# Constitution and Policy Committee Report to Closing Plenary November 1991

#### Members of the Committee

Name:	Member Local:	Representing:		
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Louise Carrière	Information Coordinator	Resource		
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In the course of human events and history, it becomes evident that it is necessary for us to outline those By-laws and other constitutional stuff that form the boundaries of our policy. This is one of those times.

It is with an attitude of sober thought (except for MAX mugs) and guidance that we forward the following; pursuant to our directive.

C & P recommends that our successors look into the differences of the 'Definitions' section of the CFS and CFS-S Constitutions.

# Motions Arising From Inconsistencies in the CFS and CFS-E Constitutions

C&P. 01 BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law I - Membership, Section 1, General Description be amended to read:

Students, or individual members, are represented through the local student association to which they belong which in turn, are members of the Federation.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law I - Membership, Section 2(A), General Description be amended to read:

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BESIT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law I -Membership, Section 2(B)(i) be amended to read:

A local student association is eligible to apply for prospective membership in the Federation if (1) it has not been a full member or a prospective member of the Federation within the two years preceding such application, and (2) it has passed a motion of its students' council to apply for prospective membership in the Federation and its applicable provincial component.

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law I: Membership, Section 2(B)(i) be amended to read:

A local student association is eligible to apply for prospective membership in the Federation if (1) it has not been a full or a prospective member of the Federation within the two years preceding such application, and (2) it has passed a motion of its students council motion to apply for prospective membership in the Federation and its applicable provincial components.

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law I -Membership, Section 3(A)(i) be amended to read:

Only individual members of the Federation (only) have the right to make final decisions through referendum on all questions of withdrawal from full membership in the Federation, or of increase in full membership fees currently being paid by them.

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BEATT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law I -Membership, Section 3(C)(vi) be amended to read:

member local association will communicate and work cooperatively with Federation staff and members of the National Executive Committee. 1.6

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services

By-Law I - Membership, Section 4(B) be amended to read:

Within 90 days of the receipt by the National Executive Officer of a written application...

C&P.08

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law I - Membership, Section 5(D)(iii) be amended to read:

the four selected committee members candidates shall then agree by a majority vote, on a neutral chair who shall be the fifth member of the committee;

C&P.09

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law I - Membership, Section 5(D)(iii) be amended to read: \*

the four selected committee members candidates shall then agree by a majority vote, on a chair who shall be the fifth member of the committee;

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law I - Membership, Section 5(D)(iv) be amended to read:

all five members of the appeals committee must have attended at least one previous national general meeting

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law I - Membership, Section 5(E) be amended to read:

The appeals committee shall receive ...

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BY-LAW SAMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law III - Policy of the Federation, Section 1(B) be amended to read:

A policy proposal that is received by the National Executive Director later than...

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law III - Policy of the Federation, Section 2(E) be amended to read:

The quorum for a vote by mail is at least one-half of the voting members of the Federation.

C&P.14 BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law III - Policy of the Federation, Section 2(F) be amended to read:

The voting members of the Federation may, by a two-thirds vote, pass adopt policy provided that Sections 2 (A) through (E) met.

C&P.15 BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law III - Policy of the Federation, Section 3(A) be amended to read:

All Federation policy statements will be compiled in a policy manual. The manual will be updated after each General Meeting.

C&P.16 BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law III - Policy of the Federation, Section 4 be replaced with the following:

A: The Federation recognizes the authority of each provincial component to establish student policy on matters affecting only its province. The Federation will not establish policy which lies only within those areas unless requested by the Provincial Component.

CSP. 17 BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law IV - Standing Resolutions of the Federation, Section 1 be replaced with the following:

Standing Resolutions may be enacted, amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote at a general meeting.

C&P.18 BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law XI - Finances, Section 2 (A) be amended to read:

All cheques, bills of exchange, or other notes for the payment of

money issued in the name of the Federation must be signed by the Chairperson, the Treasurer and/or such officers or agents of the Federation and in such manner as will from time to time be determined by the National Executive.

C&P.19

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law XII - Finances, Section 2 (A) be amended to read:

All cheques, bills of exchange, or other notes for the payment of money issued in the name of the Federation must be signed by the Chairperson, the Treasurer and/or such officers or agents of the Federation and in such manner as will from time to time be determined by the National Executive.

