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1. CALL TO ORDER

National Chairperson Guy Caron introduced himself and welcomed delegates to the National General Meeting. He explained that the issue of the Social Security Review was one of the most pressing issues facing the Federation.

He urged delegates to maintain a level of mutual respect though many diverse opinions would be expressed throughout the course of the day. He then proceeded with a roll call to establish quorum.

2. ROLL CALL

Caron asked members to note their presence and to announce if they held proxies for any other member local associations.

Alberta Component

Augustana University Student Union	Absent
Mount Royal College Student Association	Present
University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Absent X
University of Lethbridge Students' Union	Present ✓

British Columbia Component

Camosun College Student Society	Present ✓
Capilano Students' Union	Present ✓
Cariboo Students' Association	Present by proxy
City Centre Students' Association	Present ✓
Douglas College Student Society	Absent
Emily Carr Students' Union	Present ✓
King Edward Students' Association	Present by proxy ✓
Kwantlen College Student Association	Absent
Langara Students' Union	Absent
Malaspina College Students' Union	Present ✓
Native Education Centre Students' Association	Present ✓
North Island Students' Association	Present ✓
Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present by proxy
Selkirk Student Association	Absent
Simon Fraser Student Society	Present ✓
University of Victoria Students' Society	Present ✓

Manitoba Component

Brandon University Students' Union	Present by proxy
Association des étudiantes et étudiants du collège universitaire de Saint Boniface	Present ✓
University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present ✓

New Brunswick Component

Association des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire St. Louis Maillet	Present ✓
Association des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Shippagan	Present
Mount Allison University Students' Administrative Council	Present
New Brunswick Community College St. Andrew's Student Association	Present by proxy
St. Thomas University Student Union	Present
University of New Brunswick-Fredericton Campus Student Union	Present
University of New Brunswick-St. John Campus Students' Representative Council	Present by proxy

Newfoundland-Labrador Caucus

Marine Institute Students' Union	Present
Memorial University Council of the Students' Union	Present

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Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Students' Union	Present by proxy
Nova Scotia Caucus	
Acadia University Students' Union	Present
Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l'Université Sainte Anne	Absent
Dalhousie Student Union	Present
Mount Saint Vincent University Student Union	Absent
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present
University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Present
University of King's College Society of Students' Union	Present
Ontario Component	
Algoma University Students' Association	Absent
Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Carleton University Graduate Student Association	Absent
Lakehead University Students' Union	Present
Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
McMaster University Students' Union	Present
Nipissing University Students' Union	Present
Ontario College of Art Students' Union	Present by proxy
Queen's University Graduate Student Society	Absent
Ryerson Students' Union	Present
Trent University Students' Union	Present
University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
University of Guelph Graduate Student Association	Present
University of Ottawa Students' Federation	Present
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present by proxy
University of Waterloo Federation of Students	Absent
University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Absent
University of Windsor Graduate Students Society	Absent
University of Windsor Students' Administrative Council	Present by proxy
Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	Present
York Federation of Students	Present
York University Graduate Students' Association	Present by proxy
Prince Edward Island Component	
Holland College Student Union	Present
University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Absent
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Present
Québec Component	
Concordia Graduate Students' Association	Present
McGill University Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Saskatchewan Component	
University of Regina Students' Union	Present

The National Chairperson declared that quorum had been achieved.

3. RATIFICATION OF THE PLENARY SPEAKER

Caron introduced Christoph Sicking and explained that the National Executive was recommending that Sicking be ratified as the Speaker for the meeting's plenary sessions. He said that Sicking had been National Deputy Chairperson of the Federation in 1990-91 and was currently studying law at McGill University. He added that Sicking had also been the Plenary Speaker for the May, 1993, National General Meeting.

94/11:01 MOTION

Laurentian University Students' General Association/Marine Institute Students' Union

Be it resolved that Christoph Sicking be ratified as Plenary Speaker for the November 1994 National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students

ADOPTED

Sicking thanked the plenary for the opportunity to participate in the general meeting.

Sicking explained to plenary that the use of proxy votes was governed by strict rules. He explained that in order to exercise a proxy, a letter from the member local must be submitted and that the letter must contain an appropriate motion adopted by the board of the member local wishing to designate another member local association as its proxy. He said that such letters must be submitted no later than 30 minutes after the plenary session is convened in order for the proxy votes to be considered valid.

