

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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Plenary Session, Wednesday, September 7, 1949, 11 A.M.

Roger Hamel, President of the University of Ottawa Students' Federation, welcomed the conference to the University.

The President, Gordon Gwynne-Timothy, declared the conference open, introduced the executive members, and requested the delegates and observers to stand and identify themselves.

President's Report

Mr. Gordon Gwynne-Timothy read his report of N.F.C.U.S. activities for 1949 (see page 18).

Colin McCallum (McGill) congratulated the President on his excellent report and requested the conference to keep the aims of N.F.C.U.S. in mind and to make the conference discussions clear and concise.

Conference Publicity

Rosaire Beaulé of the University of Ottawa was made responsible for conference publicity. Jerry Macdonald (U.B.C.) was appointed to assist Mr. Beaulé in liaison with the executive.

Conference Agenda

Delegates were requested to hand suggested additions to the agenda to the Secretary.

Conference Procedure

Gilles Trahan (McGill) pointed out that the conference procedure was clarified in the constitutional amendments which were to be proposed by the executive and suggested that these amendments should be considered at this time.

Constitutional Amendments

The amendment dealing with the time of the annual conference was discussed. There was some difference of opinion and the motion was tabled pending further consideration of this subject in Commission II.

The following amendments were approved:

1. Moved that the N.F.C.U.S. Constitution be amended by repealing Section (1) of Article XII thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"(1) Amendments to this constitution, before becoming effective, shall be passed by a majority of the Executive Council at the Annual Meeting and be ratified by at least two thirds of the constituent members within 75 days after the beginning of the N.F.C.U.S. fiscal year".

II. Moved that the N.F.C.U.S. By-Laws be amended by adding thereto By-Law XI as follows:

(1) In plenary sessions of the Annual Conference the following voting procedure shall apply:

- (a) Each member university shall be allowed but one vote;
- (b) the vote of each member university shall be cast by the president of constituent organization which he represents as a delegate to the Conference;
- (c) In the event of the absence of the president from the plenary session, but where the president is present at the conference as an accredited delegate, the vote may be cast by the other delegate representing the same constituent organization;
- (d) in the event of the absence of the president from the conference, or if the president is not an accredited delegate to the conference, the vote shall then be cast by the chairman of each delegation as appointed by the constituent organization of each member university, provided such chairman has the status of delegate;
- (e) in no instance shall the vote of each member university be recognized where the person casting such vote has a status other than that of delegate;
- (f) in the case of a tie vote in the plenary session, the chairman may exercise a deciding vote.

(2) In meetings of Commissions of the Annual Conference, the following voting procedure shall apply:

- (a) Each accredited delegate and accredited observer present at the commission meeting shall be entitled to one vote.
- (b) Unofficial observers shall not have the right to vote.
- (c) in the case of a tie vote at the meeting the chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

Nominations

The executive proposed that a nominating committee should be established consisting of the President, Secretary-Treasurer and two others to be selected by and from among the members of the executive council; that this committee should be commissioned to nominate a slate to include all offices (i.e. Honorary President, President, Secretary-Treasurer and four regional Vice-Presidents); that additional nominations should be handed in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer over the signatures of two accredited delegates.

After considerable discussion this proposal was approved seven votes to six. Tevie Miller (Alberta) and Fred Long (Acadia) were selected as the two members at large.

Formation of Commissions

- (a) Chairman- The President announced the following would be commission chairmen: Commission I - Tevie Miller

Commission II - Tim Hollick-Kenyon
 " III - Gilles Bergeron
 " IV - Fred Long
 " V - Art Mauro

- (b) Distribution - It was suggested that in order to obtain a fairly even distribution of delegates and observers on the various commissions, each person should indicate his first and second choice of commission. If the distribution was uneven on the basis of first choice, the executive was empowered to re-allocate individuals on the basis of their second choices. (In the event, no re-allocation was required.)

Plenary Session, Wednesday, September 7, 1949, 2:00 P.M.

1. Federal Aid to Higher Education

(a) President's Report

The president presented the following report:

GENERAL/ The work of the N.F.C.U.S. in re the question of Federal aid to Higher Education represents to my mind at least, N.F.C.U.S. at its best. The Christmas N.F.C.U.S. Conference commissioned Toronto to prepare a brief on higher education, to be submitted to the N.C.C.U. in June. Toronto has already prepared a brief on this topic which was presented to the Ontario Minister of Education. This brief was the basis of the N.F.C.U.S. report. The brief, as completed by Toronto (who incidentally used facts and figures compiled by N.F.C.U.S. Committees in nine other universities, as well as their own), was sent to U.B.C. for finalization. It was this brief which was presented to the N.C.C.U. in June.

THE BRIEF. The Report on Higher Education was divided into four main sub-sections.

Part I The Present Situation.

- A. Many worthy young people are missing a university education;
- B. Few families can afford to support a student at university;
- C. A student is not able to work his way through college,
 - 1) average expenditure
 - 2) average income
- D. University fees are rising generally;
- E. Costs are not likely to fall;
- F. There is a trend toward equality of opportunity in education;
- G. Graduate study is becoming more essential.