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law XIV -Head Office, Section 1 be amended to read:

The Head Office of the Federation will be in the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, and at such location in that city as may be determined from time to time by the National Executive.

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED TERT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law XV -Head Office, Section 1 be amended to read:

The Head Office of the Federation will be in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, and at such location in that city as may be determined from time to time by the National Executive.

C&P.22

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law XVI -Amendment of Constitution and By-Laws, Section 1 be replaced with the following:

A. The Constitution and By-laws of the Federation may only be repealed or amended by the vote of at least two-thirds of the voting members present at a General Meeting.

C&P.23

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED TEAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law XVII -Amendment of Constitution and By-Laws, Section 2(A) be

#### amended to read:

Notice of the substance of an amendment to this Constitution and By-laws must be received by the National Executive Director or her delegate at least six weeks...

# Motions arising that Clarify Wording in the CFS and CFS-S Constitutions

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students By-Law I - Membership, Section 4(D) be amended to read:

The ratification of a full or prospective membership will not take effect until such the membership application has also been ratified by the all other Federal Provincial Components in which the local student association is eligible for membership.

C&P.25

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law I - Membership, Section 4(D) be amended to read:

The ratification of a full or prospective membership will not take effect until such membership application has also been ratified by the all Federal Provincial Components in which the local student association is eligible for membership.

C&P.26

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law II - General Meetings, Section 5(B) be amended to read:

As nearly as possible, the locations of the Annual General Meetings must rotate among the provinces so that one of any ten consecutive Annual General Meetings will be held in each province.

#### Motions arising from C & P

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law VII - Executive Director be amended by adding the following:

C. This by-law shall be numerically listed last.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law XII - Finances, Section 1(A) be amended to read:

The Fiscal year of the Federation will end on June 30th the last day of June each year, or such other day as the National Executive shall by resolution determine.

C&P.29

STANDING RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Standing Resolution # 1, Section 2 be amended to read:

The following groups shall have the right to elect one voting member to each Standing Committee: each provincial caucus/component, constituency group, and caucus constituted under the provisions of their respective By-laws VII and IX.

C&P.30

DIRECTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Executive be directed to examine Canadian Federation of Students By-Law XIII and Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law XIV in order to resolve the differences between them.

C&P.31

DIRECTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Executive be directed to examine Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law I, Section 4 (D) to rule on the necessity for ratification of Federation member associations by provincial components.

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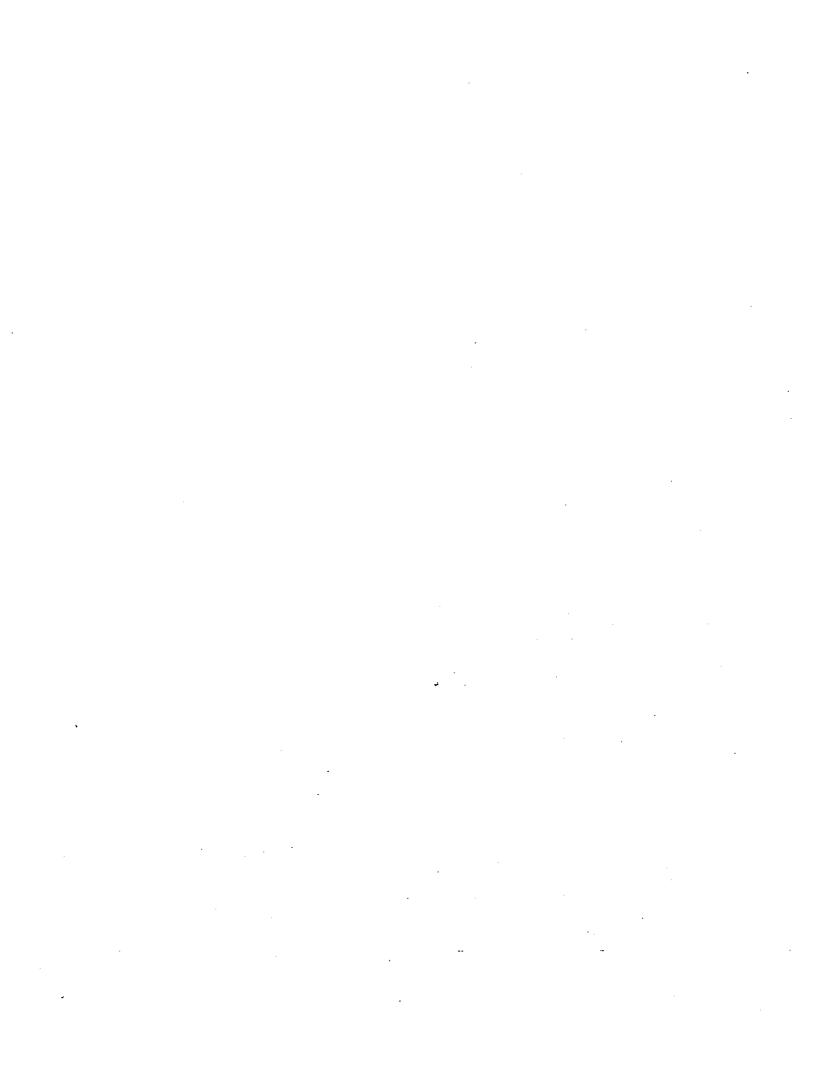
DIRECTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Executive be directed to examine Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students - Services By-Law II, Section 1 (A) and Section 2 (A) in view of the changes regarding the timing of the Fiscal years.