Sicking noted that every hour he would alternate between English and French, in keeping with Federation policy.

4. ADOPTION OF THE OPENING PLENARY AGENDA

94/11:02 MOTION

Laurentian University Students' General Association/McMaster University Students' Union

Be it resolved that the opening plenary agenda be adopted with the addition of:

"9.5 Introduction of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Constituency Group"

94/11:03 MOTION TO AMEND

Dalhousie Student Union/Marine Institute Students' Union

Be it resolved that items 13,14, and 15 be replaced with "General Discussion on the Social Security Reform."

The Dalhousie Student Union delegation argued that the amendment should be adopted given that the Social Security Reform was the most pressing issue facing students.

DEFEATED

NOTED IN FAVOUR:

Dalhousie Student Union

The Dalhousie Student Union delegation rose on a point of order arguing that adopting the agenda would be out of order since that would require striking the Budget Committee. It argued that the Budget Committee should not be struck since Dalhousie Student Union did not receive a copy of the draft budget four weeks prior to the general meeting as required by Federation policy.

The Plenary Speaker explained that an agenda was merely a guideline to order the business of the meeting. He said that since the agenda contained an item entitled "Adoption of Committee Agendas" the Dalhousie Student Union's point would be addressed at that time. He said that, questioning the legitimacy of the Budget Committee was not an amendment to the agenda, but rather a point of debate which would arise in accordance with the adopted agenda under the appropriate heading.

94/11:02 ADOPTED

5. OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Guest Presentation

National Chairperson Guy Caron introduced Maude Barlowe of the Council of Canadians.

Barlowe presented an analysis which explained the changing dynamics of the global economy and the impact of such changes on Canada's social programmes. She noted that the changes taking place in Canada are similar to the changes taking place around the world, and that a strong grassroots response is required to stop the erosion of Canada's social programmes.

Review of Plenary Rules of Order

The Speaker explained that Robert's Rules of Order would be used to facilitate debate. He then

explained the basic rules of procedure for the plenary.

He also noted that since there were no references in Robert's Rules of Order mandating the Speaker to call for abstentions when votes are taken, he would not be calling for abstentions. He said he would simply call for those in favour and those opposed. He clarified that abstentions would be recorded in the minutes upon request. He said that on any given resolution, it was a member local's prerogative to have their vote noted in the minutes whether their vote was in favour, opposed or abstaining.

On the issue of roll call votes, the Speaker noted that he would only implement a roll call vote after such a request received the support of a majority voting members. He said each time a roll call vote was requested, he would automatically move to a vote on the request and if less than 50% of the voting members did not support such a request, a roll call vote would not be conducted. However, he said members wishing to have their vote noted in the minutes were free to do so. He said that according to Robert's Rules, every member has the right to call for a roll call vote. However, to request such a vote, the Speaker explained, does not mean it must be implemented. He also explained that in the past roll call votes had been requested as a means of depleting plenary time, reducing the amount of business that could be accomplished. Therefore, he felt it to be more democratic to allow the members an opportunity to decide whether taking a roll call vote was the most effective and appropriate use of delegates' time.

Sicking said he would do his utmost to preside over the meeting in a fair and equitable manner. He encouraged delegates to challenge the Speaker's ruling if they disagreed with his decision at any given moment. He reminded delegates that even the best rules could not substitute for the respect and consideration demonstrated by the meeting participants. Therefore, he urged every member to show restraint, even where a disagreement might exist.

Review of General Meeting Harassment Procedure

Because one of the Harassment officers had to leave the meeting early, the Speaker proposed considering item 10 as the first item of business. The Speaker then asked the Harassment Advisors and the Liaisons to address the plenary.

Helen Tremblay was introduced as the on-call Harassment Advisor. It was explained that Harassment Liaisons acted as an intermediary between harassment advisors and the delegates. Liaisons also participated on committees and facilitated procedures regarding Harassment.

It was pointed out that the concept of harassment included racial, sexual and other forms of harassment. The definition of policy was read from the policy manual: "Harassment may occur through the abuse of power that one person holds over another or through the misuse of authority, through offending or demeaning a person on the basis of their race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, nationality, religion or religious beliefs, family or marital status, physical or mental ability, age, gender, sexual orientation or gender orientation."

It was also explained that for the duration of the general meeting, there was one on-site Harassment Advisor and one on-call Harassment Advisor. The Liaisons are selected to support or facilitate the process. Anyone could raise a harassment issue but there was no requirement to make a formal charge. It was noted that the process by which issues were resolved were outlined in the Policy Manual.

