

# **AGENDA**

## **Opening Plenary**

63rd Semi-Annual National General Meeting

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### **1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

The Federation's Bylaws require that no less than one-half of the voting members of the Federation having voting rights be present in-person or by-proxy at the general meeting for business to be conducted. A roll call of the voting members will be taken to determine attendance and to confirm that a quorum of voting members is present.

### **2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES**

The Federation's Bylaws enable a voting member that is unable to attend all or portions of a general meeting to appoint another member to act as its proxy for all or portions of the meeting. Notification of proxy appointments received in accordance with Bylaw II, Section 5-b, will be announced at this time.

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

The plenary is the formal decision-making assembly at the general meeting. In order to facilitate the decision-making process, a Plenary Speaker is appointed to chair general meeting plenary sessions.

### **4. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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

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

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

The plenary will consider the proposed schedule for the four days of the general meeting. Any changes to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

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

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

### **8. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES**

- a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures**
- b. Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting**
- c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer**

### **9. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS**

The Nominating Committee will provide an overview of the election schedule and procedures at this time.

### **10. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AND FORUM AGENDA**

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

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

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

### 11. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

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

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

The Federation Bylaws require that all motions except those of an emergency or procedural nature be submitted no fewer than six weeks prior to the general meeting at which they are to be considered.

#### a. Motions Postponed from the Previous National General Meeting

The following motions were postponed by the November 2012 national general meeting for consideration at the May 2013 national general meeting:

- 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 that Motion-2012/11:047 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."
- 2012/11:053**     **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.

**2012/11:066**

**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.

**2012/11:193**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 24/Local 41

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:066 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.”

**2012/11:084**

**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

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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.

2012/11:194

### **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 53/Local 4

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:084 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.”

2012/11:092

**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.

2012/11:196

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 24/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2012/11:092 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.”

2012/11:100

**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.

2012/11:102

**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.

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**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.

**2012/11:198**

**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.”

**2012/11:112**

**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.

**2012/11:120**

**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.

2012/11:122

**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.

**b. Motions Served with Notice by the Previous General Meeting**

The following motions were referred to the National Executive by the November 2012 national general meeting:

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.

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The National Executive recommends defeat of Motion 2012/11:037.

**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.

The National Executive recommends defeat of Motion 2012/11:076.

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

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

The National Executive recommends defeat of Motion 2012/11:078.

**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.

The National Executive recommends defeat of Motion 2012/11:110.

**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.

The National Executive recommends defeat of Motion 2012/11:116.

**c. New Motions Served with Notice**

The following motions were served with notice and shall be considered at the meeting pending confirmation of a moving and/or seconding voting member local, where applicable.

**2013/05:N01**

**MOTION**

Local 46/

Whereas the 2013 Newfoundland and Labrador budget included provisions to privatize the Adult Basic Education program that has been offered at the province's only public college, College of the North Atlantic (CNA), for more than 50 years; and

Whereas the 2013 Newfoundland and Labrador budget also cut 15 million dollars from CNA's base operating grant, representing a 16% reduction; and

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Whereas there was no consultation with students, faculty, or staff on the privatization of the Adult Basic Education Programme or cuts to core funding prior to the budget announcement; and

Whereas the College of the North Atlantic has 17 campuses operating throughout the province in both urban and rural communities; and

Whereas the shift towards privatization fundamentally changes a system that has been funded by government for the benefit of society at large and puts secondary and post-secondary education out of reach for many low- and middle-income students; and

Whereas private training institutions lack the oversight, and the student driven, community based approach that public institutions embody; therefore

Be it resolved that the privatization of the Adult Basic Education Program and cuts to funding to the College of the North Atlantic be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador condemning the privatization of the Adult Basic Education Program and cuts to funding to the College of the North Atlantic; and

Be it further resolved that members locals be encouraged to send letters to the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador condemning the privatization of the Adult Basic Education Program and cuts to funding to the College of the North Atlantic.

**2013/05:N02**

**MOTION**

Local 98/

Whereas a student union's website is a main resource of providing communication about their events, campaigns, commissions, services and numerous updates; and

Whereas technological advances improve annually, especially for website design and templates; and

Whereas the Students' Union Website Service offers website hosting, which includes templates for students' unions; and

Whereas some website templates are significantly out of date in comparison to modern-day website resources, which often include drop-down menus, video integration, dynamic calendar event listings, dynamic images and a more modern feel; and

Whereas the Students' Union Website Service constructs, organizes, and offers website templates; therefore

Be it resolved that the Students' Union Website Service be updated to provide member locals with new and enhanced templates; and

Be it further resolved that the Students' Union Website Service provide member locals the ability to program, update, and remodel the layout of their websites to include additional features to their website with ease.

**2013/05:N03**

**MOTION**

Local 98/

Whereas Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Jason Kenney has proposed the creation of legislation that would remove dual citizens in Canada their citizenship from their own country; and

Whereas this move is said to be motivated by a goal to prevent the alleged current practice of Canadian citizens who have engaging in "terrorist" activities overseas; and

Whereas these claims are unsubstantiated and have had no conclusive evidence from either the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) or the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS); and

Whereas adoption of this legislation would only exacerbate discrimination against racialized people; and

Whereas adoption of this legislation would create a two tiered system of citizenship by allowing those who are born in Canada the rights and freedoms and justices who have citizen rights, but those who are simply accused of "terrorism" will have their citizenship taken away; and

Whereas the Harper government has been systematically creating a tiered system of citizenship and immigration that disadvantages refugees and newcomers to Canada; and

Whereas the Harper government has been systematically creating a legal system that further privileges the rich, and denies basic justice and the right to a fair trial for immigrants and refugees; therefore

Be it resolved that the attempt to create legislation that would remove citizenship from Canadians be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Minister Kenney condemning the proposed legislation that would remove citizenship from Canadians and outlining the importance of the right to a fair trial for all people in Canada.

**2013/05:N04**

**MOTION**

Local 98/

Whereas the campaigns guide is reviewed and amended at each general meeting; and

Whereas the campaigns guide presents the goals, objectives and strategies for the year; and

Whereas most member locals conduct board, campus groups, and coalition partner trainings that present the work of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the campaigns guide be produced for member locals to distribute to their members.

**2013/05:N05**

**MOTION**

Local 72/

Whereas years of inaction and broken promises from successive liberal and conservative governments have led to severe social injustice and shocking poverty in many indigenous communities; and

Whereas we are witnessing an historic and growing grassroots movement joining Indigenous peoples and other Canadians in a long overdue conversation; therefore

Be it resolved that the principle of the Idle No More movement; working towards building a new relationship on a nation-to-nation basis with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples be endorsed; and

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to engage with grassroots Aboriginal activists who are calling on the government of Canada to repeal legislation like omnibus bill C-38 and C-45 that diminish environmental protections of land and water and affect Aboriginal and Indigenous rights and titles.

**2013/05:N06**

**MOTION**

Local 72/

Whereas the student movement has consistently shown its support for the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas on April 8, 2008, the House of Commons passed a motion brought forward by NDP Member of Parliament Irene Mathyssen, confirming Parliament's support for the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas on January 28th, 2013, NDP Member of Parliament Romeo Saganash introduced Bill C-469, An Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; therefore

Be it resolved that the Government of Canada be lobbied to support Bill C-469.

**2013/05:N07**

**MOTION**

Local 72/

Whereas the latest proposed so-called 'free trade' deal, the Canada-China Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (FIPA) could privatize and de-regulate the economy, worsen labour conditions, undermine public education, and place further obstacles in the path of social ownership and public spending; and

Whereas the Canada-China FIPA grants corporations from both countries incredible rights to challenge government policies – even environmental, public health or resource conservation measures – that interfere with corporate profits; and

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Whereas the Canada-China FIPA grants arbitrators unaccountable to the Canadian public the power to award millions, if not billions, of dollars in damages to foreign corporations if Canada does anything that hurts corporate profits, like improve environmental standards or slow down the export of cheap, unprocessed resources; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canada-China Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (FIPA) be opposed.

**2013/05:N08**

**MOTION**

Local 99/

Whereas the Harper government has threatened the right of free and open collective bargaining by imposing back to work legislation on numerous unions; and

Whereas Members of Parliament have openly attacked the Rand formula and Right to Work legislation has been proposed throughout the country; and

Whereas the same attack on labour unions have also lead to student unions being targets, with the autonomy of student unions being threatened by Conservatives throughout the country; therefore

Be it resolved that trade unions be supported against any attacks from the federal government, including in any back to work legislation;

Be it further resolved that the Rand Formula be supported and any initiative or legislation that will undermine it be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that labour organisations be worked with in order to protect the autonomy of both student unions and trade unions nationwide.

**2013/05:N09**

**MOTION**

Local 99/

Whereas the Temporary Foreign Workers Program has lead to the outsourcing and firing of jobs to employ temporary foreign workers; and

Whereas the program also allows for abuses of workers, allowing for foreign workers to be paid less for doing the same job as a Canadian citizen; and

Whereas today companies are employing nearly 340,000 migrant workers, more than our annual intake of permanent newcomers; and

Whereas with high levels of youth unemployment, the program is being abused and is displacing Canadian workers; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skill Development demanding the closing of loopholes in the Temporary Foreign Workers Program that allows employers to fire Canadian workers and replace them with temporary foreign workers;

Be it further resolved that increased monitoring of compliance by the federal government be advocated to ensure that the rights of temporary foreign workers are protected and that exploitation of workers does not occur, and for the creation of a clear path to citizenship through the Temporary Foreign Workers Program; and

Be it further resolved that the provision allowing employers to pay temporary foreign workers 15% less than Canadian workers be condemned.

**2013/05:N10**

**MOTION**

Local 61/

Whereas the students' union directory has been made largely redundant by the increased use of the online technologies; and

Whereas the Federation currently invests in a website service to enable member locals to provide contact information and the names of directors; therefore

Be it resolved that Students' Union directory service be discontinued.

**2013/05:N11**

**MOTION**

Local 09/

Be it resolved that invoices with corroborating documentation be sent to each member local on the first of each month, outlining outstanding fees to the student in charge of finances (i.e. "VP Finance") for the local students' union.

**2013/05:N12 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 09/Local 08

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on Graduate Student-Supervisor Relationships be amended to include the following under "The Federation supports":

- Ensures that the reference provided by the supervisor is a fair representation of the student;
- Where applicable, the supervisor is transparent and committed about funding provided to the student over the study period up front and held accountable if agreed funding is not delivered;
- Ensures the student is not harassed by the supervisor over the period of study; and
- Ensures supervisors and students receive anti-oppression and inter-cultural training.

