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CANADA STUDENT LOANS PROGRAM

There has been little movement from the federal government on the changes entailed in the "Lending For Learning" document. In early June, a senior official from the Secretary of State's office presented the "Lending For Learning" document unchanged to the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee, despite the fact that not one single member of the National Advisory Group on Student Aid had endorsed the changes.

The Federation has called for a second meeting of the National Advisory Group in order to incorporate the suggestions of all the impacted groups. The government has not called a second meeting, although they will not rule out the possibility. Some Federation allies, including the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Canadian Association of University Teachers, have also written the government calling for a moratorium on any changes until real consultation has taken place.

The campaign against the changes was sent to members as directed and from most accounts was a success. Student associations and provincial organizations fleshed out the campaign with their own efforts. Many focused on the continued collection of the 3% tax on student loans. In Prince Edward Island, students signed copies of Finance Minister Mazinkowski's budget night promise and sent them to the Department of Finance. In New Brunswick, several hundred students paid the 3% tax with large, oversized cheques reading "Don't Tax My Loan", a campaign which prompted Veterans Affairs Minister Gerald Merrithew to publicly assert that he thought the tax should be eliminated.

Although Minister Robert de Cotret asserted during a meeting with the National Chair that the elimination of the 3% tax was tied to all the other proposed changes, the government seems to be moving ahead with its intention to eliminate the six month interest free subsidy after graduation. As well, there is speculation that the Department of the Secretary of State may be drastically restructured, maybe stripped of responsibility for post-secondary education, and maybe eliminated altogether. This could move the federal government one step closer to getting out of the student loan business.

THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

The Federation was one of fourteen groups named to a Monitoring Committee by the Native Council of Canada, which gave us access to the negotiations leading to the Charlottetown Accord.

Members of the Committee issued a news release during the First Ministers' Conference calling for immediate entrenchment of aboriginal self-government, inclusion of the recommendations from the constitutional conferences, and an end to backroom negotiations.

At its August meeting, the National Executive chose not to take a stand in the referendum on the Charlottetown Accord, preferring to leave the choice up to individual students. Information on how the Accord affected post-secondary education was sent to members, along with information from both the yes and no sides.

As well, the Federation provided the federal government with labels for distribution of its student voting information, and a document produced by Dialogue Canada. The Chair wrote a letter of protest when four boxes of the Dialogue Canada document were sent to everyone on our list.

CFSnet

Changes to the software and user rates by the CFSnet host carrier, as well as a general decline in the use of the network, gave occasion this past year for a thorough evaluation of the network and services. This evaluation was submitted to the Executive for consideration in May, sent to the Programmes Committee, and discussed by a joint meeting of the Programmes and Membership Development Committee.

The Committee reaffirmed the need for a "quick and reliable communications link" and called for the Executive to "perform an evaluation of/and choose between, CFSnet, WEB, and Solinet, basing their decision on a model defined by the following guidelines:

- 1) that the network possesses the ability to support French accented characters,
- 2) that the administration be decentralized,
- 3) that the cost be restructured to eliminate current administrative fees,
- 4) that the network provide links with outside organizations.

Both WEB and Solinet have made significant changes to their services, including software improvements and network expansion. The final analysis called for above has been delayed until October to allow these services to release and implement new software and other network innovations.

A very useful and noteworthy trend is occurring towards connections between the networks. The Web and Solinet will be compatible in the very near future with the possibility for connection to INTERNET, the University based network.

A final recommendation on the host network will go to the Executive at their Meeting prior to the General Meeting. At the point of writing, consensus seems to suggest that INET continues to provide the best overall user friendly environment, software capability and service support. The timing for release for an INET MAC version of the software remains an issue and final negotiations must also take place to handle the administration of accounts.

The second motion of the Joint Committee meeting called for the

Executive to "develop a strategy to promote communications through the Network at the local, provincial and international levels". This commitment to communicate is recognized as fully 50% of the success of any network. The Executive will make specific implementation plans and propose a strategy to ensure that the movement can make the greatest use of this powerful organizing and communication tool.

CANADIAN PROGRAMMING SERVICE

As shown by the number of campus bookings received by CPS this Fall, the "Programmer's Guide" is being positively received by colleges and universities. Should bookings continue as they have been going, CPS will double its number of campus engagements this year. Programme staff believe that the new look of the guide, as well as its exclusive focus for the university and college market has been at least partially responsible for this turnaround.

Alternative singer/performer Meryn Cadell's tour was a great success and things look very positive for future engagements with Three Dead Trolls in a Baggie. This foray into the entertainment world has been very rewarding. It has helped CPS's image as an alternative source for programming ideas; it also shows that CPS is aggressively trying to meet the needs of Canada's colleges and universities.

Tomson Highway has just completed a very successful campus tour with speeches focusing on the 500th anniversary of the landing of Columbus. All reports of his presentations were outstanding.

Programme staff are working on a lecture tour with Jim Cuddy (Blue Rodeo) for February, a March tour for Dr. Helen Caldicott and, perhaps, something special with Lillian Allen, also for February, as it is Black History Month.

CPS has been extremely fortunate with the hiring of Betty Ann Van Gastel, a new staff person who will be focusing on non-campus business. Betty Ann has six years experience in the "speaking" business, having managed a competing speakers bureau in Toronto. The addition of Betty Ann to the team will allow CPS to continue to do more for universities and colleges by increasing revenues, furnishing high-profile speakers with a respectable number of engagements off-campus, and freeing the Director to pursue new ideas and events.

As was the case last year, competition continues to be a serious challenge for CPS. Programme staff are working on a corporate/association/education catalogue which staff hope will address this concern.

COALITION FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

The CPSE was launched on June 30 at a news conference where member organizations explained why they were involved. Composed of national and provincial organizations representing students, faculty and support staff, the coalition held a conference November 13-15 where issues like funding, student aid and accessibility, and training were discussed. The Federation played an active role in preparing the conference, wrote the background document on student aid, gave a presentation on student aid and accessibility, and facilitated the political panel.

COMPROMISING ACCESS

The Federation's position on income contingent loan repayment plans, "Compromising Access", was released on October 20th to an overwhelming media reception. Coverage of the launch of the paper was extensive in print, radio, and television outlets. The Ottawa Citizen even found the document newsworthy enough to make their critique of it their lead editorial the next day.

More importantly, much of the media coverage was focused on the issue of user fees and the barrier that they represent to accessibility, regardless of the repayment scheme. The tuition fee issue had become nearly forgotten between the Stuart Smiths, Gail Cook-Bennets and the politicians, and by raising the issue again the Federation has made it clear that students do not consider higher tuition fees to be a fait accompli.

