MOTION**
Local 68/ Local 109

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is committed to the fight for access to education for all; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and its member locals are committed to the fight for equal rights for women; and

Whereas Malala Yousafzai, a 14 year-old Pakistani activist in the province of Swat, has been shot by the Taliban based on her activist work supporting education for women and girls in her community; and

Whereas this attack is also an attack on women's right to education and women's rights in general; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the government of Pakistan condemning the attempted murder of Malala Yousafzai and urging the Pakistani government to take a stronger stance on ensuring the right of all children, including girls, to access education without fear of persecution and violence; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the government of Pakistan demanding a stronger stance on ensuring the right of all children, including girls, to access education without fear of persecution and violence.

**2012/11:187** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 109/Local 24

Be it further resolved that Motion-2012/11:025 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a letter be written to the government of Pakistan condemning the attempted murder of Malala Yousafzai and urging the Pakistani government to take a stronger stance on ensuring the right of all children, including girls, to access education without fear of persecution and violence; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the government of Pakistan, the High Commission of Pakistan in Canada, and related organizations demanding it take

a stronger stance on ensuring the right of all children, including girls, to access education without fear of persecution and violence.

Be it further resolved that the national executive be encouraged to write letters of solidarity to Malala Yousafzai.

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

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:025** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### g. Proposal to Oppose Government Waste on Celebrating the War of 1812

**2012/11:043** **MOTION**
Local 98/ Local 109

Whereas the Government of Canada is spending $28 million on efforts to commemorate the War of 1812; and

Whereas the project is promoting mythologies about Canadian culture and history in thinly veiled nationalist propaganda; and

Whereas Prime Minister Stephen Harper has stated that the War of 1812 was "the beginning of a long and proud military history in Canada," attempting to foster nationalist support behind Canadian military missions abroad; and

Whereas the state of Canada did not even exist in 1812; and

Whereas the project is claiming that since the War of 1812, Canada has experienced 200 years of "peace", which is a blatant attempt to erase Canada's past and current participation in wars abroad, as well as the struggles against the Canadian government that many marginalized people on this land have fought throughout the last 200 years (and continue to fight); and

Whereas the project attempts to erase the history of genocide, apartheid and racism that settlers on this land committed against indigenous and Black people; and

Whereas the Government of Canada's War of 1812 website claims that partnerships with First Nations people "helped to create the foundation for modern Canada, including its respect for the rights of aboriginal people," a deplorable revision of history that ignores Canada's violent, colonial past and the 200 years of racism and violence that followed the War of 1812 for Canada's indigenous people; and

Whereas the British clearly betrayed indigenous people after the War of 1812 by reneging on negotiations for an independent Native confederacy; and

Whereas Canada voted against the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and Prime Minister Stephen Harper has publicly and falsely stated that Canada has no history of colonialism; and

Whereas the money invested in this propaganda project could have gone towards other initiatives to truly support indigenous people, racialized people, social programs or education; therefore

Be it resolved that Canada's War of 1812 campaign be condemned;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Government of Canada condemning the use of public funds to promote inaccurate histories; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters to the Government of Canada condemning the use of public funds to promote inaccurate histories.

**2012/11:188** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 75/ Local 53

Be it further resolved that Motion-2012/11:043 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Canada's War of 1812 campaign be condemned;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Government of Canada condemning the use of public funds to promote inaccurate histories; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters to the Government of Canada condemning the use of public funds to promote inaccurate histories and demand the

remaining funds be redirected to Aboriginal organisations such as the Native Women's Association of Canada, the Assembly of First Nations, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:043** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### h. Proposal to Condemn Proroguing

**2012/11:045** **MOTION**
Local 98/Local 109

Whereas the use of mid-session prorogation of parliament is increasingly being exploited to stifle opposition to and discussion of important and controversial acts, bills, and legislature at multiple levels of government; and

Whereas on October 15, 2012 Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty prorogued the Ontario Legislature; and

Whereas over 70 bills have died on the floor as a result; and

Whereas these bills include the Anti-Bullying Act and the Protection of Public Participation Act; and

Whereas the prorogation of the Ontario Legislature has taken place at a time when the Ontario Government is facing multiple scandals, including the charge of contempt of Parliament against Minister Chris Bentley, the ORNGE emergency transportation fiasco, and failed labour negotiations; and

Whereas the prorogation of the Ontario Legislature occurred in tandem with the resignation of Premier McGuinty; and

Whereas the prorogation of the Ontario Legislature is an action that is obviously geared towards favouring partisan politics over the business of the legislature; therefore

Be it resolved that all attempts to prorogue any level of government mid-session for partisan purposes be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be issued to Premier McGuinty and the Ontario Liberals condemning the prorogation of the Ontario Legislature, urging Members of Provincial Parliament to reinstate legislature immediately.

**CARRIED**

### i. Proposal to Join the "Let's Call BS" Campaign

**2012/11:047** **MOTION**
Local 98/Local 109

Whereas mental health is a key determinant of overall health; and

Whereas social stigma continues to push back against organising focused on improving the public dialogue around mental health; and

Whereas the Federation has a clear mandate on accessibility, which includes ameliorating the status of members with mental health concerns; and

Whereas mental health concerns disproportionately affect women, queerfolk, transfolk, racialized people, people with disabilities, and Aboriginal communities; and

Whereas the Partners for Mental Health is organizing to eliminate discrimination and dismissal of people with mental health concerns; therefore

Be it resolved that a mental health campaign focused on eliminating discrimination and dismissal of people with mental health concerns be created; and

Be it further resolved that the possibility of signing on to the Partners for Mental health "Let's Call BS" campaign to eliminate discrimination and dismissal of people with mental health concerns be investigated.

**2012/11:189** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 41/Local 36

Be it resolved the motion be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a mental health campaign focused on eliminating discrimination and dismissal of people with mental health concerns be created."