**2013/05:N13 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 84/

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt a Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on Aboriginal Research that reads:

**Aboriginal Research**

**Preamble**

Canada's history is built on the negotiations and treaties between settlers and Aboriginal peoples including status and non-status First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Due to the legacy of colonialism, assimilation and Eurocentrism, Canada's academic and research community has often been constructed on the basis of Western research methods. As a part of the ongoing colonial project, the knowledges developed from Aboriginal research in arts, sciences and health sciences were dismissed as unscientific or stolen and re-named as discoveries of Western science which belonged to the Western body of knowledge.

Due to this colonial legacy, Aboriginal research has predominantly been defined and pursued by non-Aboriginal researchers. Often this research has negatively impacted Aboriginal individuals and communities, and produced and perpetuated racist and colonialist ideologies among settler communities.

Around the world, Indigenous researchers are participating in the process of reclaiming traditional research methods and scientific theories. Aboriginal research methods advocate the revaluing of Aboriginal culture, ethics and worldviews, as well as a mutual and equitable relationship between researchers and research subjects. As such, Aboriginal research may include either Aboriginal researchers or Aboriginal subjects of research, or both.

As the central site of publicly-funded research in Canada, post-secondary institutions have an obligation to ensure the rights of Aboriginal students, Aboriginal researchers, and the Aboriginal communities who are the focus of research. The full participation of Aboriginal students, Aboriginal researchers and Aboriginal communities in research projects is necessary for a healthy society, and promotes Aboriginal rights within Canada's post-secondary institutions and in society.

Although Aboriginal research is specifically relevant in Canada, research involving Indigenous peoples outside of Canada should follow the same principles.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the decolonization of research in Canada and internationally.

The Federation supports research and research methods of Aboriginal researchers that:

- draws on the worldviews, values and perspectives of Aboriginal peoples;
- recognises the scientific basis of the theories, methodologies and knowledge systems of Aboriginal peoples;
- matches Aboriginal researchers and Aboriginal students, or Aboriginal elders and Aboriginal researchers through mentorship programs;
- incorporates access to family and community support networks;
- acknowledges colonial influences on gender roles and relationships; and
- recognises the contributions of students to the research process.

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The Federation supports research on or affecting Aboriginal communities that:

- promotes a spirit of reciprocity;
- benefits the Aboriginal community;
- respects and maintains Aboriginal self-determination, governance and autonomy;
- respects and maintains inherent rights as well as treaty or negotiated rights;
- seeks ongoing consultation and consent from relevant governing authorities, such as Aboriginal councils, community organizations and elders;
- respects Aboriginal territories and land, both self-governed and unceded;
- respects Aboriginal cultural, spiritual, or religious values;
- wherever possible, takes direction from Aboriginal communities in the development of research projects or topics;
- includes Aboriginal research subjects in the development of research projects and the collection of data; and
- wherever possible, uses the terms by which Aboriginal communities refer to themselves.

The Federation opposes research that:

- devalues Aboriginal theories, methodologies and knowledge systems in the interest of privileging Western theories, methodologies and knowledge systems;
- stereotypes or generalizes with regard to diverse communities or nations;
- co-opts Aboriginal culture to promote a corporate agenda;
- exploits Aboriginal peoples or knowledges for the profit of an individual or group; and
- dehumanizes Aboriginal peoples in the interests of natural resource, knowledge resource, or human resource extraction.

2013/05:N14

### MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 84/

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues policy on Commercialisation of Research be removed; and

Be it further resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on Research be amended to read:

#### **Research**

##### **Preamble**

Public post-secondary institutions are responsible for delivering both high-quality education and research in the public interest. This responsibility requires that academic researchers have the freedom to exercise independent inquiry that is free of influence or restrictions from both the government and private industry.

The commercialisation of university research refers to the transformation of ideas and inventions into products that have market value. Corporate interests combine with federal and provincial governments which pressure researchers, through policies and funding mechanisms, to increase the amount of research conducted that is directly and immediately applicable to industry. Government incentives include directed research funding to projects or disciplines with identified commercial potential. When research is funded on the basis of profitability, applied research, mainly in science, technology, health services, and business studies, is typically favoured. Conversely, the emphasis on commercialisation creates a funding bias against those areas of study from which marketable knowledge is not easily derived.

In post-secondary institutions, the task of marketing research discoveries to investors imposes administrative and legal costs. Faculty members who are focused on commercialising their research may have valuable time and resources redirected from teaching and from sharing their research and knowledge with their peers. The quality of education can be compromised as a result of reduced emphasis on basic research skills and increased emphasis on the development of entrepreneurial skills.

Such a commercial model of research can create a research environment characterised by secrecy and competition in which faculty members are prohibited from sharing developments in their research due to the risk of jeopardising their sponsors' competitive advantage. Universities that rely on private sponsors are placed in conflict when faced with pressure to discipline researchers who prioritize the public interest.

Independence, openness and peer review are at the heart of establishing and maintaining good academic research environments. Researchers in post-secondary institutions must have adequate resources and protections from private sector interests if they are to continue to produce unbiased results in the service of the public good.

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- research undertaken in the public interest;
- adequate public funding for research in post-secondary institutions
- equitable funding distribution across disciplines;
- funding which is awarded based on the process of peer review;
- the right of researchers to free speech and academic freedom, including the right to publish and to participate fully in the research community;
- policies that seek to establish and maintain research integrity as one of the guiding principles of academic research;
- an environment where researchers may disclose misrepresentation, censorship, and other abuses of research without fear of reprisals;
- whistleblower protection and other policies that are designed to protect researchers who expose research misconduct;
- an environment where researchers may conduct their work without political or private-sector interference;
- an environment where researchers have their technical work evaluated through the process of peer review; and
- the publication of research in Canada's official languages and Aboriginal languages.

The Federation opposes:

- government research initiatives that promote increased research commercialisation in post-secondary institutions;
- requirements that public universities partner with industry to receive public research grants;
- private sector use of public institutional research facilities for commercial gain;
- interference by corporate research sponsors in public research; and
- government interference in the distribution of research funds from federal or provincial granting agencies that are awarded through a peer review process.

Be it further resolved that a Related Student Issues policy on "Government Research" be adopted that reads:

**Government Research**

**Preamble**

The commercialisation of research broadly refers to the involvement of corporate and private interests in research and knowledge dissemination, and public policies that define research and knowledge in market terms. Corporate and private participation in research often takes the form of public-private partnerships, in which public and private funding are combined to support research and development.

The commercialisation of research can threaten research integrity. Researchers may be susceptible to pressure to manipulate methodologies and research results, and to delay publication, as a means of protecting the competitive advantage of private sponsors.

The commercialisation of research is also tied to funding cuts to government research. Government research archives and research results allow post-secondary researchers and the public access to public research. Government or corporate interference in public research imposes barriers between researchers and the public.

Independence, openness and peer review are at the heart of establishing and maintaining good research environments. Researchers must have adequate resources and protections from partisan or private sector interests if they are to continue to produce unbiased results in the service of the public good.

The Federation supports:

- research undertaken in the public interest;
- adequate funding for federal and provincial government research;

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- public research funding that supports curiosity-driven research projects;
- equitable funding distribution across disciplines;
- the right of researchers to free speech and academic freedom, including the right to publish and to participate fully in the research community;
- policies that seek to establish and maintain research integrity as one of the guiding principles of government research;
- an environment where researchers may disclose misrepresentation, censorship, and other abuses of research without fear of reprisals;
- whistleblower protection and other policies that are designed to protect researchers who expose research misconduct;
- an environment where researchers may conduct their work without political or private-sector interference;
- an environment where researchers may candidly communicate their findings to all levels of government, the public and the research community;
- an environment where researchers have their technical work evaluated through the process of peer review; and
- the publication of research in Canada's official languages and Aboriginal languages.

The Federation opposes:

- the prioritisation of commercially-driven or profit-oriented research over non-commercial research, basic or applied;
- government interference in the research process;
- interference by corporate research sponsors in public research;
- policies that directly tie public research funding to short-term, market-orientated product innovation;
- government policies that limit the freedom of speech of researchers;
- government policies that, in any way, limit or come between researchers and the media when explaining or reporting research results; and
- government interference in the distribution of research funds from federal or provincial granting agencies that are awarded through a peer review process.

2013/05:N15

### MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 24/

Whereas the "Commercialization of Research" issues policy has not been updated since 2004; therefore

Be it resolved that the third paragraph of the Preamble of the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on the "Commercialization of Research" be amended to read:

The negative effects of commercialization of public research is recognized by faculty internationally and in Canada. The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) commits to safeguarding and supporting the integrity of academic research and campaigns to defend the freedom of academic researchers to pursue their work. The CAUT also opposes attempts by corporations or any other funders to suppress academic research results that they deem as unacceptable.

Be it resolved that the Preamble of the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on the "Commercialization of Research" be amended to include:

The establishment and expansion of "incubators" at post-secondary institutions are typically supported by government and threaten the academic integrity of research.

These incubators – marketed as entrepreneurship mentoring centres for students – serve as additional levers for institutions to obtain private funding. As a result, public money and institutional space that goes into establishing these incubators is used to subsidize private companies who greatly profit from the use of students' skills.

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on the "Commercialization of Research" be amended to include the following under "The Federation opposes":

- the subsidization of private entrepreneurship incubators by public colleges and universities.



**2013/05:N16 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 24/

Whereas there has been an increase in the presence of "Men's Rights Awareness Groups" on campuses across the country; and

Whereas these groups provide environments for sexism, patriarchy and misogyny to manifest and be perpetuated on campus, which should be safe(r) spaces for students; and

Whereas these groups promote 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 messages from these groups claim to be of equality, but are in fact messages that are misogynist, sexist, cissexist, heterosexist and homophobic responses to the challenge of cis-male privilege in society; and

Whereas "Men's Rights Awareness Groups" are attempting to establish chapters and service centers across Canadian colleges and universities; and

Whereas a "Men's Rights Awareness Group" at the University of Toronto recently held a meeting, which was protested by women and allies, prompting a barrage of threats and attacks on several women on campus and the students' union for taking part in protesting this group and its meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that the issues policy "Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women on Campus" be amended to include the following under "The Federation opposes":

- campaigns, forums, groups, meetings or events whose purpose is to frighten, intimidate and/or target women students on campus; and
- the administration's lack of response to calls for public support and protection of students being threatened, stalked and/or attacked on campus.

**2013/05:N17 MOTION**

Local 27/

Whereas Law and Medicine students pay some of the highest tuition fees in the country; and

Whereas the fees of these students, together with those of Teacher Candidates, are justified in terms of "return on investment," perhaps even more so than with students seeking other degrees; and

Whereas the high debt levels of graduates from these degrees challenge this assumption; therefore

Be it resolved that a factsheet and infographics be prepared describing the levels of tuition fees and debt of those seeking and holding Law, Medicine, and Education degrees.