DON'T TAX READING COALITION

The National Executive voted unanimously to join the Don't Tax Reading Coalition, a collection of national organizations from the literary, publishing, and campus communities. The Coalition ran a national postcard campaign, and is planning a campus campaign for January 1993. The objective is to get the GST taken off reading materials, and apparently the government is close!

ELECTION READINESS

Preparations for the Federation's "Vote Education" campaign are well underway. The members of the national Election Readiness Committee are set, and member locals are reminded of the need to establish local committees if they have not already done so.

The slogan for the election campaign will be "Because The Future Matters Vote Education". Members received a preview of this slogan on the National Student Day poster shells. Similar posters will be produced as placards for local rallies and demonstrations during the campaign.

Members have already received the election campaign organizing manual which outlines national efforts as well as offering suggestions for local activities. As well, members of the national Election Readiness Committee have started to receive the "Election Update". The "Update" will become more important as the campaign begins, containing up-to-the-minute campaign news, ideas, and imperatives.

Print advertisements have been designed, featuring the grabber line "Brian Mulroney is rolling the dice with your future", and a brief text outlining the importance of education and the Mulroney government record in the area. We will be prepared to change these ads in the case of a possible change of leadership by the Progressive Conservatives.

The text for radio and television ads has been written, and both will be in the production stages soon, with both English and French versions featuring both male and female narrators. For the television ad, the visuals from the British Columbia component's election TV ad will be used with a revised voice over and graphic. Copies of the ads will be sent to election readiness committee members when they are ready. The Canadian Labour Congress has graciously made their audiovisual services available for production of the TV spot.

So far, only two locals have donated to the Election Readiness Fund as members encouraged themselves to do in May. The Memorial CSU led off with a \$500 donation, and SUNSCAD contributed \$100. If your local has set aside funds to be used for local ad time buys, that's fine, but please let the national office know so that the ERC can keep track of what markets are covered.

The executive will continue to look for warning signs of an imminent election and to develop a contingency plan for a summer campaign. The election continues to offer the Federation the opportunity to launch the most successful campaign in the 60-year history of the student movement.

FEDERATION FEE INCREASE

So far, a number of schools have already implemented the new \$6.00 Federation fee. Special kudos go to the King's College SSU, who were the first to pay Federation fees at the new levy. Others who have implemented the fee are Shippagan AGEE, Langara SU, St. Thomas SU, King Edward SU.

A number of larger member locals will need to go to referendum in order to get leave to implement the new \$6.00 levy. The executive is now preparing publicity materials which can be used in fee hike campaigns, although local student associations will have to put some energy into the campaign to make it work.

The executive will be encouraging all member locals holding

reaffirmation or "pull-in" referenda to run them at the new levy.

HARASSMENT POLICY

At both the August and September meetings, the executive reviewed draft harassment policies prepared by the Chair. Between meetings, the policy was sent to all commissioners and past-committee members for input, and sent twice to the lawyers for further examination.

The result is the policy found in the Notice of Motion package, on which the executive voted unanimously to serve notice for this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Members having voted to become full members:

VCC - King Edward Campus Student Society
Centre Universitaire de Shippagan Association des Etudiant(e)s

Members having voted to withdraw:

McMaster Graduate Student Association
University of New Brunswick Graduate Student Association

Applications for prospective membership:

Mount Royal College Student Association
McGill Post-Graduate Student Society
College Comm. de N-B -- Bathurst AGE

Upcoming referenda:

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| University of Windsor GSS | Jan. 25 |
| University of Waterloo Feds | Feb. 9, 10 |
| University of Waterloo GSA | Feb. 9, 10 |
| Mohawk College SA | Feb. 9, 10, 11 |
| Fanshawe College SA | Feb. 9, 10, 11 |
| University of Saskatchewan SU | Feb. 11, 12 |
| University of Saskatchewan GSA | Feb. 11, 12 |
| University of Guelph GSA | Feb. 18 |
| Cariboo College SS | Apr. 12 |
| Western SOGS | May 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| NB Comm. College -St. Andrew's SA | T.B.A. |
| Lethbridge Comm. College SA | T.B.A. |
| Carleton University GSA | T.B.A. |
| Northern College - Kapuskasing CSAC | T.B.A. |

THE NATIONAL STUDENT HEALTH NETWORK

The National Student Health Network plans are up and running for Fall 1992. There are 18 health plans and 2 Managed Dental Care plans in The Network, serving over 130,000 students. New plans include a health plan at Marine Institute, in St. John's, Newfoundland, a health plan for the University of Western Ontario MBA Association, in London, Ontario, and a Managed Dental Care plan with the University of Calgary Students' Union.

On two campuses where health plans were cancelled by referenda last spring, the student associations are running referenda to reinstate the plans. This is due to considerable pressure from the student body. One of these referendums has just passed with two thirds of the students voting to have the plan reinstated. We are awaiting final approval from the institution's Board of Governors and Students' Association.

On the paperwork and promotion front, over 180,000 pieces of informational and administrative tasks completed. Invitations were sent to both organizations. Telephones responses indicated that conflicts in the United States with their own activities prevented attendance. material have been produced and distributed to students on Network health and dental plans.

The voluntary Managed Dental Plan pilot project in Southwestern Ontario is entering its second year. The plan has seen some adjustments to the benefit design, and a consolidation of the Blue Cross Preferred Provider Network of dental centres used by the plan. Marketing materials were distributed to additional campuses located near the network of dentists. Non-Federation members are charged an application fee of \$5 that is waived for Federation members. Marketing materials were distributed to campuses beginning in the first week of September, about six weeks earlier than last year.

Work on a National Wellness Campaign, in cooperation with the Canadian College Health Services Association and sponsored by health care providers, is well under way. Over the next 2 years, staff will produce 6 bilingual pamphlets focusing on a variety of student health and preventative care issues. By producing these pamphlets staff hope to raise the level of health care awareness amongst students to ultimately improve their overall health.

New computer support for local plan administrators has been developed and is being tested on 4 campuses in The Network. The software package was created to help administrators collect and maintain the plan enrolment lists submitted to the insurance company. In addition, The Network is able to streamline the production of refund cheques for students who have opted out of The Network plan because they have alternative coverage.

Legal benefits, which have long been a popular request of student associations, are currently being explored. Discussions are ongoing

with a national firm to provide 24 hour access to a 800-number for legal and practical advice, available in both official languages. This benefit could be offered as part of the overall "menu" of benefits available through The Network.

NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The Action Canada Network is gearing up for a major pre-election and election campaign. The Federation has been closely involved with the development of an action plan for the campaign, which will include information drives, lists of losses under the Free Trade Deal, and alternatives to the deal.