A Harassment Advisor existed in order to help make the general meeting a safe environment for all participants, and not as a means to condemn certain delegates. All delegates were encouraged to talk to the Harassment Advisor at some point during the general meeting; it was noted that delegates were not required to have a "harassment complaint" before they could meet with the Harassment Advisor.

6. ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - MAY 1994

94/11:04 MOTION

University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association/Concordia Graduate Students'

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Association

Be it resolved that the May 1994 general meeting minutes be adopted as amended.

The Marine Institute Students' Union delegation felt that in the future, it would be helpful to note the number of the roll call vote in the minutes.

A Mount Allison University Students' Administrative Council delegate noted that on page 10 of the closing plenary debate questions directed to the National Executive were not recorded. She felt such questions and answers were substantive and should therefore be included in the minutes.

The Carleton University Students' Association opposed adopting the minutes of the May 1994 general meeting because they had not received their copy.

The University of Ottawa Students' Federation opposed the proposal to adopt the minutes and felt that not enough commentary had been recorded from the last general meeting. He felt that minutes ought to be more than a log of motions adopted or rejected.

94/11:04 DEFEATED

A McMaster University Students' Union delegate rose on a point of order asking for the clarification of the status of the May 1994 general meeting given that the minutes were not adopted. He suggested that a member ought to move to reconsider the motion so that the Federation's record of general meeting minutes could be adopted.

The Speaker said that every member has the right to move a motion to reconsider a motion provided they were on the prevailing side of the resolution they wish to reconsider. However, he clarified that by defeating the minutes of the May 1994 general meeting, members had not eradicated the meeting itself, rather they sent a message asking for certain changes before they would be ready to adopt the May 1994 general meeting minutes.

The Speaker moved to ratify new members of the Federation.

7. RATIFICATION OF NEW FULL AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LOCALS

94/11:05 MOTION

Association des étudiantes et étudiants College universitaire de Saint Boniface/
Malaspina Students' Union

Be it resolved that Concordia Graduate Students' Association be accepted as full members of the Federation.

ADOPTED

National Chairperson Guy Caron said that the Federation had also received a request to extend the prospective membership of the University College of Cape Breton Students' Union and the York University Graduate Students' Association. He said that the York Graduate Students' Association is planning to hold a membership drive in November while the Cape Breton Students' Union is planning a membership drive in February, 1995. Thus, he said, the two prospective members requested that their membership be extended until Opening Plenary of the May 1995 National General Meeting.

94/11:06 MOTION

Concordia Graduate Students' Association/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that the prospective memberships of University College of Cape Breton Student Union and the York University Graduate Students Association be extended until the end of Opening Plenary of the May 1995 National General Meeting.

ADOPTED

8. OPENING OF NOMINATIONS

94/11:07 MOTION

University of Ottawa Students' Federation/Association des étudiantes et étudiants
College universitaire de Saint Boniface

Be it resolved that the nomination period be opened for the election of At-Large
members of the National Executive.

ADOPTED

94/11:08 MOTION

Marine Institute Students' Union/Camosun College Student Society

Be it resolved that the nomination period be closed at 10:00 pm on Friday, November 11,
1994.

ADOPTED

9. RATIFICATION OF CHIEF RETURNING OFFICERS

The Speaker introduced the two Chief Returning Officers for the At-Large elections: Mike Perry was a Services staff person for the Federation and Deborah Duffy was an Ontario staff person for the Federation. Perry explained that candidates would be accepted for the following positions: National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, National Treasurer, and for two Federation representatives on the Travel Cuts Board. He explained that the Travel Cuts Board Members elected last May would have, under normal circumstances, been elected in November. Since the Federation did not convene a general meeting in November of 1993, the elections took place in May 1994. Therefore, elections for the Travel Cuts Board members were taking place within six months of each other.

Perry explained that in order to be eligible for the positions of National Chairperson and National Deputy Chairperson, the candidates must be functionally bilingual.. The all-candidates-meeting was scheduled for November 11 at 10:00 pm participation in the all-candidates-meeting is an eligibility requirement for all nominees. In order to win the election, a candidate must receive 50% plus 1 percent of the votes cast in the election. Spoiled ballots would not be counted as votes cast. Voting was scheduled to take place on the second day of closing plenary.