**2013/05:N18 MOTION**

Local 27/

Whereas Canada's Royal Military College (RMC), unique amongst military schools, currently offers students a comprehensive liberal arts education; and

Whereas RMC's curriculum was motivated by the Somalia Affair, a stain on the honour of Canada and its military, with the idea that an officer cadre grounded in philosophy, history, and literature would be more capable of making ethical decisions in complex battlefield environments; and

Whereas this curriculum relies upon a delicate balance of academic, military, and federal government priorities; and

Whereas the federal government is directly threatening this curriculum, with a stated desire to return RMC to its origins as a technical school; and

Whereas numerous academics, at RMC and other institutions, as well as RMC alumni, have expressed strong concerns regarding the effects of these new policies, priorities, and funding cuts; and

Whereas the Canadian Association of University Teachers has released a report including numerous recommendations for governance reforms at RMC that would insulate the school from federal interference; therefore

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Be it resolved that the Canadian Association of University Teachers' report on recommendations for governance reforms at Canada's Royal Military College be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that an open letter be written to Defence Minister Peter McKay, endorsing the Canadian Association of University Teachers report on recommendations for governance reforms at Canada's Royal Military College, and condemning the federal government's attacks upon Canada's Royal Military College.

**2013/05:N19**

**MOTION**

Local 27/

Whereas many member locals have close relationships with campus radio stations; and  
Whereas these stations assist in communicating local and alternative news to members;  
and

Whereas the National Campus and Community Radio Association (NCRA) exists to serve the interests of these radio stations nationwide; and

Whereas the NCRA shares many of the same political ideals of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Campus and Community Radio Association be added to list of coalition partners on cfs-fcee.ca; and

Be it further resolved that campus radio stations be included on lists of on-campus media.

**2013/05:N20**

**MOTION**

Local 27/

Whereas campus radio stations face several difficulties including CRTC licensing issues and campaigns to terminate their funding; and

Whereas the National Campus and Community Radio Association (NCRA) exists to serve the interests of these radio stations nationwide; therefore

Be it resolved that \$2,000 be donated to the National Campus and Community Radio Association, earmarked for the assistance of campus radio stations at institutions where there are members.

**2013/05:N21**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 27/

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is committed to democratic principles; and

Whereas it is imperative that Federation policies reflect this commitment to democracy;  
and

Whereas a healthy democracy depends on both transparent electoral processes and the perception of transparency on the part of the members;

Be it resolved that Bylaw V, Section 9, subsection c. be amended to read:

c. the vote count for each candidate.

**2013/05:N22**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 26/

Be it resolved that that last paragraph of Bylaw 1, Section 6.a. be deleted.

**2013/05:N23**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 26/

Whereas the current composition of the Appeals Committee established for each referendum on membership consists exclusively of persons appointed by the Federation, without a requirement that the Appeals Committee be formed in consultation with the member local union;

Whereas the membership referendum process must be fair and democratic, and the composition of the Appeals Committee established for each referendum on membership must not unreasonably favour either the Federation, or the member local union;

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 4.h. be amended to read:

h. Appeals For each vote to certify, an Appeals Committee shall be appointed to adjudicate any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the Chief Returning Officer. The Appeals Committee shall be composed of:

- i. two (2) individual members elected at a Federation general meeting who are not members of the Federation's National Executive; and
- ii. two (2) individual members elected by the prospective member local association, who are not directors, officers, or employees of the prospective member local association.

Members of the Appeals Committee shall not campaign during a vote to certify.

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 6.i. be amended to read:

- i. Appeals For each referendum on continued membership, an Appeals Committee shall be appointed to adjudicate any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the Chief Returning Officer. The Appeals Committee shall be composed of:
  - i. two (2) individual members elected at a Federation general meeting who are not members of the Federation's National Executive; and
  - ii. two (2) individual members elected by the member local association, who are not directors, officers, or employees of the member local association.

Members of the Appeals Committee shall not campaign during a vote to decertify.

**2013/05:N24**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 26/

Whereas the current process for the appointment of the Chief Returning Officer of a decertification referendum allows the Federation to unilaterally appoint a Chief Returning Officer, on the exclusive recommendation of the Federation's Executive Committee, with no requirement that the Executive Committee's recommendations be developed in consultation with the member local union; and

Whereas the decertification referendum process must be fair and democratic, and the process for the appointment of the Chief Returning Officer of a decertification referendum must not unreasonably favour either the Federation, or the member local union; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 6.c. be amended to read:

- c. Chief Returning Officer For each referendum on continued membership, the National Executive shall recommend an individual to serve as the Chief Returning Officer, in consultation with the member local association. The Chief Returning Officer's appointment is subject to ratification by a general meeting of the Federation. In the event that the member local association objects to the recommendation of the National Executive, then the ratification of the Chief Returning Officer's appointment shall require a two-thirds majority. The Chief Returning Officer shall oversee the referendum and be responsible for:
  - i. establishing the notice requirement for the referendum in accordance with Section 6-d of this Bylaw and ensuring that notice is posted.
  - ii. establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 6-e of this Bylaw.
  - iii. approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 6-f of this Bylaw and removing campaign materials that have not been approved.
  - iv. deciding the number and location of polling stations.
  - v. setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 6-g of this Bylaw.
  - vi. overseeing all aspects of voting.
  - vii. counting the ballots following the vote.
  - viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, Section 4.b. be amended to read:

- b. Chief Returning Officer For each vote to certify, the National Executive shall recommend an individual to serve as the Chief Returning Officer, in consultation with the prospective member local association. The Chief Returning Officer's appointment is subject to ratification by a general meeting of the Federation. In the event that the prospective member local association objects to the recommendation of the National Executive, then the ratification of the Chief Returning Officer's appointment shall require a two-thirds majority. The Chief Returning Officer shall oversee the referendum and be responsible for:

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- i. establishing the notice requirement for the referendum in accordance with Section 4-c of this Bylaw and ensuring that notice is posted.
- ii. establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 6-d of this Bylaw.
- iii. approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 6-e of this Bylaw and removing campaign materials that have not been approved.
- iv. deciding the number and location of polling stations.
- v. setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 6-f of this Bylaw.
- vi. overseeing all aspects of voting.
- vii. counting the ballots following the vote.
- viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

**2012/11:N25**

**MOTION**

Local 08/

Whereas ableism is still present in our campuses and communities; and

Whereas the current campaign covers a broad spectrum of issues faced by students of all abilities; and

Whereas the current campaign lacks focus and direction on these issues; and

Whereas the current campaign needs to become more comprehensive in challenging ableism in all its forms; therefore

Be it resolved that the implementation section of the "Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds" campaign be amended to read:

**Implementation**

**Mobilisation:** The Federation will investigate established and successful awareness strategies used elsewhere to develop tools to effectively challenge ableism in all its forms on campus. The Federation will continue to work with national and regional organizations that advocate for the elimination of ableism and social stigma towards students of all abilities, and will develop materials towards the elimination of ableism in all its forms.

**Audit:** The Federation will create an audit toolkit to evaluate the state of universal design, accessibility services, mental health services, and university policies for their standard of accessibility and their effectiveness. Member locals are encouraged to undertake an accessibility audit on campus and are encouraged to consult with their respective disability communities on campus to work towards the elimination of all forms of ableism.

**Government Relations:** The Federation will lobby federal and provincial governments to increase funding and resources for accessibility services and mental health services on campus. The Federation will also lobby for improved accessibility to post-secondary education for students of all abilities, and will lobby for the elimination of discriminatory policies that reduce access to post-secondary education for students of all abilities.

**2013/05:N26**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 08/

Whereas the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group presents unique needs when participating with the work of the Federation;

Whereas accessibility needs and concerns in relation to the Federation's work needs to be considered by the National Executive;

Whereas the National Executive serves as a representation of its members;

Whereas persons with disabilities statistically have the highest portion of human rights complaints;

Be it resolved that Bylaw IV, Section 1, subsection b be amended to read:

- b. The following representatives nominated by their respective provincial components or caucuses 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. Quebec Representative
- x. Saskatchewan Representative
- xi. Graduate Student Representative
- xii. Aboriginal Student Representative
- xiii. Francophone Students Representative
- xiv. Racialised Students Commissioner
- xv. Women's Representative
- xvi. Students with Disabilities Commissioner

Be it further resolved that Bylaw IV be amended to include a new point 12 that read:

**12. Duties and Powers of the Students with Disabilities Commissioner**

The Students with Disabilities Commissioner shall perform all duties and such powers as established by Standing Resolution.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw IV be renumbered accordingly;

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 10, section 6, be amended to read:

**6. Duties of the Students with Disabilities Commissioner**

The authority, role and responsibilities of the Students with Disabilities National Executive representative shall be:

- a. To act as liaison between the Constituency Group and the National Executive;
- b. Represent the interests of the Constituency Group on the National Executive;
- c. Take direction from the Constituency Group during national general meetings;
- d. Facilitate communication between Students with Disabilities members of the Federation and non-members associations
- e. Oversee and coordinate campaigns initiated by the Students with Disabilities Constituency group;
- f. Send to local Students with Disabilities organizations and member associations brief semi-annual reports which could include information about campaigns, activities and goals pertaining to the constituency and seeing information which could facilitate the work of the Constituency Group within the Federation;
- g. Facilitate Constituency Group meetings during the national general meetings;
- h. Carry out the duties as do other National Executive members as outlined in By-law V of the Federation Constitution and By-laws.

2013/05:N27

**MOTION**

Local 19/

Whereas Scientists for the Right to Know is planning a major public event for this Fall that will dramatize the muzzling of scientists and librarians by the current government;

Whereas examples of the type of activities envisioned to highlight the muzzling of scientific inquiry in Canada during the event in the Fall may include:

- a "celebration of life" to feature some of the major scientific institutions that have been shut down by the federal government in recent times, including but not limited to the Experimental Lakes Area, the National Roundtable on Environment and Technology, the National Council of Welfare, the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory (PEARL);

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- a satirical rendering of the Federal Government's Code of Conduct for Librarians and Archivists, that identifies, for instance, speaking at conferences as "a dangerous activity" and requires loyalty to "the elected government" in and off work;
- a discussion of the effects of abolishing the long census form;
- a discussion of scholarly organizations on 'the critically ill list' – those which either seem to be vulnerable to future cuts or where cuts have already begun; and
- and exposing – perhaps in a dramatized manner – the incapacity of government scientists to speak to the public and the media; and

Whereas other organizations which the Federation has long established relationships – such as the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) – have determined to join with this grassroots effort of scientists and librarians and commit time and resources to aiding it; therefore

Be it resolved that the event(s) being planned by Scientists for the Right to Know, the Canadian Association of University Teachers and others in an effort to place focus upon the muzzling of scientists and librarians by the current Federal government for purely partisan aims be endorsed and a participatory role be sought in shaping the event(s).

2013/05:N28

### MOTION

Local 19/

Be it resolved that a legal defense fund be created to aid student unions in intervening in important, precedent-setting lawsuits that post-secondary institutions may face after leaving Access Copyright; and

Be it further resolved that York University and the member locals of that university be given immediate financial, legal and moral support in their fight against Access Copyright.