The Federation is also participating as directed in a tri-national student network to develop the analysis on NAFTA and education. Students from Canada, the U.S. and Mexico will meet in Guadalajara to discuss strategy in late November.

Hearings on NAFTA began November 16, and the Federation is joining coalition partners to fight the deal. The Federation has asked to appear before the Parliamentary committee conducting hearings on the deal, and has asked provincial affiliates to do the same. At the time of writing, BC and Alberta had written letters.

The Federation also wrote anti-NAFTA spots at the request of the McGill radio station which were aired opposite the federal government's promotional ads.

THE PROSPERITY INITIATIVE

The federal government's Prosperity Initiative was released on October 29th, probably to give the indication that the government was getting down to business on the economy.

Called "Inventing Our Future", the document was mostly a collection of platitudes about deregulation, spending cuts, and the ubiquitous "training", although that was never defined except to say that workers should spend 2% of their time doing it. It contained numerous recommendations on education and a call for the establishment of three new bodies, including a Learning Forum.

Federation representatives were present at the release of the document. The Federation did issue a response afterwards critiquing the cost of the exercise, the emptiness of the recommendations, and the claim it made to represent true consultation.

While the entire initiative received little media attention, the issues it raises gives us some indication of the lines the Tories will be using in an election setting when discussing economic issues, and will allow us to prepare responses that can be used around the country.

SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL

Phase Two of the Canada-Asia Youth Exchange, a visit to Canada by five Asian youth, took place July, August, and September. After many initial visa hassles which required vigorous intervention by the Federation Staff, approval was gained to allow the delegation, one from Sri Lanka, two from Bangladesh, two from India, to travel in order to participate in the programme. An appeal was made for Canadian participants but unfortunately none of the participants that expressed interest could make the 8-10 week commitment.

A Summer Canada grant allowed for the hiring of Peter Van Ryn, a former participant, to work on the planning and organizing of the programme. The itinerary for the group was set to best utilize the availability of contacts with groups and individuals, including phase one participants, to host and work with the group. The group spent a week in Toronto in orientation which involved basic programme orientation and sessions on Canadian history, women's issues, religion, and Asian studies. A week was spent canoeing in Algonquin Park. Ten days were spent at the Whitefish River Reserve assisting with the preparations for their 25th anniversary celebrations.

After a return to Toronto and further orientation, the group proceeded to Ottawa to be introduced to the structure and system of government (from an alternative and traditional point of view), and to visit organizations on development, nuclear disarmament, disabled persons (NEADS), public interest research, green action, and to meet with Federation representatives.

In Montreal the Group met with the Saint Jean Baptiste Society, Ellen Gabriel at Kanehsatake, and visited a biodynamic farm.

The Halifax programme included visits to the Sackville landfill site, a recycling plant, the ecological action centre, the Black Cultural Centre, the Shubenacadie Micmac Reserve, a centre for the mentally ill, and attendance at the Earth Festival.

The group met with representatives of CIDA in Ottawa; visited Plenty, an international development organization and, back in Toronto, worked with and visited a number of community organizations. An evaluation was held over three days.

A newsletter has been sent to all groups and individuals that helped with the programme to express thanks. Participants are filing formal reports with the Federation and these will form a base for the final report obligation of the Federation to CIDA.

The programme was deemed to be a great success by all of the participants. They left with a renewed spirit to continue their work for community and local action groups. Their experience in Canada taught them many skills and alternative theories on issues and organizing for change. They left conscious of the fact that many of the problems faced by their countries are shared in Canada

and filled them with new ideas of how to deal with them.

A main point of discussion in the evaluation was the question of what to do next with the Canada-Asia Youth Exchange and with SCI in Canada. From the response they received in meeting with hundreds of Canadians along the way, the group felt that work could be done to promote the SCI concept in Canada. It was agreed that an improved basis of involved Canadians would be of great benefit to the success of future group visits to Canada. In order to further the awareness of the SCI model and work, it was agreed that funding should be sought to allow more Canadians the opportunity to experience workcamp programmes in Asia.

The Federation will submit a final report to CIDA and will meet with officials of the CIDA branch over the next few weeks to discuss the possibilities for future exchanges as proposed by the Programmes Committee last May.

STUDENTSAVER

All indicators show that the 1992-93 Studentsaver Programme was well received by Federation members. Many requests have been received for additional directories an indication that member campuses have effectively distributed more than 200,000 directories.

Staff believe that the new design and increased "user friendliness" of the directory contributed to this positive outlook on the directory. The CFS Membership/Studentsaver card attached to the front flap of the directory cover helped ensure that the students received the card, as well as to create a solid relationship between the discount card and the discounts listed in the directory. The number of pages containing Federation information were increased and located at the beginning of the book.

The design of the front cover has been very popular. The design and art and film work were provided to us free of charge from Muchmusic-- many thanks to them.

For the second year now, the standardized regional coupon format has proven to be very successful. The coupons are being used by the students, and retailers like the design of the coupons.

This year's directory had more national companies participating than ever. With the participation of Music World, Jumbo Video, Hakim Optical, and 7 Eleven, Studentsaver was able to offer a well-rounded series of national discounts. In the future, there will be an attempt to have more national chains offering coupons.

To improve the quality of the local discounts, the number of trade categories were reduced. This was done to ensure the discounts were geared towards students, and to "weed out" some of the discounts students would not likely use (e.g. 10% off Persian carpets). This

proved to be successful in certain areas, but was a problem for other solicitation representatives. When operating a national programme the size of Studentsaver, a quality control mechanism will always be challenging, and clearly a more flexible system is needed in the future.

Advertising sales were below expectations, primarily due to the recession. Fortunately, the cost of printing the directories managed to be on target, so Studentsaver's bottom line managed to fare well.

The number of high schools participating in the Studentsaver programme doubled this year. Although this was a solid increase in numbers, staff had hoped this number would be greater. The programme however, was a revenue generating source-- a primary goal of the High School programme.

Studentsaver staff have prepared a short survey to investigate the use of Studentsaver amongst students. Staff will be surveying 200 students at a member campus to find out how often students use the programme, and what elements they use the most: coupons or discount listings. It is hoped the results of this survey will help staff improve Studentsaver for 1993-94.

SUMMER UNEMPLOYMENT

The past summer was not a good one for students looking for work; nearly one in every five students nationally was unable to find summer work, and in some provinces that rate climbed over 40%.