Part II. The Principle of "Equality of Opportunity" in Higher Education - the principle states:

- A. Precedents for Equality of Opportunity;
- B. Justification for Equal Opportunity.

Part III Proposals for implementation of the principle of equal opportunity in Higher Education:

- A. Aid directly to worthy students;
- B. Aid directly to universities.

Part IV. Conclusion

THE N.C.C.U. This summary, which is the outline of the N.F.C.U.S. report, gives the broad plan of the N.F.C.U.S. scheme. Armed with it, and aided by the Dalhousie N.F.C.U.S. members, your president addressed the N.C.C.U. in Halifax last June. Since their agenda was very full, we did not read the report in full, but spoke on it. We found - a fact which really did not surprise us - that this same topic was a major source of interest and discussion throughout the entire conference. The N.C.C.U. heard our story, and then one of their members suggested that both N.C.C.U. and N.F.C.U.S. prepare separate briefs for presentation to the Government, but that the briefs start from common principles, worked out in agreement by a joint meeting of appointed N.C.C.U. and N.F.C.U.S. members. This was made into a motion and passed unanimously. I might digress here to state that I felt our appearance before N.C.C.U. served two good purposes: it paved the way for direct action in re approaching the Federal government; it made the N.C.C.U. aware of the type of work that N.F.C.U.S. seeks to do. From the comments which came to me after the meeting, I feel this was as significant at the first mentioned purpose.

PRESENTATION TO ROYAL COMMISSION. After the conference one of the Dalhousie delegates suggested that we prepare a brief to present to the Royal Commission headed by Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey. I wrote to Mr. Massey who replied that his Commission would be pleased to consider a brief from "so representative a group as the N.F.C.U.S.." Whereupon, I commissioned the Dalhousie group under Richey Love, to prepare this brief. The Dalhousie group working on the brief to the Royal Commission were given a good deal of aid by the N.C.C.U. members directly through the Dalhousie faculty, and indirectly, since they were given access to the N.C.C.U. brief being prepared for presentation to the same Royal Commission.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

From all this activity we can feel quite justly pleased and yet, only half the job has been done. N.F.C.U.S. has prepared the brief, but if it is to be successful, it is my opinion that all the governments in Canada must see it. My own objective is that Federal Aid to Higher Education be a topic for consideration at the next Dominion-Provincial Conference. We, who are most directly concerned in this matter, should show the way.

Secondly, I believe that both the U.B.C. - Toronto report, and the report to the Royal Commission should receive a maximum of publicity - both on the camp, and in the newspapers of the country. N.F.C.U.S. can do good work, but only when people hear enough of us to give us their support - and particularly the students of the nation.

(b) Discussion.

Madden (Manitoba) expressed objection to the idea of asking for loans

to students, because the ability to repay depends so much on the field of work which the student enters. He recommended the request should be for outright grants to students. Sutherland (U.B.C.) supported this view, stating that the government would accept the grant idea just as easily, and would not count on repayment in any case. Macdonald (U.B.C.) explained that the loan basis had been adopted because this type of Federal assistance has already been approved in principle in the existence of the Dominion-Provincial scholarship scheme. Tremblay (Laval) pointed out that the Dominion-Provincial scheme is half-grant, half loan and suggested this as a possible formula. Love (Dalhousie) stated that the brief he had prepared (for the Massey Commission) recommended that emphasis should be placed on the scholarship basis (i.e. grants on the basis of academic achievement) with decreasing emphasis on loans and bursaries. He stated that all briefs are in general terms. The purpose of this particular brief was (1) to establish the need, and (2) to make recommendations in general terms. The only specific recommendation was to the effect that 10,000 scholarships of \$500 per year should be established; the details were left to be worked out by government and educational authorities. Madden emphasized that a student request for loans would undermine the work of other organizations, which were asking for scholarships. Macdonald repeated that the purpose of the brief is to establish the need; that the situation was not similar to that of D.V.A. because in the present case the government was not indebted to students; and that students should not convey the impression they were asking for handouts. Madden stated that the principle involved was that of democratization of education. Many countries including England, Australia and New Zealand have scholarship systems based on merit with means test attached.

Moved (Love) Seconded (Stanley) that the section of the Brief to the Royal Commission dealing with aid to students should read: "We propose that such a program be composed largely of scholarships with decreasing emphasis on bursaries and loans in that order". Carried unanimously.

Following a discussion as to whether a second brief should be sent to the Federal Government, it was Moved (Mauro) Seconded (Trambley) that the conference go on recorded as endorsing the brief to the Royal Commission as the only brief and that subsequent action in line with the principles embodied in the above brief be left to the executive. Carried unanimously.

Moved (Sutherland) Seconded (Roots) that Richey Love of Dalhousie be appointed to present the brief to the Royal Commission after it has been revised by Love and Macdonald in accordance with the principles approved by the conference. Carried unanimously.

Love expressed appreciation of the preparatory work of the Toronto and U.B.C. men who supplied most of the material.