C&P.33

DIRECTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Executive be directed to examine the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students - Services Constitutions in respect to the inclusion/exclusion of abstentions in a two-thirds vote.



# Membership Development and Communications Committee

#### MEMBERS:

Rodger Travale Marcella Munro Mandeep Shergill Jennifer Shane Ken Stauffer Victor Boudreeau Gareth Park Jerri Price York Margaret Mizuik Christian Marchant Mount Royal C. Anne Vandevelde Michelle Brazil

Jocelyn Charron Sandeep Dhir

Malaspina Carleton S.A. Devrv Acadia U. Trent S.U. U.de Moncton Trent S.U. North Isle. S.A.

Guelph U. Nfld./Lab. F.W. Communications

Christine Steadman Northern Ont. F.W. Resource

Alberta Sandeep Dhir Alberta
E. Mark Lockwood New Brunswick

B.C. Ontario Alberta Nova Scotia

L.G.B.

Francophone Small Institutes International Large Inst. Colleges

Women's Caucus

Resource Resource

National Executive National Executive

#### MOTIONS:

91.11.N1 STUDENT UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA / COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

POLICY

Whereas many letters of support or condemnation for particular issues or events do not get sent because of the difficulties in locating addresses;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Federation Operation Policies - General Meetings -

"Directives encouraging member locals to write a letter shall include the address where the letter is to be sent". COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

MOUNT ROYAL SA / 91.11.N10

POLICY .

Whereas accountability is the cornerstone of a representative, grassroots student movement;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT after every general meeting, the Federation shall send the minutes of the meeting to all student run campus media outlets at member schools.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS DEFEAT

DALHOUSIE SU / 91.11.N34 MOUNT SAINT VINCENT SU DIRECTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation encourage member associations be encouraged to diversify and expand the level of involvement of

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their membership, especially Federation-recognized constituencies and non-traditional students, in the local organizational work of the Federation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS DEFEAT

91.11.N35 DALHOUSIE SU / MOUNT SAINT VINCENT

DIRECTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT National Executive representatives and member associations be encouraged to conduct round table discussions with their local constituency groups, councillors, interest groups and interested individuals to more effectively determine how the Federation and each member association can serve their concerns and needs.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

91.05.142 GUELPH CSA / MEMORIAL CSU

POLICY

WHEREAS there is a need for members to have more general information on the Federation, and; WHEREAS fall orientation is the most opportune time to inform new

mechanisms that facilitate the registration of students as voters for Federal elections;

The Federation encourages member associations to find out the positions of candidates running for Federal election on issues specifically relating to education;

The Federation encourages member associations to publish the policy positions of candidates."

MD.03 ACADIA SU / GUELPH CSA

DIRECTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Executive prepare and submit a strategy paper on the next Federal election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the strategy paper should to be discussed at the first General Meeting of 1992 1991 by the Membership Development committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this paper include, but not be limited to:

- i) the feasibility of a television and/or radio campaign;
- ii) issues to focus on during the campaign;
- iii) a breakdown of the role we can/should play with coalitions.