**2012/11:190** **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 41/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:047 and subsequent amendment 2012/11:189 be postponed for consideration at the May 2013 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:047** **POSTPONED**

### j. Proposal to Oppose Military Intervention in Iran and Syria

**2012/11:049** **MOTION**
Local 98/Local 109

Whereas the federal government has severed diplomatic relations with the state of Iran; and

Whereas the State of Iran has been in practice of non-alignment with the Western powers; and

Whereas the federal government is leading a campaign to encourage other states to sever diplomacy with the State of Iran; and

Whereas the federal government has accused Iran of a Nuclear Weapons program to which there is no proof; and

Whereas the Canadian Peace Alliance has released a statement calling for diplomatic relations to be reinstated with Iran for nuclear weapons disarmament; and

Whereas nations aligned with NATO are possibly setting tracks for military intervention in Syria; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Peace Alliance campaign for "No Sanctions – No Wars, Don't Attack Iran" be endorsed;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Steven Harper and Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird calling for the reinstatement of diplomatic relations between Canada and Iran;

Be it further resolved that the federal government be encouraged to not enter into war with the state of Syria;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters encouraging peace among Canada, Syria, and Iran and calling for diplomacy to be reinstated; and

Be it further resolved that anti-war materials produced by the Canadian Peace Alliance be made available to member locals.

**2012/11:191** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 98/Local 109

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:049 be amended to read:

"Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Steven Harper and Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird calling for the reinstatement of diplomatic relations between Canada and Iran;

Be it further resolved that the federal government be encouraged to not enter into war with the state of Syria;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters encouraging peace among Canada, Syria, and Iran and calling for diplomacy to be reinstated; and

Be it further resolved that materials be produced in partnership with the Canadian Peace Alliance that denounce the prioritization of military spending to the detriment of public education.

Be it further resolved that the Federation support any international students effected by Iranian or Syrian embassy disruptions or closures."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:049** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### k. Proposal to Support Access to Refugee Health Care

**2012/11:051** **MOTION**
Local 98/ Local 109

Whereas at the May 2012 national general meeting the cuts to refugee assistance in Bill-C31 were condemned; and

Whereas members of the organisation Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care have vowed to treat refugees regardless of status; and

Whereas the Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care are collecting testimonials from those individuals affected by the bill proposed and passed in federal legislature as part of a Health Care for All campaign; and

Whereas Member of Parliament Kelly Block of Saskatchewan has distributed racist and xenophobic materials decrying refugee access to healthcare; and

Whereas there has been no reversal of the bill's constraints on healthcare for refugees in Canada; and

Whereas there is no sentiment from the Government of Canada to reverse this; and

Whereas healthcare should be accessible to all people; therefore

Be it resolved that the Health Care for All campaign of the Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care be endorsed;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Minister for Citizenship and Immigration Jason Kenney and Member of Parliament Kelly Block condemning the distribution of racist and xenophobic materials decrying refugee access to healthcare;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the Minister for Citizenship and Immigration Jason Kenney and Member of Parliament Kelly Block condemning the distribution of racist and xenophobic materials decrying refugee access to healthcare; and

Be it further resolved that member locals also be encouraged to seek testimonials from those affected by the implementation of the "Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act" for inclusion in the Health Care for All Campaign.

**2012/11:192** **MOTION**
Local 98/Local 35

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:051 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the Health Care for All campaign of the Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care be endorsed;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Minister for Citizenship and Immigration Jason Kenney and Member of Parliament Kelly Block condemning the distribution of racist and xenophobic materials decrying refugee access to healthcare;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the Minister for Citizenship and Immigration Jason Kenney and Member of Parliament Kelly Block condemning the distribution of racist and xenophobic materials decrying refugee access to healthcare; and

Be it further resolved that member locals also be encouraged to seek testimonials from those affected by the implementation of the "Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act" for inclusion in the Health Care for All Campaign.

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support members who are refugees or have an ambiguous citizenship status to access emergency health care services when required."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:051** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### l. Proposal to Support the Museum of Civilization

**2012/11:053** **MOTION**

Local 98/ Local 109

Whereas the Government of Canada is spending $25 million on efforts to rebrand and rename the Canadian Museum of Civilization to the Museum of Canadian History; and

Whereas Heritage Minister James Moore has stated that this project is meant to promote history to Canada's "children"; and

Whereas the Government of Canada has shown itself to be unreliable teachers when it comes to history in its denial of our colonial past and its revisionist history of the War of 1812; and

Whereas critics have voiced their concerns that this rebrand is part of a larger nationalist, conservative "spin" project; and

Whereas the money invested in this project could have gone towards social programs to support arts and culture, or education; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Heritage Minister James Moore encouraging funds allocated to the Museum of Canadian History be redirected towards social programs to support arts and culture, or education; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Heritage Minister James Moore encouraging funds allocated to the Museum of Canadian History be redirected towards social programs to support arts and culture, or education.

**2012/11:193** **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 41/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:053 be postponed for consideration at the May 2013 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:053** **POSTPONED**

Motion 2012/11:053 was postponed for consideration at the May 2013 national general meeting.

### m. Proposal for a Campaign Against Racism and Xenophobia

**2012/11:055** **MOTION**
Local 98/ Local 109

Whereas racism and xenophobia are present in post-secondary institutions in overt and subtle forms; therefore

Be it resolved that a national equity campaign be coordinated to focus on raising awareness about and eliminating racism and xenophobia, utilizing existing campaigns and research, including the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario's No Racism campaign;

Be it further resolved that a working group with at least one representative from each province be created to develop the campaign; and

Be it further resolved that a meeting of the working group be held before the May 2013 national general meeting.

**2012/11:194** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 98/Local 53

Be it resolved that Motion 2012/1:055 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a national equity campaign be coordinated to focus on raising awareness about and eliminating racism and xenophobia, utilizing existing campaigns and research, including the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario's No Racism campaign;

Be it further resolved that a working group with at least one representative from each province and an Aboriginal Caucus representative be created to develop the campaign; and

Be it further resolved that a meeting of the working group be held before the May 2013 national general meeting."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:055** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### n. Proposal to Develop Guide Book

**2012/11:059** **MOTION**
Local 78/Local 109

Whereas the realities of trans and gender non conforming students are over represented in experiences of stigmatization, of living in poverty and of intimate, institutional and administrative violence; and

Whereas these realities create and sustain barriers to accessing culturally relevant, affordable, and safe access to post secondary education in Canada; and

Whereas these barriers contribute to Canadian university campuses not being safer, accessible, inclusive, and supportive spaces for all people; and

Whereas it is one of the goals of the Federation to promote access to post secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that a best practices guide be developed for Canadian post-secondary education institutions regarding the deconstruction of barriers that trans and gender non conforming people experience to promote self determination and access on their campuses;

Be it further resolved that the guide of best practices prescribe policy recommendations surrounding the issues of gender markers, respecting preferred names and pronouns, access to gender neutral washrooms, support services, and other issues that trans and gender non conforming communities deem necessary; and

Be it further resolved that community and solidarity partners and trans and gender non-conforming students will be actively involved in informing and in the development of this guide.