2013/05:N29

### MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 19/

Be it resolved that the Federation amend the Issues Policy on Academic Freedom as follows:

#### Academic Freedom

##### Preamble

Public institutions of higher education serve the common good of society through searching for, and disseminating, knowledge; truth; and understanding; and through fostering independent thinking and expression in students, teaching faculty members and academic researchers. The intrusion of proprietary interests into the classroom and research environments places pressure on public institutions of higher education to alter their mission in order to secure and/or retain funding from private and government sources. Insufficient government operating and research grants cause public institutions to become dependent on private sector funds and therefore private sector goals. Matched funding initiatives such as the Canada Foundation for Innovation are direct measures to bind publicly funded projects to the goals of private industry. Examples of the negative implications of restricted academic freedom include: researchers critical of industry, university, or government practices having positions threatened; courses and research not considered commercially relevant being under-funded or eliminated; and, in general, the democratic voice of dissent becoming increasingly silenced. For colleges and universities to remain true to their mission to pursue knowledge for its own sake and "to promote, through teaching and research, the principles of freedom and justice, of human dignity and solidarity" (UNESCO international conference, 1950), the tenets of academic freedom must be held as indispensable.

##### Policy

The Federation supports:

- the right of students, faculty members, academic staff, and all members of our academic communities in all forums to exercise academic freedom
- a vision of academic freedom:
  - that includes, but is not limited to, the right of members of the academic community – scholars, teachers, and students – to: be openly critical; express without fear of reprisal,

- their views through research, teaching and discussion; to do so in accordance with nationally and democratically established ethical and professional standards
- that accepts organized dissent as a critical part of the discourse within the academy and larger society
  - that is complimentary to the breaking down of social and cultural barriers in post-secondary education
  - that maintains respectful attitude towards others and the right of all people to express their academic views and opinions in a safe environment
  - collaboration and consultation on academic research matters between the academic community and community at-large and the administration of public institutions where it ensures academic freedom

The Federation opposes:

- Any agreement or contract that infringes upon the academic freedom of a student, faculty member, academic staff, or other members of our academic communities
- Any false uses or claims of academic freedom:
  - for the purposes of discrimination against others
  - that rejects organized dissent as part of academic freedom itself
  - that is used to oppress and build social and cultural barriers in post-secondary education
- All policies of the federal and provincial governments designed to increase private sector control in any area of post-secondary education

Be it further resolved that the Issues Policy on The Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship be repealed.

2013/05:N30

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 19/

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy on Accessibility be amended as follows:

**Accessible Education**

**Preamble**

A system of accessible education is one in which it is available to all applicants who wish to attend a postsecondary institution may do so and further their education. The Federation recognises that the class-stratified nature of Canadian society serves to discriminate against most Canadians in their attempts to obtain a quality postsecondary education. A system of accessible education should allow the individual student to pursue the education of her choice.

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- the elimination of all financial and economic barriers to a post-secondary education;
- the elimination of tuition fees and other incidental user fees;
- the elimination of differential fees including, but not limited to, those applied to international and out-of-province students;
- the right of students to receive a post-secondary education in the language of their choice, including, but not limited to, French, English, and Aboriginal languages;
- the right of students to attend the post-secondary institution of their choice, without additional financial burden;
- the elimination of all other social and cultural barriers to post-secondary education which may affect entry into post-secondary education institutions, including, but not limited to discrimination on the basis of race, colour, sex, language, religion, sexual orientation, gender, political affiliation, family status, socioeconomic class, (dis)ability;
- the removal of all conditions and barriers – as described above – within the post-secondary education system which may prevent students from attending and completing a program at a post-secondary institution;
- the right to the provision of universal, free, high quality child care;
- elimination of unnecessary impediments to program and course portability;
- the elimination of barriers to accessibility resulting from geography;
- the elimination of enrolment quotas; and
- the implementation of a guaranteed minimum income for all students.

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The Federation opposes:

- any systemic discrimination in any educational setting, including but not limited to the streaming of students into classes and programs of different academic status.

**2013/05:N31 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**  
Local 19/

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy on The Arts and Education be amended as follows:

**The Arts and Education**

**Preamble**

The Federation believes that the arts are an integral part of Canadian culture, and must oppose any move, including closure of institutions and departments, cuts to programs and chronic underfunding, on the part of the government, university and college administrations to devalue the study of cultural artistic practice.

The Federation recognizes the extreme difficulty of fine, applied, and performing arts and design graduates in obtaining a living wage by virtue of their field of study, and therefore recognizes that programs such as, but not limited to, the Canada Students Loans Program and income contingent repayment schemes, which assume a steady wage, are a deterrent to the study of cultural artistic practice.

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- the belief that the arts are an integral part of Canadian culture, and supports any move, such as sustaining of such institutions and departments, growth to programs and funding, on the part of the government, university and college administrations to value the study of cultural artistic practice
- the absolute right of student artists to ownership of their work produced for their program of study
- programs of student aid which do not assume steady income for student artists and recognize the difficulties of obtaining a living wage by virtue of their field of study
- the freedom of student artists to license and protect their work through copyright legislation within a reasonable framework which recognizes particular user rights, such as fair dealing.

The Federation opposes:

- the use of employment potential studies by provincial governments to determine funding levels for post-secondary programs and courses in fine, applied and performing arts, art education and design
- post-secondary institutions or governments censorship of work produced by students engaged in cultural artistic practice
- the exploitation of Student Artists and their work in the form of non-compliance with copyright legislation
- any move by a post-secondary institution to cutback or eliminate Fine, Applied or Performing Arts and Design Programs from its curriculum
- the barriers to post-secondary education created by repeated and extensive costs for materials and textbooks incurred by students of the fine, applied and performing arts and design.

**2013/05:N32 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**  
Local 19/

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy on Authorship be amended as follows:

**Authorship**

**Preamble**

Creators have come to enjoy particular rights and responsibilities with respect to their intellectual and creative works, including but not limited to:

- the right to academic and public recognition of contributions as creator(s), including but not limited to authorship and citation;
- the right to choose when and how to publish/present intellectual and creative works, including a student's right to the unrestricted fulfillment of academic requirements;



- the right to fair financial compensation where financial compensation can be reasonably expected;
- the right to use and enjoy the intellectual and/or creative work;
- the responsibility to recognise both the immediate and future social implications of their work;
- the responsibility to recognise the broader social context in which intellectual and creative works are created;
- the responsibility to recognize the public contribution to the creation of intellectual and creative works and the public's right to benefit from those works in a timely fashion;
- the responsibility to conduct research in an ethical fashion; and
- the responsibility to inform the participant(s) of any potential consequences of their participation in the research, where applicable and appropriate.

#### Policy

The Federation supports:

- the recognition that the creation of intellectual and creative works is a result of the initiative, inspiration and work of groups or individuals within a broad social context;
- the right of students to authorship and ownership of their works produced in the course of their academic study;
- the right of students and research assistants to be recognized in proportion to their contribution to research, including but not limited to subsequent papers and materials resulting from such research;
- the adoption of policy within all post-secondary institutions conducting research that:
  - requires all researchers to adhere to appropriate standards of intellectual honesty in the written or spoken presentation of their work and at all times acknowledges in an appropriate manner the contribution made by other researchers to their work; and
  - recognizes that financial remuneration or use of equipment or space does not constitute a basis for attribution of authorship.

The Federation opposes:

- the removal of the legal and moral rights associated with authorship through the signing and enacting of agreements with publishers, institutions or governments to publish works associated with said authorship
- the assumption of the legal and moral rights associated with authorship by post-secondary institutions for works produced in the course of academic study

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#### MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 19/

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy on Codes of Conduct be amended as follows:

#### Codes of Conduct

##### Preamble

Post-secondary institutional policies that regulate non-academic student conduct outline appropriate forms of behaviour and/or institutional response to that behaviour. They are meant to ensure that post-secondary communities are safe and positive environments. They can be ambiguous in terms of the actions and behaviours that they are intended to cover.

Such policies have been applied to students taking part in events that occur off-campus and that are not sanctioned by the post-secondary institution. There have been incidences of civil authorities not prosecuting students who are alleged to have committed criminal acts off-campus because of the assumption that the administration of the post-secondary institution will deal with the alleged perpetrators internally, referencing institutional policies regulating non-academic student conduct. The application of institutional policies to off-campus behaviour risks creating a two-tier system of justice, one for students and another for community members. It also disadvantages low-income students through financial penalties.

##### Policy

The Federation opposes:

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- the use of post-secondary institutional policies as they are applied to non-academic activities that take place off-campus at events that are not sanctioned by or affiliated with the post-secondary institution;
- the expectation that students will be representatives of their institutions at all times while off-campus;
- the use of student codes of conduct to oppress and/or suppress freedoms of express and/or association within post-secondary institutions or elsewhere;
- the use of student codes of conduct to oppress and/or suppress organized dissent by members of the community of any post-secondary institution within said institution or elsewhere;
- the right of the University to act as moral arbiter in situations involving students outside of the campus premises; and
- the linking non-academic offences, as covered under student codes of conduct, to transcripts and other institutional records.

### 2013/05:N34 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY Local 19/

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy on Credit Transfers be amended as follows:

#### **Credit Transfers**

##### **Preamble**

For a variety of reasons, many students who start a post-secondary diploma or degree at one institution may choose to finish it at another institution. Changing market demands and new programs offered by colleges and universities have also lead to an increase in the number of students who chose to supplement a diploma or degree with a second designation.

While some provinces responded to a marked increase in the level of inter-institutional cooperation by establishing provincial regulations to ensure that programs remain congruent, most others have not and the Federal government has made no effort to coordinate the standardization of credit transfer between provinces. In the absence of a province-wide or a federal initiative to facilitate the articulation, transfer and admissions arrangements among degree and diploma granting institutions, hundreds of agreements had emerged between colleges and universities. While this rapid emergence of inter-institutional cooperation has improved educational opportunities, it has also lead to increased confusion, inconsistency and duplication.

As a result, students are often left to try and navigate a system where programs may be offered at separate institutions, guided by separate policies or, when transferring from one institution to another, forced to negotiate on their own which credits will be recognized. Due to the ad hoc nature of these agreements, many students find themselves paying for and earning the same credits more than once, adding to additional costs for the student and the government. To help ensure that students are able to move as easily as possible from institution to institution, a mandatory system of credit transfer needs to be created.

##### **Policy**

The Federation supports:

- maintaining clear, transparent and predictable pathways to learning;
- enhancing student mobility through the creation of a mandatory, credit transfer system;
- provincial frameworks for credit transfer that fit into a broader pan-Canadian system;
- promotion of equivalency of materials and grading practices between different sections of the same course within a single post-secondary institution, so as to ensure ease of credit transfer with other institutions;
- promotion of accurate and fair prior-learning assessment that also recognises institutional autonomy;
- eliminating unnecessary duplication of learning and related inefficiencies in public spending;
- standardized assessments of credits, diplomas and degrees;
- a system that prioritizes block transfers over credit-to-credit transfer system;
- a body to oversee and review the progress of a credit transfer system with permanent and continuous student representation

- adequate funding to ensure the maintenance and success of a credit transfer system.