MD.04 MONCTON CU / NORTH ISLE SA

DIRECTIVE

Whereas the Federation often has difficulty receiving feedback on past campaigns,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members be encouraged to send brief reports and/or reactions to the N.E. after the campaigns are over,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this report include, but is not be limited to:

- i) any campaign material member associations locals may have created;
- ii) press clippings on or around the campaigns from local/campus
  media;
- iii) a brief summary of the campaign.

MD.05 MONCTON CU / GUELPH CSA

DIRECTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the federation take the necessary steps to encourage media coverage during the Federation's General Meetings and, more precisely, during the opening and closing plenaries.

# PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 1991 GENERAL MEETING

Attendance:

Yves Lacroix

Purvi Rajani

Leslie Fraser
Jean-Paul Faubert
Tobie Myers
Catherine Carelton
Vaughan Benson
Debbie Cudmore
Terri MacMillan

Colleen Farrell Cassandra Koenen Renae Agrey Michelle Hughes

Jacquie Best

Marja George

Staff:

Chris Gibbs

Mike Perry

Hugh Leighton

David Jones

Robert Simond

Ann Klug

Nathalie Guay

National Executive:

Allison Lewis

Guests:

Nicolas Plourde

Martin Beaulieu

Universite d'Ottawa Students

Federation

University of New Brunswick Graduate

Students Association Trent Student Union

Simon Fraser Student Society
Simon Fraser Student Society
Lethbridge Community College
Marine Institute Student Union
Holland College Student Union

Laurentian Graduate Student

Association

Camosun College Student Society Lakehead University Student Union

Saint Thomas Student Union

York University Federation of

Students

University of Victoria Student

Society

ASCG (Aboriginal Students)

Canadian Federation of Students-

Services

Travel Cuts

Canadian Federation of Students-

Services

Travel Cuts

National Deputy Chairperson -Canadian

Federation of Students(-Services)

Fédération étudiantes universitaires

du Québec (FEUQ)

Mouvement des étudiantes et étudiants

du Québec (MEEQ)

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There were no motions referred to the Programmes Committee from opening plenary. The committee discussed a proposal to expand the Federation Studentsaver programme into the Quebec market by exchanging retail discounts with those offered by FEUQ through their discount programme. This would enable students to use the FEUQ Passeport Etudiante card at Studentsaver outlets and viceversa. The Programmes Committee referred the issue to the Organizational Development committee to discuss the bigger issues involved in working with one of the two student movements within Quebec. The Organizational Development committee did not have a chance to discuss this.

The committee expressed its appreciation for the initiative on behalf of the Canadian Programming Service (CPS) Coordinator to incorporate the Federation's "De-celebration" of Columbus Day into the roster of speakers from CPS by creating a poster advertising speakers who could speak on Aboriginal Issues.

Due to time constraints the committee did not have a chance to discuss or review much of what was on the agenda but we did what we could.

PRG.1 Simon Fraser SS/Holland College SU

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Federation Operation Policies - Programs - Student Work Abroad Program":

"The Federation supports in principle the idea of the proposed Inter-Provincial Work Exchange programme (domestic SWAP)."

PRG.2 Marine SU/Saint Thomas SU

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation adopt the following policy under the new heading "Federation Operation Policies - Publications": "The Federation supports in principle the idea of the proposed 'Budget Youth Guide to Canada'."

PRG.3 Holland College SU/Lethbridge SA

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation adopt the following policy under the new heading "Federation Operation Policies - Travel CUTS": "The Federation supports in principle the idea of the proposed Native Travel Agency."

PRG.4 Simon Fraser SS /

DIRECTIVE

Whereas the implantation of the Inter-Provincial Work Exchange Programme, 'The Budget Youth Guide to Canada' require government funding,

Whereas such government funding may create lobbying problems for the Federation,

Whereas these potential problems need to be fully discussed before a final decision on application for government funding is made,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT development of these programmes proceed in consultation with the Ottawa office and be presented to the National Executive for approval prior to implementation of the programmes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the National Executive discuss any potential conflict with contradiction between the Federation's lobby work and as a recipient of government funding for special programmes and/or projects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this report be presented to the membership at the May 1992 1991 general meeting.