**CARRIED**

### o. Proposal to Hold International Solidarity Meeting

**2012/11:066** **MOTION**
Local 108/Local 109

Whereas students attending post-secondary institutions across the world face similar struggles; and

Whereas the Federation is uniquely positioned to bridge international student solidarity; and

Whereas an official Global Education Summit would be beneficial to forging relationships and developing policies and campaign strategies; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation host a Global Education Summit on the struggle for Universal Access to Post-Secondary Education;

Be it further resolved that a Global Education Summit on the struggle for Universal Access to Post-Secondary Education be hosted in the Ottawa/Gatineau region no later than October 2014;

Be it further resolved that members of Organización Continental Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Estudiantes, the European Union of Students, the All-African Student Union, the Student Association of Asia and the Pacific, the Association pour une Solidarité Syndicale Étudiante, and the International Union of Students (IUS) be invited to attend the Global Education Summit on the struggle for Universal Access to Post-Secondary Education; and

Be it further resolved that an organising committee composed of three elected representative from the National Executive, one elected representative from the National Aboriginal Caucus, two representatives from ASSE, one representative from Organización Continental Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Estudiantes, one representative from European Union of Students, one representative from All-African Student Union, one representative from Student Association of Asia and the Pacific, and one representative from the United States Student Association be formed.

**2012/11:195** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 24/Local 41

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that members of Organización Continental Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Estudiantes, the European Union of Students, the All-African Student Union, the Asian Student Association, the Association pour une Solidarité Syndicale Étudiante, and the International Union of Students (IUS) be contacted to discuss the possibility of organizing a Global Education Summit on the struggle for Universal Access to Post-Secondary Education."

**2012/11:196** **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 41/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:066 and subsequent amendment 2012/11:195 be postponed for consideration at the May 2013 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:066** **POSTPONED**

### p. Proposal to Conduct Research on Access to Post-Secondary Education

**2012/11:074** **MOTION**
Local 108/Local 109

Whereas little research exists outlining various aspects of the global struggle for universal access to post-secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that a research document outlining: the cost of post-secondary education in countries around the world; organising structures of continental and national student organizations; and examples of resistance to austerity measures, the commercialization of education and rising tuition fees be prepared; and

Be it further resolved that the findings of research on universal access to post-secondary education and accompanying documentation be presented at the 63rd semi-annual general meeting.

**CARRIED**

### q. Proposal to Support Merged Union

**2012/11:082** **MOTION**
Local 94/Local 109

Whereas the Communications, Energy, and Paperworkers union of Canada (CEP) and Canadian Auto Workers union (CAW) recently voted at their respective conventions to merge unions, creating a "new union"; and

Whereas the new union will form the largest private sector union in the country; and

Whereas the Federation believes that unionization and collective bargaining are fundamental rights of workers and recognizes that unions are also important partners in the fight for an accessible, quality post-secondary education system; and

Whereas the Federation regularly works in coalition with other groups and organizations which share the Federation's objectives; and

Whereas the Federation has worked with both CEP and CAW in the past and considers them coalition partners; therefore

Be it resolved that the new union created by the Communications, Energy, and Paperworkers union of Canada and Canadian Auto Workers union be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that a coalition be built with the newly merged Communications, Energy, and Paperworkers/Canadian Auto Workers union once formed.

**CARRIED**

### r. Proposal to Support Interns

**2012/11:084** **MOTION**
Local 24/Local 109

Whereas the Ontario Employment Standards Act (ESA) regulates paid employment relationships between employers and employees, and outlines workplace legislation on items including but not limited to minimum wage, total hours of work, vacation time, sick leave, and meal breaks; and

Whereas unpaid internships are excluded from the Employment Standards Act (ESA), and therefore have no legislated form of workplace protection for employers and employees; and

Whereas an increasing number of students are accepting positions as unpaid interns in order to fulfil graduation requirements, due to the unavailability of full-time paid work, or in hope of gaining experience with an organization to increase their chances of being offered a full-time position in the future; and

Whereas unpaid internships have become a form of free labour whereby an organization benefits directly from the work of the intern, often by requiring them to do the same work as part-time or full-time employees; and

Whereas unpaid internships fail to acknowledge that such positions are meant to supplement students existing knowledge of their field through experience in the industry, and not displace or duplicate the existing work of employees within an organization; and

Whereas unpaid internships rarely define the period of time upon which the internship terminates, or the expected period of time under which the student must remain as an intern in order to fulfil graduation requirements or be promoted to a paid position; and

Whereas students are often unaware of the expectations of an unpaid internship, including whether or not it will benefit their future career due to lack of provisions surrounding such positions and information provided in job postings; and

Whereas the guidelines for internships set out by the Ministries of Labour are oftentimes vague and generally overlooked by employers, making it difficult for students to raise concerns over their working environment or enforce the rules governing the validity of these positions; and

Whereas there is a clear disparity between internships targeting students from engineering, computer science, technology, or business management programs that are usually paid positions, compared to internships targeting students in design, communication, art, fine art, or marketing programs that tend to be unpaid; and

Whereas it is becoming an expectation for students in programs such as design, communication, art, fine art, or marketing programs to fulfil an internship position after graduation in order to gain experience in their field before moving to paid work; and

Whereas the Canadian Intern Association is a group founded by students that advocates against the exploitation of interns and aims to improve the internship experience for both interns and employers; therefore

Be it resolved that internships, and positions of a similar nature, that provide no form of payment to students for hours worked as set out by the Provincial Employment Standards Acts be condemned;

Be it further resolved that organizations such as the Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers be approached in order to produce campaign materials and to lobby for more regulation and monitoring of unpaid internships at college and university campuses;

Be it further resolved that Canadian Intern Association be partnered with in order to raise awareness about the link between unpaid internships and youth unemployment in Canada; and

Be it further resolved that a donation of $500 be made to the Canadian Intern Association.