The issue attracted a lot of media interest this summer. Each month Statistics Canada dutifully reported the grim jobless tolls, and the Federation issued a press release. Nearly every major daily in the country covered the Federation's reaction, as did many radio stations. The Federation also assisted "The Journal" in putting together a special episode on youth unemployment.

The real proof will come, however, with the next announcement of Challenge Program funding. As that announcement will be made either on the cusp of an election or in the first few days of a new government, it may not be a bad idea for member locals to begin sending a steady stream of letters to MP's (remind them, oh, every month or so) that this is an issue many are watching.

As well, the Federation is working on tentative plans for a National Unemployment Week in early February, around the time of the Challenge announcement. This will be a joint effort of providers and users of employment services with a focus on youth unemployment. This project will be discussed in more detail at Campaigns Committee.

SWAP

The 1993 SWAP Brochure is now printed and has been distributed to Travel CUTS/ Voyages Campus offices, local student associations, and campus placement and career centres. Staff are pleased with the final product.

SWAP's European Programmes Coordinator, Crystal Bially, has just completed campus presentation around the Atlantic Provinces. Her "tour de force" has been successful across all of Eastern Canada, with good crowds in Halifax and over 100 students at McGill alone! SWAP's Assistant Director, Laura Gannon, is currently on three months leave, touring Australia, New Zealand and Japan. The SWAP Director will be doing the Western Campus tour in early November.

To improve SWAP's marketing on campuses, SWAP joined ACCIS, the national organization for the various campus placement and career centres. This membership has increased the level of distribution markedly and will provide SWAP with greater visibility in the eyes of these on-campus counsellors.

To help the campus placement and career centre counsellor promote SWAP effectively, staff are preparing a version of the programme administrative manual used by CUTS/Campus offices. The manual will focus on SWAP's selling points and will provide detailed information not available in the brochure. Copies of this manual will be distributed to CFS Fieldworkers; if it proves to be a good marketing tool, local student associations could be included in following years.

The SWAP Video is completed and copies are being made for each of the regions of Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus. Approximately 20 minutes long, the video is an informative promotional overview of SWAP including testimonials from SWAP participants in London, Paris and Dublin. The video will be an interesting tool to promote the programme. Copies are available to student associations interested in promoting SWAP.

The summer hosting activities have now come to an end, and even in the depths of a recession, were by and large successful. Though the situation with the Central European students was initially difficult, everything worked out in the end.

For next year it is essential that jobs be pre-arranged for Central European students. Staff will be preparing a mail-out for local student associations requesting that each association consider lobbying their institution for an "on-campus" job. The Director will also be meeting with the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities to seek their assistance in a mail-out to every local government in Canada seeking jobs for our Eastern Europeans.

In other developments, SWAP has recommended to External Affairs Canada that new programmes be established with Cuba and Jamaica. Staff propose that a small number of students from those two

countries be hosted in Canada as soon as this current summer. The Jamaican organization, JOYST Caribbean, wants to host five Canadian students as soon as this winter. If External Affairs is positive, SWAP will recommend to the National Executive that we proceed with the recruitment immediately. Both the American and British organizations have provided SWAP with strong letters recommending that the Canadian government approve this Canada-Jamaica SWAP. Staff are fairly confident that the Feds will look kindly upon this initiative.

Staff have less confidence with the government's reaction to Cuba. There has been no particularly newsworthy change in the political or economic situation in that country since last year when the government rejected the idea of a Canada-Cuba SWAP. Officials at both External Affairs and Immigration Canada are concerned about the security of Canadian participants in that country.

At the ISTC meeting held in Brazil this September, the SWAP Director met with the Coordinator of SWAP from Australia to discuss the idea of an initially small exchange of Aboriginal students between Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. The Australian Coordinator has since had a brief meeting with a senior official of UNESCO in Paris who is quite excited about this idea. The official suggested that there may be some UNESCO funding available to support some aspects of the exchange. The American exchange organization, CIEE, may also become involved with the project.

The idea is to identify specific jobs in the countries involved that relate to Aboriginal concerns. (e.g. Working for a Band Council in Canada, an Aboriginal organization in Australia, or a Maori in New Zealand.) At this point it is all theory so SWAP staff and the Aboriginal Student Constituency Group will have a lot of work to do to bring the project to fruition.

On another note, the SWAP Director will be meeting with a Dutch exchange organization in late January with a view to establish a Canada-Netherlands SWAP for 1994.

The SWAP Director was re-elected to the Standing Committee of the International Association of Educational and Work Exchange Programmes (IAEWEP) at the ISTC meeting held in Brazil. IAEWEP, like the ISIC Association, is a new organization established within the general reorganization of the ISTC over the past two years. The Standing Committee was increased from four persons (representing Britain, Ireland, the USA, and Canada) to six (with the new executive members from Jamaica and Australia.)

PROVINCIAL UPDATES

(n.b. Provincial representatives on the National Executive were asked to submit brief reports outlining activities in their provinces. At press time, only a few reports had been received.)

NEW BRUNSWICK COMPONENT

Component membership development: Work has been done on expanding into the nine provincial community colleges, including the Bathurst Community College which has recently taken out prospective membership.

Provincial fee increase: The component is attempting to increase provincial Federation fees from \$1.25 per year to \$2.00 per year, with a cost-of-living adjustment.

Lobbying Efforts:

1) Tuition fees: Another provincial funding freeze is anticipated from the fiscally-conservative McKenna government, which could see a repeat of last year's \$135 - \$900 tuition hikes. Component is asking provincial government to regulate fees instead of leaving it up to local boards and administrations.

2) Student Aid: A very successful BIG cheque campaign was run during registration day, and the student aid crisis was the focus of National Student Day. The province is moving quickly to comply with federal CSLP changes in areas like course load.

3) Campus safety: Feasibility of "Clery Law" legislation discussed with government, administrators, and students

Local initiatives:

1) UNB SU: Fee increase approved by council. Busy with campaigns, media work etc.

2) St. Thomas SU: Fee increase approved by council. Promoting services heavily on campus.

3) UNBSJ SRC: Projects include redrafting constitution, quality of teaching campaigns, and working with campus womens' collective.

4) Mount A SAC: Working on campus safety, Federation profile. Fee increase vote in spring.

5) Bathurst CC: Newest prospective member, referendum at new fee to be held in spring.

6) FEECUM: Paying fee increase out of their own budget. Working on media relations, lobbying efforts, and a move to a new student union building.

7) CUSLM AGEE: Fee increase referendum this year. Moving to new offices, working on Federation campaigns.

8) Shippagan AGEE: Oct. 28 referendum saw 94% in favour of Federation membership.

9) St. Andrew's CC: Fairly inactive local in the past year, although contact has been re-established. Full membership referendum this year.

