

NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS / UNION NATIONALE DES ETUDIANTS
MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 1 - 5, 1975

GLENDON COLLEGE, TORONTO, ONTARIO

The third Annual General Meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 1975, by the chairperson, Marc Duguay. Opening remarks were made by Dr. Albert Tucker, Principal of Glendon College, and Pierre Ouellette of the Central Committee.

Member Associations Present

Capilano College
University of Lethbridge
University of Regina
University of Toronto (SAC)
York University
Dalhousie University
St. Mary's proxy assigned to Dalhousie

University of British Columbia
Simon Fraser University
Brock University
Glendon College
University of Toronto (GSU)
Carleton University
Lakehead University
St. Thomas More College

Observer Associations Present

McMaster University
Memorial University of Newfoundland
CEGEP de La Pocatière
University of Western Ontario
University of Waterloo
University of New Brunswick
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design
CEGEP de Rimouski
Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Science
Atkinson College

University of Manitoba
University of Alberta
Laurentian University
University of Calgary
Vancouver City College
Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS)
Ontario Federation of Students (OFS)
British Columbia Student Federation (BCSF)
Bishop's University
Dawson College

Press Representatives Present

Canadian University Press

The Varsity

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Carleton/Dalhousie
That the agenda be accepted.

It was explained that the agenda could be amended throughout the meeting. The motion was put.

CARRIED

MOTION: Regina/Simon Fraser
That there be no smoking in the conference area.

DEFEATED

2. NUS/UNE Orientation and History

Pierre Ouellette outlined the history of national student organizations from 1926 to the present time. Dalhousie asked that reasons for the failure of the Canadian Union of Students (CUS) be explained. Dan O'Connor said that there had been structural problems, and that CUS seemed to have focused on the personality of the president rather than on the students. Carleton asked that the debate concentrate on the history of NUS/UNE. Gieson asked what NUS/UNE had done in regards to concrete achievement. Bob Buckingham explained that NUS/UNE is developing into a pressure group, focusing on important issues and holding conferences to exchange ideas, proposals and opinions. Pierre Ouellette stated that the duties of the Central Committee are to accept, explain and implement policy. Individual associations also have the responsibility to give direction to the Central Committee which, in turn, must follow that direction. There should be a fieldworker in every province and a full-time research staff and lobbying staff.

3. Progress of the Student Aid Campaign

Representatives from each region reported briefly on the campaign in their particular area. All provinces have been lobbying at the provincial level, and have started poster and information campaigns. Bob Buckingham stated that because NUS/UNE is under-staffed and under-financed it has not been able to carry out all national work that was planned last October. Provincial ministers and student aid officers have been contacted. It was stressed that lobbying must be conducted on three levels: federal, provincial and regional. Statistics Canada has agreed to make information from its survey available to NUS/UNE if NUS/UNE will participate in the survey. NUS/UNE has approached other interest groups such as the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC). The CLC has endorsed the NUS/UNE programme and recently sponsored a conference on higher education. The major accomplishment of NUS/UNE this year has been campus campaigning, through referenda, posters and pamphlets. The non-student press should be used as well, but carefully. More research is needed at all levels but presently there are not enough staff members to do this. U.B.C. questioned the legality of the referenda but Bob Buckingham explained that it was left to the individual institutions to hold the referenda according to their own constitutions.

The meeting was adjourned until Sunday morning.

4. Status of St. Mary's

The chair was asked to rule on the validity of the St. Mary's proxy, which was assigned to Dalhousie. The chair pointed out that the proxy was valid so long as St. Mary's was a NUS/UNE member association. St. Mary's has not paid its fees for two years yet has acted as a member association during that time. Non-payment of fees is not sufficient reason to reject their proxy unless the members present passed a motion that St. Mary's not be allowed to continue as a member. Such a motion would require a two thirds majority. There was no motion to exclude St. Mary's.

5. Preliminary reports

The chairperson, Alan Grover, called the meeting to regular business at 10:15 a.m., Sunday, May 4, 1975. The agenda for the session was accepted.

Preliminary reports from workshops were made orally, including the recommendations. There was a brief discussion of the reports.

6. Constitutional Amendments

Brock/Glendon

That section 1 of the constitution be amended to read, "There is hereby created by post-secondary students in Canada an organization to be known as the National Union of Students / Union Nationale des Etudiants."

CARRIED

University of Toronto (SAC) gave notice of a motion that all references in the constitution to "Central Committee" be changed to "Steering Committee". The amendment is to be voted on at the next general meeting, in October.

7. Notice of Motions

Notice was given of motions to be discussed and voted on later in the meeting. The chair asked that all motions be typed and duplicated for distribution by the evening. Several of the motions were read.

The meeting recessed until 7:30 p.m.

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION: Regina/Simon Fraser
That smoking in the conference area be prohibited.

AMENDMENT: That the motion only prohibit smoking at the conference table.

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder. The chair ruled that all present were eligible to vote on the motion. The motion was put.

DEFEATED

8. Agenda

The chair presented the agenda and asked that it be approved.

MOTION: Saskatchewan/St. Thomas More
That the agenda be accepted.

AMENDMENT: Glendon/Brock
That Québec be the first item on this evening's agenda.

Glendon explained that the Québec delegates may have left when Québec comes up on the agenda presented, and that as the motion to be brought forward was very important it should be dealt with immediately.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT: U.B.C./Toronto (SAC)
That finances of NUS/UNE and the Treasurer's report be the second item on the agenda.

U.B.C. explained that it was more logical to proceed in this order, since policy and priorities could not be decided until we knew what NUS/UNE could afford to do. Carleton and Regina pointed out that neither the Treasurer nor the delegates were ready to discuss finances within a short time. The vote was called.

DEFEATED

AMENDMENT: Regina/U.B.C.

That NUS the Future be discussed following NUS/UNE finances.

Carleton explained that during NUS the Future other priorities motions could be dealt with. The vote was called.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT: Carleton/Saskatchewan

That the Ontario Caucus report and the AFS Caucus report immediately precede Student Aid.

CARRIED

The chair called the vote on the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

9. Québec

MOTION:

Glendon/Carleton

- A) WHEREAS it is undeniable that there exist two nations (English Canada and French Canada) within the structure of Canadian federalism,
 - B) WHEREAS NUS/UNE recognizes the right of self-determination of the people of Québec,
 - C) WHEREAS the problems of Québec in the area of education are unique, and have dramatically come to a head this year in the form of massive demonstrations against the Department of Education and Bill 22. There was also the largest CEGEP strike in the history of the province this last academic year.
- 1) BE IT MOVED THAT we support in principle the struggle of the ANEQ against the colonial repression used by the Government of Québec as manifest in Bill 22 and other similar tactics.
 - 2) Be it moved that the NUS/UNE recognize the ANEQ as a national organization with the same political status as NUS/UNE, and independent of the NUS/UNE.
 - 3) Be it moved that NUS/UNE recognize that the rights of the ANEQ concerning recruitment of institutions in Québec take priority over those of NUS/UNE.
 - 4) Be it moved that the NUS/UNE fieldworkers be instructed not to recruit in Québec.
 - 5) Be it moved that the NUS/UNE through the Central Committee take immediate steps to establish a working relationship including a network of communication and exchange of information with the ANEQ.
 - 6) Be it moved that the NUS/UNE instruct its fieldworkers to undertake a campaign to encourage recruitment of French-speaking institutions outside Québec into NUS/UNE.

- 7) Be it moved that this General Assembly reaffirm the necessity of having a bilingually staffed central office in Ottawa.
- 8) Be it moved that this document be circulated throughout all post-secondary institutions in Québec.

There was a lengthy debate following the presentation of this motion. Regina asked whether termination of NUS/UNE recruitment in Québec was to be permanent. Glendon replied that this would depend upon the changing situation. Bishop's was concerned that institutions in Québec not wanting to join ANEQ might not be able to join NUS/UNE either. An observer from the CEGEP de Sherbrooke felt that ANEQ would have no objection if students at any Québec institution voted to join NUS/UNE. Glendon stated that NUS/UNE should not refuse a Québec member, but that NUS/UNE recruitment now would hurt ANEQ's development. Carleton felt that if the majority of Québec associations wanted to work with NUS/UNE in this manner, NUS/UNE should accept the proposal so that there can be common work on the issues that face all students. Manitoba expressed concern that NUS/UNE was being asked to support the idea of two nations, which would go against the idea of federalism on which the Canadian government is based. This delegation felt that recruitment should be allowed to give individual associations a choice.

The chair ruled that a delegate wishing to speak a second time would have to wait until delegates who had not yet spoken were recognized. Bishop's challenged the chair and the chair was sustained.

The fourth section of the motion was the subject of much discussion. It appeared that ANEQ does not insist that its members take a position on Québec independence. Bishop's stated that it supported the motion in general since doubts regarding the choice between NUS/UNE and ANEQ seemed to be cleared up. To resolve the problems arising from section four an amendment was proposed. The chair stated that the amendment was intended to permit recruitment if requested by a Québec association.

AMENDMENT: Section 4 to read, "that NUS/UNE fieldworkers be instructed not to initiate recruitment efforts in Québec."

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder.

AMENDMENT: Section 8 to read, "Be it moved that a representative of ANEQ be invited to attend, as an observer, all Central Committee meetings of NUS/UNE." What was section 8 to become section 9.

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder.

On the request of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design it was agreed that as well as a vote of the member associations there would be a straw vote of everyone present.

Carleton expressed the opinion that this was the most important and responsible motion put forward on this issue. It added to the debate on the role of provincial caucuses within NUS/UNE and on possible reorganization of NUS/UNE. The motion was best seen in the context of that debate and of the discussion regarding the relationship of provincial, regional and national organizations. Many speakers stressed that ANEQ and NUS/UNE face common problems and should work together. Manitoba admitted ANEQ's autonomy but expressed concern about the motion's acceptability in a multicultural province. Manitoba was concerned about the motion's implications for

the jurisdiction of provincial organizations and felt that "nation" would have been better translated as "people".

The chairman called the straw vote of everyone present.
CARRIED

A roll call vote of the member associations was requested.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Capilano College		Simon Fraser University
University of British Columbia		University of Saskatchewan
University of Lethbridge		St. Mary's University
St. Thomas More College		
University of Regina		
Brock University		
Lakehead University		
Glendon College		
University of Toronto (SAC)		
University of Toronto (GSU)		
York University		
Carleton University		
Dalhousie University		

CARRIED

10. Employment

Carleton presented the motions recommended by the Employment Workshop. They were:

1. That the federal government release all information relating to student summer employment. Also, that the government reinstitute the student summer employment survey on an annual basis, with revisions to be determined by NUS/UNE.

2. That all student aid programmes provide adequate additional grants (not loans) for those students who cannot find adequate summer employment.