**2012/11:197** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 53/Local 4

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that internships, and positions of a similar nature, that provide no form of payment to students for hours worked as set out by the Provincial Employment Standards Acts be condemned;

Be it further resolved that organizations such as the Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers be approached in order to produce campaign materials and to lobby for more regulation and monitoring of unpaid internships at college and university campuses;

Be it further resolved that Canadian Intern Association be partnered with in order to raise awareness about the link between unpaid internships and youth unemployment in Canada."

**2012/11:198** **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 41/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:084 and subsequent amendment 2012/11:197 be postponed for consideration at the May 2013 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:084** **POSTPONED**

### s. Proposal to Oppose Transphobia

**2012/11:086** **MOTION**
Local 24/Local 109

Whereas in October, 2012 Rob Anders, Member of Parliament for Calgary West, made transphobic remarks regarding Bill C279, a private member's bill that would amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and hate crime section of the Criminal Code to include "gender identity" and "gender expression" as grounds for discrimination; and

Whereas Anders wrongly stated that the bill's goal is to give transgender men access to women's washrooms; and

Whereas in addition to his comments he created and circulated a petition stating that, "it is the duty of the House of Commons to protect and safeguard our children from any exposure and harm that will come from giving a man access to women's public washroom facilities," which paints a picture that demonizes trans* folks; and

Whereas the purpose of the bill is improve rights for trans* folks by clarifying their rights and protections as they are provided to cisgendered people; and

Whereas similar instances of transphobia and cissexism are common in society and permeates spaces like campuses and decision making bodies; and

Whereas trans* and gender non-conforming folks are disproportionately denied access to services, legal protection, and safe(r) spaces; and

Whereas comments like these further perpetuate transphobia, cissexism, and cisgenderism in society; therefore

Be it resolved that Rob Anders, Member of Parliament, be condemned for transphobic remarks; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Member of Parliament Rob Anders and Prime Minister Stephen Harper to demand a public apology and a retraction of Anders' statement and petition regarding trans* folk; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to Member of Parliament Rob Anders and Prime Minister Stephen Harper to demand a public apology and a retraction of Anders' statement and petition regarding trans* folk.

**CARRIED**

### t. Proposal to Oppose Oil Pipelines

**2012/11:088** **MOTION**
Local 24/Local 109

Whereas Enbridge Line 9, a proposed pipeline project, plans to change the direction of a pipeline that currently brings oil from Montreal to Sarnia Ontario; and

Whereas in addition to the proposed northern gateway pipeline in northern B.C. this proposed project is part of a broader $12 billion expansion program to accommodate rising production form the Alberta oil sands; and

Whereas this proposed plan to change the direction of flow would allow tar sands bitumen access to refineries on the east coast of the United States of America, as well as tanker exports of tar sands bitumen to United States of America refineries near the Gulf of Mexico; and

Whereas this pipeline could burst and rupture, leading to spills of oil and minerals onto farms and arable land; and

Whereas in 2010, a pipeline very similar to Line 9 ruptured in Kalamazoo Michigan, spilling 3 million liters of diluted bitumen into the Kalamazoo River; and a smaller pipeline rupture took place in Hamilton in 2001, spilling 95,000 liters into a farm field; and

Whereas like many other pipelines, this would violate treaty rights and have a detrimental effect on many First Nations communities, including the Nation of Aamjiwnaang, a community just outside of Sarnia, Ontario; and

Whereas environmentalists see this as a first step towards monopolizing tar sands oil as Ontario's only source of crude; and

Whereas the extraction and development of the tar sands leads to deforestation, water contamination, land erosion, wildlife depletion and extinction, and increased greenhouse gas emissions; therefore

Be it resolved that the Enbridge Pipeline 9 reversal project be condemned;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver, and Enbridge Inc. condemning the pipeline reversal project and projects of its nature; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver, and Enbridge Inc. condemning the pipeline reversal project and projects of its nature.

**2012/11:199** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 41/Local 8

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:088 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the Enbridge Pipeline 9 reversal project be condemned;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver, and Enbridge Inc. condemning the pipeline reversal project and projects of its nature; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver, and Enbridge Inc. condemning the pipeline reversal project and projects of its nature.

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters of support to Aboriginal Communities who have, and will, resist Embridge projects."

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:088** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**u. Proposal to Support "Foodride"**

**2012/11:092** **MOTION**
Local 32/Local 109

Whereas the Federation recognizes that quality in education is related to the universal availability of certain conditions and services, including accessible affordable good quality food; and

Whereas student food banks help students in immediate financial need by providing free food, personal items, resources and support; and

Whereas raising awareness about food security in Canada is an important way to work towards eliminating the systemic barriers to accessing quality food; and

Whereas students at Lakehead University have organized FoodRide—a student-driven nationwide cycling tour to bring attention to food security issues at Universities across the country; and

Whereas the goal of FoodRide is to support the work of student–and community–run food banks by holding mass food drives in communities across all provinces; therefore

Be it resolved that the FoodRide initiative be supported with a monetary donation of one thousand dollars ($1,000) to assist with expenses associated with FoodRide; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to contribute to the FoodRide initiative by providing resources to FoodRide in the form of: letters of support, financial contributions, accommodations, local food drive organizers and volunteers, media contacts, advertising, and any other resources that will contribute to the success of the initiative.

**2012/11:200** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 24/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-202/11:092 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the FoodRide initiative be supported with a monetary donation of five hundred dollars ($500) to assist with expenses associated with FoodRide; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to contribute to the FoodRide initiative by providing resources to FoodRide in the form of: letters of support, financial contributions, accommodations, local food drive organizers and volunteers, media contacts, advertising, and any other resources that will contribute to the success of the initiative."