10) UNB GSA: Voted to withdraw effective June 30, 1993

NOVA SCOTIA

Membership: No referenda among CFS member locals are planned. The Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) has 10 members now. Membership development work is being done with the four non-congruent members; the St. Francis Xavier SU, the St. Mary's SA, the NS Agricultural College SU, and the University College of Cape Breton SU.

Fee Increase: King's SSU has already enacted and paid the \$6.00 fee. Ste. Anne AGE and SUNSCAD will enact the increase through council. Acadia SU, Dalhousie SU, and Mt. St. Vincent's SU will go to either a referendum or a general meeting to enact the increase.

Campaigns: Emphasis on the Canada Student Loan campaign, including use of big cheques and form letters to Minister deCotret taking place at all locals. National Student Day also saw province-wide activity.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND COMPONENT

Campaigns: The main focus has again been the Canada Student Loan changes and the nagging existence of the 3% tax. In addition to national Federation materials, the provincial component ran the big cheque campaign and also got letters of protest to both Ministers Mazinkowski and deCotret.

In light of a sexual assault on the UPEI campus, the "No Means No" campaign has also been featured prominently on the Island.

Membership: Holland College SU elects its executive in September, and activities are just getting underway. Promotion of Federation services has been a high priority. The UPEI Grads have been a largely inactive local.

DIRECTIVES UPDATE

92.05.142

BIRT the selection of the site for the spring 1993 General Meeting be referred to the National Executive to be ratified at the Fall 1992 General Meeting, and

BIFRT the National Executive consult with the Commissioner, NEADS and the relevant provincial organization in determining the accessibility of the site.

Progress to date: The site of the spring '93 GM will be chosen by the membership at this general meeting. The accessibility survey used by NEADS was sent to member associations several months ago. The National Executive has also secured the assistance of NEADS in advising potential GM hosts on completing the survey or making their campus more accessible.

92.05.155

BIRT the National Executive include workshops for men on violence against women in the agenda for the 1992 General Meeting, and BIFRT these workshops run concurrently with meetings of the Womens' Constituency Group.

Progress to date: The workshop will be run as directed.

92.05.160

BIRT the National Executive produce a publication in consultation with the Arts Commissioner.

BIFRT the publication focus on the issue of underfunding to art-related post-secondary programs and the arts in general in order to heighten awareness of the present government's poor record in this area during the upcoming election.

Progress to date: The Nova Scotia Representative, who is an arts student, has taken on this project. The publication is in progress and should be done in time for the election.

92.05.167

BIRT the National Executive provide member locals with information on how to get students to vote.

Progress to date: During the constitutional referendum campaign, the Federation co-sponsored an Elections Canada information drive for getting student voters to register. The "Voting's A Breeze" campaign was sent to members and non-members with a letter from the Chair stressing the importance of students voting. The Federation also participated in a kick-off press conference for the campaign. We will look to repeat and renew these events for the federal election.

Information and advice on getting out the vote (a different exercise altogether) was included in the election organizing manual.

92.05.169

BIRT the National Executive produce and distribute an election organizing manual for the fall term. This manual would contain information on how to carry out local elections during a federal election campaign.

Progress to date: Completed as directed.

92.05.170

BIRT the National Executive organize a national kick-off event to mark the launch of the Federation election campaign.

Progress to date: Concrete plans for a date and activity will be made closer to the election. Work so far has centred on ensuring provincial organizations will also participate. Ottawa-area member associations have been asked to search for on-campus sites which illustrate the effects of underfunding as a venue for the Ottawa

event.

92.05.173

BIRT the National Executive establish an account for an election campaign fund.

Progress to date: The Election Readiness Fund has been established, and has so far received \$500 from the Memorial CSU and \$100 from SUNSCAD.

92.05.186

BIRT the National Executive provide member locals with information to assist them in better accessing media outlets.

Progress to date: Media tips were included in both the "Don't Agonize, Organize" and Election Campaign manuals.

92.05.193

BIRT the National Executive take the necessary steps to provide the media and local members of the Federation with a press release or conference at the conclusion of the Federation's General Meetings.

Progress to date: We'll give it a shot at this meeting.

92.05.196

BIRT the National Executive ensure that a workshop be held at General Meetings at the request of members detailing how to implement a fair, democratic, and pro-Federation referendum campaign.

Progress to date: As the membership has decided to make this a five-day meeting, the workshop will not be held. We would suggest the best way for the membership to "request" that this be held would be to renew the directive if they so desire. Members should also take advantage of the expertise available in the Federation, ie among NE members and Federation staff.

92.05.200

BIRT the Federation prepare a response to the Prosperity Initiative, seriously questioning the government's intention in undertaking the initiative, condemning the process used and outlining alternatives based upon Federation policy for a quality, accessible post-secondary system.

Progress to date: See section in this report.

92.05.198 on incidental fees and their impact on accessibility

92.05.199 on concerns of vocational and apprenticeship students

92.05.217 on attrition rates of first year students

92.05.218 on incidental fees and graduate students

(research directives)

These remain on to-do list. Members are asked to remember workload

and the resources of Federation when moving research directives. It may also be a good idea to attempt to limit research directives to (a) areas where the information can be used for concrete political action and (b) issue other than symptoms of core problems like underfunding, unemployment, and poor student aid systems.

92.05.209

BIRT the Federation call for a public inquiry into the International Space University.

Progress to date: This has been done in a letter to Premier Rae, at a press conference in Hamilton sponsored by the YFS, and in conjunction with allies like the Council of Canadians.

92.05.215

National Graduate Council research directives.

Our summer student was assigned to research taxation of students. Unfortunately, very little information is available on the subject. A comprehensive article on the subject was given to the NGC link in September to assist in NGC policy discussions.

The issues of student-supervisor relationships and barriers for international students require extensive co-operation and disclosure from university and college administrations. As we discovered in attempting research on declining academic quality, such assistance is hard to come by unless you are Maclean's Magazine, in which case administrations will spend thousands of our dollars to answer silly, trivial questions. The Federation produced a paper on international students in early spring.

92.05.102

BIRT the National Executive produce the OFS "No Means No" poster for the beginning of the fall term.

Progress to date: Completed as directed.

92.05.258

BIRT the National Executive produce an awareness and lobby campaign focusing on the proposed changes to the Canada Student Loans Program, to be distributed at the beginning of the fall term.

Progress to date: Completed as directed.

92.05.260

BIRT the National Executive devise an election slogan on the theme of "Access:Canada's Future"

Progress to date: After consultation with some of the creative minds in the Federation, ... "Because The Future Matters ... Vote Education" There is still time for someone to suggest something more exciting.