# PRG.5 Holland College SU/Marine SU

DIRECTIVE

Whereas the sticker format of displaying the Federation's Studentsaver discount is inconsistent, and

Whereas the sticker format has proven difficult to administer and distribute on some member campuses,

Whereas the Studentsaver was developed to be a Federation membership card,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation Studentsaver discount logo be made available in only one format;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this be in the format of a Federation membership/Studentsaver card;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT members who have been combining the Federation membership/Studentsaver card with their local student union card be encouraged to continue.

#### PRG.6 Camosun SS/Marine SU

DIRECTIVE

Whereas there have been many problems with advertising in the Studentsaver kits in the past regarding soliciting ads from companies and products on boycott lists;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT members be encouraged to submit updated lists of companies and products that are being boycotted and the reasons why they are being boycotted, to the Toronto office to provide clear direction for the Studentsaver kits.

## PRG.7 Simon Fraser SS/Marine SU

DIRECTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT any government ads to be published in Federation and/or Travel Cuts programme materials or promotions be approved by the National Deputy Chairperson and/or the National Executive.

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Whereas it has recently been announced that the rates for on-line time use of the CFS Net will increase and possibly double; Whereas the CFS Net is still not available in its current format for MacIntosh users; and Whereas considerable investment must be made in the release of French language software;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current access software be offered to Federation francophone members free of cost until a new programme can be put into place;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the National Executive investigate a new form of electronic mail service/communication network which would accommodate the needs of all Federation members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the National Executive recommend which system the Federation should implement.

PRG.9 Simon Fraser SS/Trent SU

DIRECTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Executive investigate a system of equalizing the costs involved with speakers travel and expenses that would enable all Federation members to access the speakers at similar or equal costs.



# 1. THE CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES TRAVEL SERVICE

The Canadian Universities Travel Service(Travel Cuts/Voyages campus) is wholly owned by the Canadian Federation of Students which is a non-profit organization. Incorporated in 1974, the company is widely known as Canada, s national student travel bureau and has a long and highly successful record of providing excellent reliable services to the education community. It has 34 fully appointed travel agency offices in Canada with the latest reservation and accounting computer equipment. The Canadian Universities Travel Service has the absolute policy that the interest of the client is foremost.

With 1990 annual sales to more than 150,000 student/youth clients, the Canadian Universities Travel Service has become one of the largest travel companies in the country.

### 2. SIMILAR PROGRAMME

The Inter-Provincial Work Exchange Programme would operate along somewhat similar lines of our present Student Work Abroad Programme(SWAP). Since 1975 over 15,000 Canadian students have worked in such countries as France, Ireland, Britain, Finland, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the United States. Similar numbers of foreign youths have also enjoyed short term work experience in Canada. The SWAP concept of a "working holiday" allows Canadian students and youth to combine employment with time to explore the host country. Through close work contact with local people, there is far greater opportunity to learn about their lives and culture. After initial seed funding from External Affairs this programme quickly became a user-pay programme without financial support from governments.

#### 3. PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

We believe that this programme would necessitate setting-up five regional offices across the country. These offices would contact interested Canadian employers to obtain a listing of suitable summer jobs. This would allow our five regional secretariats to match students with jobs and provide a high level of regional control and credibility required by both the students/youth and the prospective employers. The recruitment of the prospective participants would be a most straight forward task for us as our organization offers a number of services on campus and has 34 offices from Victoria to St. John's, Newfoundland. Selection criteria can be quickly established and allocations of participant space by province can be set up in short order. Though such allocations should be based on

provincial population, they could be sufficiently flexible to be skewed in favour of specific target provinces should this be a priority.

All of our 34 offices would act as registration and information offices. They would assist the visiting young worker in finding low cost accommodation, restaurants and local activities in the host community. They would also help them in case of home sickness or emergency.

It should be understood that this programme is meant to be much more than an employment programme but one where students and youth would have the opportunity to gain insight into the attitudes and lifestyles of their fellow Canadians. Experience has shown us that this can best be accomplished in an indepth experience of living and working in another community.

#### 4. PARTNERS

We believe that employers could be generated from four areas:

- . the private sector
- . the federal government
- . the provincial government
- . the municipal government

We hope that the five regional secretariats could be established in the fall of this year and could immediately begin soliciting jobs from the above groups. The programme itself would be operational by May of 1992. This programme would need the support of government at all levels and its promotion and announcement should be widely publicized. The federal Ministers of Constitutional Affairs and of Employment and Immigration could play a key role in encouraging such private sector organizations as the Business Council on National Issues to push for corporate involvement. Boards of Trade/Chambers of Commerce as well as service organizations like Rotary could become involved in building up a job bank. Government employers at all levels could be encouraged to fix a percentage of their usual summer job offerings for this national exchange programme. Properly managed, the country's employers, both big and small could really get behind this idea.