**2012/11:201** **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 41/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:092 and subsequent amendment 2012/11:200 be postponed for consideration at the May 2013 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:092** **POSTPONED**

### v. Proposal to Support Group Formation

**2012/11:094** **MOTION**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees that, "Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms: (a) freedom of conscience and religion; (b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication; (c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and (d) freedom of association"; and

Whereas student governments in Canada have attempted to limit these fundamental (i.e. fundamental to having a functioning democracy) freedoms by not allowing groups with controversial opinions to gain official group or societal standing within their respective student governments; and

Whereas in post-secondary education, controversial opinions should be allowed to be heard and only stifled via reason and evidence based argumentation and not by silencing the individuals or groups with those controversial opinions; and

Whereas as John Stuart Mill has written "The peculiar evil of silencing the expression of an opinion is that it is robbing the human race; posterity as well as the existing generation; those who dissent from the opinion, still more than those who hold it. If the opinion is right, they are deprived of the opportunity of exchanging error for truth: if wrong, they lose, what is almost as great a benefit, the clearer perception and livelier impression of truth, produced by its collision with error"; and

Whereas the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) believes that we can be both pro-choice and for freedom of speech; and

Whereas Prof. Chomsky wrote in personal correspondence that, "I agree with the CCLA on this. The proper reaction is open discussion and argument, not banning expression and participation. At least as I've always understood anarchism, it opposes what our society regards as fundamental freedoms in that they do not go far enough"; and

Whereas to paraphrase John Stuart Mill, silencing opinion is evil; and

Whereas, as it says in the University of Toronto's statement of institutional purpose, "Within the unique university context, the most crucial of all human rights are the rights of freedom of speech, academic freedom, and freedom of research. And we affirm that these rights are meaningless unless they entail the right to raise deeply disturbing questions and provocative challenges to the cherished beliefs of society at large and of the university itself. It is this human right to radical, critical teaching and research with which the University has a duty above all to be concerned; for there is no one else, no other institution and no other office, in our modern liberal democracy, which is the custodian of this most precious and vulnerable right of the liberated human spirit."; therefore

Be it resolved that an affirmative stance towards allowing student groups of student governments form groups and be recognized by their respective student governments be taken;

Be it further resolved that an affirmative stance towards the Canadian Charter of Right and Freedoms be taken; and

Be it further resolved that the expression of controversial and dissenting opinions across the various post-secondary institutions around Canada be supported.

**DEFEATED**

### w. Proposal to Adopt Anti-Abelism Campaign

**2012/11:098** **MOTION**

Local 19/Local 109

Whereas the We Are All Able campaign was created out of the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group in 2010 and 2011, in the absence of any campaigns focused on ableism and served as a platform to begin mobilising students with disabilities and their allies similar to all other constituency groups; and

Whereas the language of the We Are All Able campaign, although well-intentioned, is considered to be out of date, incorporates language that is offensive to some and internalizes ableism; and

Whereas the We Are All Able campaign is not inclusive of Mad and Deaf identified students; and

Whereas, the We Are All Able campaign minimizes the experience of ableism, audism and sanism and lacks critical analysis and deep understanding of the intersections of ableism with other oppression and the exploration of the differences between ableism, audism, and sanism; and

Whereas, there is a growing movement of community activists and scholars engaging disabled, Mad or Deaf communities and their allies to reimagine and anti-ableism, sanism, and audism activism; and

Whereas the Federation needs a campaign that acknowledges and embraces the experiences of Disabled, Deaf, and Mad-identified students; therefore

Be it resolved that the We Are All Able campaign be ended;

Be it further resolved that the Student with a Disability Constituency Group develop a new campaign that is inclusive and challenges ableism, sanism, and audism; and

Be it further resolved that the following be adopted in place of the We Are All Able campaign and that existing materials be repurposed to reflect the following:

**Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds**

**Background:** Language such as "impairment", "challenge", "limitations", "over-coming" etc., is not an adequate descriptor of the actual lived experience of Disabled, Deaf and Mad identified students. Instead, language that acknowledges the oppression and discrimination students experience, while also normalizing the lived experience of disability is crucial to challenging systemic oppressions such as abelism, audism and sanism.

Disabled, Deaf, and Mad identified students experience marginalization and oppression in the forms of abelism, audism, and sanism when attempting to access post-secondary education in Canada. This discrimination takes many forms, including a lack of physically accessible spaces, a lack of accessible formats and accessible technology, as well as ignorance and attitudinal barriers. All of these barriers are compounded by systemic abelism, audism and sanism that is entrenched in our housing systems, social assistance programs, and higher tuition fees and costs of learning for disabled, Deaf and Mad identified students.

**Implementation:** The Federation will investigate established and successful awareness strategies elsewhere to develop tools to effectively challenge abelism, audism and sanism on campus.

The Federation will continue to make campaign materials available to locals to support local organization to challenge abelism, audism and sanism on campus.

Member locals are encouraged to work with the disabled, Deaf, and Mad identified communities on campus to begin a process of consultations on how to challenge abelism, audism and sanism in ways that are relevant to their members.

**Campaign Goal:** The Federation seeks to raise awareness to work towards eliminating abelism audism and sanism.

**2012/11:202** **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 41/Local 53

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:098 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the We Are All Able campaign be phased out;

Be it further resolved that the Student with a Disability Constituency Group develop a new campaign that is inclusive and challenges ableism in all its forms, which includes but is not limited to discrimination based on physical, mental, and invisible disabilities, audism, and visual barriers; and

Be it further resolved that the following be adopted in place of the We Are All Able campaign and that existing materials be repurposed to reflect the following:

**Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds**

**Background:** Language such as "impairment", "challenge", "limitations", "over-coming" etc., is not an adequate descriptor of the actual lived experience of Disabled, Deaf and Mad identified students. Instead, language that acknowledges the oppression and discrimination students experience, while also normalizing the lived experience of disability is crucial to challenging systemic oppressions such as ableism in all its forms, which includes but is not limited to discrimination based on physical, mental, and invisible disabilities, audism, and visual barriers.

Students experience marginalization and oppression in the forms of ableism, audism, and sanism when attempting to access post-secondary education in Canada. This discrimination takes many forms, including a lack of physically accessible spaces, a lack of accessible formats and accessible technology, as well as ignorance and attitudinal barriers. All of these barriers are compounded by systemic ableism in all of its forms that is entrenched in our housing systems, social assistance programs, and higher tuition fees and costs of learning for disabled, Deaf and Mad identified students.

**Implementation:** The Federation will investigate established and successful awareness strategies elsewhere to develop tools to effectively challenge ableism in all of its forms on campus.

The Federation will continue to make campaign materials available to locals to support local organization to challenge ableism in all of its forms on campus.

Member locals are encouraged to work with the disabled, Deaf, and Mad identified communities on campus to begin a process of consultations on how to challenge ableism in all of its forms in ways that are relevant to their members.