92.05.261

BIRT the National Executive produce a poster for National Student Day incorporating the election campaign slogan.

Progress to date: For the poster, the slogan was modified to "Because the future matters....get involved on National Student Day".

92.05.263

BIRT the National Executive produce an anti-racism button for the Fall 1992 term.

BIFRT the National Executive take direction on the production and text of the button from the Students of Colour Commissioner.

Progress to date: Not completed. If the members still want to produce the button, anti-racism week in March might be a more appropriate time.

92.05.267

BIRT the National Executive seek the permission of BCEADS to reprint the BCEADS accessibility checklist.

BIFRT the National Executive distribute the checklist to member locals through a regular Federation mailout.

Progress to date: Completed as directed.

92.05.268

BIRT the National Executive address issues of student-supervisor relationships through relevant campaigns and lobbying efforts, and BIFRT the National Executive enhance this effort by networking with CAUT on this issue.

Progress to date: None so far. Such an issue does not relate easily to our campaigns and lobbying efforts, since student-supervisor relationships are not regulated by government. More direction would be welcome.

92.05.269

BIRT the National Executive lobby the National Child Care Advocacy Association to include issues of child care pertinent to students in their election campaign strategy.

Progress to date: Completed. Our membership in the Association has been renewed, we wrote a small article for their newsletter, and attended their general meeting.

92.05.270

BIRT the National Deputy Chair, in consultation with organizations dedicated to working on international issues, produce an international issues awareness package to be distributed to member locals.

Progress to date: Not completed.

92.05.271

Re: Election Readiness Materials

Posters for National Student Day: Completed, will be revised for election.

List of broken government promises: Completed.

Television commercial: In production

Button: Not completed

Handbills: Written, can be revised and updated, ready to be formatted

Newspaper Ad: Completed. On hold pending change of PC leadership

Radio spot: In production

92.05.272

BIRT the Federation continue its participation in the Action Canada Network

BIFRT the Federation continue its participation within the coalition for Post-Secondary Education

BIFRT the Federation enter into coalition work with the North American Free Trade Agreement student coalition

Progress to date: As directed. The Federation is on the steering committee of both the Coalition for Post-secondary Education and the Action Canada Network, and has been a key organizer of the tri-national students meeting in Guadalajara.

92.05.274

BIRT the National Executive examine the feasibility of establishing a full-time position of Campaigns Co-ordinator.

Progress to date: The executive has discussed the idea, but financial resources do not permit the creation of another staff position.

92.05.246 LETHBRIDGE SU\MCMASTER SUDIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that when national union or international student organization representatives are invited to Federation General Meetings, that the National Executive determine levels of subsidies considering an organizations ability to pay travel and related General Meeting costs.

Task completed.

92.05.247 LETHBRIDGE SU\MCMASTER SUDIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to actively recruit international students to participate as delegates to Federation General Meetings.

The members have duly encouraged themselves. More information at this GM.

92.05.248 MCMaster SU\EMILY CARR SUDIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive endeavour to send First Nation students to international meetings and International Union

of Students congresses to which the Federation send representatives.

One meeting was held. Due to financial constraints, the Federation sent just one representative to an IUS meeting of industrialized countries, from the Federation's research department. The IUS has been asked to place a discussion on aboriginal issues on the agenda for the next meeting of the full Congress. It is expected that a discussion on how best to involve aboriginal students and to address those concerns involving international issues regarding aboriginal education.

92.05.249 EMILY CARR SU\MCMASTER SUDIRECTIVE

Whereas the Federation recently joined the International Union of Students,

Be it resolved that the National Executive examine the Constitution and Policies of the International Union of Students in comparison with the Constitutions and Policies of the Federation, and prepare a report highlighting any policy inconsistencies, to be brought to the International Affairs Committee at the November, 1992 General Meeting.

Progress: The IUS has been in the process of updating documents following a full Congress meeting of our international organization last year (the equivalent of a full membership meeting, the Congress meets once every four years). Those documents have now been received by the Federation, but only recently. Those documents which have been received are only available in English with French copies still on the way. This major recent project can still be pursued now that the documents are available, but committee members are asked to recognize the size of the task (which will quickly become redundant as policy changes are made) in light of other demands on Federation resources.

92.05.250 MCMaster SU\EMILY CARR SUDIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive examine the responsibilities and decision-making processes for international affairs work between General Meetings as well as the National Executive responsibilities for the International Affairs Committee.

Progress: The Deputy-Chairperson currently holds the at-large international affairs portfolio; there is also a staff international affairs portfolio held by researcher Caryn Duncan. The National Executive receive regular reports from the Deputy-Chairperson with updates on the international work of the Federation. All international work is guided through these mechanisms and existing Federation policy.

92.05.251 LETHBRIDGE SU\MCMaster SUDIRECTIVE

Whereas the Federation is a member of the Canadian Youth Network for Asia Pacific Solidarity (CYNAPS) and pays an annual fee of \$50, which entitles Federation locals to monthly resource packages on the student movement in Asia, and at that rate the cost of

materials and postage is not covered;

Be it resolved that the annual contribution to CYNAPS be \$300 to adequately cover the cost of materials and postage to all Federation locals.

Task incomplete. The National Executive voted not to make the contribution for financial reasons. The matter will go to budget committee.

92.05.252 MCMASTER SU\EMILY CARR SUDIRECTIVE

BE TI RESOLVED THAT further international solidarity work be undertaken by the Federation with an emphasis on utilizing the resources of existing international student solidarity groups across Canada.

Be it further resolved that the National Executive explore organizations which may be suitable for the Federation to join, including groups based in french-speaking areas of Canada and Quebec, such as Jeunesse du Monde, to ensure that international students solidarity materials be available in both French and English.

Task not completed.

92.05.253 MCMASTER SU\EMILY CARR SUDIRECTIVE

Whereas the development of campus-based student organizations with an international focus will assist the Federation in educating students on the importance of international issues,

Be it resolved that the National Executive communicate with the United Nations Association of Canada, Amnesty International, and other organizations in order to obtain materials for general membership distribution promoting the establishment of campus chapters.

Task completed. Both organizations have been contacted and have indicated that they already maintain active and independant recruitment mechanisms.

92.05.254 MCMASTER SU\EMILY CARR SUDIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the Federation be a partner in the International Student Trade, Environment and Development Program. Be it further resolved that member locals consider hosting international guests from the U.S.A. and Mexico during the fall of 1992 to contribute to the national dialogue of the effects on the education system of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Progress: See the section of the NE report on NAFTA activities.