Mauro (Manitoba) expressed his support of this brief as the first thing N.F.C.U.S. has done for every student and recommended that it be given strong publicity.

2. High Cost of Textbooks

The president reported that investigations conducted by George Wilkes and the Toronto N.F.C.U.S. group indicated that mal-practices in the

retailing of textbooks cost Canadian university students many thousands of dollars each year. He stated that the problem could be discussed under four major headings:

1. The American Textbooks

Investigation showed that students claimed that prices charged for textbooks published in the U.S. are greatly in excess of the prices quoted for the same texts in U.S. Investigation disclosed one major cause for student concern: It was found that the Canadian list prices for imported American texts are set by the exclusive publishers' representatives in Canada for the American publishing houses. The book stores catering to students must accept these Canadian list prices. Thereby, book stores are forced in many cases to sell the textbooks above the American list price.

No valid reason was found why Canadian list prices for imported textbooks should be higher than American list prices. At present no duties or sales taxes are levied upon textbooks imported from the U.S. We find that the American list prices allow for considerable profit to be made from the sale of American texts, which ought to be the case in Canada too.

Investigation reveals that the same practice is carried on by certain British importers of textbooks, (see N.C.C.U. report on texts). Recommendation: That N.F.C.U.S. write to the below listed publishing houses stating one case: "as the representatives of the University students of Canada we are approaching you to ask that you reconsider retailing American textbooks on the Canadian market at the American list prices."

The Houses concerned:

1. McGraw Hill Co., 12 Richmond St., East, Toronto
2. Van Nostrand, 105 Bond St., Toronto
3. Oxford University Press, 480 University Ave., Tor.
4. MacMillan Co., 70 Bond St., Toronto
5. Ginn Publishers, 863 Bay St., Toronto
6. Scribner's, 88 Wellington St., East, Toronto
7. Balkiston, 105 Bond St., Toronto
8. Longmans-Green & Co., 215 Victoria, Toronto

N.F.C.U.S. might consider, too, making similar recommendations in re English texts where prices are out of line with reasonable profit.

Discussion

There were several suggestion that N.F.C.U.S. should write to the publishers, and also publicize these mal-practices in the press etc. Hetherington (Toronto) reported that letters written by the Toronto S.A.C. had had no effect. Bergeron (Montreal) stated the firms don't worry about criticism but they do worry about dollars. He described the University of Montreal cooperative which buys direct from the publishers, McCallum stated that McGill had opened a university book-store which did likewise.

II. On-the-Campus Book Stores

At Toronto it was discovered that there were inadequate facilities

for students to purchase used books there. The Students' Administrative Council has made arrangements to operate, beginning this fall, a cooperative Used Book Store, where books are to be sold at the owner's estimate of the cost, plus 10%. This can be a valuable service to students and a potential source of income to students' councils.

Recommendations: That Toronto issue a report, which could be circulated through the N.F.C.U.S. bulletin, elaborating this book plan to other interested universities.

Discussion

Morgan reported that Queen's has a model book store which gives 10% off list price; the profits are used to pay for students' activities.

III. Off-the-Campus Book Stores

The Toronto N.F.C.U.S. committee reports that "stores would be able to serve students more efficiently if, in early summer, the universities would make available to the public, lists of the text books recommended for courses in the coming academic year. These would thereby contact wider sources for used copies of texts. Delays in providing the texts would be minimized. The stocking of undesired texts because of lack of definite information of academic requirements would be avoided.

IV. Other Student Problems

Investigations disclosed, too, that at some universities ... some texts are assigned in individual years without adequate attention to texts that are used in the preceeding or following years of the course... that there have been frequent changes in the texts required for the different courses. Alterations are desirable in many cases but these alterations should be the result of careful consideration of all the factors concerned. That these changes have killed the second-hand market of the textbooks has apparently been ignored.

Discussion

Moved (Miller) Seconded (Trahan) that N.F.C.U.S. write to American publishers pointing out these mal-practices and asking that they be corrected. Carried unanimously.

Moved (Hetherington) Seconded (Brown) that the University of Toronto N.F.C.U.C. committee should collect material and extend its investigations to cover existing cooperatives and circulate material by the end of December. Carried unanimously.

Moved (Hetherington) Seconded (Trahan) that further action based on the report of the University of Toronto committee be taken by the Executive. Carried unanimously.

3. Travel Rates

The president and Mr. Trahan reported that they had had a discussion with the chairman of the Canadian Passenger Association in Montreal on the question of securing an extension of student holiday rates throughout the entire year. They were informed that students already enjoyed holiday travel privileges and that further reductions were out of the question. This applied also to a request for special rates for delegates attending the conference. The number of delegates was not sufficiently large to qualify for convention rates.

4. Publicity

Hutton (McMaster) presented the following report on the work of the publicity committee:

(a) Bimonthly N.F.C.U.S. Bulletins containing news of all events relevant to the work of N.F.C.U.S. were prepared and sent out by the McMaster committee. French translation was done by the University of Ottawa.