Duffy explained that testing for the bilingualism provision would occur on Saturday morning, and that the tests would be scheduled at the all-candidates-meeting.

Perry explained that the finalized list of candidates would be presented once the testing had been completed.

A point of order was raised regarding elections for Federation Representatives on the Travel Cuts Board. It was pointed out that both the National Bylaws and Services Bylaws specified that the elections would occur at the semi-annual general meeting. However, he noted that the Services Bylaws designated the semi-annual meeting as the May meeting, not the November meeting. Therefore, he felt that the Travel Cuts Board elections should not take place. He asked the Speaker for a ruling on the dilemma.

A point of order was raised regarding spoiled ballots. The Speaker said that in the past, it was not the case that spoiled ballots were not counted as votes. The Speaker used the example that if 61 ballots were passed out, convention was that the winning candidate would require 31 votes, regardless of the number of spoiled ballots.

Perry explained that at a past general meeting a Speaker ruled that spoiled ballots were not counted as a vote cast.

The Speaker asked for the opportunity to consult the Bylaws on the matter arguing that a spoiled ballot was not the same as an abstention on a motion. He explained that there was a difference between the word "plurality" and "majority." He said that "plurality" meant the most number of votes, but that "majority" meant the absolute majority of the ballots handed out and submitted. He suggested that a decision on the matter was not immediately required and that the Chairperson

could consider the matter and report back to Closing Plenary.

The Chairperson agreed.

94/11:09 MOTION

University of Guelph Graduate Student Association/University of Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that Mike Perry and Deborah Duffy be ratified as Chief Returning Officers.

ADOPTED

Marine Institute Students' Union asked which positions required bilingualism. Duffy responded by explaining that the National Chairperson and the National Deputy Chairperson were required to be bilingual.

Emily Carr Students' Union asked about the position of Interim Women's Commissioner. Perry explained that such a position would be elected by the members of Women's Caucus, not by the plenary as a whole. The Speaker noted that the nomination period which was opened included provisions for the position of women's commissioner.

10. INTRODUCTION TO THE LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL STUDENTS' CONSTITUENCY GROUP

Jen Metcalfe explained that this introduction was undertaken to enhance the visibility of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals. She explained that because most people assume that others are straight, lesbians, gays and bisexuals were not visible, unless they made a special effort to be visible. The assumption that others are straight, she said, was an example of heterosexism.

She said that homophobia was increasing and pointed to homophobic statements made by various Members of Parliament. She explained that the rainbow was a symbol of pride within the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community since it had traditionally been seen as a celebration of diversity. She presented other signs like double male and double female symbols and pink triangles as other means of creating visibility within the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community. She explained that Winnie the Pooh stickers would also be a symbol because as a character, he just was, and was loved just for that. She invited everyone to come and speak with her at any time throughout the meeting.

Elizabeth Carlyle introduced herself as a delegate from the University of Winnipeg. She said she was bisexual and invited delegates to participate in a heterosexual questionnaire:

1. What do you think caused your heterosexuality?
2. When and how did you first decide you were heterosexual?
3. Is it possible that your heterosexuality stems from a neurotic fear of members of the same sex?
4. If you've never slept with a person of the same sex, is it possible that all you need is a good gay lover?
5. To whom have you disclosed your heterosexual tendencies? How did they react?
6. Why do you insist on flaunting your heterosexuality? Can't you just be what you are and keep it quiet?
7. Why do heterosexuals feel compelled to seduce others into your heterosexual lifestyle?
8. Would you want your children to be heterosexual knowing the problems they would face?
9. A disproportionate majority of child molesters are heterosexuals. Do you consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexual teachers?
10. Even with all the societal support that marriage receives, the divorce rate is spiralling why are there so few stable relationships among heterosexuals?
11. Why do heterosexuals place so much emphasis on sex?

12. Considering the menace of overpopulation how could the human race survive if everyone were heterosexual like you?
13. Could you trust a heterosexual therapist to be objective?
14. How can you become a whole person if you limit yourself to exclusive heterosexuality and fail to develop your natural, healthy homosexual potential.
15. There seem to be very few happy heterosexuals. Techniques have been developed allowing yourself to change if you really want to. Have you considered trying aversion therapy?