As a first step, we have already contacted the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as a possible partner. They have shown enthusiasm towards this programme, have agreed with it in principal and will be contacting their members as soon as the programme becomes operational.

5. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

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#### BUDGET YOUTH GUIDE TO CANADA

# 1. PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

This proposal is quite simple since it refers to a straightforward youth travel budget guide(s) to Canada. This guide is meant to be developed in tandem with Travel Cuts/Voyages campus present emphasis in obtaining and offering lower air fares for travel within Canada. This travel guide would offer greater opportunities to Canadians to travel and experience other parts of their country. It is obviously meant for the independent traveller.

The guide(s) would include: low cost accommodation with possible youth or student reductions; University accommodation; restaurants; money-saving tips plus information on student discounts; phone numbers; in-depth information on the culture and history of the people; tips on possible work, sights, nightlife; city and regional maps etc.

## 2. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

The Canadian Universities Travel Service will require seed money to develop this or these publications. The greatest cost will be for hiring three researchers and editors for the first year. Please see attached costing sheet.



# STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE CFS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (MAY 1991) LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA MAY 15-22, 1991

#### PRESENT:

Kwame Agyirey-Kwalcye

Gatei Nganda

Hilary Wells Valerie Noftle

Christine Darrah Blair Macdonald

Kirstin Mackenzie John Leddy Ken Stauffer

Ngubeni Ka Nkophe

Lisa Brice

Mike Bear

Real Dequier

Scott McCrossen

Ken McMurray

Ken McMarray

University of Saskatchewan

UPEI Grads

Dalhousie University N.G.C. (Dalhousie Grads)

Atlantic Caucus Atlantic Caucus

B.C. Caucus Ontario Caucus LGB Constituency University of Regina

Waterloo

Aboriginal Students

Francophones

SUNS

A.N.E.E.Q. (observer)

#### RESOURCE PEOPLE:

Denise Doherty-Delorme

Nini Jones

Gerry Ryan

CFS Fieldworker OFS Fieldworker

NE Representative (NFLD/LAB)

## GENERAL COMMENT:

This committee attempted to identify problem areas within the current Policy Manual of the Federation. We have addressed all but one (91.05.H) of the motions referred from the Notice of Motion Package (information for this motion did not arrive for translation in time). We examined the feasibility of dissolving the Student Rights Committee in favour of a new and more efficient committee. The committee also held a lengthy debate pertaining to the mandate by which individual committee members should make their decisions.

# Notice of Motion Package:

91.05.B OTTAWA SF/TRENT SU

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading, "PEACE":

"The Federation supports a freeze in military spending." COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

91.05.E OTTAWA SF/?

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading, "SELF-DETERMINATION":

"The Federation supports the right of peoples to self-determination."

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

91.05.F OTTAWA SF/YORK SF

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading, "SELF-DETERMINATION":

"The Federation supports the right of Quebec all provinces and territories to self-determination."

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION AS AMENDED

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91.05.L CARLETON SA/TRENT SU

WHEREAS students generally make up the majority of people at any post secondary institution, but are not always fully involved in the decision making process; and

WHEREAS each academic or institutional decision affects students as much as faculty and administrators;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy be added to "Declaration of Student Rights - Right to Justice in the Educational Community":

"All students have the right to:

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- a) Participate in all levels of all academic decision making bodies, as voting members;
- b) seek student representative status on department and faculty boards, as voting members;
- c) have student representatives fully participate in all tenure review processes, as voting members;
- d) have student representatives fully participate in academic petitions and appeals, as voting members."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the existing clauses of the policy be renumbered appropriately.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION AS AMENDED

90GM086 LAKEHEAD SU/SAINTE-ANNE AGE POLICY AMENDMENT WHEREAS the Federation's policy manual does not deal with the question of discrimination on the basis of language;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the preamble of the Declaration of Student Rights be amended as follows:

"The Federation declares that a full policy of non-discrimination against students must be enforced at all education institutions within Canadian society. Further, the Federation declares that every person has the right to equal treatment without being discriminated against because of race, national or ethnic origin, language, place of residence, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender orientation, physical appearance, political belief or socio-economic background or one's status as a student."