(b) A booklet, "N.F.C.U.S. and You", printed in both French and English has been prepared. It contains a brief resume of the history, achievements, purpose, organization and future plans of N.F.C.U.S. and is designed to better acquaint all university students with the work of N.F.C.U.S. It should be published by the end of 1949 and will be distributed to all university students. The University of Toronto N.F.C.U.S. committee is in charge of securing the advertising.

(c) Bilingual posters were sent to each university to aid the various N.F.C.U.S. committees in publicizing N.F.C.U.S. on their campus.

(d) It was found that the dissemination of N.F.C.U.S. publicity, especially through adequate coverage in the campus newspaper, was greatly facilitated by including in the N.F.C.U.S. committee one or more students who were actively engaged in newspaper work.

Moved (Miller) Seconded (Hetherington) that the McMaster committee should be congratulated on its work and authorized to continue it. Carried unanimously.

The Toronto delegates confirmed the existing arrangement that the Toronto Committee would secure the advertising for "N.F.C.U.S. and You".

Plenary Session, Friday, September 9, 9:30 A.M.

1. Memberships

Mr. Trahan reported that Loyola College of Montreal desired to join N.F.C.U.S. It was agreed that an invitation should be extended.

2. Motions of Thanks

Mr. Miller moved a vote of thanks to the Faculty and Students' Federation of the University of Ottawa for their great contribution to the work of N.F.C.U.S. in organizing the conference, and for their unparalleled hospitality. This motion was heartily endorsed.

Mr. Trahan moved a vote of thanks to the Ontario Government for its generous financial contribution to the conference expenses. Carried unanimously.

3. Presentation of Commission Reports

Plenary Session, Friday, September 9, 2:00 P.M.

1. Election of Officers

There was some discussion about eligibility for office. The chair ruled that the constitution, which was interpreted as meaning that delegates only were eligible, should be observed.

The Following were elected to office for 1949 - 50:

Honorary President	-	Very Rev. J.C. Laframboise, Rector, University of Ottawa
President	-	Richey Love, Dalhousie University
Vice-Presidents	-	Arthur Mauro, Univ. of Manitoba
		Paul Desmarais, Univ. of Ottawa
		Gilles Bergeron, Univ. of Montreal
		Donald MacPhail, Univ. of New Brunswick
Secretary-Treas.	-	D. G. Seldon, McMaster University
International Activities		
		Commission - Fred Long, Acadia University

2. Presentation of Commission Reports

Plenary Session, Saturday, September 10, 9:30 A.M.

1. Presentation of Commission Reports

2. Thanks to Retiring President

In the middle of the morning session President Gordon Gwynne-Timothy relinquished the chair to the president-elect. At this point Hetherington moved a vote of thanks to Gordon for his fine work on behalf of N.F.C.U.S. and wished him well in his work at Cambridge and his forthcoming marriage. This motion was heartily and unanimously endorsed.

3. Letters of Thanks

The secretary was instructed to write letters of thanks to the following:

His Excellency the Governor-General
The Prime Minister
The Minister of Education for Ontario
Hon. Paul Martin
The Rector and Students' Federation of Ottawa Univ.
J.R. Southam, President, The Ottawa Citizen
(for the work of Max Seeley)
The managers of the other Ottawa papers and the
Canadian Press.

4. Conference Report

It was agreed that the conference report should be bilingual.

5. Constitutional Amendments

The following amendments were approved:

Article VI, Para (1), line 2 - delete the words "two official representatives" and substitute the words "two official delegates and two official observers".

Article VII, para (2) - add the word "present" after the first word "members" in line 2.

Re - number paras (3) and (4) to become (7) and (8) and add the following paragraphs:

- (3) The election of the president shall be held first.
- (4) Nominations shall be handed in from the floor at any time before the elections.
- (5) If a candidate wishes to refuse his candidature he must do so before nominations close.
- (6) Nominations for the offices of vice-president shall be handed in by any constituent member but only the member universities in the respective regions shall have a vote. In case of a tie vote, a second ballot of all constituent members shall be taken.

Article VIII, - add a fifth paragraph to read as follows: If an officer resigns for any reason,

- (a) if he is the President, the 1st Vice-President shall take over office as President and his successor as Regional Vice-President shall be elected by the member universities of his region.
- (b) If he is a Vice-President his successor shall be elected by the member universities of his region.
- (c) if he is the Secretary-Treasurer the executive will appoint a new Secretary-Treasurer and pay him on a pro rata basis.

REPORT OF COMMISSION I

(as approved in plenary session)

Chairman - Tevie Miller

A. N.F.C.U.S. Regional Exchange Plan

The Secretary-Treasurer's report of exchanges under the N.F.C.U.S. Canadian Plan was adopted. The following are the results as of this date - eight exchanges completed, nine did not qualify.