**Campaign Goal:** The Federation seeks to raise awareness to work towards eliminating ableism in all of its forms.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:098** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### x. Proposal to Encourage Direct Action

**2012/11:108** **MOTION**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas the Quebec Student Strike has shown that sustained and targeted mobilizations focused on economic pressure and direct action, as determined by the membership, are successful in countering tuition fee hikes; and

Whereas a yearly one-off day of action does not leverage significant pressure against the government or educational institutions; and

Whereas a member-run Federation should facilitate the provincial and national coordination of campaigns created first and foremost by the membership of locals; and

Whereas variety is the spice of life; therefore

Be it resolved that the idea of a Day of Action be replaced by actions determined yearly by the membership of locals, to be coordinated at provincial and national scales by local and provincial delegates, as makes sense for the target of the campaigns; and

Be it further resolved that efforts be made to educate members about the effectiveness of direct action and encourage these actions to be focused on applying financial pressure on governments, business and educational institutions.

**2012/11:203** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 97/Local 32

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:108 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that efforts be made to educate members about the effectiveness of direct action and encourage that these actions be focused on applying financial pressure on governments, businesses, and educational institutions."

**2012/11:204** **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 41/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:108 and subsequent amendment 2012/11:203 be postponed for consideration at the May 2013 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:108** **POSTPONED**

Motion 2012/11:108 and subsequent amendment 2012/11:198 were postponed for consideration at the May 2013 national general meeting.

### y. Proposal to Adopt Post-Residency Fees Campaign

**2012/11:114** **MOTION**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas the work performed in graduate programs after the residency period is spent performing research work in the capacity of a researcher; and

Whereas the above makes paying tuition fees during this post-residency period inappropriate for both domestic and international students; therefore

Be it resolved that the removal of tuition fees in this post-residency period as a short-term priority for graduate students be lobbied for various levels of government; and

Be it further resolved that more resources to be allocated to the National Graduate Caucus to engage in post-residency fees campaign work.

**CARRIED**

### z. Proposal to Conduct Research for the Education is a Right Campaign

**2012/11:118** **MOTION**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas there are numerous policies of the Federation that cite one of the overarching goals as that of fully accessible, fully public education in all of Canada; and

Whereas we face an encroaching push towards harsher austerity plans for post-secondary education and society-at-large; and

Whereas there is a greater momentum than there has been in decades in this country for a push towards free post-secondary education, through the inspiring struggles of students in Quebec; and

Whereas existing campaigns regarding tuition fees require updating to reflect the harsher realities and new possibilities that stand before students throughout Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that the existing Education is a Right campaign be strengthened with research to highlight an end to education fees, increased federal funding to education and the true beginnings of public post-secondary education in Canada; and

Be it further resolved that members and member locals be mobilised for the Education is a Right campaign.

**CARRIED**

### aa. Proposal to Create Doctoral Candidate Commission

**2012/11:122** **MOTION**
Local 19/Local 109

Whereas graduate students in several European countries are now considered employees; and

Whereas Eurodoc has taken the strong position that doctoral candidates should be viewed as employees; and

Whereas doctoral candidates in the Netherlands have tried to fight off efforts to convert doctoral candidates from employees to students; and

Whereas many doctoral candidates in Canada are already treated as employees in everything except pay and right; therefore

Be it resolved that a commission to investigate the employment model for Canadian doctoral candidates be created from within member locals in the National Graduate Caucus;

Be it further resolved that each graduate local nominate one doctoral candidate for the commission by the start of 2013;

Be it further resolved that the commission report its recommendation to all members local by the end of August 2013; and

Be it further resolved that sufficient resources to fully research the topic including personal, travel and communication resources necessary for commission members to be fully informed on the topic be provided.

**2012/11:205** **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 41/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:122 be postponed for consideration at the May 2013 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:122** **POSTPONED**

**bb. Proposal to Denounce a Ruling of the Quebec Superior Court**

**2012/11:137** **MOTION**
Local 41/Local 33

Whereas former CLASSE co-spokesperson Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois was recently convicted of contempt of court for encouraging students to take action in the most recent general student strike in Québec opposing massive tuition fee increases; and

Whereas this verdict sets a negative precedent against student organisers who mobilize and fight for an accessible public postsecondary education system; and

Whereas this verdict infringes on students right to freedom of speech; and

Whereas the Federation previously condemned Québec special law and the mass arrests during the strike and donated $30,000 to support Québec students facing charges and the legal battle against the special law; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter to the Superior Court of Québec denouncing the verdict of contempt of court against Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois be written; and

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

**CARRIED**

**cc. Proposal to Write a Letter to the University of Toronto Against Hate Speech**

**2012/11:139** **MOTION**
Local 98/Local 99

Whereas on November 16, 2012, a so-called "men's rights awareness" group at the University of Toronto invited Warren Farrell to campus to give a talk; and

Whereas Warren Farrell promotes misogynist, hateful views towards women and ideologies that promote gender equity, challenges women's bodily autonomy, justifies sexual assault and decries feminism as violent; and

Whereas students at the University of Toronto made the situation known to the University of Toronto administration, asking for action to be taken due to Farrell's flagrant violation of the Ontario Human Rights Code; and

Whereas the University of Toronto administration refused to act; and

Whereas in absence of action from the university, students organized a petition and protest in response; and

Whereas in response, police were called to campus and violently attacked and harmed activists; and

Whereas members of the so-called "men's rights awareness" group also violently attacked and harmed activists; and

Whereas a woman student who was outspoken at the rally has since been targeted by "men's rights" activists online, who are calling for her surveillance by men at the University of Toronto and for her actions to be detailed at an online blog which contains many hateful ideas about women; and

Whereas men have, as a result, begun to harass this woman and the students' unions who support her; and

Whereas this group has made it clear that they wish to have Farrell tour other schools to spread the "men's rights" message and hateful ideology; and

Whereas this group is attempting to establish chapters and service centres across Canadian colleges and universities; and

Whereas the message from these groups claims to be of 'equality' but is in fact a message that is a misogynist, sexist, cissexist, heterosexist and homophobic response to the challenge of cis-male privilege in society; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the University of Toronto administration calling for the University to take action to protect its students from hate speech, hateful actions and police repression and violence; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters; and

Be it further resolved that support be offered to member locals who encounter misogynist 'men's rights' groups on campus.