The Federation opposes:

- agreements that undermine a students' ability to transfer between institutions of her or his choice;
- a credit transfer system without the adequate funding needed for operational success;
- a credit transfer system that is optional for universities and colleges to participate in;
- fees' being attached to the process of transferring credits; and
- a credit transfer system that implements a user fee.

**2013/05:N35**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 19/

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on Tri-Council Funding be amended to include the following Preamble:

Pressures from industry have resulted in the federal government allocating research funding based on corporate need rather than the public interest. When public funding is allocated in this way, public funds subsidize private business. Corporate interests tend to privilege science and health research over the social sciences and humanities. These corporate and government pressures direct funding based on profit rather than merit.

Be it further resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on Tri-Council Funding be amended to include the following under "The Federation supports":

- funding that is proportionate to enrolment in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities;
- the granting councils composition include students;
- the granting councils composition include a voting majority of faculty researchers; and
- the promotion of granting council policies which make publicly-funded research available to the public.

Be it further resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on Tri-Council Funding be amended to include the following under "The Federation opposes":

- targeted funding based on industry need;
- government interference in granting council priorities; and
- granting committees composed of a skewed percentage of corporate donors, which allow industry to direct funding priorities.

**2013/05:N36**

**MOTION**

Local 19/

Whereas tuition fees have been increasing exponentially in the rest of Canada (notably Ontario and Manitoba);

Whereas Stephen Harper's Conservative party has an indomitable majority in Parliament;

Whereas many members on campuses across Canada are politically uninvolved and many involved activists do not have an outlet to express their political voice within their post-secondary institutions;

Whereas during the undertaking of lobby week the Federation has failed to stop the exponential increase in tuition fees across almost all Canadian provinces;

Whereas the Federation has no power to compel its local member associations to adopt strike mandates; therefore

Be it resolved that the annual Lobby Week activities be ended; and

Be it further resolved that member local associations be encouraged to begin building outlets for activists to mobilize within their respective post-secondary institutions through the use of mobilization committees, workshops and discussion groups so that respective member locals can adopt a more engaged environment; and

Be it further resolved that member local associations be encouraged to seek mandates for strikes to ultimately reduce and nullify tuition fees and tuition fee increases across Canada.

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**2013/05:N37 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 19/

Whereas the full range of salaries and benefits of both National Executives of the Federation are not currently available to members of the public, to member locals, or to individual members of the Federation;

Whereas the salaries and benefits of National Executives of the Federation is of concern to members of the Federation, since it is student money that is paying for these salaries and benefits;

Whereas in many other similar organizations, the salaries and benefits of the elected representatives are disclosed to its members;

Whereas the Federation's organization must be evaluated to consider its non-disclosure of salaries and benefits;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Remuneration of National Executive Members, be amended as follows:

**Remuneration of National Executive Members**

The National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and National Treasurer shall:

- receive a salary of \$2,750.00 per month, and prorated for partial months, to be adjusted each June 1 by the rate of change in the Consumer Price Index, for the greater Ottawa/Hull area, during the previous calendar year; and
- have access to the extended health and dental plan available to the Federation's employees.

The salaries and benefits of all National Executive Members of the Federation will be disclosed on an annual basis to all individual members and locals of the organization upon request, and shall be included as separate line items in the financial statements presented at the semi-annual general meetings of the Federation.

**2013/05:N38 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 19/

Whereas it is an obvious conflict of interest to allow elected officials of the Federation to supplement their current honoraria (greater than \$44,000 per year after inflation indexing, plus health and dental) for performing 'services for the Federation' of an undisclosed nature, which services may include selling products to member locals;

Whereas the Federation's Executive should not be distracted from their full-time obligation of lobbying for the Federation by obligations to the organization's commercial component;

Be it resolved that Bylaw IV, Clause (14) be amended as include:

"The National Executive shall not receive any remuneration from the Federation, nor from any of its subsidiaries apart from that already provided for in Bylaw V(14)a and its subordinate clauses. As well, neither a firm in which an Executive member is also a member, nor any company wherein an Executive member is a shareholder, director or officer shall be employed by, or performs services for the Federation,"

**2013/05:N39 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 19/

Whereas the Federation and its various subsidiary and component bodies has taken a considerable number of legal actions and threats against its own members, members of the press, and various members of our society in the name of the students it purports to represent;

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

Be it resolved that the Operating Policy on Disclosure of Legal Activities be adopted as follows:

**Disclosure of Legal Activities**

The Federation shall maintain a list of all of the legal actions (including threat/demand letters issued, and any and all procedures filed by the Federation and all its subsidiary and

component bodies (including CFS-Services) in any court at any jurisdiction, but not including legal strategy or confidential information) it has taken in the past three years, and the cost of these actions. This list shall be maintained and presented in a publicly accessible section of the Federation's website entitled 'Legal Actions'. Upon request of a member association, any non-confidential documents and materials generated in pursuit of any of the listed legal actions shall be delivered to the requesting association.

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**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 19/

Be it resolved that the Operational Policy on Financial Policy Relating to the Collection of Membership Fees be amended as follows:

**Collection of Membership Fees**

The Federation's current national membership fee shall be posted on Federation's website in the "About" section. The Federation shall maintain as a page linked to under the "Member Students' Union" section, the per student amount of the national fee for the ten (10) years prior to May 2013 and all years subsequent.

The Federation shall send a registered letter and appropriate email communication to each member association indicating the applicable membership fee, and the letter shall be sent, at least, four (4) weeks following any given change in the applicable membership fee.

The Federation shall contact every member local who has failed to remit any or all membership fees for the past year or any previous year for which such or related debts have been accrued and remain outstanding at least three (3) weeks prior to any annual general meeting of the Federation. This communication shall include the full communication of any and all debts owed by the member local to the Federation without exception. Notice of this communication and of the locals to whom such communication has sent will be given to the Plenary of the Annual General Meetings of the Federation through its Budget Committee.

If a member local has not repaid their outstanding fees for four (4) successive years, an item must be added to the agenda of the Executive Committee to discuss and prompt the expulsion of said member local. Member locals shall be warned both by registered letter and electronic mail prior to this meeting as to the possibility of expulsion due to their outstanding fees. Member locals will be given four (4) weeks to respond to the Executive Committee regarding their inability to pay said fees. If evidence of a member locals inability to pay said fees is found to be insufficient, the Executive Committee shall report this as grounds for expulsion – in keeping with the Bylaws – to the next Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that the provisions of this policy be enacted immediately and that the National Executive take swift action to ensure compliance.

2013/05:N41

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 19/

Be it resolved that the Operational Policy on Federation Documents be amended as follows:

**Federation Documents**

**Annual Report**

An annual report outlining the work and finances of the Federation will be produced following each fiscal year. This report shall be based upon the National Executive reports prepared for the annual and semi-annual national general meetings. This report shall be distributed to each member local association in attendance at the Federation's annual national general meeting.

A copy of the annual report shall be mailed to each member local not in attendance at the meeting no later than four (4) weeks following the meeting.

A copy of the annual report shall be placed prominently on the website of the Federation no later than six (6) weeks following the meeting.

**Orientation Package**

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An orientation package including, but not limited to: a letter of introduction from the National Chairperson; basic Federation information; decision making structures; services to members; a short history of national student organizations in Canada will be compiled.

This orientation package shall be distributed to each of the members of the newly elected or appointed executive of member local student associations once annually and placed upon the Federation's website.

### **Materials and Publications**

The Federation logo or name will be displayed in a prominent location on all promotional materials of the Federation and its subsidiaries.

All publications, communications or any other form of written information from the Federation must be printed back-to-back on paper and shall use binding systems that can be removed easily for recycling.

Only non-bleached, de-inked, high grade recycled paper, where available, will be used for materials produced for the StudentSaver program and for all photocopied materials distributed at national general meetings..

Only 'copyleft' licensing, such as Creative Commons or similar, shall be used when creating and producing campaign materials of the Federation, including posters, factsheets and all related material. Any such licensing shall maintain the principles of attribution, solely non-commercial use and to share using equivalent licensing if creating derivative works.

The corresponding pages of the English and French versions of the following documents will be arranged in a "back-to-back" or other format: Constitution and By-laws, Policy Manual, Standing Resolutions, Notice of Motions, Minutes and Committee Agendas.

The Federation opposes the use of language which supports or maintains oppression or discrimination on Federation campaign/lobbying materials.

All Federation printed materials shall use gender neutral language and an affirmative action language policy with respect to gender specific pronouns.

The Federation will ensure that all materials produced by the Federation and its subsidiaries shall be available in a bilingual format. Correspondence from the Federation and its subsidiaries shall be in the language(s) of the addressee.

The Federation shall not use acronyms in any of its written documents except where previously spelt out in the documents.

The National Graduate Caucus shall be granted, upon request, full written translation services from the Federation, but shall be required to furnish a list of priorities of documents to be translated when making the request.

The Federation encourages organizations of which the Federation is a member to produce documents and materials in both French and English. Any document produced by an organization of which the Federation is a member, and which is distributed to members, shall be available in both French and English.

The Federation shall make double-sided copies whenever possible.

All printed materials must be provided to locals in digital formats upon request within four (4) weeks.

### **Timelines**

All amendments to the Federation's Constitution(s) and Bylaws be submitted for approval to the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs no later than four (4) weeks following each general meeting at which the Constitution(s) and Bylaws are amended. The amended sections of the Constitution(s) and Bylaws will be distributed to the member local associations no later than four (4) weeks following notification, by the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, that the amendments have been approved.

The amended sections of the Policy Manual and Standing Resolution of the Federation shall be distributed to the member local associations no later than twelve (12) weeks following each national general meeting and placed on the Federation's website.

The Federation shall ensure that the draft minutes of each national general meeting be distributed to the member local associations no later than twelve (12) weeks following each national general meeting and placed on the Federation website.

The Federation shall ensure that all budget resources, including the draft budgets of the Federation, be sent to member local associations at least four (4) weeks prior to national general meetings.

The Federation shall ensure that the audited statement of the Federation shall be placed on the Federation website no later than twelve (12) weeks following the national general meeting in which it is received.

**2013/05:N42 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 19/

Be it resolved that the following Operations Policy on Summary Minutes be adopted, effective immediately:

**Summary Minutes**

Summary Minutes of the annual and semi-annual general meetings of the Federation must contain:

- the Meeting's Date, Location, and the name of the presiding Chair.
- the full list of member locals in attendance, member locals present by proxy, and member locals that have sent regrets of any other sort to the meeting.
- the full recounting of business transacted at the meeting, in the form of all motions – both passed and failed – and the every amendment – both passed and failed – which have been made at that meeting.