3. That the federal government institute a committee including at least 50% membership chosen by NUS/UNE and appropriate regional organizations, and including representatives of the labour movement, such a committee to decide upon the use of government funds for summer employment and the means for disposal of such funds.

4. That, with regard to all government employment programmes, priority be given to advancing the employment rate and wage scales of women until they are equal to those of men by giving preference to female applicants for all positions at all levels.

5. That all restrictions on foreign student employment be removed.

6. That NUS/UNE co-ordinate a media campaign around student employment to be carried out by individual campuses and regional organizations.

MOTION: Carleton/Saskatchewan
That the recommendations from the Employment Workshop be accepted.

Toronto (SAC) agreed that there had been disproportionate numbers of men

men in government jobs but feared that the opposite could happen if there was no control on the use of a reversed priority. Carleton replied that motion 4. means that there will be priority given when all other things are equal. U.B.C. added that the phrase "until they are equal to those of men" ensured that not only women would be hired for popular government jobs. On Calgary's suggestion the mover and seconder agreed:

AMENDMENT To insert "all things being equal," before "priority" in motion 4.

Dalhousie and Waterloo were concerned that governmental provision of extra grants to students may give employers an incentive to further depress student wages. Carleton remarked that most student jobs are already at minimum wage. Regina felt that motion 2. was a step towards free education, and supported it. The vote was called on the motion.

CARRIED

11. Media campaign

Carleton returned to motion 6. from Employment, stating that letters to the editor regarding the statistics presented to the conference and regarding the confidentiality of government information about student employment were advisable. Regina presented the media campaign which originated in the Employment Workshop:

In order to concretize the student aid campaign, the following is a suggested course of action aimed at using the media effectively.

LOCAL

1. Institutions commit themselves to the campaign
2. Establish a news collective on campus (i.e. student press, executive and others). This collective should:
 - assess local media, editorial policy, new outlets for student viewpoint
 - determine sympathetic community groups
 - do homework on provincial and local facts and figures to make it relevant to your community, eg. employment figures, human interest approach

NUS/UNE

Local groups should make every effort to continue liason with NUS/UNE (national office).

CUP should be asked to participate wherever possible in this campaign.

Regina made it clear that this was not a motion, and urged all present to begin such a campaign as soon as possible so that students would not be an isolated group.

12. HOUSING

Moe Proulx summarized the train of discussion in the workshop and read the following recommended motions:

1. That NUS/UNE co-ordinate and support local institutions to organize tenant unions. This should be done in conjunction with the organizational efforts of other community groups.

2. That NUS/UNE investigate and lobby for methods to increase government funding for student housing and explore the possibilities of, and begin as soon as possible, co-operation with other organizations conducting a national housing lobby.

3. That NUS/UNE in conjunction with other community groups work to eliminate any discrimination of students as tenants according to each province's human rights bill.

4. That a priority for NUS/UNE staff (working with Canadian University Press) be the collection and distribution of information that will assist local associations to formulate and implement housing policy.

5. Whereas 24-hour child care is a necessity in all living and working environments and should be an integral part of those environments:

- i) That all housing projects initiated by or participated in by student unions include child care as an integral part.
- ii) That student unions make every effort to ensure that adequate child care be provided to make up for those housing projects which do not have the facilities at present.

MOTION: U.B.C./Regina
That the recommended motions from the housing workshop be adopted.

MOTION: Carleton/Toronto (SAC)
That the motions be discussed as a whole.
CARRIED

AMENDMENT: Capilano/St. Thomas More
To add, in motion 2, "for all post-secondary institutions" following "student housing".
CARRIED

Alberta suggested that motions from the following workshops should be considered separately so that poor ones could be amended or defeated. U.B.C. reminded Alberta of the motion that the housing recommendations be considered as a whole.

MOTION: Dalhousie/Lakehead
That there be separate voting on the housing motions.
DEFEATED

The vote was called on the main motion.
CARRIED

13. Women's Workshop

Simon Fraser read the report from this workshop. Alberta stated that it was more responsible to deal with each motion and issue separately rather than together. Lethbridge felt that it was strange to adopt a motion by motion consideration for the women's workshop when this had not been done for housing. The chair ruled that the consideration would be motion by motion unless there was a motion to discuss the recommendations as a whole.

MOTION: Simon Fraser/Capilano
To discuss the motions as a whole.

Saskatchewan spoke against the motion because men had had little chance to discuss anything in the workshop. Carleton and Memorial also opposed the motion. U.B.C. was also in opposition, stressing that all further motions should be considered separately. The motion was put to a vote.

DEFEATED

MOTION: Carleton/U.B.C.
That NUS/UNE be actively involved in the Women in Universities and Colleges, November 1975, Toronto Conference.

Carleton informed the session that this was a reaffirmation of plans made through the preceding twelve months as NUS/UNE decided what it should do to mark International Women's Year. The motion was put to a vote.

CARRIED

MOTION: U.B.C./Simon Fraser
That NUS/UNE form a collective of interested people to be responsible for publishing a women's survival guide and that the editorial staff be composed of women.

The work on the guide was to be co-ordinated through U.B.C. with the assistance of the national office - particularly Hilda Creswick. Glendon felt that if there were men in the collective of interested people, men should be eligible to be on the editorial staff. Carleton explained that because the survival guide was aimed only at women, women should be the only people on the editorial staff. Glendon felt that the collective, not the meeting, should choose the editorial staff. Carleton pointed out that the editorial staff were volunteers and that all of them were women, regardless of how the motion was worded. U.B.C. remarked that all other work on the guide was open to men. Capilano stressed that the guide should not have a university bias, but rather be relevant for all post-secondary institutions. Carleton stated that duplication of the originals for each campus would be the only NUS/UNE expense.

The content outline of the guide was presented. The guide would include a section of statistical information, an anecdotal section and a section which would give information on how to organize a women's centre. A large book was not planned. The vote was called.

CARRIED

MOTION: U.B.C./Simon Fraser

WHEREAS the women's workshop feels that the abortion issue is indicative of the sexism in the federal law towards women,
AND WHEREAS the abortion law was discussed,
AND WHEREAS we also recognize that other doctors are being prosecuted for their stand on the abortion law;
IT IS THEREFORE MOVED that the NUS/UNE conference ask for the repeal of section 251 of the Criminal Code dealing with the abortion law and support the demand of amnesty for Dr. Morgentaler, and further to that, that a letter to the effect be sent to the Minister of Justice and the Prime Minister, and that NUS/UNE strongly urge all campus students to send letters to the effect of the previous motion.

CARRIED

O.F.S. wished to make it clear that this motion dealt with federal law and not the kind of international issue that NUS/UNE has been trying to avoid.

MOTION: Simon Fraser/U.B.C.
WHEREAS the women's workshop recognizes the importance of including more women in the NUS/UNE,
IT IS THEREFORE MOVED that at all future NUS/UNE conferences 50% of the chairpersons be women.

AMENDMENT: Toronto (SAC)/Lakehead

To add "and that a person of the opposite sex will be the recording secretary at each session."

U.B.C. pointed out that the motion refers to the workshops, not the plenaries. Alberta felt that the most effective way to include more women in NUS/UNE would be to encourage women to participate in political activities at all levels. Saskatchewan stated that as women's interest in politics has increased NUS/UNE should provide an opportunity for them to participate in its activities. The vote on the amendment was called.

CARRIED

The vote on the motion as amended was called.

CARRIED

MOTION: Simon Fraser/U.B.C.

WHEREAS, in view of the destructive experience of the women in the workshop and in consideration of the fact that they could have been avoided by beginning with a women's caucus;

IT IS THEREFORE MOVED that in future NUS/UNE conferences, a women's caucus (closed to men) be scheduled to meet before any workshops of the conference and that this caucus set the agenda for the women's workshop.

There was lengthy discussion of this motion. Saskatchewan felt that there was no reason for any caucuses to be closed. A women's caucus would be dealing with proposals pertaining to NUS/UNE and the particular caucus. To deal with women's issues the support of everyone is needed, and that support is gained by involving everyone. If women wished to discuss personal problems they can do so informally. We are dealing with a nation of people, not of women or men. People should not vote on the basis of their personal preferences. Whatever the outcome, this meeting should establish a procedure so that there will be no misunderstanding in the future. OFS wondered if a caucus can constitutionally close itself. The chair ruled that there was no constitutional aspect to the issue. OFS asked if the motion set a precedent for all workshops. Simon Fraser pointed out that a women's caucus deals with personal issues that are relevant to women and should not be discussed with men. A workshop, on the other hand, exists for the purpose of discussing issues common to both and is therefore open. There is an analogy to college caucuses. U.B.C. felt that a caucus is a strategy session for those with a particular common interest, that the Saskatchewan comments were relevant to workshops and general issues. Caucuses had and could invite outsiders to participate. Marilyn Burnett stated that it was necessary for women to get together at the start of a conference and decide what issues are important to them. Toronto (SAC) remarked that the workshop could change its agenda anyway.

AMENDMENT: Toronto (SAC)

To add "Glendon 75" before "workshop" in the whereas clause.

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder.

14. Financial state of the Union

The chair gained the consent of the meeting to permit the Treasurer to make an announcement. The Treasurer, Don Thompson, announced that the financial situation of the Union as revealed by the audit is grave. He felt that people should know about

the situation before the financial debate. Mike Tims explained that NUS/UNE was worse than broke and that it would be heading for bankruptcy if no money came in. He felt that half of the 1975-76 fees would have to be paid within 60 days or NUS/UNE would fold. The Treasurer stated that political debates would be irrelevant if financial stability could not be achieved.

The meeting returned to the regular order of business.

Atkinson was concerned that in the case of an institution that was able to send only one delegate, and that delegate was a man, there would not be equal weight in establishing the workshop agenda. The York delegation stated that as this a women's issue it was up to women to decide if there was to be a caucus. Anyone could have a caucus and the point here was to institutionalize the women's. Vancouver City College felt that men could have sufficient participation in women's issues through the workshop. The motion was put to a vote.

CARRIED

MOTION: Carleton/Brock
That NUS/UNE support a programme to reduce the cost of birth control at post-secondary institutional health clinics such as the one implemented at Vancouver City College, and that this information be made available through the national office for anyone requiring it.

The chair announced that the session had to end within a few minutes.

MOTION: Saskatchewan/Carleton
That the motion be tabled.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed until 9:30 the following morning.

15. Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m., May 5, 1975. The chair urged delegates to avoid redundant or irrelevant comments as a great deal of business remained on the agenda. He suggested that the women's workshop be completed and then Dalhousie had a motion regarding the agenda. Pierre Ouellette stated that it was impossible to deal with all remaining business and that if the financial issue was not resolved the conference would only produce verbose motions. He recommended that all remaining workshop reports and resolutions be referred to the new Central Committee so that attention could be given to ensuring that NUS/UNE survived and grew.