Recommendation

- (i) In order to revive any sign of lagging enthusiasm for this plan by the respective registrars it is suggested that each N.F.C.U.S. Committee pay a visit to their registrar and promote the plan.
- (ii) That negotiations be started by N.F.C.U.S. EXECUTIVE to extend an exchange plan to include summer school, particularly introductory courses in French and English. The object of the latter part of the recommendation would be to prepare students in their respective language to continue in the same university in the winter session. Laval and University of Montreal should conduct a Gallup poll on how many French Students would be interested in basic English courses and to what university they wish to go. Queens, Western, Mt. Allison, U.B.C. and Toronto are requested to ascertain if such could be offered.

Publicity for Exchange Plan

This commission approves of the publicity methods used in the past - mainly posters and standard news stories - but suggests the addition of the following:

- a) Radio programmes
- b) Feature Stories on exchange students
- c) Publication of sample courses which would be acceptable to your university worked out in conjunction with your registrar.
- d) Descriptions of the plan in university calendars or hand-books.

Application Procedure

The following changes are recommended:

- a) Standardization of application forms.
- b) Elimination of handling by the N.F.C.U.S. secretariat.
- c) Applications should be submitted to local N.F.C.U.S. committees by Feb. 15, should be forwarded to the Exchange University by March 1 and approved by the Exchange University by April 1. (subject to satisfactory standing in spring examinations if necessary).

- d) Applications should be prepared in quintuplicate:
- (i) 2 copies for the respective registrars
 - (ii) 2 copies for the respective N.F.C.U.S. committees
 - (iii) 1 copy for national office records

Information

Exchange applicants should contact the N.F.C.U.S. chairman at the Exchange University asking specific questions re expenses, accommodation, courses, etc.

B. Canadian-American Exchange

Recommendations:

- 1) This exchange plan should be expanded to include all courses (not just honour courses).
- 2) Communication be addressed to N.F.C.U.S. universities which are not as yet members of the Canadian-American exchange plan, through the local N.F.C.U.S. committee.
- 3) The publicity for the above be started by Oct. 15. The deadline for all applications shall be Feb. 15.
- 4) In order to have sufficient information on the courses available at both the Canadian and American universities participating in this plan we suggest that the N.F.C.U.S. committee in charge of carrying out this exchange write to each Canadian and American university requesting them to send their calendar to all the universities participating in the plan. The calendars should be addressed to the N.F.C.U.S. chairman who will collect them and make them available through the registrar's office.
- 5) Any Canadian student who makes an application is expected to fulfil his application except for unavoidable circumstances. Write to U.S.A. universities suggesting a similar plan.
- 6) The University of Western Ontario be asked to continue in charge of this plan.

C. Summer Studies Opportunities

Recommendations

- 1) In view of a physical impossibility of putting out a yearly booklet on summer school courses available in Canada each Nifcus committee is asked to distribute its Summer School calendar to all other Nifcus committees.

D. Summer Home Exchange

Recommendations:

- 1) This commission feels that while this plan is not yet of great importance it nevertheless could perform a service to Canadian Students; consequently publicity by means of poster, newspaper, radio should be given emphasizing the advantage of free board and room. It would describe length of stay, dates of arrival and departure.

E. Canadian Summer Travel Plan

Recommendations:

- 1) Here again N.F.C.U.S. committees can offer a service to students by giving encouragement in compiling local information which can be disseminated across Canada through N.F.C.U.S.

F. Touring Speakers

Recommendation:

- 1) This plan of arranging for top-flight lecturers to tour Canadian universities can best be arranged with the assistance of N.F.C.U.S., but seems feasible at present only on a regional basis.
- 2) That this idea requires further information and the University of Alberta be asked to continue research on the question.
- 3) In order to facilitate research we suggest that this conference pass a motion approving the idea in principle if booking and financial arrangements can be worked out.

G. European Exchange

Recommendation

- 1) That N.F.C.U.S. does not enter the International exchange field but leaves this to I.S.S. during the coming year.

REPORT OF COMMISSION II

(as approved in plenary session)

Chairman - Tim Hollick-Kenyon

1. Financial Statement for 1948-49

RESOLVED that the accompanying financial report be adopted subject to receipt of an audited statement.

RESOLVED that it be recommended that the member universities of the National Federation pay their annual fees within 75 days after the beginning of the fiscal year; said fees to be based on an estimated enrolment, subject to adjustment when final registration figures become available.

2. Date of Next Conference

After a lengthy discussion which seemed to favor a fall conference as opposed to a Christmas conference, it was decided to present both sides of the case and have the question settled by the plenary session.

September Conference

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| (a) No interference with studies | (a) No choice for Students Councils to instruct their delegates |
| (b) No conflict with student activities at home | (b) Briefs must be distributed in Feb. and March to let Councils study and advise |
| (c) Availability of university residences. | (c) Difficulty for the host to make suitable arrangements |
| (d) Importance of getting an early start on N.F.C.U.S. work. | (d) Loss of a period of summer employment. |

Moved (Hollick-Kenyon) Seconded (Tremblay) that the 1950 conference be held in September, before the beginning of the school year. Carried unanimously.

3. Coordinating Committee of Canadian Youth Group

RESOLVED that N.F.C.U.S. affiliation with C.C.C.Y.G. be discontinued. Carried unanimously.