**CARRIED**

### dd. Proposal to Condemn the Military Offensive in Gaza

**2012/11:141** **MOTION**
Local 68/Local 49

Whereas in early November, a military offensive against Gaza was initiated;

Whereas the United Nations has reported that over 100 civilians were killed;

Whereas on ongoing occupation and blockade has created a humanitarian crisis in Gaza, restricting freedom of movement and access to trade, food, medicine and education;

Whereas a negotiated ceasefire called upon the blockade of the Gaza strip to be lifted; and

Whereas the Canadian government unequivocally supported the military offensive; therefore

Be it resolved that the military offensive on Gaza be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that the lifting of the blockage of Gaza as stipulated in the ceasefire be supported;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and foreign minister John Baird condemning their unequivocal support for the military offensive against Gaza;

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

**2012/11:206** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 27/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:141 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that an open letter be written to the people of Palestine denouncing the federal government's United Nations vote against recognition of Palestinian statehood and congratulating them on a successful vote and reiterating the full support of the Federation for Palestinian statehood.

**CARRIED**

**2012/11:141** **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### ee. Proposal for 'Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds: Disability, Oppression, Action' Conference

**2012/11:090** **MOTION**
Local 24/Local 109

Whereas 'Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds: Disability, Oppression, Action' is the only conference of its kind in Canada, and is a student-run, national conference that discusses disability activism, resistance, abelism, sanism, audism, community organizing, self-advocacy, systemic advocacy, and experiences in post-secondary institutions; and

Whereas this is the second year the conference has been held and it is being hosted at Ryerson University on March 15-17 2013 and features international scholars and activists who specialize in anti-ableism, mad and deaf culture, and their intersections with racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, cissexism, and other forms of oppression; and

Whereas this is a rare space for disabled, deaf and mad identified students and their allies to engage in critical discussions and build community; and

Whereas this is a collaborative space for students and community to come together, learn, and strategize ways for students with disabilities to reclaim their bodies/minds, take control of the services they use, and work with allies to achieve the freedom and autonomy they deserve; and

Whereas over 300 students and community members are expected to attend, and the costs of providing a fully accessible event and catering to the accessibility needs are tremendous; therefore

Be it resolved that the 'Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds: Disability, Oppression, Action' conference be supported and promoted;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send delegates to attend and support the 'Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds: Disability, Oppression, Action' conference; and

Be it further resolved that $1000 be donated to the 'Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds: Disability, Oppression, Action' conference organising body.

**CARRIED**

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

**2012/11:207** **MOTION**
Local 94/Local 45

Whereas Bill C-45 makes changes to the Indian Act that were put forward without consultation with First Nations Communities and leadership; and

Where as the government of Canada has failed to consult and cooperate in good faith with the First Nations in order to obtain their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of mineral, water or other resources; and

Whereas, Bill C-45 is just one in a recent series of blatant attempts to remove Treaty rights and forward an agenda of assimilation and colonialism including but not limited to the real matrimonial property legislation and the financial accountability legislation; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written in consultation with the National Aboriginal Executive to the Assembly of First Nations and provincial Chief organizations supporting the call for proper consultation and the honoring of aboriginal and treaty rights; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written in consultation with the National Aboriginal Executive to the minister of aboriginal affairs and northern development and the prime minister of Canada condemning legislation such as Bill C-45 for its lack of consultation and blatant attack on aboriginal and treaty rights; and

Be it further resolved that the Idle No More coalitions petition on Bill C-45 be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to circulate the Idle No More petition on Bill C-45 on their campuses; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to hold actions, such as but not limited to teach ins, media stunts and letter writing to local members of parliament to raise awareness on the legislated attacks on aboriginal rights and treaty rights.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A series of logistical announcements were made.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

**2012/11:201** **MOTION TO ADJOURN**
Local 41/Local 11

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

22:32 the meeting adjourned.

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November 14, 2012

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**Re: Proxy vote, National General Meeting**

To whom it may concern,

At an executive meeting on November 14, 2012, the Student Association of George Brown College, Local 92, decided to assign its proxy vote to Local 24, the Ryerson Students Union, for the duration of the National General Meeting on November 26th to November 30th, 2012.

Sincerely,

Julia K. Mackenzie, Director of Internal Affairs,

Local 92

ORGANIZATION OF PART-TIME UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

November 22, 2012

Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario
180 Bloor Street West, Suite 900
Toronto, Ontario
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**RE: CFS National General Meeting Nov. 27 – Dec. 1, 2012 – Proxy Vote**

Dear Members of the CFS Ontario & National Offices:

Unfortunately, we are very disappointed to inform you that no one from Local 106 can attend the CFS National meeting because of the conference length Nov 27 – Dec. 1.

Therefore, this letter is to inform you that during the OPUS Board meeting on November 22, 2012, it was decided that we assign a proxy to Local 49 - University of Windsor Students' Alliance. We are assigning an open proxy vote for both opening and closing plenary.

We would appreciate if you can approve this proxy request prior to the national meeting. Please also ensure to send us a binder meeting package after the conference has concluded. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Maryan Amalow

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# ATTENDANCE

31st Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)
Tuesday, November 27 to Friday, November 30, 2012

## Delegation

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Local 3**
**University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan**
Abdul Alnaar

**Local 4**
**Selkirk College Students' Union**
Marlene Garcia
Sean Rossouw
Natalia Schwarz

**Local 5**
**Capilano Students' Union**
Teresa Grant
Brandon Hofmarks
Jared Nash
Stephanie Ray

**Local 13**
**College of the New Caledonia Students' Union**
Leila-Soila Abubakar
Bobby Chavarie
Alexandria Mackey
Brandon Williams

**Local 15**
**Thompson Rivers University Students' Union**
Trad Bahabri
Leif Douglas
Nathan Lane
Colin Macedo
Dylan Robinson
Olivia Skagos

**Local 18**
**Douglas Students' Union**
Jenelle Davies
Jill Griffin
Tracy Ho

**Local 26**
**Kwantlen Student Association**
Arzo Ansary
Matthew Dimera
Christopher Girodat
Jeremy McElroy

**Local 33**
**Emily Carr Students' Union**
Justin Hay
Fraser Ploss
Krystal Stone

**Local 53**
**Okanagan College Students' Union**
Brianne Berchowitz
Bryan Bergen
Katrina (Blows)
Anders Hoenisch
Grayson Lepp
Will Macfie