MOTION: Saskatchewan/Lethbridge
That all outstanding reports be referred to the new Central Committee.

U.B.C. felt that this might change the constitutional powers of the Central Committee and that the delegates themselves must decide priorities. Carleton thought that it would be better to refer the reports to the October meeting since basic policy was established in the areas covered. The one exception to this was foreign students since there was no policy here and a June deadline for action. Carleton therefore asked that the motion be withdrawn. Dalhousie read the motion that they had prepared regarding the agenda. Saskatchewan and Lethbridge withdrew the motion.

WITHDRAWN

MOTION: Dalhousie/U.B.C.

Be it resolved that all remaining motions arising out of workshops be received simply as workshop proposals and that discussion of all other motions on the floor be postponed until after a discussion of the financial situation of NUS/UNE.

CARRIED

16. NUS/UNE Finances

Toronto (SAC) said that an air of reality was necessary before the financial discussion began.

MOTION: Toronto (SAC)/Lakehead

WHEREAS the financial state of NUS/UNE is currently such that it is not feasible to launch several campaigns on the national level,
AND WHEREAS the financial aid campaign is the most important national campaign that NUS/UNE can be involved in which is in the interest of all students,

BE IT RESOLVED that the financial aid campaign be the only priority of the NUS/UNE Central Committee and fieldworkers and that the women, employment and housing campaigns be carried on at the local level and that the national office be an information distribution and co-ordination point for all progress on local campaigns.

The chair suggested that the motion was out of order, as dealing with Central Committee direction, not the finances of NUS/UNE. Toronto (SAC) responded that as part of finances we need to say what is expected of the organization as well as how it will be done. Regina felt that policy should be done after finances. The chair ruled that the agenda had been suspended to deal with finances specifically, and that therefore the motion was out of order. Toronto (SAC) challenged the chair. The chair was sustained.

The Treasurer gave the financial report. NUS/UNE owed \$10,500.00 more than it had in cash. The amount owed was increasing as the organization continued to operate. NUS/UNE had to collect \$38,000.00 by October 1 in order to continue. At Regina's request the Treasurer gave a general explanation of the \$10,500.00 debt (rent, salaries, professional fees, etc.). There is always a six month lag between expenses and revenues. Regina remarked that raising the money was an immediate priority for the meeting. Toronto (SAC) suggested that the first payment of fees would be in October and the second payment in February. Payment dates would then coincide with actual payment so that NUS/UNE could collect fees before spending the money. If the \$30,000.00 was raised in 30 days NUS/UNE would become financially sound and have the resources to never get into the same situation again. The Treasurer stressed that the union would not be strong even with the \$30,000.00 but that at least it would be in existence. People were urged to be realistic in planning to raise funds.

Alberta pointed out that NUS/UNE works for both members and non-members, therefore non-members should attempt to raise funds as well. Funds could come in grants or security loans. The Treasurer agreed that we do not want fees in advance as this is a long term problem and if the October fees were paid now then problems would arise again in October. He suggested that a small group should prepare the concrete proposal for raising the money. It was stressed that the associations with fees outstanding should pay them as soon as possible. They are U.B.C., B.C.I.T.,

Glendon, Lethbridge, Regina, Toronto (GSU), Toronto (SAC) and York. Uncollectable fees appear to be St. Mary's, Okanagan and Cariboo - totalling about \$800.00. The other fees outstanding add up to \$7,075.00. Even if this were paid immediately an additional \$3,500.00 would be needed to cover the debts completely. To operate until October \$28,000.00 is necessary.

The meeting recessed for a half-hour to discuss methods of raising funds and how much money could be raised by province or institution.

The chair called to meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. The Treasurer recommended that due to the inability of member institutions to make the fee payment for the 1975-76 year before October 1, 1975; we request

1) grants from participant institutions which would provide the money for the Union's operation until September 31, 1975.

These grants would:

a) replace the fees normally collectable from member institutions on April 1 of this year.

b) demonstrate the commitment of post-secondary institutions to NUS/UNE.

2) Should it prove impossible for institutions to make a grant or should an institution have sufficient reserves, we request loans, with the following conditions:

- i) interest-free for the first year
- ii) with average savings-account interest after the first year
- iii) repayable over four years
- iv) no penalty for early repayment
- v) repayments to be made only over the final three years.

3) That monies would be committed with the understanding that :

- a) a minimum of \$30,000.00 in promisory notes must be received by June 5, 1975.
- b) a minimum of 80% of all funds committed under (a) must be received by July 5, 1975.
- c) all funds received under this agreement would be placed in a trust fund until July 5, 1975.
- d) if the condition of clause (a) is not met, the Union will be considered financially insolvent.
- e) if the condition of clause (b) is not met, all funds received pursuant to clauses (b) and (c) will be returned to the prospective donors or lenders, and the Union will be considered financially insolvent.

The Treasurer explained that if NUS/UNE went bankrupt while holding funds under such an agreement, the funds would revert to the respective donors and lenders. Pierre Ouellette pointed out that this was how to pay, but it was important to see what would be paid. The Treasurer stressed that the key aspect of the payment method was that local people knew their money was not lost if the total was not raised. The chair called for people to state the amounts that they would try to raise locally.

British Columbia \$4,000	Fanshawe College \$500	U. of Manitoba \$3,000
U. of Saskatchewan \$4,000	Glendon College \$500	U. of Lethbridge \$1,000
St. Thomas More \$1,000	York University \$1,000	U. of Alberta \$3,000
Kelsey Institute \$ 500	Waterloo University \$4,000	
Brock University \$500	Western Ontario \$500	
Carleton University \$500	McMaster University \$500	
Toronto (SAC) \$1,000	Toronto (GSU) \$500	
Atkinson College \$500	Atlantic region \$4,500	

Several associations that owed back fees promised to pay them as soon as possible.

Pierre Ouellette expressed his thanks and reminded people that it would be difficult to get the money, pointing to the shortfall between the Saskatoon pledges and the actual short-term financing for the student aid campaign. Toronto (SAC) asked for a commitment from the Treasurer that, if more than the necessary amount is received, the budget still remain the same as at present. The Treasurer said that this was properly a decision for the budget debate but that it would be disastrous to do anything else. He asked that the outline of a money raising proposal be distributed as a notice of motion. Saskatchewan asked that the pledges be printed on the same sheet. Memorial asked that when the motion came up for discussion there be a straw vote of all delegations. The chair agreed.

17. Women's Workshop

The meeting returned to the regular order of business. The chair called for debate on the birth control motion that had been tabled the preceding evening. Vancouver City College explained that under the system mentioned Councils make a bulk purchase of pills to be distributed through the institution's clinic. The result is about cost price. The necessary information would be distributed through the national office. The discussion made it clear that only the price is different. Requirements of prescription, etc. do not change. The vote was called.

CARRIED

Those interested in the women's survival guide were asked to give their names and phone numbers to Frances Long of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

18. Agenda

Pierre Ouellette asked that during the lunch period people consider when they should hold fee or membership referenda in the coming academic year.

MOTION: Toronto (SAC)/U.B.C.
That the annual general business meeting be postponed until after the completion of the plenary session.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed.

19. Financing of Post-Secondary Education

Dan O'Connor introduced the subject of financing with the reminder that the issue of post-secondary financing was the issue around which the National Union of Students was formed in 1972 because of the revision of the Fiscal Arrangements Act which was then scheduled to occur in 1972. Now that it has been postponed until 1977, it is important for NUS/UNE to pull together the work done by student unions and governments prior to 1972 to formulate a solid detailed position and to get students involved in the decision making on the financing of post-secondary education. Although governments are beginning to realize that students should be involved in decisions regarding student aid, they do not yet recognize that this involvement should also occur with regard to the total financing package which

determines the kind of education we have in Canada.

The revision of the Fiscal Arrangements Act (1976-77) does have serious implications on future trends in student aid. If the method governments implement force provincial spending to be decreased, there is reason to believe that, to compensate for that decrease, the student will then be expected to bear a greater proportion of the cost. As research into government proposals indicates, the student is expected to pay for that cost through increased loans.

If NUS/UNE is to influence the governments' decision on alternative methods of financing, we should begin to consider possible proposals for the financing of post-secondary education that would compliment NUS/UNE policy on student aid. If we are to remain silent on this matter, the danger that the entire method of financing, (including how funding will be divided among provincial and federal governments, tuition and other sources) will be determined solely by the governments' present attitude on who should pay.

The following recommendations were made on the premise that, in order to keep open the channels whereby equality of opportunity may be achieved, recommendations on the funding should be developed through further research.

MOTION: York/Toronto (SAC)
To deal with the motions individually.

CARRIED

MOTION: St. Thomas More/Lakehead
That NUS/UNE lobby for student advisory bodies to assist in the formulation of new systems for financing post-secondary education.

AMENDMENT: Toronto (SAC)/Lakehead
To delete "new".

CARRIED

Toronto (SAC) pointed out that the most desirable systems need not necessarily be new.

MOTION: Lakehead/Saskatchewan
That NUS/UNE accelerate its exploration of:
i) alternatives to the Fiscal Arrangements Act;
ii) alternative methods for providing cash funds to the post-secondary educational institutions;
iii) the relationship between student aid and other aspects of post-secondary financing;
iv) and possible short-term improvements of the Fiscal Arrangements Act (for example, forcing provincial governments to spend money on education).

Waterloo asked whether section iv of this motion should rather read "spend additional money".

Dan O'Connor explained that the money granted through the Fiscal Arrangements Act for education is unconditional and need not be spent on education. He proposed the following amendment which was accepted.

AMENDMENT: That section iv read "and possible short-term improvements of the Fiscal Arrangements Act (for example, forcing provincial governments to spend post-secondary education money on education).

Alberta agreed with the intent of the motion but felt that the resources are such that all work now should be concentrated on student aid.

Memorial said that this is a regional disparity issue as well as a national issue since the Fiscal Arrangements Act will have a direct effect on who pays for education.

Dan O'Connor stressed the importance of the decisions made under this Act. For example, the Fiscal Arrangements Act presently limits the increase of federal grants to provinces to 15% a year. This results in either cutbacks, deficits or a drastic increase in provincial taxation, which is on a much more limited base, in order to make up the necessary difference.

Memorial agreed that it would be difficult for NUS/UNE to become involved in this issue but hoped that each province would participate in this lobby.

Glendon introduced an amendment to the motion.

AMENDMENT: That there be a fifth part to this motion which would read "the implementation of a progressive system of taxation along the lines suggested by the Federal Commission.

The amendment failed for lack of seconder.

The chair called the vote on the motion as amended.

CARRIED.