The main and significant reason for this decision was that C.C.C.Y.G. is a rather inactive organization that offers little in common with the activities of N.F.C.U.S. A second, and minor reason in view of the first one, is the \$60 asked for to be a member of this organization, which sum can be put to much better use.

4. N.F.C.U.S. Travel Schemes

(a) Sea Travel

RESOLVED that N.F.C.U.S. work in conjunction with the office of Mr. W.P. Neals of the C.N.R. by publicizing the travel schemes and channelling student applications to the said office.

This resolution was considered to be conditional upon suitable financial arrangements, with respect to secretarial and publicity work carried on by N.F.C.U.S., being made between Mr. Neals and N.F.C.U.S.

RESOLVED that the University of Manitoba Student Council be responsible for the preparation of a brief dealing with all aspect of student travel in Europe which would be beneficial to touring members of the Federation.

This brief would include information concerning:

1. European hostel services and contacts
2. Canadian Embassy locations in Europe
3. Places where visas may be obtained
4. Miscellaneous information.

The brief should be completed by December 15, 1949 and should be distributed from the national office to those who make enquiries or applications for travel accommodation.

(b) Report on Air Travel, 1949

The following report, prepared by C. Gilles Trahan, was adopted:

The N.F.C.U.S. Travel Bureau was set up to promote an air travel scheme at reduced rates to Europe. Thirty-five students profited by this, but the administration of it could have been handled much better than it was. Errors were made, some through no fault of mine, some because of lack of experience in that field, some because of my negligence. As a whole, most people were satisfied.

To enumerate the difficulties and the continuous obstacles which we encountered would take too long. Therefore, I shall limit this report to two aspects.

Finance

We charged \$7.00 extra for each passage so the expenses could be paid. As the last plane has only come in on Sept. 6, and as expenses have occurred until then, a detailed report of finances is not possible. May I state that the scheme has realized a profit of approximately \$100.00. The original of the financial statement, certified by accountants, will be sent to the Executive as soon as available, and copies will

be sent to all Universities.

Future Plans

There is definite future in organizing a complete Travel Bureau, which could handle all travel for Canadian Students, Air Travel as well as Sea Travel; it could also give out necessary information to travelling students, and reserve accommodations for them. But, knowing the difficulties which occurred, I maintain that this job cannot be handled by a student, but only by a man who will be able to devote enough time, and who will only have to do that. A stenographer would be in order for this business, involving a lot of paper work. To help defray expenses, I would recommend that this job be joined to that of a permanent secretary.

(c) Air Travel

RESOLVED that the McGill Students' Council be responsible to prepare a brief covering:

1. the desirability of N.F.C.U.S. operating an air travel scheme,
2. the possibility of implementing such a scheme and, in the event that an air travel programme is both desirable and possible, the report to include information dealing with:
 - (i) the number of planes available and their dates of departure and return
 - (ii) a detailed financial budget of such a project
 - (iii) an outline of the organization necessary to implement the scheme effectively.

It is clearly understood that the above brief must be presented to the Secretary-Treasurer of N.F.C.U.S. not later than October 15, 1949. This is an absolute deadline, as further delay would make air travel arrangements impossible.

5. 1949-50 Budget

The following budget was adopted:

REVENUE

Travel Pool	\$2310.00 (a)	
Per Capita Levy	3000.00 (b)	
Bond Interest	<u>15.00</u>	
Total		\$5325.00

Total Revenue (Brought forward) \$5325.00

EXPENDITURES

Conference:

Hosts Expenses	\$ 100.00
Delegates Travelling	1542.50
Officers Travelling	375.00
Officers Travelling -general	400.00
Travelling, Executive meeting	430.00
Officers Clerical Expenses	120.00 (c)
Publicity	200.00

Administration:

Honorarium-Secretary	800.00
Administration	800.00

Audit	25.00
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Interest on Bank Loan	18.00
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Can. Univ. Debating Assoc.	<u>25.00</u>
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Total	<u>\$4835.50</u>
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<u>ANTICIPATED SURPLUS</u>	<u>\$ 489.50</u>
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Notes: (a) 33 Delegates at \$70.00
 (b) 50,000 students at .06
 (c) president \$40, each vice-pres. \$20

6. N.F.C.U.S. Fees - Permanent National Office

The question of raising N.F.C.U.S. fees with a view to broadening N.F.C.U.S. activities and establishing a permanent national office was discussed at some length.

Commission II approved in principle a plan that each member university should seek to obtain a one dollar increase in student fees: said sum to be deducted by the university administration and forwarded to N.F.C.U.S.,

Mr. de Goumois suggested that since its inception in 1926 N.F.C.U.S. had suffered from lack of unified action and publicity which could only be provided by a permanent office. He stated that some of the functions of an office established in Ottawa might be:

- (a) to lobby for government action on such questions as federal aid to education.
- (b) to operate a travel bureau.
- (c) to effectively implement policies and programs established at the annual conference.
- (d) to direct N.F.C.U.S. publicity, particularly among high school students.