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION AS AMENDED

90GM136 WATERLOO FS/SASKATCHEWAN SU

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "DISCRIMINATION":

"The Federation recommends that campus committees be established to address institutional racism within respective post-secondary curricula, to explore avenues for overcoming predominately Eurocentric biases on campus."

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

#### MOTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Executive implement a campaign to abolish the visa processing fee for International students.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

SR.02

POLICY AMENDMENT
BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 7. of the policy under the heading
"International Students" be amended to read:
"7. obtain visas, at no cost, lasting for the duration of their
studies in Canada;".
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Executive examine the availability of health care programs for International Students.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading, "INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS" be adopted:
"The Federation opposes the implementation of ceilings on the number of scholarships, based on academic standings, available to International Students at the institutional, provincial, and federal levels."

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

SR.05
WHEREAS the Federation supports the Canadian University Press statement of Principles; and

WHEREAS the Federation supports Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) education programs; and

WHEREAS there have been recent events at Memorial and some other Universities concerning the article "A gay man's guide to safe sex";

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading, "CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS" be adopted:

"The Federation condemn the infringement of campus press autonomy by student governments, administrators, and all other groups. The Federation further encourages member schools to support the editorial autonomy of all campus publications."

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

SR.06
WHEREAS the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is not contagious and cannot be transmitted by casual contact or cohabitation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading, "ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)" be adopted:
"The Federation condemns the infringement of the rights of students because they have AIDS or test positive for Human Immunodeficiency Virus."

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

SR.06a

DIRECTIVE
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation lobby faculty associations to adopt a policy which protects the rights of students with Aquired

Immunodeficiency Syndrome or who test positive for Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

SR.07

WHEREAS persons with Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and persons who test positive for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

persons who test positive for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) are often discriminated against by many institutions including post secondary institutions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading, "ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)" be adopted: "The Federation supports anonymous Human Immunodeficiency Virus testing."

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

SR.08

WHEREAS the May 1991 General Meeting demonstrated a lack of accessibility for people of need; and

WHEREAS the Federation is in favour of accessibility for all students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading, "FEDERATION OPERATIONS POLICY - GENERAL MEETINGS" be adopted: "For all Federation General Meetings that are not fully accessible, and fail to provide a comfortable atmosphere for all people of need to adequately represent their constituencies or serve as a delegate

or observer, that these meetings be declared out of order in their entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Federation provide these accessible facilities, materials and information to people of need in all meetings whether or not a delegate present has need for these facilities."

C&P COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THIS MOTION BE RULED REDUNDANT (page 23 of the CFS(-S) Policy Manual)

SR.09 POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading, "INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS" be adopted:

"The Federation support the extension of student visas to International students to ensure the student's safety if the political climate in the student's home country would jeopardise the student's safety upon their return, and until such time as the political climate in the student's home country no longer jeopardises their safety.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation lobby all provincial governments and the Federal Government to pass effective legislation prohibiting academic racism at universities and colleges.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation support the University of Winnipeg in its opposition of racist professors who use academic freedom to teach racism.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

SR.12

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following subsection 19 be added to the policy under the heading "DECLARATION OF STUDENT RIGHTS-The Right to an Education":

"19. The right to justice in the educational community and to an education free from racism."

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all motions in the Notice Of Motion Package be tabled until such time as this meeting of the Federation is completely acceptable to all physically challenged persons.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

POLICY

WHEREAS there are currently no member institutions from the province of Quebec; and

WHEREAS the Federation's lobby efforts and credibility as a national student lobby organization would be improved with representation from Quebec;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading, "MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT" be adopted:
"The Federation shall accept member associations from all provinces and territories of Canada."
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

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SR.15 POLICY WHEREAS Canada is currently facing a constitutional crisis;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following policy under the heading, "CANADIAN UNITY" be adopted:
"The Federation supports a unified Canada."
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADOPTION

# AD HOC COMMITTEE OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND NATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEES.

An ad-hoc committee was struck to discuss methods to prevent the duplication of debate between the two committees. Joint discussion produced recommendations which are included in the National Education Committee Report. The Student Rights committee recommends adoption of NEC.13.