92.05.255 MCMASTER SU\EMILY CARR SUDIRECTIVE

Whereas the Federation encourages member locals to adopt programs which have an international student focus; and
Whereas the Federation is experiencing financial restraints and existing resources from international student organizations need to be relied upon in order to continue expanding the international work of the Federation;

Be it resolved that \$500 be provided for Third World student sponsorship programs and be used as start-up money for campus-based international work.

Progress: See NE report sections on SCI and SWAP for information on expansion of Federation activities into the "Third World."

92.05.256 MCMASTER SU\EMILY CARR SUDIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive investigate the possibility of establishing a Students International Human Rights Fund, similar in structure to the existing Kevin Coleman Student Rights Defense Fund, to provide emergency financial resources for urgent actions and international solidarity campaigns with oppressed students.

Be it further resolved that the National Executive report its finding to the Fall 1992 general meeting.

Progress: Initial efforts focused on looking at a possible use of excess TravelCUTS revenue. Unfortunately, this does not appear to be an option at this time. The issue should be referred to the budget committee for discussion.

92.05.257 EMILY CARR SU\LETHBRIDGE SUDIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that international guests from North America be invited to the fall 1992 General Meeting;

Be it further resolved that the National Executive explore the possibility of inviting representatives from the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) and United States Students Association (USSA).

Task completed. Invitations were sent to both organizations. Telephone responses indicated that conflicts in the United States with their own activities prevented attendance.

The last General Meeting failed to deal with the report of the Programmes Committee on plenary floor. The National Executive adopted the report omnibus at its first meeting, immediately following the May GM. The directives were sent to the Deputy Chairperson for implementation.

PRG.01 WESTERN SOGS\LANGARA SU DIRECTIVE

Whereas the Jamaican Organisation of Youth and Student Travel(JOYST) has expressed interest in becoming involved in the Federation's Student Work Abroad Programme(SWAP),
Be it resolved that the National Executive initiate a reciprocal exchange(SWAP) with Jamaica, and
Be it further resolved that the National Executive examine similar agreements with The Netherlands and Costa Rica.

Progress to date: SWAP has approached External Affairs in the hopes of establishing SWAP Jamaica. SWAP staff hope to be hosting Jamaican students in Canada as soon as this Summer, and to have 5 Canadian students in Jamaica as soon as next Winter. Meetings will take place in January in the hopes of establishing SWAP Netherlands. Efforts on Costa Rica have yet to bear fruit, and have been put on the back burner.

PRG.02 ST. BONIFACE AGE\MARINE SU DIRECTIVE

Whereas the Federation is a bilingual organisation,
Be it resolved that the National Executive implement a new membership\Studentsaver card that will bear both a French and English name.

Progress to date: staff in Toronto have put together a number of draft recommendations which are nearing completion for consideration by the National Executive. A comprehensive plan to enhance the existing level of bilingualism will soon be in place, and a bilingual Studentsaver will be ready for next year's program.

PRG.03 WESTERN SOGS\LAURENTIAN SGA DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the Federation membership representatives on the Travel Cuts Board of Directors investigate possible changes to airline age requirements for youth and student fares.

Progress to date: the Board initiated research into the current situation with regard to airline age restrictions, and the research has been completed. There are no age limits currently on domestic products sold by TravelCUTS. There are a few restrictions on some international airlines. For more information, see the CUTS Board report.

PRG.04 SIMON FRASER SS\WESTERN SOGS DIRECTIVE

Whereas the Canadian Labour Congress is calling for a boycott of Nationair, and
Whereas TravelCUTS is currently the official agent for CUPE, and
Whereas the quality of service and safety of Nationair is severely affected by the labour dispute, and the Federation should offer the best possible services,

Be it resolved that the Federation and its subsidiary, TravelCUTS, cease dealing with Nationair until such time as the Canadian Labour Congress boycott on Nationair has been called off, and
Be it further resolved that the National Executive and the TravelCUTS Board of Directors write to the Nationair president outlining this action.

Ongoing: the TravelCUTS Board fully implemented the boycott (despite reports to the contrary in Montreal). The federal labour minister, Marcel Denis, has appointed a mediator in the dispute, but no progress has been made to date. Meanwhile, a preliminary report on a Nationair crash in Saudi Arabia levels heavy criticism at the companies safety practices. The Board will continue to monitor the situation according to the resolution.

PRG.05 YORK FS\WESTERN SOGS DIRECTIVE

Whereas some students have insurance coverage through PSSAP or other federal, provincial or third party tuition payments plans, as well as student health insurance plans, and

Whereas they do not always have the right to choose which plan they would like to be covered under,

Be it resolved that the National Executive investigate the possibility of remedying the situation.

Progress: Federation health plans allow for students to opt out where this is the case. The National Student Health Network does not maintain relations with the other plans. The motion will go back to Programmes Committee to see if further action is desired.

PRG.06 YORK FS\LANGARA SU DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive compile information regarding human rights abuses in Australia, including information on the following:

- a) the Australian immigration policy in its entirety,
- b) existing government policies that affect Aboriginal people,
- c) statements from official non-government representatives of Aboriginal people in Australia,
- d) policies and information from the Australian national student union,
- e) Amnesty International and/or Australia Now,
- f) the International Union of Students, and
- g) other available sources of information.

Be it further resolved that the National Executive investigate ways in which existing relationships between the Federation and Australia, such as the Student Work Abroad Programme (SWAP) can be used to educate about and effect change to racist Australian policy and practices.

Progress to date: the Federation was unable to complete the directive entirely as specified in the resolution in time for the GM, given the amount of research involved in the task. Programmes committee will discuss what is possible and desirable for completion by May. Initial research, however, indicates that racist immigration policies are now a part of Australia's past, and no

longer are in practice. Preliminary steps have been taken on the BIFRT with an eye to implementation for the 1993 program. See letter attached to Deputy Chair's report, and update on SWAP activities in this report.

PRG.07 LANGARA SU\ST. BONIFACE AE DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the Federation call upon the International Union of Students to address the rights of Aboriginal students in the international community.

Ongoing: the Federation has informed the IUS that this is a priority for our members. A representative of the IUS will be present at the General Meeting.

PRG.08 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive make recommendations to the membership at the next general meeting on the role of Federation international programmes in relation to international human rights issues.

Progress to date: the Federation has initiated research by compiling a number of documents on international human rights policy, and information on strategies for pursuing human rights issues. The National Executive sub-committee is currently discussing mission statements for programmes. That discussion is not yet complete as the committee's work is ongoing. However, this issue will be addressed in the sub-committee's final recommendations to the NE.