MOTION: Lakehead/Dalhousie
That NUS/UNE bring to the attention of other national post-secondary educational organizations, e.g. the Canadian Association of University Teachers and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, the need to consider the implications of their policies on the future direction of post-secondary education.

CARRIED.

MOTION: York/Lethbridge
That the strategy contained in the contribution "The Common Front Background" be considered the necessary means of organization to deal with student financing and the cutbacks in education in general.

AMENDMENT: To replace "necessary" with "important."

Alberta suggested the wording be changed because, although the common front had been successful in one area, this did not necessarily mean it would be successful elsewhere.

The chair called the vote on the motion as amended.

CARRIED.

20. Foreign Students

As a preamble to the motions arising from the workshop on foreign students, Waterloo pointed out that NUS/UNE has as yet no policy on foreign students and that it was the consensus of the workshop that NUS/UNE should move beyond short-term policy and preliminary debate to the implementation of confidential policy on the status of foreign students and the broader implications of the Canadian foreign policy. The workshop agreed that the co-ordination of a national speaking tour to discuss the "Green Paper" on immigration and status of foreign students should be undertaken by NUS/UNE. The choice of speaker will be left to the discretion of the central committee. It was suggested that participating institutions pay towards the travelling expenses through a national fund and towards publicity and organizational costs through a regional or campus fund. The workshop is seeking a commitment from the plenary to assist in the establishment of a national working group. The University of Waterloo would co-ordinate this campaign.

MOTION: Lakehead/Toronto (GSU)
That NUS/UNE lobby with the federal government to undertake a full and complete survey of foreign students in Canada (emphasizing source of income, need for employment, etc.) to be planned by or in co-operation with NUS/UNE.

CARRIED.

MOTION: Lakehead/Memorial
That NUS/UNE prepare a brief for submission to the Joint Committee on the Green Paper on Immigration by June 6, 1975 dealing with foreign students and their relevance to the Department of Manpower and Immigration.

AMENDMENT: Saskatchewan/Lakehead
That Waterloo prepare a brief to be presented to the NUS/UNE Central Committee before submitting it to the Joint Committee on the Green Paper on Immigration.

CARRIED.

MOTION: Lethbridge/Regina
That NUS/UNE accept the policy position that all individuals holding student visas who are not funded by the agencies up to a basic minimum of \$4,000, be automatically granted work visas.

CARRIED.

MOTION: Carleton/Capilano
That NUS/UNE accept as its policy the importance of non-differential tuition fees for foreign students.

CARRIED.

MOTION: Carleton/Toronto (GSU)
That NUS/UNE encourage the federal government to develop a bursary programme directed at enabling foreign students from disadvantaged economic backgrounds to attend post-secondary institutions in Canada, and that this programme's priority be directed at developing nations, but not to the exclusion of developed nations.

CARRIED.

MOTION: Regina/Lakehead
WHEREAS racism is on the rise in Canada and NUS/UNE opposes all discrimination on the basis of race:

- i) that student associations in co-operation with community groups undertake an education programme using all effective means including forums, newspaper articles, radio shows and classroom visiting.
- ii) that student organizations press their local Department of Manpower and Immigration offices for statistics and information regarding foreign students.
- iii) that NUS/UNE assemble the information gleaned from the campuses for use in their local programmes.

CARRIED.

21. Ontario Caucus Report

MOTION: Carleton/Toronto (GSU)
That a meeting of the Ontario Caucus be held in Ottawa to facilitate NUS/UNE talks with the Secretary of State and that all NUS/UNE members and non members be encouraged to participate in this meeting and that this action be co-ordinated by the Ontario Central Committee Representative.

CARRIED.

Carleton explained that this was a reaction to R. Skuce's (from the Department of the Secretary of State) remark about not having seen students making a representation to the Secretary of State.

22. Atlantic Caucus Report

MOTION: Dalhousie/Carleton
That the agenda of ensuing NUS/UNE conferences contain an educational process about the history of NUS/UNE aims and policies at the beginning of each conference.

CARRIED.

Memorial explained that this would be especially valuable to those attending who had not been to previous NUS/UNE conferences.

MOTION: Dalhousie/Glendon
That all circumstances regarding the parental and student contribution table (CSLP) be investigated and duly considered before final fiscal assessment. That the real net income be assessed for student aid rather than gross income; this applies for both the parent and student contribution.

CARRIED.

Glendon pointed out that unless this was a short-term policy it would *contradict existing NUS/UNE policy which is to eliminate the parental contribution requirement.*

Memorial explained that this was intended to be short-term policy.

MOTION: Dalhousie/St. Thomas More
WHEREAS all students cannot find financially adequate summer employment and
WHEREAS this condition results generally from the current economic climate of the country
BE IT RESOLVED THAT NUS/UNE research and develop a more realistic measure of student summer earnings as a criterion for the determination of student aid.

23. College Caucus Report

Discussion in the workshop indicated that colleges are facing common problems in all provinces, though to a lesser extent in Quebec and Manitoba. While the latter two are not in immediate danger from their respective governments, college delegates from both places expressed solidarity with the less fortunate colleges on the stand against government cutbacks in this area of post-secondary education.

The Atlantic Region will report on some of the results of cutbacks in college budgets at a later date.

British Columbia reported that cutbacks in colleges there resulted in a lack of student facilities, obsolete equipment, enrollment restrictions, programme eliminations and cutbacks as well as cutbacks in existing student services.

Ontario reported similar problems. The most alarming situation involves students being expected to provide free labour for companies as part of their training.

MOTION: Capilano/Dalhousie
 WHEREAS the college movement is in severe danger from budget cuts in Canada,
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT NUS/UNE will vigorously support better provincial government funding of the college movement in Canada, and oppose government cuts in college budgets.

CARRIED.

MOTION: Capilano/Dalhousie
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT NUS/UNE set up a college standing committee with a membership as follows: Brian McKenney (2 Durham St., London, Ontario), Bill Bell (Capilano College, 980-9220), Frances Long (1536 Edward St., Halifax, N.S.), and Glen McKenzie (Vancouver City College, 324-5048), and that the principles of the committee be: 1) to help recruit more colleges into NUS/UNE; 2) to provide guidance to the Central Committee of NUS/UNE and NUS/UNE staff as to the specific problems of colleges in Canada; and 3) launching an educational campaign among the Colleges about college issues.

AMENDMENT: Regina/Dalhousie
 That this committee take steps against the use of students of technical schools and community colleges as free labour for companies.

Glendon disagreed with the amendment on the grounds that free labour is part and parcel of universities and not limited only to colleges. They felt that since free labour is not exclusively restricted to colleges, the conference should deal with the entire problem of free labour. They also pointed out that this motion is covered more broadly in a motion from the NUS/UNE the Future Workshop. The amendment should be defeated because it may restrict the issue to the colleges.

Alberta felt that if the amendment is acceptable to community colleges and if they feel it is a primary issue of community colleges, then it should stand, but thought that the colleges should speak to this.

Vancouver City College and Fanshawe supported the amendment. Capilano and Nova Scotia College of Art and Design opposed it.

Capilano saw no need for the amendment since the committee would necessarily involve itself with this issue.

The chair ruled the amendment out of order, free labour being a different issue from that of the college caucus.

The chair was challenged and overruled.

AMENDMENT: Saskatchewan/Lakehead
 To amend the amendment to read "technical schools, community colleges and other post-secondary institutions."

Regina spoke against this amendment because community colleges have an extra degree of exploitation.

The vote was called on the amendment.

CARRIED

The vote was called on the motion as amended.

CARRIED

MOTION: Capilano/U.B.C.
That a graduated or reduced fee be established to enable smaller student budgeted post-secondary institutions to attend NUS/UNE conferences.

Capilano explained that this motion was meant to assist all small institutions, not just colleges.

MOTION: Saskatchewan/Dalhousie
That this motion be referred to the Central Committee.

Saskatchewan stated that they saw the need for the change, but could see no feasible method. The motion would give time for consideration of methods. The chair pointed out that the motion could be implemented by the Central Committee. Carleton agreed that it was the Treasurer who should work out the method of implementation. The vote was called on the motion to refer.

CARRIED

MOTION: Capilano/U.B.C.
That NUS/UNE fieldworkers give a priority to the recruitment of more community colleges and other post-secondary institutions (technical and vocational).

Capilano felt that there was not enough small colleges representation. Dalhousie asked if the motion meant that universities were dominating the organization. Capilano pointed out that the motion only called for "a priority". Dalhousie said that it would be better simply to improve recruitment. Saskatchewan warned that people should realize that little fieldwork will be possible before October due to the financial restraints.

Pierre Ouellette reminded delegates of the many items left on the agenda and asked the workshop chairmen to try and remove unnecessary motions from their reports. Manitoba pointed out that no colleges from that province were present and hoped that the reference to Manitoba in the report would be removed. The College Caucus agreed to this request. The vote was called on the motion.

CARRIED

24. Student Aid Campaign

MOTION: Carleton/Toronto (SAC)
That the strategy and research recommendations be discussed as a whole.

Alberta mentioned the importance of the student aid campaign and suggested that the recommendations receive individual consideration as this was the only way to fulfill NUS/UNE purposes. Carleton felt that due to aid's high priority there had already been a great deal of debate. Toronto (SAC) suggested that the discussion could proceed motion by motion. There appeared to be general agreement with this procedure. The vote was called.

CARRIED

The recommendations were presented by Hilda Creswick and Bob Buckingham, with strategy done first.

1. Whereas NUS/UNE has made a number of representations to the Federal-Provincial Task Force on Student Assistance and Whereas these efforts have been effectively stalled by government bureaucrats, and Whereas there remains only one scheduled meeting of this Task Force

BE IT RESOLVED that NUS/UNE members not make a written representation to the Federal-Provincial Task Force on Student Assistance but that such presentations be made only to the ministers and that member institutions approach provincial ministers and federal authorities, the Task Force and press to publicize the reasons for our action.

2. That NUS/UNE send a delegation to the Federal-Provincial Task Force meeting and launch a lobby campaign on that day to get a formal hearing from the Council of Ministers of Education.

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the General Secretary and the Research Secretary be commissioned to send a short history of their relations with the Federal-Provincial Task Force on Student Aid to every daily newspaper in this country in the form of a letter to the editor, stating in a well documented manner their dissatisfaction with this Task Force, and that this letter be sent to all provinces except Ontario two days before being sent to Ontario, and that this letter be sent the day after the final meeting of the Task Force.

4. That NUS/UNE seek student representation on the CSL Plenary Group and that member campuses support the move by approaching Members of Parliament, Ministers of Education and finance and education critics of the federal government.

5. That NUS/UNE make a formal presentation on NUS/UNE student aid policies to all federal and provincial university and college organizations.

6. That NUS/UNE set as a priority the further co-ordination of the student aid campaign with provincial and regional organizations.