**Local 61**
**Vancouver Island University Students' Union**
Patrick Barbosa
Steven Beasley
Katya MacDonald
Katelyn McDougall

**Local 66**
**Northwest Community College Students' Union**
Joe Daniels
Mikael Jensen
Chelsea Jesser

**Local 72**
**North Island Students' Union**
James Bowen
Nicole Lewis
Jocelyn Lobay
Savannah McKenzie

**Local 73**
**Students' Union of Vancouver Community College**
Christian Avendano
Tiffany Kalanj
Kristan Lemieux
Daniella Neves

**Local 75**
**Camosun College Student Society**
Michael Glover
Mindy Jiang
Megan Marshall
Daphne Shaed

### SASKATCHEWAN

**Local 9**
**University of Regina Students' Union**
Bart Soroka

**Local 90**
**First Nations University of Canada Student Association**
Jacqueline Anaquod
Brad Bellegarde
Chasity Delorme
Larissa Wahpooseyan

## MANITOBA

**Local 8**
**University of Winnipeg Students' Association**
Lauren Bosc
Diego Cristales
Ashley Shewchuk
Samuel Unrau

**Local 37**
**Brandon University Students' Union**
Corey DeGagne

**Local 38**
**Association étudiante de l'Université de Saint Boniface**
Danya Audette
Dylan Preece
Emmanuel Zabré

**Local 103**
**University of Manitoba Students' Union**
Bilan Arte
Jennifer Black
Ronnie Cruz
Michael Dorie
Cathy Dowd
Kyle St. Godard
Justin Paquin

## ONTARIO

**Local 19**
**University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union**
Brad Evoy
Ashleigh Ingle
Erin Oldynski
Michelle St-Amour

**Local 24**
**Ryerson Students' Union**
Rodney Diverlus
Marwa Hamad
Andrew McAllister
Gilary Massa
Melissa Palermo

**Local 25**

**Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union**
Lauren Hunter

**Local 27**
**Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students**
Ian Fanning
Anne-Marie Grondin
Matthew Shultz

**Local 32**
**Lakehead University Student Union**
Rebecca Akrasi-Sarpong
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Emma Brightwell
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Emily Lauzon

**Local 41**
**Student Federation of the University of Ottawa**
Nicole Desnoyers
Adam Gilani
Amy Hammett
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Liz Kessler
Anne-Marie Roy

**Local 47**
**University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students**
Desirée Lamoureux
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**Local 49**
**University of Windsor Students' Alliance**
Mohammad Akbar
Mohamed Almayab
Mohamed El-Cheikh
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Moaaz Elsayed
Sabah Habib
Mahmoud Shahwan

**Local 54**

**University of Guelph Central Student Association**

Dominica McPherson

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**University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association**
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**Local 68**
**York Federation of Students**
Robert Cerjanic
Hamoudi Hneinou
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Safiyah Husein
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Jessica Thyriar
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Sarah Globe
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Abhudaya Poudyal

Rhea Seecobin

**Local 78**
**Carleton University**
**Graduate Students' Association**
Kelly Black
Chloë Grace Fogarty-Bourget
Anna Goldfinch
Vincent St. Martin

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**Algoma University Students' Union**
Farrukh Asif Khan
Kaitlyn Teller
Jonathan Young

**Local 84**
**York University**
**Graduate Students' Association**
Carolyn Hibbs
Wanggui Kimari
Kimalee Phillip

**Local 85**
**Saint Paul University Students' Association**
Jacob Getachew

**Local 94**
**University of Ottawa**
**Graduate Students' Association**
Carolyn Grève
Taiva Tegler

**Local 97**
**Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto**
Fazia Ackbarali
Milan Ceho
Susan Froom
Asad Aj Jamal
Danielle Sandhu

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**University of Toronto Students' Union**
Noor Baig
Yolen Bollo-Kamera
Sandy Hudson
Munib Sajjad
Corey Scott
Shaun Shepherd

**Local 99**
**Scarborough Campus Students' Union**
Guled Arale
Amir Bashir
Kavita Siewrattan

**Local 102**
**Brock University Graduate Students' Association**
Brandon Garib

**Local 107**
**Association étudiante de la Cité collegiale**
Mireille Al-Kadi
Roch Séguin
Zoé St-Amand

**Local 109**
**University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union**
Walied Khogali
Andrew Ursel

**Local 110**
**Laurentian University**
**Graduate Students' Association**
Arthur Gron
Brendan Lehman
Menal Mehari

## QUÉBEC

**Local 108**
**Dawson Student Union**
Morgan Crockett
Laura Di Genova
Nicolas Di Penna
Geoff Graham
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## NOVA SCOTIA

**Local 7**
**Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design University**
Ashley Bedet
Alani Caruso-Fitterer
Claire Dykhuis
Sarah Trower
Kelly Zwicker

**Local 11**
**University of King's College Students' Union**
Omri Haiven
Jesse Laufer

**Local 69**
**Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne**
Alain Poirier

## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

**Local 35**
**Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union**
Dan Campbell
Susan Hilts
Lisa Murphy
Travis Perry
Luke Redmond
Julia Rose
Candace Simms

**Local 36**
**Grenfell Campus Student Union**
Matthew Brockel
Kyle Curlew
Tara Gadoua
Robert Leamon

**Local 45**
**Marine Institute Students' Union**
Chris Harvey

**Local 46**
**College of the North Atlantic**
**Students' Union**
Jody Budden
Camellia Penney

**Local 100**
**Graduate Students' Union of the**
**Memorial University of Newfoundland**
Joseph Donnelly
Amrutha Paladugu

## National Executive Members Present

**British Columbia Representative**
Zachary Crispin

**Saskatchewan Representative**
Kent Peterson

**Newfoundland and Labrador Representative**
Michael Walsh

**Nova Scotia Representative**
Nick Stark

**National Chairperson**
Adam Awad

**National Deputy Chairperson**
Jessica McCormick

**National Treasurer**
Michael Walsh

**Aboriginal Representative**
Patrick Smoke

**Racialised Students' Representative**
Vanessa Hunt

**Women's Representative**
Lauren Bosc

## National Executive Members - Vacant

Alberta Representative

New Brunswick Representative

Prince Edward Island Representative

## Component and Caucus Representatives

**British Columbia Component**
Katie Marochi, Chairperson

**Ontario Component**
Sarah Jayne King, Chairperson

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