Additionally, appended to all copies of the Summary Minutes of the annual and semi-annual general meetings of the Federation must be:

- All reports or other documents crucial to the deliberations of the meeting.

Summary Minutes of the annual and semi-annual general meetings of the Federation shall be clearly and distinctly posted on the Federation's website in an accessible location therein.

Member locals will be informed of this by accepted means of electronic communication and shall be given leave to post these documents to websites operated by the member local(s).

Be it further resolved that summaries of minutes of all past annual general meetings of the Federation since the organisation's founding will be constructed and posted online.

**2013/05:N43 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 19/

Be it resolved that the Definitions of the Constitution and Bylaws be amended to read:

1. The Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants will hereafter be referred to as the Federation.
2. A provincial component will be taken for all purposes, as an organisation within the Canadian Federation of Students comprised of all member local associations within a particular province.
3. A member local student association will be taken for all purposes of these Bylaws to mean an organisation of students which satisfies the following criteria:
  - it is locally and democratically - controlled;
  - it is autonomous from other organizations;
  - it represents students at only one post - secondary institution.

or, the graduate students belonging to an organisation that fulfills these criteria and is comprised of both graduate and undergraduate members, not belonging to the Federation, provided that the graduate students have an identifiable infrastructure and a legal structure enabling it to enter into contracts .

4. For all purposes of these Bylaws, a referendum will be taken to mean a general vote of the members of a local student association, whether conducted at balloting locations or at a formal general meeting of the local students association.

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5. For all purposes of these Bylaws, a semester shall be taken to mean a period of time approximately four months in duration. An academic year shall be defined as per the policy of the member local.
6. For all purposes of these Bylaws, a delegate shall be any individual member of a member local association having paid the applicable general meeting delegates fee.

### 2013/05:N44 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 19/

Whereas at current it is required that a petition of ten percent (10%) of a local's membership to have a referendum to join or 'certify' to become members of the Federation;

Whereas at current it is required that a petition of twenty percent (20%) of a local's membership to have a referendum to leave or 'decertify' from the CFS;

Whereas other aspects of the Bylaw do not reflect well the differences that currently exist in the certification and decertification processes.

Whereas basic consistency and best practice in democratic assemblies and bodies is important for the overarching legitimacy of the Federation;

Whereas consistency in the processes to leave and join the Federation are critical in portraying the Federation as a democratically functioning body which abides by fairness and openness;

Be it resolved that Bylaw I be amended to read:

#### 1. Types of Memberships

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

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

#### 2. Types of Voting Membership Status

##### a. Full Membership

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

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



- vi. a full voting member association shall be required to collect and remit to the Canadian Federation of Students a membership fee of \$3.00 per semester, per individual member of the voting member association.
- vii. In addition to Bylaw I, Article 2-a-vi, a full voting member association shall be required to collect and remit the membership fee of the applicable provincial component fee as set out by standing resolution.
- viii. The membership fees described in Bylaw I, Articles 2-a-vi and 2-a-vii, may be pro-rated for part-time and short-term students in accordance with the practice of the full voting member association with respect to the pro-ration of its own fees.
- ix. The membership fees described in Bylaw I, Articles 2-a-vi and 2-a-vii, shall be adjusted each academic year by the rate of change in the Canadian Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar year.

**b. Prospective Membership**

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

- i. A local student association is eligible to apply for prospective membership if it has passed a motion of its members, executive, council or equivalent representative body to apply for prospective membership in the Federation and its applicable provincial component as described in Bylaw VII - Provincial Components;
- ii. A written application for prospective membership submitted by an eligible local student association will be considered as a binding contract to accept the rights and responsibilities of prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, the Canadian Federation of Students - Services, and the applicable provincial component.
- iii. Within 90 days of the receipt by the National Executive of a written application for prospective membership, the National Executive will examine the application to determine whether it is in order, and will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the application.
- iv. At the next general meeting of the Federation, the prospective membership application shall be put to a vote and shall require a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast to be accepted.
- v. A local student association's application for prospective membership, once accepted by the Federation, shall constitute a binding contract to pay prospective membership fees, as described in Section 2 b - vi, and conduct a vote on certification, as described in Section 2 b - viii;
- vi. The fee for prospective membership in the Federation shall be five per cent (5%) of the regular Federation membership fee, notwithstanding that the fee may be reduced or waived by a majority vote of a national general meeting of the National Executive;
- vii. A prospective member association shall have full voting rights in Federation national general meetings, but shall not be permitted to designate a proxy to vote on its behalf, and shall have the same access to Federation resources and materials, except the International Student Identity Card, that a full member has;
- viii. A prospective member association must hold a vote on certification in the Federation, in accordance with Section 4 of this Bylaw, within twelve (12) months following its acceptance as a prospective member unless an extension is granted by the National Executive of the Federation;
- ix. In the event that the majority of those voting support full membership in the Federation, full membership will be granted at the subsequent national general meeting, at which point prospective membership shall cease;
- x. In the event that the majority of those voting oppose full membership in the Federation, prospective membership will immediately cease;

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- xi. In the event that the vote fails to achieve quorum, prospective membership will be automatically extended and another vote on certification will be held within the subsequent six (6) months in accordance with Section 4 of this Bylaw; and
- xii. In the event that a prospective member fails to conduct a vote on certification as required by this Bylaw, the Federation shall have the option to either cancel or extend, by majority vote of a national general meeting, the prospective membership until a vote on certification is conducted.

### **3. Membership Rights and Responsibilities**

#### **a. Rights of Individual Members**

- i. The individual members of the Federation collectively belonging to a member local association will have sole authority to make decisions through a vote on all questions of membership in the Federation, subject to the other provisions of this Bylaw.
- ii. The individual members of the Federation collectively belonging to a member local association will have sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members and delivered to the National Executive, a vote to certify or decertify as described in Article 4 of this Bylaw.
- iii. Individual members of the Federation have the right to have their interests represented collectively in the Federation through their local student association, but will not have voting rights at the Federation general meetings.
- v. The Federation must ensure that a Federation membership card is issued to each individual member of the Federation who is a member of a member local association of the Federation.

#### **b. Rights of Voting Members**

- i. Each voting member of the Federation will have one vote at and participate in general meetings of the Federation provided all outstanding delegate fees for past meetings have been paid in full. This is subject to review by the National Executive on a case by case basis upon request.
- ii. Voting members of the Federation have the right to be represented collectively to the federal government and to other national organisations.
- iii. Each voting member of the Federation is entitled to the protection and support of the Federation in accordance with the objectives of the Federation.
- iv. Each voting member of the Federation is entitled to have access to Federation research, information, materials, staff, and other resources.
- v. Each voting member of the Federation is entitled to have access to all information and official documents concerning the operations and activities of the Federation and of the National Executive.
- vi. Delegates sent by voting members to general meetings of the Federation will have the right to stand for election to any vacant position on a committee of the Federation subject to such other conditions as may be specified at the time of formation of the committee.
- vii. Each voting member is entitled to request, and must receive within 45 days of receipt of the request, an updated statement of financial position detailing all outstanding delegate and all outstanding membership fees provided that the voting member, as the agent for the Federation with respect to the collection of the membership fees, has provided the Federation with a full accounting of membership fees owed by it to the Federation.

#### **c. Responsibilities of Voting Members**

Although Federation staff and executive members will handle many day-to-day operations, the structures of the Federation can only function if there is full cooperation among Federation voting members. The achievement of the work and goals of the Federation depends on the active participation of students and student associations.

- i. Each voting member of the Federation is responsible for supporting the objectives of the Federation and will abide by all provisions of these By-laws.
- ii. Each voting member will ensure that Federation fees are collected each year at its institution and forwarded to the Federation, according to the contract of membership and the fee agreement if applicable, signed when the member joined.
- iii. The voting member will not represent the membership fees collected on behalf of the Federation as an expense and/or revenue of the member in its budgets, its financial statements, its audits or any other documents of the voting member.
- iv. Each voting member will be responsible for representing the interests and concerns of its member students at general meetings of the Federation.
- v. Each voting member is responsible for contributing to the formulation of Federation policy and where possible and by resolution of the local council for supporting and implementing that policy.
- vi. Each voting member will be responsible for communicating information from the Federation and its provincial components to individual members within the member local association.
- vii. Each member local association will communicate and work cooperatively with Federation staff and members of the National Executive.

#### **4. Votes to Certify**

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

##### **a. Scheduling of the Vote**

- i. The National Executive will have the sole authority to determine whether the petition described in Bylaw I, Section 6.a is in order. Within 90 days of receipt of the petition, the National Executive will review the petition to determine if it is in order and, if it is, in consultation with the member local, will schedule a vote. The local member association will endeavour to schedule the referendum between 60 days and 90 days following its determination that the petition is in order. The scheduling of the referendum shall be subject to the following conditions:
  - there shall be no fewer than two (2) and no greater than five (5) days of voting; and
  - there shall be no less than seven (7) days and no greater than 21 days for campaigning, during which classes are in session, immediately preceding and during voting.
- ii. No vote on certification may be held between:
  - April 15 and September 15; and
  - December 15 and January 15.
- iii. There shall be no more than two (2) votes on certification in any three - month period.
- iv. No vote on certification shall take place without compliance with Sections 4.a.i, 4.a.ii and 4.a.iii.

##### **b. Chief Returning Officer**

For each vote to certify, the National Executive shall recommend an individual to serve as the Chief Returning Officer. The Chief Returning Officer's appointment is subject to ratification by a general meeting of the Federation.

The Chief Returning Officer shall oversee the referendum and be responsible for:

- i. establishing the notice requirement for the referendum in accordance with Section 4 - c of this Bylaw and ensuring that notice is posted.
- ii. establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 4 - d of this Bylaw.

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- iii. approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 4 - e of this Bylaw and removing campaign materials that have not been approved.
- iv. deciding the number and location of polling stations.
- v. setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 4 - f of this Bylaw.
- vi. overseeing all aspects of the voting.
- vii. counting the ballots following the vote.
- viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

### **c. Notice of Vote**

Notice of the vote, that includes the referendum question and voting dates, shall be provided to the individual members of the member local association no less than two (2) weeks prior to the first day of voting.

### **d. Campaigning**

- i. There shall be no less than ten (10) days on which campaigning is permitted, during which classes are in session, immediately preceding and during voting; and
- ii. Only individual members and representatives of the prospective member association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of the Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.
- iii. The campaign period is defined as the days the National Executive schedules for campaigning under Bylaw 6.b.i, and each and every day on which voting is to occur.

### **e. Campaign Materials**

- i. Campaign materials shall include all materials developed specifically for the campaign.
- ii. The Federation's annual report, financial statements, research and submissions to government shall not be considered a campaign material.
- iii. Campaign materials shall not be misleading, defamatory or false. The Chief Returning Officer shall be the sole arbiter of whether materials are misleading, defamatory or false.