7. That NUS/UNE formally request that the federal government conduct the supplementary surveys in addition to the present survey on the socio-economic situation of post-secondary students.

8. That NUS/UNE request funding from the federal government for the purpose of researching student aid.

9. That NUS/UNE request a formal meeting with the Secretary of State to discuss the above two recommendations.

10. That a priority of the NUS/UNE fieldworkers be to work on the student aid campaign and help campuses organize to pass the fee referenda.

York stressed the overall context of the student aid issues, especially the economic aspects, and reminded delegates that work with organizations like the Canadian Labour Congress is valuable within the overall context of education.

AMENDMENT: Carleton/Toronto (SAC)

To add to motion 1, "That all NUS/UNE members, through regional and

provincial caucuses and associations, publicize the reasons for the action as proposed in the recommendation.

Bob Buckingham stressed the need for local action. The vote was called on the amendment.

CARRIED

The vote was called on the strategy recommendations, both a straw vote and a vote of the members.

CARRIED

Turning to the research recommendations, members were reminded that the Student Aid Report is the result of the first extensive research done by NUS/UNE on student aid. Although research is not the most important student aid campaign activity, it does show where the organization stands and why. Research assists the development of recommendations. For example, the initial student aid research has revealed problems, and it is hoped that the conference will give direction on resolving the problems and beginning further research. People should be aware of the complexity of student aid, and consider which areas to develop further. Also needed is consideration of how to do the research and how to look further at the consequences of the student aid recommendations.

The focus of the Student Aid Report is equality of opportunity - if it exists now; if it does not, how to achieve it. The Report is not intended to be restrictive. The purpose is to open up discussion that will lead to more concrete student aid recommendations. The Report has been based on the fundamental view that education is not something to be bought (as an investment) but that it is a right to be used as a means of expanding one's choices. The research recommendations are:

1. That NUS/UNE continue to research further student aid as it relates to part-time post-secondary education.
2. That priority be given to research into regional disparity and that to do so, information from Statistics Canada survey be requested on student incomes and costs of living broken down by provinces to be compared to the needs assessment of the different provinces.
3. That investigations into regional disparity lead to recommendations to equalize and improve the conditions of the CSLP in all regions.
4. That major priority be given to researching a proposal for a national student aid plan with the intent of investigating the implications and feasibility of such a programme.
5. That NUS/UNE limit its statement in the economic returns of post-secondary education to brief substantiated information as stated by the Economic Council of Canada.
6. That NUS/UNE begin to look at alternative systems of taxation with regard to the funding of post-secondary education.
7. That preliminary research be done on the eligibility of students of private colleges and universities for student aid.
8. That NUS/UNE make public the fact that those who abuse the present student aid systems constitute a very small minority.

AMENDMENT: St. Thomas More

In motion 7, to add "and post-secondary institutions" after "private colleges and universities".

Bob Buckingham explained that the rest of the post-secondary institutions are already being done, and that this motion is to expand that work. Toronto (SAC) felt that the amendment would change the meaning of the motion. The chair agreed and ruled the amendment out of order. Nova Scotia College of Art and Design questioned whether the amendment was directed towards "private" or towards "colleges and universities". The chair stated the amendment. NSCAD stated that private would have remained in the motion as amended.

Saskatchewan remarked on the need for local media and research work due to the financial problems, and that accordingly delegates should be sure that they are prepared to work on the recommendations before accepting them.

AMENDMENT: York

To add, "9. That NUS/UNE investigate the feasibility of setting up a national common front for action against cutbacks in the social sector along the lines of the adopted motion concerning the common front strategy."

FAILED (lack of seconder)

Regina suggested that local work could go into a research data bank. Brock asked if an amendment that had failed for lack of a seconder could be reintroduced. The chair ruled that it could be reintroduced so long as the main motion was still on the floor.

AMENDMENT: York/Brock

To add, "9. That NUS/UNE investigate the feasibility of setting up a national common front for action against cutbacks in the social sector along the lines of the adopted motion concerning the common front strategy."

York explained that this was a tactic for having more weight in lobbying with the government. NSCAD asked if it was a strategy, not a research, motion. York said that it was to research the strategy of moving into a broader sphere than lobbying. Bob Buckingham said that such research had started under strategy and that it was a good idea. Brock explained that they had tried to branch out into the community as members have done on housing. Organizing such an effort would always be provincial and local work. Brock was only able to do it with OFS help. It was difficult to reach other progressive groups and citizens who feel that students are spoiled brats. This is the only way to effectively pressure governments. Waterloo remarked that students should join with other groups affected by cutbacks to form a common front. If this was not done the groups would split on issues such as whether to increase tuition or wages. Memorial was very concerned that research was taking priority over action, and that soon NUS/UNE would be researching research. Memorial had gone to the community, but research meant another six month delay. York felt that this investigation would really be the beginning of action. Saskatchewan expressed support of common fronts and united effort. They felt that it took little effort to approach community groups.

Alberta supported the motion but asked that regional differences be taken into consideration in doing the investigation, if it could ever be afforded. Carleton stressed the action aspect of such an investigation. Memorial agreed, but asked that everyone get on with the work. Carleton agreed with those who said that common fronts had to start locally, then work up through the levels of the participant

organizations. U.B.C. called the question. The vote was put on the amendment.
CARRIED

The vote was put on the research recommendations as amended.
CARRIED

25. Western Caucus Report

MOTION: Saskatchewan/Toronto (SAC)
WHEREAS one of the constitutionally defined objectives of NUS/UNE is to provide means of communication on internal structures of post-secondary institutions, THAT formal provision for such communication shall be made at future conferences.

CARRIED

MOTION: Capilano/U.B.C.
That a research resources bank be established in NUS/UNE with one office staff looking after it and that student organizations be approached to set up a working group.

MOTION: St. Thomas More/Lakehead
That the motion be referred to the October conference, due to the financial situation.

Regina remarked that campuses can still start this work. It is a very important concept and the Buckingham-Smirnow report shows how the work can be done. The vote was called on the motion to refer.

CARRIED

MOTION: Regina/Saskatchewan
That NUS/UNE continue a propaganda campaign for student parity on all decision-making boards of post-secondary institutions.

Alberta asked if the mover and seconder would consider an amendment that had NUS/UNE assist post-secondary institutions that required parity on boards. Regina could not accept the amendment because they wished to keep the motion simple due to the concept's importance. The mover and seconder agreed to an

AMENDMENT: That "media" be substituted for "propaganda".

The vote was called on the motion.

CARRIED

MOTION: Saskatchewan/Capilano
That the priorities of the Central Committee be number 1 (one) student aid; and number 2 (two) be some concrete results on women's issues, the first result being the publication of a women's survival guide.

Toronto (SAC) asked if this motion contradicted motion 10 in student aid campaign strategy, and if it meant that fieldworkers were to have separate priorities from the Central Committee. Also, the women's workshop report had the collective doing the women's survival guide. Further priorities motions were rhetorical. Toronto (SAC) asked that the motion be withdrawn and discussed when priorities were dealt with. The mover and seconder agreed.

WITHDRAWN

U.B.C. argued that the motion was from all of the west, and should not be withdrawn by the individual movers. U.B.C. was strongly in favour of the motion.

MOTION: U.B.C./Simon Fraser

That the priorities of the Central Committee be number 1 (one) student aid; and number 2 (two) be some concrete results on women's issues, the first result being the publication of a women's survival guide.

U.B.C. felt that women should be the second priority because it is positive, has energy, has other resources, has an upcoming conference and need not be handled by fieldworkers. Waterloo said that the survival guide was being taken care of by the collective, so Central Committee involvement was not required. U.B.C. still felt that it was a good motion to demonstrate NUS/UNE's good faith on the priority of women's issues. Carleton pointed out that the guide was not the only women's issue. BCSF remarked that it was foolish to reject the motion in view of the voluntary interest shown. Alberta felt that the motion would be more logically discussed in NUS the Future. The issue would come up there. U.B.C. said that they wished to withdraw the motion. Glendon suggested that it was better to table the motion until NUS the Future. NSCAD stated that the motion established a philosophical priority, not a financial one.

MOTION: U.B.C./Glendon

That the motion be tabled until NUS the Future.

CARRIED

There was some discussion of the parity motion from the Western Caucus. BCSF felt that if it was to be a major issue it would require little work since research is unnecessary and it would be conducted primarily as a media campaign. Each institution could put forward an effort as it found confidentiality to be hampering its work. The issue is to be a CUP priority and little NUS/UNE staff effort will be required. It was decided that the motion would be dealt with in NUS the Future.

The meeting recessed for five minutes.

26. Agenda

The chair called the meeting back to order at 4:10 pm and asked for some indication of how many members would be remaining. Carleton was concerned that soon people would be leaving, and that the most important item - the annual general business meeting - remained. Alberta agreed, especially since student aid had been done. Toronto (SAC) agreed that the Treasurer's recommendations must be dealt with, since it involved the whole future of NUS/UNE. Dan O'Connor pointed out that it was necessary to assemble certain people and items for the business session. The consensus was that the business meeting should be done as soon as possible, and that while it was being prepared the miscellaneous motions would be taken care of.

Dan O'Connor said that to avoid suffocating NUS/UNE with involvement in local issues throughout the country there was a practice for motions without clear national implications to be put to a straw vote of all present at the particular meeting, not to an official NUS/UNE vote. Some local or particular situation motions could be turned into general or research motions, and should be. A further problem was the complicated procedure for approving NUS/UNE policy. Saskatchewan agreed, adding that the results of the straw vote could still be useful in media work.

27. Simon Fraser

MOTION: Regina/Capilano

WHEREAS the National Union of Students / Union Nationale des Etudiants recognizes that the damage done to the academic standing of Simon Fraser University by the censures imposed on that institution by thirteen professional academic associations in response to the complete disregard for guarantees of academic freedom demonstrated by the administration of Simon Fraser University in the suspension and subsequent dismissal of seven highly qualified instructors from the department of political science, sociology and anthropology in opposition to the findings and recommendations of three independent investigative committees as being not in the best interest of students, and

WHEREAS the NUS/UNE recognizes the only just course of action is towards the redress of the grievances of those seven illegally dismissed faculty and the protection of the principle of academic freedom and the restoration of some degree of teaching excellence at SFU is full and immediate reinstatement,

BE IT RESOLVED that the NUS/UNE fully endorses the efforts of SFSS and the Simon Fraser Reinstatement Committee in their actions towards that end, and further that the general secretary be commissioned to communicate these sentiments to Pauline Jewett, President of SFU, all members of the CAUT academic freedom and tenure committee, and the seven individuals affected, and that he/she also be commissioned to send a telegram to the May 1975 general meeting of CAUT urging that body not to consider any lifting of their censures until the collective grievances of those seven individuals be properly redressed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Regina agreed to the taking of only a straw vote on the motion.