Patrick Crowley introduced himself as a Federation Representative on the Travel Cuts Board. He also explained he was a gay man. He asked plenary to imagine the impact if Reform Leader Preston Manning had said that heterosexuality was destructive to the individual and in the long run, to society. He asked the plenary to imagine the impact if Liberal MP Roseanne Skoke had suggested that heterosexuality was being "imposed upon all Canadians" and was in her opinion "immoral and unnatural." He asked plenary to imagine how they would feel if Reform MP Myron Thompson had said, "I do not hate heterosexuals, I hate heterosexuality." He asked delegates to consider how they would feel if they were subjected to such hatred on a daily basis. He said that all of the "hypothetical" references he had made had happened, except that the hatred was directed toward homosexuality. He urged all the delegates to support their campus Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Group.

11. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

National Chairperson Guy Caron explained that the National Executive report as well as the reports of the at-large members of the National Executive were unavailable for opening plenary as they were in the process of being translated. He said the reports would be available at the beginning of closing plenary. He suggested that the National Executive Question and Answer Period could follow the report presentation.

A Marine Institute Students' Union delegate said that it seemed that every time the National Executive Report was scheduled for opening plenary, the reports were not available until closing plenary. Therefore, he asked why it was not the case that the National Executive report was simply scheduled for Closing Plenary in the first place.

Caron apologized for not having had the report available. He said that since the Liberal Government's initiative had been made public, the National Executive had been extremely busy responding.

Mount Allison University Students' Administrative Council said that the National Executive Report was very important and should have been prepared. She felt that by not having had a document available the National Executive were not being accountable to the membership. She also felt that National Executive minutes were not being adequately maintained and distributed.

A delegate suggested that a verbal report could be presented by the members of the National Executive.

The National Treasurer explained that the budget had been adopted in May, and that every member local had been sent a copy of it. She said it was not the practice of the Federation to send out budgets in November. She said that the Audit itself took longer than anticipated, and some changes had to be incorporated at the last minute, but that those changes would be available shortly. She stated that the Federation was not in a state of financial crisis, although some line items had been exceeded as a result of previous initiatives. Moreover, some revenues were less than anticipated. She did not believe that such circumstances were a product of poor management on the part of the National Executive nor the product of poor budgeting on the part of the Federation's membership, but rather simply a situation of unforeseen circumstances.

A delegate explained that according to Federation policy, financial statements should have been distributed four weeks in advance of the general meeting. She felt that such information was extremely important to have prior to going into committees at the general meeting.

94/11:10 MOTION

Mount Allison University Students' Administrative Council/Carleton University Students' Association

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended so that item 11 would be the presentation of reports and if no written report is available that a detailed oral report be given.

Speaking opposed to the motion, a delegate felt that it was unfair to criticize members of the National Executive for not having undertaken a written report, when in fact they had produced reports that were in the process of being translated. He also noted if member locals felt uninformed, it was the responsibility of their representative on the National Executive to provide them with reports. He said that general meetings should not be the place where members are given updates, but rather where member locals make decision about the future. He felt that updates should occur regularly with or without minutes. He noted that the British Columbia Representative on the National Executive, Marne Jensen, attended his local's meetings to ensure that local executive members are kept abreast of Federation issues. He suggested that such a process exemplified accountability and if member locals were dissatisfied, he urged them to demand more from their National Executive Representative. He said communication was not just the purview of the National Chairperson. He urged delegates to defeat the motion as the reports would be translated in short order.

Marine Institute Students' Union asked who was ultimately responsible for creating the reports.

The Chairperson explained that the National Executive, collectively, was responsible for completing and distributing the report of the National Executive.

Marine Institute Students' Union asked whether the National Chairperson was ultimately responsible for the reports.

The chairperson stated that the individual reports were the responsibility of individual National Executive members, but that the NE as a whole was responsible for the report of the NE.

Opposing the motion, a delegate from Camosun College explained that she was from a college in Victoria, BC and was well aware of the activities of the National Executive. She said the BC National Executive member had been doing her job effectively and as a consequence, Camosun College was very clear on national issues, and Federation initiatives. She felt that if people were uninformed, they should ask their National Executive member to make a report during the provincial caucus time, not during plenary time. She felt her suggestion to be more fair since not everyone was ill-informed and it wouldn't be fair for everyone to have their time taken up with information some delegates already had.

The University of Ottawa Students' Federation spoke in favour of the motion and thanked BC delegates for their contributions. He said that few members had as exemplary a National Executive Representative as BC and were therefore ignorant. He felt that without the reports, ignorant delegates would continue to be ignorant and unable to participate effectively throughout the meeting.