### **f. Voting and Tabulation**

- i. Voting must be conducted by paper ballot and cannot be conducted in any other manner. Voting must take place at voting stations or, subject to the agreement between the prospective member association and the Federation, at a general meeting of the prospective member association or by a mail - out ballot.

It shall be the responsibility of the prospective member association to obtain and provide to the Oversight Committee, no later than seven (7) days in advance of the vote, a list of all of the individual members of the Federation eligible to vote. If the prospective member association is unable to obtain or provide such a list, voting shall be conducted through a double envelope system, whereby the ballot is placed in an unmarked envelope, which is placed in a second envelope, on which the voter writes her full name and student identification number. After voting ends, the envelopes will be compared to a list of the individual members who are eligible to vote. Duplicate ballots and ballots cast by ineligible voters shall be discarded. Once the validity of the votes has been verified, the outer envelopes will then be separated from the unmarked inner envelopes and tabulated.

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

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

**g. Quorum**

Quorum for any vote to certify shall be ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the local member association.

**i. Appeals**

For each vote to certify, an Appeals Committee shall be appointed to adjudicate any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the Chief Returning Officer. The Appeals Committee shall be composed of:

- i. one National Executive member or a designate appointed by the Federation's National Executive; and
- ii. one individual member elected at a general meeting of the member local association who are not members or former members of the member local association's Executive; and
- iii. one individual member elected at a Federation general meeting who are not members or former members of the Federation's National Executive.

Members of the Appeals Committee shall not campaign during a vote to certify.

**j. Minimum Period Between Votes on Certification**

In addition to required compliance with Sections 6 a. to 6 l, in order for a vote on certification to take place, no vote on certification may have been held within the previous twelve (12) months for voting members comprised of individual members, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the National Executive.

**5. Suspension and Expulsion of Members**

A member local association may have its voting privileges suspended or may be expelled for violating its responsibilities as outlined in Bylaw I, Section 3 (c), subject to the following procedure:

**a. Process for Initiating the Procedure of Suspension or Expulsion**

The procedure for suspending the voting privileges or expelling a member local association may be initiated by:

- i. resolution of the National Executive; or
- ii. a petition, submitted to the National Executive, signed by not less than one-fifth (1/5) of the voting member locals associations and listing the reasons for the proposed suspension of voting privileges or expulsion.

**b. Notice of the Suspension or Expulsion Procedure**

Upon resolution of the National Executive or receipt of a petition by the National Executive, initiating the process for suspending or expelling a member local association, the National Executive will:

- i. place the matter on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled national general meeting for which no less than four (4) week notice can be given; and
- ii. Inform, by registered mail and email, the member local association against which the suspension or expulsion procedure has been initiated no less than four (4) weeks prior to the national general meeting at which the matter of suspension or expulsion will be considered.

**c. Required Majority**

A two-thirds vote of a national general meeting shall be required in order to suspend the voting privileges or expel a member local association.

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### d. Reinstatement of Voting Privileges

A member local association, which has had its voting privileges suspended, may have its voting privileges reinstated subject to the following procedure:

- i. Upon receipt of a written application from a member local association requesting reinstatement of voting privileges, the National Executive will assess the merits of the application and make a recommendation to the voting member local associations at the next regularly-scheduled national general meeting.
- ii. A two-thirds majority vote shall be required to reinstate a member local association's voting privileges.

### 6. Vote to Decertify

The individual members of the Federation belonging to a member local association may vote on the question of continuing their membership, subject to the following rules and procedures:

#### a. Petition

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.

The petition shall be worded as follows: "We, the undersigned, petition the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students."

The original, unaltered petition must be delivered in its entirety to the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson or National Treasurer, by registered mail. Petitions received that are not original copies, have been altered in any manner, or have been received by any means other than registered mail are not valid.

The petition may not contain any words or images, with the exception of those required by Bylaw 1.a and those required indicating which fields a signatory must complete.

In order to be considered valid, a name on a petition must be reasonably legible, include the proper full name, be accompanied by a valid and corresponding student identification number, and a unique signature.

#### b. Schedule

- i. The Plenary of the Annual General Meeting of the Federation will have the sole authority to determine whether the petition described in Bylaw I, Section 6.a is in order. Within 90 days of receipt of the petition, the National Executive will review the petition to determine if it is in order and, if it is, in consultation with the member local, will schedule a vote. The local member association will endeavour to schedule the referendum between 60 days and 90 days following its determination that the petition is in order.

The scheduling of the referendum shall be subject to the following conditions:

- there shall be no fewer than two (2) and no greater than five (5) days of voting; and
  - there shall be no less than seven (7) days and no greater than 21 days for campaigning, during which classes are in session, immediately preceding and during voting.
- ii. No vote on decertification may be held between:
    - April 15 and September 15; and
    - December 15 and January 15.
  - iii. There shall be no more than two (2) votes on decertification in any three-month period.
  - iv. No vote on decertification shall take place without compliance with Sections 6.b.i, 6.b.ii and 6.b.iii.

**c. Chief Returning Officer**

The Chief Returning Officer shall oversee the referendum and be responsible for:

For each referendum on continued membership, the National Executive shall recommend an individual to serve as the Chief Returning Officer. The Chief Returning Officer's appointment is subject to ratification by a general meeting of the Federation.

- i. establishing the notice requirement for the referendum in accordance with Section 6-d of this Bylaw and ensuring that notice is posted.
- ii. establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 6-e of this Bylaw.
- iii. approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 6-f of this Bylaw and removing campaign materials that have not been approved.
- iv. deciding the number and location of polling stations.
- v. setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 6-g of this Bylaw.
- vi. overseeing all aspects of the voting.
- vii. counting the ballots following the vote.
- viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

**d. Notice of Vote**

Notice of the vote, that includes the referendum question and voting dates, shall be provided to the individual members of the member local association no less than two (2) weeks prior to the first day of voting.

**e. Campaigning**

- i. The member local association, the individual members from the member local association and the Federation not shall engage in any campaigning outside of the campaign period.
- ii. Only individual members of the member local association, representatives of the member local association, and representatives of the Federation shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.
- iii. The campaign period is defined as the days the National Executive schedules for campaigning under Bylaw 6.b.i, and each and every day on which voting is to occur.

**f. Campaign Materials**

- i. Campaign materials shall include all materials developed specifically for the campaign.
- ii. The Federation's annual report, financial statements, research and submissions to government shall not be considered a campaign material.
- iii. Campaign materials shall not be misleading, defamatory or false. The Chief Returning Officer shall be the sole arbiter of whether materials are misleading, defamatory or false.

**g. Voting and Tabulation**

- i. Voting must be conducted by paper ballot. Voting must be conducted at voting stations or by mail-out ballot.

It shall be the responsibility of the voting member local to obtain and provide to the Oversight Committee, no later than seven (7) days in advance of the vote, a list of all of the individual members of the Federation eligible to vote. If the voting member local is unable to obtain or provide such a list, voting shall be conducted through a double envelope system, whereby the ballot is placed in an unmarked envelope, which is placed in a second envelope, on which the voter writes their full name and student identification number. After voting ends, the envelopes will be compared to a list of the individual members who are eligible to vote in the referendum. Duplicate ballots and ballots cast by ineligible voters shall be discarded. Once the validity of the votes has been verified, the outer envelopes will then be separated from the unmarked inner envelopes and tabulated.

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- ii. There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) and no more than five (5) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting. In the event that voting is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting.
- iii. Unless mutually agreed otherwise by the member local association and the Federation, the referendum question shall be: "Are you in favour of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?"
- iv. The member local association and the Federation shall each be permitted to appoint one (1) poll clerk for each polling station.
- v. The member local association and the Federation shall each be permitted to appoint one (1) poll scrutineer to oversee the counting of ballots.

### **h. Quorum**

Quorum for any vote on decertification shall be that of the member local association or ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the local association, whichever is higher.

### **i. Appeals**

For each referendum on continued membership, an Appeals Committee shall be appointed to adjudicate any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the Chief Returning Officer. The Appeals Committee shall be composed of:

- i. one National Executive member or a designate appointed by the Federation's National Executive; and
- ii. one individual member elected at a general meeting of the member local association who are not members or former members of the member local association's Executive; and
- iii. one individual member elected at a Federation general meeting who are not members or former members of the Federation's National Executive.

Members of the Appeals Committee shall not campaign during a vote to decertify.

### **j. Advance Remittance of Outstanding Membership Fees**

In addition to required compliance with Sections 6a. to i. and k. to l, in order for a vote on decertification to proceed, a member local association must remit all outstanding Federation membership fees not less than six (6) weeks prior to the first day of voting.

### **k. Minimum Period Between Votes on Decertification**

In addition to required compliance with Sections 6 a. to 6 j. and 6 l., in order for a vote on decertification to take place, no vote on decertification may have been held within the previous twelve (12) months for voting members comprised of individual members, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the National Executive.

### **l. Minimum Period Between Vote to Certify and Vote to Decertify**

In addition to required compliance with Sections 6 a. to 6 k., in order for a vote on decertification to proceed, a vote to certify may not have been held within the previous sixty (60) months for voting members comprised of university students and thirty-six (36) months for voting members comprised of college students, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the National Executive.

## **7. Procedure for Application for Withdrawal**

- a. Following the holding of a vote in accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 6 pursuant to which it is determined that the relevant membership shall not continue, the applicable member local association may provide a letter in writing notifying the Federation of its intention to decertify from the Federation. Within ninety (90) days of the receipt of such letter, the National Executive will examine the notification to determine whether it is in order, and will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the decertification.



- b. At the opening plenary of the next general meeting of the Federation, ratification of the vote to decertify shall be put to a vote.
- c. The decertification shall take effect on June 30 following the ratification of the vote to decertify provided that the Federation shall have then received all outstanding membership fees payable to such date.

**2013/05:N45**

**MOTION**

Local 97/

Whereas the Transitional Year Programme (TYP) at the University of Toronto is a special access program for adults who do not have the formal educational background to qualify for university admission; and

Whereas most TYP students come from marginalized and racialized communities in which very few individuals have had access to higher education; and

Whereas this program actively encourages applications from a wide range of communities who disproportionately face poverty and barriers to access to education; and

Whereas the University of Toronto has frozen the budget of the TYP in an attempt to force a merger with the Faculty of Arts and Science which would severely threaten the autonomy of the program; and

Whereas this budget freeze has an impact on the continued staffing of the program; and

Whereas there are systemic attacks on access and equity programs at the University of Toronto and on similar attacks on programs at other institutions; therefore

Be it resolved that the Transitional Year Programme be supported;

Be it further resolved that the University of Toronto's attempt to eliminate Transitional Year Programme and its unique student support system be condemned;

Be it further resolved that letters be written to David Naylor, the President of the University of Toronto and Jill Matus, Vice-Provost Students demanding the preservation of Transitional Year Programme; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support access and equity programs by taking action within their own institutions.