He estimated the cost of maintaining a national office to be approximately \$10,000 per year, which could be covered by a per capita fee of .20¢, and suggested that each university should seek approval of this plan during the coming year, so that a decision to establish an office could be made at the 1950 conference.

Mr. Appleby, Mr. Hollick-Kenyon and others stated that it was impossible to implement the proposal this year: that several universities would withdraw from N.F.C.U.S. if fees were increased. They approved the plan in principle, however.

Moved (Appleby) Seconded (Hutton) that this conference go on record as favoring in principle a plan that each university seek to secure an increase in fees for N.F.C.U.S. and that the delegates return to their universities and work towards that end, and that the question of raising fees be reconsidered at the next conference. Carried.

Moved (Hollick-Kenyon) Seconded (Bergeron) that the fee mentioned in the previous motion be set at 25¢ per student. Carried.

The president urged the delegates to use discretion in placing this proposal before their respective councils and administrations.

REPORT OF COMMISSION III

(as approved in plenary session)

Chairman - Gilles Bergeron

1. N.F.C.U.S. Participation in Reception of Visiting Students

Aims

Friendly relations with overseas students aiming to create a proper environment whereby foreign students will receive the best conceptions of Canadian life.

Resolution

Whereas the students representation on Canadian Committee on Friendly Relations with Overseas Students (CCFROS) is already taken care of by the I.S.S. and the work done through the local I.S.S. group we recommend that we do not maintain membership on this committee.

2. National Student Day

We recommend that a National Student day be held on January 28th, 1950; the student councils and the regional vice-presidents to organize activities in their respective regions. The publicity to be looked after by N.F.C.U.S. office and McMaster committee on a national basis. The aim being to make Canadian students N.F.C.U.S.- conscious.

Suggestions,

University interchange
Regional Drama competition
Radio broadcasts (CBC and local networks)
Debates, etc.

3. Quebec Seminar.

Inasmuch as the present arrangements have to date suffered from lack of central control and have suffered from unwarranted delay.

We recommend that Jean Provost (Univ. of Montreal) be made responsible for arrangements for a 1950 Quebec Seminar to be held in the Province of Quebec.

We further recommend that Jean Provost be requested for regular progress reports to be sent to the National Office for action and for publication.

In reply to a question, Mr. Bergeron stated that enough preliminary work had been done to permit holding the seminar in 1950.

4. Education in Radio - McGill

Whereas the NCCU president, President Cyril James, opposed the resolution on the ground that suitable training in Radio is now available.

and Whereas we feel that this resolution is not relevant to N.F.C.U.S.

We recommend that the resolution asking for Federal Aid for radio training be abandoned.

5. Student Radio Network

Whereas it is considered desirable that better coordination and development of Student radio programs be achieved across Canada

We recommend that each regional vice-president appoint, where necessary, a regional board to coordinate series broadcast, this board to consist of one representative from each university interested, with suitable facilities available.

REPORT OF COMMISSION IV

(as approved in plenary session)

Chairman - Fred Long

1. International Activities

The work of Commission IV was largely devoted to studying the report on the N.F.C.U.S. International Activities Commission which had been prepared by vice-president Ross Hamilton (see Appendix A).

The following resolutions, relative to this report, were adopted:

- (a) That the I.A.C. take on the responsibility of sending Canadian University student publications to those foreign Universities requesting them, and to those universities which I.A.C. considers should receive them and that details as to how this should best be done be left to the discretion of I.A.C.
- (b) That the words "in sharing in relief activities", part 2, para 3 of the I.A.C. be deleted. Reason: that no implication whatever should be made that we are in any way interfering in the work of I.S.S.

In reply to a question by Mr. Madden, the chairman and Mr. Love stated that N.F.C.U.S. would continue to support I.S.S. relief activities in every possible way.
- (c) That the word "secretariat", part 3, para (a) be deleted and "Committee" be substituted.
- (e) That part 5, para 1 of the report be considered as part of the purpose of the International Activities Commission.
- (f) That part 4, para (a) be deleted and the following be added to part 4, paragraph (b) to make a new paragraph 4 (a): "The I.A.C. will take steps to bring to the attention of Students international travel opportunities". Paragraph 4 (c) becomes 4 (b) and 4 (d) becomes 4 (c).
- (g) That the I.A.C. be established at Acadia University because:
 - (a) it is near Ross Hamilton and can ask for his assistance;
 - (b) it can ask the co-operation of Dalhousie University and Mount Allison.
- (h) That the words "in particular ... efficiently" be deleted from Paragraph (c) (4 (d) in original copy).

- (i) That since the Purchase Card System mentioned in part 5, paragraph 4, does not come under I.A.C., the matter be referred to the Executive Council with the suggestion that Ottawa University investigate the matter. (Ottawa agreed to take on this task).
- (j) That section 5 be considered as informative.
- (k) That the I.A.C. investigate the possibility of N.F.C.U.S. joining the World Assembly of Youth and report on this subject to the Executive.