A Wilfrid Laurier delegate called the question on the motion. An objection was raised.

94/11:11 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association/Emily Carr Students' Union

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:10 be put to a vote.

ADOPTED

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:

Dalhousie Student Union

94/11:10 ADOPTED

The Chairperson entertained the National Executive Question and Answer Period. Questions were then directed to the National Treasurer.

A delegate noted that policy dictated that budget materials be distributed four weeks in advance of

the general meeting and wondered why this did not take place, including a draft budget. He felt that informed decisions required information including a draft budget.

The National Treasurer explained that the budget for 1994-1995 had been adopted at the May 1994 national general meeting. Given that the Federation had already adopted its annual budget in May, a "draft" budget could not be produced in November, unless it was a draft of a 1995-1996 budget to be debated in May 1995. The National Treasurer explained that something which could not exist could not be distributed. She said if members wanted to receive a second copy of the Federation budgets she would be more than happy to comply.

Regarding the audited statements, the National Treasurer reiterated that the Auditors took longer than anticipated to complete the audit and that some changes had to be incorporated at the last minute. She explained that those changes had only been presented to her within the previous 45 minutes and simply were not available at any time before. She said audits take time and that Federation audits take even more time. She felt that sending out actuals as of the end of August would not have provided the information that delegates at the general meeting required, because the months of June, July and August are typified by low levels of activity and consequently deceptively low levels of expenditures. She said that more accurate information is reflected in the expenditures of September and October--the period covered in the materials she was in the process of making available.

A delegate felt it was not fair that her local should have to make photocopies of her general meeting kit. She wondered if it were understood that local Federation representatives were supposed to distribute copies of the adopted budget at the local level.

The National Treasurer explained that she was unable to comment on what local Federation representatives did or did not understand but explained that at every general meeting either the budget or the revised budget is distributed by the end of closing plenary.

The Students' Federation of the University of Ottawa asked how the budget committee would be able to make a decision over a weekend if a report requires more time than that to prepare. He also said he felt it very important that members of the National Executive adhere to the policies and bylaws of the Federation. He felt that when policies and bylaws are broken member locals lose faith in the Federation as a whole. He felt that a letter should have been sent if it were absolutely impossible to fulfill the requirements of Federation policy and bylaws.

The National Treasurer apologized and reiterated that she was under the impression that every member local had the budget that had been adopted at the last general meeting. She explained again that the budget from the previous May had not changed and therefore no "draft" budget existed. She said that conventionally, November was not the meeting where the budget is developed line by line, precisely because Federation members did exactly that at the May general meeting. She felt that there would be ample time to review the handful of line items that needed to be revised. She suggested that there might be differing expectations for Budget Committee but explained that it was not fiscally responsible to prepare a major overhaul of a budget half-way through the year, when certain line-items had already been used as per the direction set by the membership at the last general meeting.

The Speaker noted that with the number of individual delegates wishing to ask questions the meeting might well continue but accomplish very little business. He urged delegates not to repeat themselves and to try to make their point as expediently as possible. He noted that interpretation was scheduled to end at 5:30 pm.

Mount Allison University Students' Administrative Council said people wanted more financial background prior to the general meeting. She asked the Treasurer to explain what the status was of the Federation's line of credit.

The National Treasurer explained that the limit on the line of credit was \$70,000.00. She said that the extent to which the Federation was using the line of credit fluctuated on a day to day basis and did not have a completely up-to-date statement. She said she would be happy to confer with the National Financial Co-ordinator for the most up-to-date figure.

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Marine Institute Students' Union said they had not received a copy of the budget from last May, because they did not have a delegation at the May meeting. He also explained that they had had difficulty receiving materials from the National Office. He used the example of the Notice of Motions package which was sent by ground instead of by air, which increased shipping time. He felt he should be reimbursed for the costs associated with compiling the necessary materials for the general meeting.

The National Treasurer explained that mistakes happened on occasion and said she was sorry if the National Office sent material by ground instead of by air. She felt that if member locals had not received certain materials then the member locals should also take the initiative to request that material from the appropriate offices. She apologized again for human error and felt that some compensation could be negotiated for costs incurred by Marine Institute Students' Union in preparation for the November 1994 general meeting.