**2013/05:N46**

**MOTION**

Local 97/

Whereas Bill C-309, the "Preventing Persons from Concealing Their Identity during Riots and Unlawful Assemblies Act" is a act to amend the Criminal Code on concealment of identity to make it an offence to "wear a mask or other disguise to conceal one's identity while taking part in a riot or an unlawful assembly" and provides a 10 year prison sentence for this offence; and

Whereas the current status of this bill is awaiting a Third Reading in the Senate before becoming law; and

Whereas to wear a mask with the intent to commit a crime ("Disguise with intent") is already an offence, making this new law redundant; and

Whereas the transition between a lawful and unlawful assembly can occur quite abruptly and is an arbitrary decision up to peace officers present; and

Whereas this bill takes away an individual's right to protest anonymously; and

Whereas there are many reasons why individuals may feel more comfortable protesting while wearing a mask such as immigration status, employment concerns, desire to avoid photography and/or avoid chemical based weapons such as tear gas or pepper spray; and

Whereas Bill C-309 threatens fundamental freedoms granted under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms such as right to freedom of assembly and right to freedom of expression; therefore

Be it resolved that Bill C-309 be condemned;

Be it further resolved that a letter to Prime Minister Stephan Harper be written in condemnation of B-C309; and

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Be it further resolved that the choice of students and protesters to exercise their right to freedom of expression via the wearing of masks be supported by the Federation and member locals.

**2013/05:N47**

**MOTION**

Local 97/

Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada on October 5, 2012 upheld a law where HIV positive individuals can be charged with aggravated sexual assault for engaging in a sexual act with another person without disclosing their status; and

Whereas this Supreme Court of Canada ruling provided only a vague definition of 'realistic possibility' of HIV transmission, which opens the door for further prosecutions of individuals living with HIV; and

Whereas individuals have faced lengthy jail terms and registration as sex offenders even when no HIV transmission has occurred; and

Whereas the criminalization of non-disclosure carries the risk of depriving persons of their liberty in a manner that is not in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice; and

Whereas criminalising people with HIV perpetuates stigmatisation, misinformation, fear, and hatred; and

Whereas if the governments' goal is to prevent HIV transmission, it makes more sense to rely on proven public health approaches instead of the blunt force of the criminal law; and

Whereas criminalizing HIV non-disclosure may result in people refraining from getting tested and treated; and

Whereas women, especially indigenous women are the fastest growing segment of the population to contract HIV and are already disproportionately represented within the prison system; and

Whereas men have used criminal allegations against women living with HIV as a weapon of abuse and this ruling gives abusive men a more powerful tool to coerce, control and to trap in abusive relationships women living with HIV; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Minister of Justice Rob Nicholson and Opposition Justice Critics condemning criminalisation of those who fail to disclose their HIV status and the Supreme Court of Canada's definition;

Be it resolved that letters be written to the Provincial Attorney Generals calling for an exercise in restraint in prosecutions related to criminalising those who fail to disclose their HIV status under the Supreme Court of Canada's definition;

Be it resolved that the the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network be worked with to fight against the criminalization of HIV positive people; and

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with local community advocacy groups holding similar positions, such as AIDS Action Now! who work against the criminalization of HIV.

**2013/05:N48**

**MOTION**

Local 97/

Whereas International Student Identity Cards (ISICs) are administered by the ISIC Association; and

Whereas full time student members of the Federation are eligible for ISICs as a benefit of membership with associated fees waived; and

Whereas part-time students are not currently eligible for ISICs at all by virtue of their part-time status; and

Whereas part-time students would greatly benefit from the discounts obtained via ISIC; therefore

Be it resolved that the inclusion of eligibility for International Student Identity Cards for part-time students be advocated.

**2013/05:N49 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 97/

Whereas part-time and mature students face many systemic barriers to postsecondary education; and

Whereas many professional and graduate programs have severe restrictions on the number of spaces open to part-time and/or mature students or otherwise make study difficult for part-time and mature students; and

Whereas both the post-secondary education classroom and the broader community benefit from the experiences and participation of part-time and mature students; therefore

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on Part-Time and Mature Students be amended to include the following under "The Federation believes that":

- more opportunities should be made to allow for the participation of part-time and mature students within professional and graduate programs of study

**2013/05:N50 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 97/

Whereas representation is important for part-time and mature students; and

Whereas issues of representation extend to both the ability of part-time and mature students to organize within their own organizations and within their educational institutions; therefore

Be it resolved that sixth point of the Post-Secondary Issues Policy on Part-Time and Mature Students under "The Federation believes that:" be struck and replaced with:

- the formation of part-time and mature student associations where such does not exist or where the needs of part-time and mature students are not being met;
- the concept of representative part-time student unions;
- close relationships and regular contact between part-time and mature student organizations; and
- the creation and designation of seats for part-time students on all governing bodies of their institutions.

**2013/05:N51 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 97/

Whereas communication between the part-time co-commissioners and their constituency group is often currently limited to general meetings; and

Whereas other constituency groups have found it to be good practice to mandate their commissioners to provide reports in between general meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 13, section 7 be amended to include:

- g. to send Part-Time and Mature student organizations and member associations brief semi-annual reports which could include information about campaigns, activities and goals pertaining to the constituency and seek information which could facilitate the work of the Constituency Group within the Federation.

**2013/05:N52 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 97/

Whereas caregivers are a distinct group of part-time and mature students deserving of mention; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 13, section 3 be amended to read:

Membership of the Constituency Group shall include all part time students and students who define themselves as mature students including, but not limited to, those students who have been out of school for three or more years, students with dependents, students who are caregivers and/or students over the age of 23 who are delegates of Federation member institutions at general meetings of the Federation. This membership shall participate and vote at all meetings of the Constituency Group. Subject to ratification by the Constituency Group, this Constituency Group may also include students who are non-delegate representatives of member or non-member associations.

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**2013/05:N53 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 97/

Whereas the Post-Secondary Education Issue Policy on Non-Academic Codes of Conduct addresses the issues addressed by the Post-Secondary Education Issue Policy on Codes of Conduct; and

Whereas having one comprehensive policy is better policy than having an additional redundant document; therefore

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issue Policy on Codes of Conduct be repealed.

**2013/05:N54 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 97/

Whereas it would benefit member locals in the process of drafting motions for upcoming national general meetings to be reminded of returning policy motions; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 6 be amended to read:

All notices of policy motions that originated from a previous general meeting shall be sent to the member local associations concurrent with the notice of an upcoming general meeting.

**2013/05:N55 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 97/

Whereas media is an important tool in which to communicate the business of the Federation with its membership; and

Whereas according to Bylaw XIII, the working languages of the Federation are both French and English; and

Whereas French language media such as La Rotonde have experienced difficulty obtaining accreditation;

Whereas the discussions that occur within Constituency Groups and Caucuses are internal matters; and

Whereas the decisions made at plenary constitute the business of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 36 be amended to read:

The National Executive should invite media representing both official languages to attend workshops and plenary sessions at National General Meetings.

Members of the media shall not have speaking privileges in any of the sessions at which they are permitted to attend.

**2013/05:N56 MOTION**

Local 97/

Whereas on May 18, 2012, the City of Montreal modified Municipal Bylaw P-6 to require that the organizers of all assemblies, demonstrations and parades provide an itinerary and location to the Montreal police ahead of time; and

Whereas, the bylaw modification also prevents any participant in an assembly, demonstration or parade from wearing a face covering - including a scarf, mask or balaclava – without good reason; and

Whereas, this bylaw modification was made in the same context as the adoption of Law 78/12 by the National Assembly, a law which was widely criticized and much of which was repealed following the election of the Parti Quebecois government in September 2012; and

Whereas, in the month of March 2013 alone, the SPVM has used P-6 as a reason to kettle and mass arrest demonstrators at 3 major demonstrations on March 15, March 22 and April 5, which total nearly 900 people detained and fined upwards of \$600 and which included people detained before the demonstrations even began; and

Whereas, a spokesperson of the SPVM is quoted as explicitly stating that the Canadian Charter protects the right to free speech, but that “there is no right to protest”; and

Whereas, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, and the Association des juristes progressistes have all recently come out publicly condemning the way that P-6 is being enforced and/or are asking for it to be repealed entirely; and

Whereas, this enforcement of bylaw P-6 clearly threatens the ability of any group, including students, to express its position on a particular event or issue; therefore

Be it resolved that Montreal Municipal Bylaw P-6 be condemned;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Municipal Government of Montreal and Attorney General of Quebec be written in opposition to Montreal Municipal Bylaw P-6;

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Marc Parent, Director of the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) in opposition to Montreal Municipal Bylaw P-6 regarding the police enforcement of this Bylaw; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters to the Municipal Government of Montreal and Attorney General of Quebec in opposition to Montreal Municipal Bylaw P-6.

2013/05:N57

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 97/

Whereas part-time students are often from marginalized backgrounds and have financial reasons for not undertaking full-time studies; and

Whereas part-time students by virtue of taking part-time studies should not be charged fees at the same rate as full time students taking full-time studies; therefore

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on Ancillary, Auxiliary, Incidental and Administrative Fees be amended to include the following point under "The Federation Supports":

- differential fee rates for part-time students.

2013/05:N58

**MOTION**

Local 41/

Whereas Trinity Western University (TWU), a private Christian school located in British Columbia, has submitted an application for a new law school;

Whereas all TWU faculty, staff and students are required to sign a "Community Covenant" which includes the stipulation that they will abstain from same-sex sexual intimacy. Any student violating the TWU Covenant risks disciplinary measures including expulsion;

Whereas the Canadian Council of Law Deans has come out against TWU being granted a law school. In a letter submitted by it to the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, they denounced the Community Covenant as "fundamentally at odds with the core values of all Canadian law schools" as it discriminates against gay, lesbian, bisexual and queer students.

Whereas the Canadian Association of University Teachers has placed TWU on its academic freedom watch list, finding that it placed "unwarranted and unacceptable constraints on academic freedom."

Whereas accrediting a law school that barred queer students is clearly discriminatory and would lead to inequitable access to the legal profession;

Whereas the education of the legal profession is in the public good. The practice of the law is publicly regulated, lawyers are officers of the court and are compelled to act in the public interest. These aspects are fundamentally incompatible with private universities such as TWU;

Whereas TWU's prohibition on non-hetero sexual expression is discriminatory and incompatible with the core value of equality, which is fundamental to the law and legal education; and

Whereas the values of academic freedom, freedom of expression and religion are enhanced by a firm commitment to equality and public legal education;

Be it resolved that Trinity Western University's application for a law school be opposed.

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63rd Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Thursday, May 30 to Sunday, June 2, 2013

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Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Federation of Canadian Law Societies and British Columbia Ministry of Advanced Education opposing Trinity Western University's application for a law school.

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**15. RECESS**