REPORT OF COMMISSION V

(as approved in plenary session)

Chairman - Art Mauro

1. Advertising Rates

Due to lack of necessary data this item was removed from agenda.

2. Brief on American Federation of Musicians

Your commission noted that a brief was presented to this union two years ago but that it has been found impossible to get any concessions from this union.

3. Relations with I.S.S.

It was noted that I.S.S. has undergone a period of violent fluctuation in the post-war years. All members are of the opinion that I.S.S. should now concentrate on its educational programme which includes:

- (a) exchange of students
- (b) placement of D.P. students at different Canadian universities. It was felt that these students will aid tremendously in I.S.S. publicity on the various campi.
- (c) Summer Seminars in Europe. It was felt that the various universities should have a more careful screening process of those eligible to attend these seminars with special emphasis being placed on the ability of the returning delegate to publicize I.S.S..

Your committee recommends that:

- (a) Because of the aims of I.S.S. are noble aims that N.F.C.U.S. continue its official endorsement of I.S.S..
- (b) That N.F.C.U.S. committees on the various campi give whole hearted support to the I.S.S. activities..

4. National Drama Festival

Your commission feels that it is not feasible to have a University National Drama Festival because of the tremendous financing and organization involved.

We recommend that N.F.C.U.S. secretary communicate with the Dominion Drama Festival authorities on the possibility of arranging trial dates which will be compatible with the university timetables.

5. Canadian University Debating Association

A special committee was set up to prepare a report on debating. This report was later approved as follows:

- (a) That the National debating final take place Friday and Saturday of the first week in March 1950.
- (b) That the host University be the I.U.D.L. Champions.
- (c) That the topic of the debate be the national debating topic of 1949-50, determined in the matter set forth in the constitution of the Canadian University Debating Association.
- (d) That the Villeneuve Trophy representatives be included in the National Final and that the attendant language difficulties be solved by following the procedure set forth in the constitution of the C.U.D.A. (Canadian University Debating Association).
- (e) That Mr. Leslie Rowland of Winnipeg be appointed General Secretary.
- (f) That a meeting of a N.F.C.U.S. Committee on Canadian University debating be held in conjunction with the N.F.C.U.S. conference, September 1950 and that each of the four Debating Leagues have at least one qualified representative in attendance at that meeting. This representative should preferably be a delegate to the N.F.C.U.S. conference of a member university of his particular Debating League region.
- (g) That a National Debating Trophy be obtained without further delay.
- (h) That administrative expenses of C.U.D.A. for 1949-50 be borne by N.F.C.U.S.
- (i) That Bill Appleby of Manitoba be named Debating chairman to implement these proposals.

6. Pressure for a National U.N.E.S.C.O. Commission and for a National Library.

Your commission realizes that there is a great deal to gain from the establishment of a U.N.E.S.C.O. commission in our country. With this in mind and after careful consideration of the problems facing both the country at large and the university student in particular in reference to education and culture, we would endorse any plan for the establishment of such a commission and in particular the recommendations set forth by Fraser and Page in their report to the Federal Government,

Your commission after a period of discussion on this topic firmly concluded that in doing this routine work we had lost sight of the aims of N.F.C.U.S. and of its theme SERVICE TO THE STUDENT. We felt that all of these topics were well and good BUT if N.F.C.U.S. is to survive, we must get closer to EVERY student and do him a service.

We therefore recommend that N.F.C.U.S. embark on a program for the coming year which will accentuate service to every student and propose that Federal Aid to Higher Education be the keynote of our campaign. Specifically we should call upon the Federal Government to enact a counterpart of the Fullbright Act as passed in the U.S.A. - This act is designed to have debtor nations repay the U.S.A. by making available a system of scholarships to American students.. Thus for a period of twenty to thirty years student from the U.S.A. will have the opportunity of completing their education in Europe thereby fostering international goodwill.

The potential here is tremendous. Under N.F.C.U.S. leadership every university in the country can embark on a program of endeavour designed to make every man in the street conscious of the need for Federal Aid to Higher Education. Every university debating union can have this subject as its major topic of the year-debaters from each university can present the matter to local service clubs, college newspapers can plug this item and as university news it will be carried by every newspaper in the country.

Here then is where N.F.C.U.S. is going to be of service to the student. Your commission sincerely pleads that Nifcus' main effort this year be concentrated on this major topic. Let us make Nifcus and the crusade upon which it has embarked the talk of every Canadian campus.

Discussion

Mr. Mauro strongly urged the importance of impressing upon government authorities, educational authorities and students the necessity for a scholarship scheme similar to that operating in the U.S. under the Fullbright Act, and suggested that it might be incorporated in the brief on Federal Aid. Mr. Madden stated that he did not know whether such a scheme was feasible, but felt N.F.C.U.S. should express its support of the scheme provided it is found to be feasible.

Moved (Crepeau) Seconded (Trahan) that section (6) (above) be adopted and that Jack Madden be authorized to investigate the question of international scholarships similar to those provided under the Fullbright Act and submit a report to the executive by December 1st. Carried.