CARRIED

28. Western Fieldworker

MOTION: Simon Fraser/Regina

WHEREAS the western caucus realizes the need for a western fieldworker but that the financial situation of NUS/UNE takes full priority,

BE IT RESOLVED that consideration of the hiring of a new fieldworker be considered at the October conference of NUS/UNE if the financial situation is stable.

CARRIED

29. Canada Manpower

Regina stated that Canada Manpower is not a neutral body during strike situations. In Regina, the Canada Manpower office downtown and the C.M. office on campus consistently directed students seeking employment to the Dominion Bridge plant. At the time, the United Steelworkers had been on strike at this plant for six months. Students, or any of the unemployed people who refuse to apply for work when directed to do so by Canada Manpower can be cut off unemployment insurance.

The Canada Manpower manager on campus told the students' union delegates that Canada Manpower was simply protecting the rights of the individuals by giving them the chance to apply for work at this plant. "SOME CHOICE. Scab or be cut off

unemployment insurance. This is the type of Mafia-like deal 'you can't afford to turn down'" that exemplifies the whole role of Canada Manpower.

The Regina S.U. delegates were told to contact Robert Andras, Minister of Manpower and Immigration. A letter of protest to Mr. Andras was sent on April 24. To this point no reply has been received by the Regina S.U. The point is clear. The function of Canada Manpower is to supply cheap labour for companies. It does this, strike or no strike. C.M. is not neutral; they are against organized labour. They are involving students in strike breaking. We must stop them from pursuing this dangerous course.

Regina added that a straw vote would be proper, but that a future motion condemning all such action would be appropriate.

MOTION: Regina/York
That NUS/UNE condemn Canada Manpower for its actions in strike breaking in Regina in that they have sent students to scab at the Dominion Bridge Plant in Regina.

CARRIED

30. Literature Tables

MOTION: York/Simon Fraser
That NUS/UNE adopt a policy of permitting delegates or non-delegates to set up literature tables at all future NUS/UNE conferences. Further, that these tables be put up and maintained with the permission and under the supervision of NUS/UNE.

Glendon felt that the situation giving rise to the motion was a mistake and that only a suggestion to the Central Committee was necessary.

MOTION: Saskatchewan/Carleton
That the motion be tabled.

DEFEATED

Alberta asked speakers to be brief. Saskatchewan stated that people are at NUS/UNE meetings to discuss student issues, not every conceivable issue that an organization wished to raise. Carleton urged that people finish with the motion and move to the business meeting. York felt that it was a matter of letting any organization, including student ones, that had useful information to make that information available. Saskatchewan asked if useful information could be made part of the actual conference business. York felt that if tables were set up then people could look at the information and if they wished raise the issues. Waterloo opposed the motion because there was already too much paper to work with.

MOTION: Glendon/Carleton
That the motion be referred to the Central Committee.

CARRIED

31. Next General Meeting

In line with the previous understanding the chair called on the meeting to move into the annual general business session.

MOTION: Dalhousie/Saskatchewan
That the October conference be held at the University of New Brunswick.

Dalhousie explained that although UNB was not a member of NUS/UNE they were willing to hold the conference there. Dalhousie felt that this would be a good strategic move in view of the proposed referenda at the larger Atlantic universities. The Treasurer asked if facilities had been considered. Dalhousie replied that UNB feels it can handle the conference. The Treasurer felt that there would be a back-up campus since this is a binding decision. Dan O'Connor suggested l'Université de Moncton, which is in the same area so that the provincial rotation would be kept. Dalhousie asked if Moncton had been contacted. O'Connor replied in the negative, adding that contact was not necessary since a back-up is not needed unless the first choice falls through and the UNB record shows that this is unlikely. The vote was called on the motion for UNB with Moncton as back-up.

CARRIED

32. Election of Officers

The provincial caucuses announced their elected representatives:

British Columbia	Ian Boothe
Alberta	Errol Hedin
Saskatchewan	Karen Hackl
Ontario	Dorothy Kent
Nova Scotia	Frances Long

The chair declared nominations for Treasurer open.

Dalhousie nominated Don Thompson for interim Treasurer.

Simon Fraser asked if the Treasurer was to be elected separately or as one of the three members-at-large. Dan O'Connor answered that the constitution had always been interpreted to mean that the Treasurer was elected separately but with the same procedure and qualifications as members-at-large. U.B.C. asked if Don Thompson was a delegate to the conference, as required. They felt that this qualification was valuable and should be respected. Lethbridge read a document showing that Thompson had official delegate status. Pierre Ouellette stated that members-at-large must belong to member associations according to the constitution. Don Thompson stressed that it was only an interim nomination due to the lack of anyone else willing and able to run as Treasurer. It was important to realize that in October the members should find a Treasurer with professional ability for the position.

Glendon nominated Mike Tims, who declined because he was not from a member association.

MOTION: Carleton/St. Thomas More
That nominations close.

CARRIED

The chair declared Don Thompson elected as interim Treasurer.

The chair opened nominations for member-at-large, stressing that nominees must be delegates of member associations.

Lethbridge nominated Pierre Ouellette.

Saskatchewan nominated Elspeth Guild.

Capilano nominated Bill Bell.

MOTION: Saskatchewan/Carleton
That nominations close.

DEFEATED

Glendon nominated Bruce Russell.

MOTION: Toronto (SAC)/Capilano
That nominations close.

CARRIED

The chair explained that it would be a secret ballot procedure in which each member association cast two votes and election was by plurality. Roll call was taken.

The candidates were each asked if they wished to stand for election and Bruce Russell withdrew. Each candidate spoke briefly and the votes were cast. Following the count, the chair declared Pierre Ouellette and Bill Bell elected.

MOTION: U.B.C./Saskatchewan
That the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

33. 1975-76 Budget and Treasurer's Recommendations

The auditors' report was received and considered by the member associations.

The meeting recessed for supper.

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and called the roll to ensure that a quorum was present. The Treasurer read the following letter into the minutes:

Dear Sirs,

With regards to our recently completed audit we wish to make the following recommendations. It is imperative that an adequate accounting system, and with the corresponding internal controls, be implemented. If the centre of operations is to be Ottawa and new people will be associated with the accounting system, we suggest that the auditors for 1975-76 be contacted immediately and their advice sought on improving the accounting system and implementing internal control.

Watkinson, Hanhart, Duda & Dorchak

Ratification of the report and letter was not required. The chair stated that it would be assumed that the Treasurer follows them up.

Turning to his report, the Treasurer noted that the lack of accurate information regarding Accounts Receivable was due to member associations' failure to give the office or Treasurer their enrolment estimates. He drew attention to the note regarding this in the Auditors' Report. The Treasurer stated that he would like an

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May 2nd, 1975

To the Members of
National Union of Students
Union Nationale des Etudiants

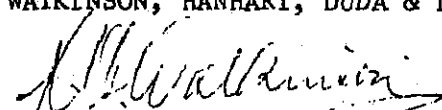
Auditors' Report

We have examined the Statement of Financial Position of the National Union of Students/Union Nationale des Etudiantes, as at March 31, 1975 and the Statement of Operations for the eleven-month period ended on that date. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The accounting system is in a period of development. Internal controls are weak.

In view of the possibility of material effect of the above, we are unable to express an opinion as to whether or not the accompanying financial statements present fairly the Union's financial position as at March 31, 1975 and the results of operations for the eleven-month period then ended.

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Chartered Accountants

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT MARCH 31, 1975

Cash in Bank	\$ 1,600.80
Accounts Receivable - Fees (Net) - Note 1	7,706.52
- Other	130.00
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	\$ 9,437.32

Accounts Payable	\$ 7,604.22
Loan - Carleton University Students' Association Inc. - Note 2	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$ 10,604.22

Balance - May 1, 1974	\$ 1,568.73
Less: Net Expenditures for the Period	
(From Statement No. 2)	2,735.63
	<u>\$ (1,166.90)</u>
	\$ 9,437.32

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NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS/UNION NATIONALE DES ETUDIANTSSTATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE ELEVEN-MONTH PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 1975

REVENUE:

Fees	\$ 32,107.11
Less: Uncollectible Accounts and Fees Waived	1,020.00
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	\$ 31,087.11
Delegates and Observers Fees - Saskatchewan Conference	6,101.85
Grants and Donations	1,910.64
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	\$ 39,099.60
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EXPENSES:

Central Offices:

Wages and Employee Deductions	\$ 12,167.79
Office Rent	1,241.74
Duplicating	900.92
Telex and Telephone	2,922.83
Postage	454.49
Advertising	367.21
Typewriter Rent	492.89
Supplies	681.65
Travel	1,438.50
Professional Fees	460.00
Incorporation Fees - Fully Amortized - Note 3	1,064.30
Miscellaneous and Bank Charges	92.61
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	\$ 22,284.93
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Central Committee - Travel

	\$ 9,383.26
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Conferences:

Saskatchewan	\$ 9,142.24
Edmonton	1,024.80
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	\$ 10,167.04
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NET EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD (To Statement No. 1)

	\$ 2,735.63
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NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS/UNION NATIONALE DES ETUDIANTSNOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT MARCH 31, 1975NOTE 1 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - FEES:

Due to the uncertainty of student membership the balance of Fees Receivable is estimated at March 31, 1975.

NOTE 2 - LOAN - CARLETON UNIVERSITY:

- 1) The loan must be paid within thirty (30) months.
- 2) Repayments will be at the rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per two (2) months beginning April 1, 1975.
- 3) If payment has not been made within thirty (30) days of the due date, interest will be charged at the effective prime borrowing rate from the date due until payment for that installment has been received.
- 4) Should the Carleton University Students' Association Incorporated find it necessary to borrow money to provide operating capital, interest will be charged to the NUS/UNE on the balance still owing at the rate which CUSA Inc. borrows said funds.
- 5) There will be no penalty for overpayment.

NOTE 3 - INCORPORATION FEES:

This is a non-recurring item, the payment of which was necessary to incorporate the union.

adoption in principle of the proposal that conference travel costs be scaled down for smaller institutions, the details to be left for the Central Committee and Treasurer. The chair reminded the meeting that a resolution to that effect had been dealt with earlier. The Treasurer felt that the meeting should state its opinion since the travel pool was created by the constitution.

MOTION: Saskatchewan/U.B.C.
That NUS/UNE endorse a policy of decreasing conference costs for associations showing a definite economic need for such benefits.

Regina asked if it was time to return to the western caucus motion on this subject that had been referred to the Central Committee. (See p. 21) The chair ruled that the Capilano/U.B.C. motion would stand and called a vote on endorsement of it.