McGill University Post-Graduate Students' Society pointed out that their delegation had come to the general meeting to work toward accessible post-secondary education with other students. She said that 20 minutes had been spent on the same point to the Treasurer. She kindly acknowledged that the budget was important, but also felt that the point had been made. She said materials needed to be distributed in advance of the meeting and the Treasurer had apologized for falling short. She asked delegates if it might not be possible to move on. She proposed that each National Executive member be allocated 5 minutes to present their report, after which time, the plenary moves onto the next item of business. She reminded delegates that other issues were pending.

94/11:12 PROCEDURAL MOTION

McGill University Post-Graduate Students' Society /Emily Carr Students' Union

Be it resolved that each member of the National Executive be allocated 5 minutes to present their report and to receive questions.

ADOPTED

94/11:13 MOTION TO AMEND

University of Ottawa Students' Federation/Carleton University Students' Association

Be it resolved that the reports of the National Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be extended to a 15 minute allotment.

DEFEATED

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:

Dalhousie Student Union

McMaster University Students' Union rose on a point of order pointing out that a National Executive question and answer period was already scheduled. He wondered whether or not delegates would be required to undergo the process twice.

The Chairperson said that just because delegates had decided to undertake a question period earlier, did not mean that delegates weren't able to decide to dispense with the second round.

Opposing the amendment, the McGill Post-Graduate Students' Society delegate asked why, given that each member of the National Executive is considered equal, the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson would be allocated more time. Secondly she noted that it would be more efficient to receive the written reports.

Against the amendment a delegate explained that prolonging the same discussion was not the best use of the Federation's plenary time.

Supporting the amendment an University of Ottawa Students' Federation delegate said he asked for 15 minutes for the Chair and Deputy Chair because they were the leaders of the movement and many questions had to be asked of them.

A point of order was raised asking whether delegates had the right to have their vote noted on procedural motions. It was felt that procedural motions were not recorded in the minutes and therefore, it was not useful for plenary time to be used by noting the direction of votes on

procedural motions.

The Speaker stated his opinion that procedural issues might lead to substantive issues and therefore every delegation had the right to have their vote noted in the minutes. However, out of consideration to the other delegates, he urged members to submit their request to have their vote noted *in writing* so that valuable plenary time would not be taken up with lengthy notations of votes.

The Speaker continued with debate on the main motion.

A Concordia Graduate Students' Association delegate spoke in favour of the motion and drew attention to Bylaw 5, section 2, sub-section (f) regarding the National Executive Report. He asked the Chairperson to ensure that discussion would be limited to the areas outlined in that bylaw. Moreover, he pointed out that the Policy manual also requires that each Provincial Representative on the National Executive to report back to their constituents no later than two weeks after each national executive meeting. He wondered if the reports presented by provincial representatives on the National Executive were to cover the period of time since they last delivered a report to their provincial constituents. He said he felt such a question was important, because it was clear from the comments in plenary that some provincial representatives had probably not ever presented a report to their constituents. He said that those who have been providing reports would be delivering much shorter presentations.

A delegate asked that all members of the National Executive go to the front for the presentation of the reports, pointing out that all members of the National Executive are equally responsible for the day to day affairs of the Federation, not just the at-large members.

11. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

Report of the National Chairperson

The National Chairperson presented the highlights of his 25 page written report. Since his election, he noted that he had attended a conference of Ministers who had met to discuss, among other topics, accessible post-secondary education. The Federation was well represented at that meeting with 13 delegates attending. On June 2, Caron attended a lobby meeting with past National Chairperson, Kelly Lamrock. June 7, Caron presented a Federation brief to the Human Resources Development Steering Committee on bill C-28 a bill amending the Canada Student Loan programme. On June 8 he attended a meeting of the Organizers of the Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan Symposium. June 13-16 Caron attended a Services orientation. On June 17, 18, 19, and 20 Caron attended the Ontario meeting of the Federation, and chaired the francophone constituency group on the 19th. June 20, he attended another organizing meeting for the ICLRP symposium. June 22-27 were the dates during which interviews were conducted for the position of National Internal Co-ordinator. June 22, the Federation was invited by the Senate Finance Committee to make a presentation on bill C-28. June 24-25 a document was prepared to respond to a discussion paper drafted by the Ottawa Students' Federation. July 2-3 Caron attended a meeting with representatives from student organizations in Québec. July 6, Caron met with member locals in Toronto. The National Executive Meeting of the Federation took place July 7-10. Caron met with New Brunswick members July 18-25 prior to an Atlantic meeting in Prince Edward Island. August 3, Caron met with Mary Maloche, director of Student Assistance Branch of the Ministry of Human Resources Development. August 9 Caron met with AUCC president Claude Lajeunesse. August 10, he attended a meeting with the president of the Canadian University Press.