PRG.09 TRENT SU\LANGARA SU NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

Whereas most insurance plans do not offer spousal benefits to same-sex couples, and

Whereas for this reason many lesbian, gay and bisexual students do not inquire whether insurance companies cover same-sex couples,

Be it resolved that Federation Operations Policy 90.10.80 under the heading Programmes-Health Plan be amended by adding the following: "The Federation shall make these benefits obvious, wherever possible, in printed materials describing Federation insurance policy family benefits."

Task completed. The change has been implemented.

PRG.10 WESTERN SOGS\CU SAINT LOUIS MAILLET AE DIRECTIVE

Whereas the Federation offers dental services to its members in areas where this has been possible,

Be it resolved that the National Executive investigate the feasibility of linking Federation voluntary dental plans with those of existing dental services on campus.

Task completed. The feasibility was investigated. Unfortunately, specific problems, such as a need to consolidate suppliers, prevented further implementation.

PRG.11 LAKEHEAD SU\CARIBOO SS DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive pursue strategies for expanding the Voluntary Student Dental Plan to additional centres and campuses.

Progress: see update on National Student Health Network activities elsewhere in this report for an update on the Managed Dental Plan project. Further strategies for marketing the plan are under development.

PRG.12 REGINA SU\CU SAINT LOUIS MAILLET DIRECTIVE

Whereas it is important for students to be informed of current affairs, political and economic situations, and government policies of the country to which they will visit on a Student Work Abroad Programme exchange,

Be it resolved that the National Executive research policies which affect the SWAP, including immigration policies for participants as developments take place.

Progress: research has not taken place on specific immigration policies. Participants in SWAP are currently given a full orientation on the countries to which they will be travelling.

PRG.13 WESTERN SOGS\LANGARA SU DIRECTIVE

Whereas international programmes, such as the SCI India workcamp experience, foster cultural awareness yet are very costly to administer,

Be it resolved that the National Executive recommend participants to the SCI India project be included in the fund raising element of the SCI India project, and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive pursue funding to continue the SCI India project, and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive compile an analysis of costs, participant evaluation, method of selection for participants and other areas as deemed necessary by the National Executive, and

Be it further resolved that this report be available to the membership by the May 1993 General Meeting.

Progress: it is anticipated that the report will be ready on time; some initial discussions have taken place.

PRG.14 EMILY CARR COLLEGE SU\LAKEHEAD SU DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive encourage involvement from member locals in the areas(of the country) which the Asian SCI India project participants visit while staying in Canada.

Task completed. Member locals were involved in the last visit; this will continue with future visits.

PRG.15 REGINA SU\CU SAINT LOUIS MAILLET AE DIRECTIVE

Whereas Canada is a diverse country,

Be it resolved that the Asian SCI India project participants visit one Anglophone, one Francophone and one First Nations community.

Task completed. Participants met the St. Jean Baptiste Society and toured parts of Quebec. Participants also visited Whitefish reserve, and were able to meet Ellen Gabriel, among other activities. Unfortunately, there was no time to visit an Anglophone community.

PRG.16 LANGARA SU\ST. BONIFACE AE NOTICE OF POLICY

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Federation Operations Policy - Programs": "International Education experiences shall be designed for a one to one reciprocating exchange between Canada and the other country involved."

Task completed. The change has been implemented.

PRG.17 EMILY CARR SU\LANGARA SU DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the Federation continue offering international student solidarity programmes, including the Canada-Cuba "Student to Student" Exchange, for the membership, and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive pursue funding options from government and private agencies, or of the Federation for these projects, and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive pursue funding options from government and private agencies, or of the Federation for these projects, and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive prepare an evaluation of any projects run and completed.

Progress: efforts are currently underway to launch a second "student-student" exchange to Cuba. Problems have arisen with partner organizations, and the Federation is currently exploring other avenues to determine if a second run of the program is viable. In the meantime, as part of its work on pursuing education issues in the North America free trade negotiations, the Federation has participated in an international student solidarity coalition on NAFTA and education. An evaluation will be done of programs when they are completed.

PRG.18 EMILY CARR SU\TRENT SU DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive investigate the option of offering international student exchanges and study tours which are operated at the local level; and

Be it further resolved that existing Canadian student organisations offering international programmes be contacted for potential partnerships.

Progress: the motion will go back to the committee for clarification and discussion on implementation.

PRG.19 REGINA SU\LAKEHEAD SU DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the Federation call upon the government of the United States of America to lift the unfair and inhumane thirty year old embargo against Cuba, and

Be it further resolved that this position be relayed to Canadian

External Affairs and the Cuban national student union.

Task completed.

PRG.20 REGINA SU\CARIBOO SS DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive prepare a feasibility study on group purchasing plans for baked goods, pare, student handbooks, meat products, office supplies, student supplies, soft drinks, electronic goods, or any other service that may be commercially viable on a provincial or national basis, and
Be it further resolved that this study be circulated to member locals immediately upon the completion of the study.

Progress: a preliminary proposal for a student handbook program will go to the committee at this meeting for discussion.

PRG.21 ST. THOMAS SU\REGINA SU DIRECTIVE

Whereas the exchange of information amongst individuals within the Canadian student movement contributes to the quality and effectiveness of representation on student issues and the organisation of student services,
Be it further resolved that the National Executive research the development and implementation of forums for ideas exchange and skills development to support the effectiveness and improve the representation of Canadian students.

Progress: research is underway of similar programmes internationally. A report will be ready for the NE in the Spring for consideration by the GM in May.

PRG.22 SIMON FRASER SS\LANGARA SU DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive investigate the extension of service into Quebec in consultation with ANEEQ.

See the Deputy Chairperson's report for an update on relations in Quebec.

PRG.23 SIMON FRASER SS\LANGARA SU DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Deputy Chairperson draft an agenda for the programmes committee at the next General Meeting.

Task completed.

PRG. 24 SIMON FRASER SS\MARINE SUBDIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive investigate the possibility of ensuring translation of motion during committee meetings in the context of general meetings.

Progress: in addition to the reviews currently taking place in

Services and TravelCUTS, the National Executive has investigated the possibility. Feasibility had not yet been determined at the time of the writing of this report.

PRG. 25 LAURENTIAN SGA/LAKEHEAD SUBDIRECTIVE

Whereas the Federation offers a very beneficial dental plan, and;

Whereas the actual use by students is relatively low, and;

Whereas it is in our best interest to increase awareness and usage of this service;

Be it resolved that all Federation members be encouraged to hand out candy in their student union offices, and assist their physical education departments in developing more hockey teams.

Be it further resolved that the Federation support the reintroduction of campus bare-knuckle boxing tournaments.

Progress: no action taken to date.