CARRIED

The Treasurer referred delegates to recommendation 3 of his report regarding fees for institutions joining in 1975-76. He explained that initial year fees are prorated by the number of months that an association is in NUS/UNE. Present policy is to pay prorated fees as soon as an association is a member, but the Treasurer felt that prorating of \$1.00 was too much. Waterloo asked whether they could join at once if they held a referendum after delivering the \$4,000.00 pledge. The Treasurer said that although literally the fees would be over and above the pledge money, it was probable that the Central Committee would use its discretion to take the pledge into account and apply it to the first year's fees. Waterloo was thinking of the sales ramifications to a Council of such a policy. The chair ruled that there was no connection between grant giving and membership in NUS/UNE. Rather, it was a future decision for the Central Committee. It was suggested that the Central Committee could consider this at its next meeting so its decision could have an effect on money raising.

MOTION: Lethbridge/Carleton
That associations joining NUS/UNE pay a prorated fee of 30 cents/Student per year, until they can levy fees to pay the \$1.00/Student fee. This prorated fee may be levied for no more than 12 months.

The Treasurer stressed that it was important for people to see the motion as not a heavy and unreasonable burden. He felt that it was not. It was a method for an association to live up to its obligations as a member from the beginning. The vote was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The Treasurer remarked that fee assessment in the trimester system was complicated. In a regular 8 month year a student pays \$1.00 yet in a trimester the same student pays 68 cents. It was a bit unfair since in the trimester system students usually take one semester a year off, and pay the 68 cents per year. There was also the dollars per degree analysis. Simon Fraser read a motion passed at their annual general meeting that had approved a fee per semester of 34 cents full-time and 17 cents part-time. The Simon Fraser executive had declared that it could not follow the Treasurer's recommendation, that the annual general meeting motion was the way they wanted. The executive had mentioned that October 1974 motion establishing "\$1.00 per year and felt that the present recommendation was arbitrary. Waterloo explained that for its members on a trimester system one half of the fee was collected per semester, as the Treasurer was recommending for NUS/UNE fees. Memorial, another trimester

institution, asked what the situation would be with its summer school members who pay a lower fee than the regular full-time students attending summer semester. The Treasurer explained that these summer school members would pay under the established proration system for summer school and part-time members. He felt that it came down to what is the "year" in "\$1.00 per year". The chair ruled that the motion would have to be approved by mail vote if it passed at the meeting.

MOTION: Toronto (SAC)/Saskatchewan

That Student Unions operating on a trimester system levy one half the full year's fee per trimester;

That unions levying a summer student fee, and not operating on a trimester academic system, pay a NUS/UNE prorated fee as follows:

$\frac{\text{Summer Student Union Fee}}{\text{Regular Student Union Fee (Full Year)}} \times \text{Full Time NUS/UNE fee}$

or:

$\frac{\text{Summer Student Union Fee}}{\text{Regular Student Union Fee (Semester)}} \times \frac{1}{2} (\text{Full Time NUS/UNE fee})$

There was some question as to whether a two thirds majority was required and if the motion must or should go to a mail vote. All agreed that it should be a mail vote regardless. It would simply be a majority vote, the chair ruled. The Treasurer explained again to Memorial what a trimester association pays under the motion. The vote was called.

CARRIED

The Treasurer referred to the unpaid fees of BCIT, Okanagan and Columbia. There had been no communication from them. The Treasurer asked for a decision to be made, pointing out that one could write off the income and do nothing. U.B.C. suggested that the responsibility might be delegated to them, with action to be postponed until U.B.C. can report to the Treasurer. The Treasurer suggested that if people say that they do not like NUS/UNE and therefore will not pay, they are bound to pay under the constitution even if they withdraw subsequently. U.B.C. agreed to mention this. The Treasurer added that one could take court actions as the final action, but this was very nasty. Doyle Brown asked if writing off these fees would change the NUS/UNE financial status. The Treasurer replied that it would not.

Doyle Brown asked if the same procedure would be followed with St. Mary's or did the Central Committee have the right to negotiate with them. The Treasurer reported that St. Mary's stated intent was not to pay in the next year. Moe Proulx said that it would require a two thirds majority acting on the Central Committee's recommendation to remove St. Mary's. Dan O'Connor pointed out that they could be given the option of a promissory note, since St. Mary's felt that it did not have the money regardless of its wishes.

MOTION: Saskatchewan/Toronto (SAC)

That the Central Committee be asked to tell St. Mary's that if by July 15 a promissory note is not received action will be taken to remove them.

U.B.C. remarked that July 15 was a little early since summer is a poor time for a union to act, there being no full Council. A strong decision by St. Mary's was therefore impossible. The Treasurer suggested September 1, since NUS/UNE had already waited two years. U.B.C. asked if October 1 would be preferable. Toronto (SAC) wondered if October 1 would create notice of motion problems for the next meeting. Saskatchewan argued that St. Mary's had taken up a great deal of time, that if they

are members they should take the responsibilities. Dan O'Connor felt that St. Mary's problem was that NUS/UNE information never went from the last two presidents there to the Council and students. He advised that the new Council should have time to learn about the organization and fee problem. The mover and seconder agreed to an

AMENDMENT: To substitute "October 1" for "July 15".

The vote was called on the motion as amended.

CARRIED

Saskatchewan/Lakehead

MOTION: That the appointment of an auditor be made through a Treasurer's recommendation to the Central Committee, which in turn will report back to the members.

Dalhousie asked if a firm of auditors should be consulted before October 1. The Treasurer advised that if the organization is alive on July 5 there will be a financial administration session in July to establish the accounting system and internal controls. Regina stated that although appointment of auditors was a formality, the May meeting was the proper time for the appointment and that practice should begin by the next annual meeting. Saskatchewan inquired if a motion was necessary to authorize the professional financial session, and the Treasurer answered that it was not necessary. The vote was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The Treasurer then presented his proposed 1975-76 budget. It was explained that St. Thomas More's fees are included in the Saskatchewan figure. Discussion of the budget centred on ways of cutting expenditure so that there would be little or no deficit. Expenditures were reduced by \$15,540.00 from the original recommendation. Member associations felt that the cost of Central Committee travel could be reduced either through fewer meetings or through meeting only in central Ontario or Manitoba. Most large expenditures were questioned but no more reductions seemed feasible.

MOTION: Dalhousie/Saskatchewan

That the 1975-76 budget as revised in the preceding discussions be accepted.

CARRIED

34. Co-operation between Student Organizations

It was reported that the workshop had opened with a delineation of the structure and history of the organizations involved by representatives of those organizations (BCSF, OFS/FEO, AFS/FAE, ANEQ, CUP). A brief discussion followed of the need for co-operation between all groups in research, lobbying and fieldwork.

The workshop then discussed specific relationships between organizations, starting with the relationship between NUS/UNE and CUP. It was noted by a representative of CUP that an independent press beyond the control of other student organizations is both healthy and necessary. However, all organizations can work together for their common goals. The press can be useful for providing information to student unions and for advice on matters relating to media coverage.

A paper by the CUP western fieldworker on "A National Information Bank and Research Program" was distributed and briefly referred to. It was recognized that the recommendations were too expansive to be dealt with at present and the matter was referred to the Central Committee.

NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS / UNION NATIONALE DES ETUDIANTS

1975-76 BUDGET

(As approved at the Third Annual General Meeting)

FEES**

Simon Fraser University	\$ 2,000.00
University of British Columbia	6,000.00
British Columbia Institute of Technology	1,000.00
Capilano College	3,000.00 *
University of Lethbridge	380.00
University of Saskatchewan	2,820.00
University of Regina	1,035.00
Lakehead University	2,600.00 *
Carleton University	10,400.00 *
University of Toronto (G.S.U.)	6,000.00
University of Toronto (S.A.C.)	8,000.00
Brock University	750.00
York University	2,000.00
Glendon College	350.00
Dalhousie University	6,300.00 *
University of King's College	100.00
Columbia College	33.00
Okanagan College	<u>132.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME FROM FEES	\$54,900.00

* Indicates fees paid at \$1.00 per student

** Fees from St. Mary's University have not been included because their continued membership depends upon resolution of their debt to NUS/UNE.

EXPENDITURES

Central Office:

Staff - 3 x \$8040 *	24,120.00	
Rent	2,000.00	
Duplicating	1,000.00	
Phone & Telex	3,000.00	
Postage	1,000.00	
Travel	2,000.00	
Capital Expenditures	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	
		\$36,120.00

Treasury:

Book keeper	1,000.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	1,000.00	
		2,000.00

Central Committee:

Travel and Expense	9,000.00	9,000.00
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Other:

Professional Fees	500.00	
Loan Repayment (12 x \$100)	1,200.00	
Conference Deficits	1,000.00	
		<u>2,700.00</u>

TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	\$49,820.00
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Contingency	<u>5,000.00</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$54,820.00
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Projected fee revenue	<u>\$52,900.00</u>
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<u>PROJECTED DEFICIT FOR 1975-76</u>	<u>\$ 1,920.00</u>
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* STAFF COSTS - DETAILS

Basic Salary	\$150/week x 52 weeks	\$7800.00
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Benefits:	U I C	
	C P P	
	Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan (OHIP)	
	Extended Health Care	
	Denticare	

\$20.00/month x 12 months	<u>240.00</u>
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TOTAL COST PER EMPLOYEE PER YEAR	\$8040.00
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MOTION: Regina/Toronto (SAC)
That the Central Committee meet with the executive of CUP to discuss the implementation of an information and research programme, particularly considering the "National Information Bank and Research Program" paper.

Regina pointed out that no money and little effort was required, so delegates should be acting on the programme when they return to local campuses. U.B.C. agreed. The vote was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Further discussion in the workshop looked at the relationships between regional and provincial organizations and NUS/UNE itself. It was recognized that such co-operation was extremely important, but that it had been neglected in the past. In addition, the problem of the relationship between provincial and regional student organizations and NUS/UNE provincial caucuses was noted. It was decided that because of variation from province to province, this particular problem should be discussed at the regional level.

Then there was a discussion of possible co-operation between NUS/UNE and ANEQ. It was noted that ANEQ is a very young organization (3 months) and is not yet in a position to forge a formal alliance. It was felt, however, that ultimately such co-operation was both desirable and possible.

MOTION: Brock/Simon Fraser
That NUS/UNE create a co-ordinating committee and invite the BCSF, western student unions, OFS/FEO, AFS/FAE and ANEQ to nominate one member each; that the Central Committee choose 2 NUS/UNE representatives; that the committee explore and recommend co-ordination of the strategy, resources, relations and structures of the organizations.

Toronto (SAC) stated that there was no travel allowance for this committee to meet. Dan O'Connor said that the workshop had considered this, feeling that the committee would simply have to catch extra effort and time, plus practising several economies of operation. Alberta agreed with the committee proposal, and felt that its task was very important. Pierre Ouellette spoke of the work already begun to co-operate with CUP, and of the unprecedented growth of organizations in the past year. He urged that we must not duplicate efforts with students' limited resources. Memorial stated that they had been hoping for something like this since it would also be the first opportunity for the regional organizations to work with each other. U.B.C. explained the idea of the committee meeting in Fredericton for a few days before the October general meeting. Sherbrooke felt that the motion was very important since Québec students should know what is happening elsewhere. ANEQ will feel that it is a step forward. The vote was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Dalhousie assigned its proxy to Saskatchewan and left the meeting.

35. Conference Expenses

MOTION: Toronto (SAC)/Lakehead
That the national office forward a financial statement of receipts and expenses arising out of the Glendon Conference May 1-5, 1975, to all observers present and all member associations within 30 days of the end of the conference.

Toronto (SAC) explained that the motion was intended to be a start on getting the finances clear and having everyone see what happens. The Treasurer felt that the motion was good if people send bills and pay bills on time. Otherwise there would be no useful information in 30 days. The vote was called.

CARRIED

36. Recognition Recommendations

MOTION: Brock/Carleton
Be it resolved that the National Union of Students / Union Nationale des Etudiants officially recognize the Atlantic Federation of Students / Fédération Atlantique des Etudiants as per Article 10.1 of our constitution.

CARRIED

MOTION: Brock/Toronto (SAC)
Be it resolved that the National Union of Students / Union Nationale des Etudiants officially recognize the British Columbia Students' Federation as per Article 10.1 of our constitution.

CARRIED

37. Dawn Hassett

MOTION: Carleton/Brock
That the conference send a telegram of good wishes to Dawn Hassett, the 1974-75 Ontario representative until her resignation due to ill health.

CARRIED

38. NUS/UNE Finances

The Treasurer stated the the total pledged by those present was low. It meant that people must get everything that they pledged. Memorial wished to make it clear that the Atlantic pledge was guaranteed by Dalhousie and Memorial, not by AFS.

There was a consensus that the motion recommended by the Treasurer (See p. 13) was on the floor.

Saskatchewan wondered what would be the result if only 75% came in, not 80%. The Treasurer replied that if something was said about that now, the process could continue until one got to 2%. At some point the Treasurer sees what has happened and makes a recommendation to the Central Committee. However, the crucial point is the \$30,000.00. It will be a difficult decision to recommend to the Central Committee if it is \$20,000.00 or \$28,000.00 and someone has promised to get a little extra. One could say that we can make it, but that has been said for three years. "I am not willing to be Treasurer if NUS/UNE is not going to be financially solvent." The money raising is essential if there is to be a national union of students.

Carleton declared that it depended on how the people at the meeting go out and raise the money and work with their Central Committee rep. WE have to raise the money. Alberta was concerned with the consequences of NUS/UNE going bankrupt while it held the promissory notes. The Treasurer replied that due to the way the note will be worded, it is not NUS/UNE property unless there is 80% on July 5. CUP felt that it was unwise to have an automatic self-destruct clause in any resolution. The Central Committee might not have the discretion to determine if the conditions are met. It would depend on the attitude of each Council to its contract. Councils

could demand the dissolution of the organization. It was unwise to put this potential power in the hands of an individual council. Everyone realized the urgency, so avoid rigid deadlines since they are dangerous. The Treasurer replied that NUS/UNE was already financially insolvent, but simply was not admitting it. Dan O'Connor felt that there were enough loopholes between the time a council became upset and the time it could do something that nothing would ever be done. There was no way that an individual council could have NUS/UNE declared bankrupt on the basis of a contract, and a general meeting would be necessary to wind up the organization. CUP repeated that the value of specific dates was marginal and that they were very dangerous as liable to being misunderstood. Regina was also concerned with the phrase "considered financially insolvent" and wished to have it deleted.

AMENDMENT: Carleton/U.B.C.

To add "4) That the above not be considered a statement of present or future bankruptcy and that in order to declare bankruptcy the NUS/UNE must call a general meeting."

Saskatchewan opposed the amendment because unless people realized the effect on the operation if the money did not come in - that NUS/UNE would never create a reserve, never get anything done. The Treasurer explained that bankruptcy meant the end of the organization; insolvency meant the organization would cease most operations and wait to see what happened. He supported the amendment. Toronto (SAC) was not sure that the amendment clarified the motion. The wide variety of alternatives should the conditions not be met was confusing things. The amendment watered down the motion. The chair remarked that with or without the amendment there would be insolvency and a return of all the money should the conditions not be met. Carleton said that the amendment was only to prevent a forced bankruptcy, that it would still be the end of operations if the money did not come in. Brock supported the amendment. The vote was called on the amendment.

CARRIED

Saskatchewan asked how the organization was going to operate up to July 5. The Treasurer explained that the expected payment of back fees and a \$2500 loan from Toronto (SAC) that has not yet been received would provide enough funds to scrape through until July 5, although it would not be easy. The organization was really shot if the money did not come in by July 5. Dan O'Connor felt that discussion had over-concentrated on part 3). The important thing was to get the money, and 3's only purpose was to insure for local councils that they were not giving money to a collapsing organization. The two parties could change their contract in any case. Common sense should be used. The chair invited members to close the debate. Myron Tlachko reminded people of past failures to deliver on pledges. Alberta asked for a straw vote. Both votes were held.

CARRIED

The Treasurer felt that there was need to talk about the strategy for money raising although people seemed willing to leave this matter with the Central Committee. The chair stated that there was agreement to leave the details of implementation with the Central Committee and to co-ordinate the effort through the Ottawa office.

39. NUS the Future

MOTION: U.B.C./Glendon

That at each NUS/UNE conference a workshop on the internal operations of

student unions be scheduled.

Glendon supported the motion because they have seen new Councils coming to their first conference, a NUS/UNE one, with a lack of work from the past. This motion guarantees that at the beginning of each conference people learn about the kind of organization that has fallen on them at the conference, and this kind of workshop would often produce better discussion and workshops.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Regina/Lakehead
That the meeting adjourn at 9:00 pm

CARRIED

It was agreed that regarding priorities the western caucus motion tabled earlier (See page 26) would be discussed.

Waterloo would like to see other issues discussed by the Central Committee, perhaps through a third priority, or the addition of other areas. This was with particular reference to immigration, where action might be needed soon to affect legislation.

AMENDMENT: Carleton
That immigration be added as a third priority.

FAILED (lack of seconder)

U.B.C. urged that all other issues raised for priorities be a third group and that the Central Committee establish priorities among them in view of the resources available at any one time.

AMENDMENT: Carleton/Brock
To add "number three (3) housing, unemployment and foreign students - at the discretion of the Central Committee."

Glendon felt that they opposed this because in effect it was not setting priorities. It was important to plan for future trends and to not tie oneself to a prioritization. Student aid could be dead in October, which would force second shift onto the other issues. Pierre Ouellette felt that in the debate people's minds might not be working. Such motions only gave the Central Committee official direction. If there was no official policy the Central Committee cannot legally act. He agreed in part with Glendon but the amendment solves the problems. Memorial felt that financing of post-secondary education was an important issue as tuition would soon be increasing throughout the nation. An amendment was necessary to tie this in with student aid. Dan O'Connor felt that the third category would include almost everything. Common sense would dictate that as issues became important NUS/UNE will devote more time to them. This alone takes care of most such concerns, although it is also nice to have everything mentioned in a priorities motion. The vote was called on the amendment.

CARRIED

The vote was called on the motion.

CARRIED

MOTION: York/Regina
WHEREAS in the NUS/UNE constitution it is stated that the Canadian Student has the right to improve herself as a social being and contribute to the

development of society by "expanding knowledge through research and the objective analysis of existing hypothesis and ideas and the formulation of others", and "engaging in fundamental action, as an individual or in a group to confront society with discoveries and to promote consequent actions to bring reforms into practice."

BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Committee and the NUS/UNE staff carry out research together with other like-minded student organizations (CUP, OFS, BCSF, ANEQ) regarding the content of university education and the role of the university in Canadian society. The areas this research will include will be:

- A) Academic disciplines
 - B) Structures - decision-making bodies and organizations
 - B) The purpose of the university
 - D) The role of each major estate within the university
 - E) A general outlook and direction containing critical analysis and suggestions for amelioration of problems raised.
- That this be regarded as an ongoing priority for NUS/UNE because of the danger of stressing structural and economic issues at the expense of examining the political content of education.

Saskatchewan felt that the motion served to summarize much of the conference's work. Regina stated that we cannot take the structure of post-secondary institutions as a given. Vancouver City College felt that "university" should be replaced by "post-secondary institutions". The mover and seconder agreed to an

AMENDMENT: That "university" be replaced with "post-secondary" and "post-secondary educational institutions".

The motion as amended was put to a vote.

CARRIED

MOTION: Glendon/York

That the next meeting of NUS/UNE have as a priority consideration the entire concept of free labour in post-secondary institutions.

Pierre Ouellette wished to have it clear that this would not be the whole focus of the next meeting. Glendon agreed that it would only be one or several workshops. Waterloo mentioned that OFS was now researching this so there would be background information. The vote was called on the motion.

CARRIED

MOTION: Saskatchewan/Lethbridge

WHEREAS all attempts at obtaining true student parity on government and administrative decision making bodies has been consistently hampered by the fact that, whatever documents the government or administration chooses to keep 'confidential' it can, and that important documents have consistently been kept out of the hands of students as a result, and

WHEREAS any documentation for good presentation of the NUS/UNE case hinges upon the access to such information, and

WHEREAS this suppression of information hampers the media, and

WHEREAS free access to such information is an obvious right of any citizen in a free country,

BE IT RESOLVED that NUS/UNE should make a concentrated effort to change the laws governing this matter and bring this matter forward as a major issue of its campaign for student rights.

Alberta felt that confidentiality was something inherent in government, and that there were no resources for a concentrated effort on it. York asked what the difference was between parity and true student parity. Saskatchewan said that it was equality of all groups represented - 50/50, 33/33/33, etc. BCSF said that the wording might not be perfect but that a concerted effort realizes the lack of resources, although a media campaign is possible. Pierre Ouellette said that many other groups were lobbying on this issue, that NUS/UNE endorsement and some work could help. The move in this direction was good, since the documents were needed for adequate research. OFS said that the meeting should certainly look at the motion but there were no resources for a campaign such as the one on student aid. A good act had been passed in the United States opening college and university records to the individuals concerned. It is a timely issue. Saskatchewan said that this was not a priority but simply an extensive media campaign at the local level mainly. Little research was required. The vote was called on the motion.

CARRIED

40. Adjournment

MOTION: Saskatchewan
That the meeting thank the chairperson for his diligence and patience in chairing our plenaries.

CARRIED

Several announcements were made. Glendon, the translators, the delegates and all who participated in organizing the meeting were thanked for their contribution.

The chair declared the meeting adjourned.