The plenary Speaker noted that Caron had reached the five minute limit. Caron was asked to conclude his remarks.

Caron concluded by noting that his written report would outline all lobby meetings, as well as all day-to-day activities. Caron said he met with a Liberal MP from Thunder Bay, with NDP MP Chris Axworthy, with Bloc MP Antoine Dubé, with several members of the Human Resources Development Committee as well as with Jean Charest, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party.

The plenary Speaker noted that motion 94/11:12 established a maximum of five minutes on reports, and reminded National Executive Members that they were not obligated to take the entire five minutes, although they were welcome to do so if required.

The Chairperson pointed out that a document was being circulated containing recommendations about where motions could be referred for discussion. He said it was important that the document be read because he wanted to propose that the recommendations be adopted omnibus.

Michael Temelini, the National Graduate Students' Representative, thanked the delegates for the opportunity to address the plenary. Said his remarks would deal with two general areas, first the activities of the National Graduate Caucus and second, issues of concern to the National Executive as a whole. He said that the NGC was the most representative graduate organization in the country. He said that the Federation's main area of growth over the past several months has been graduate student associations. He noted that Concordia grads were the most recent, and that York grads would be undertaking a membership drive within two weeks. He said it was hoped that the Ottawa grads would soon follow suit. Temelini said that the Federation represents 80% of graduate students in Ontario and BC. In Nova Scotia, 65% were represented within the Federation. Temelini said the NGC has been very influential participating on Steering Committees for SSHRC, NSERC, conferences, and Canadian Alliance of Graduate Students meetings. Temelini noted that he had been interviewed by Jason Moskovich for CBC's The HOUSE--an opportunity which provided the Federation with 15 minutes of prime time national television coverage.

Regarding Federation finances, Temelini pointed out that all members of the National Executive share a concern for financial well-being of the organization. He noted that the Federation's fiscal year ends on June 30. He said that the audited statements being received by delegates at this meeting reflected decision made by a previous national executive. He noted that the Federation's current deficit was directly related to three items: Legal Fees, General Meetings, and National Conference on Issues in Education. He pointed out that the National Conference on Issues in Education was a worthwhile project but also very expensive. He reminded delegates who were expressing concern about the finances that they should also be directing their comments at previous members of the National Executive. He said that the current National Executive will be judged on the basis of the audited statements for 1994-95, not for the 1993-94 audited statements. The former audited statement, he noted, would not be available until November 1996, the latter statements would be discussed at Budget Committee, but reflect the 1993-94 National Executive.

Carleton University Students' Association rose on a point of privilege suggesting that critiques of previous National Executive Members should not be made unless they were present.

The Speaker ruled the point of privilege out of order.

The International Students' Commissioner rose on a point of order asking each member of the National Executive to report only on matters pertaining to their portfolio. The Speaker agreed.

Temelini concluded saying that as a grad student he too felt accountability was important for the Federation. He said that in order to operate effectively, the National Executive must have continuity and that many provincial executive representatives are changed several times during a particular National Executive mandate. He felt that being on the National Executive should be taken more seriously so that communication between the different levels of decision-making within the Federation can be maintained and enhanced. He felt that a stable national leadership was essential to the well-being of the Federation. He urged member locals to hold their elected representatives as accountable as possible.

McMaster University Students' Union rose on a point of order asking whether it was possible to limit the presentations to the four non-provincial representatives on the National Executive. The chairperson felt that such a proposal was contrary to the spirit of the motion the plenary had passed previously, after lengthy debate.

Trent University Students' Union rose on a point of order asking whether the plenary was permitted to change its mind. The speaker felt that it would be best to proceed as efficiently as possible and finish the reports.

McMaster University Students' Union rose on a point of order and proposed a motion to reconsider motion 94/11:12. He wanted to amend motion 94/11:12 to limit the reports to the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer.

The Speaker ruled that the proposal was out of order. He felt that the debate which would ensue on a procedural motion would take as long or longer than proceeding with the reports. He urged National Executive Members not to speak longer than necessary.

Sylvie Daigle, the New Brunswick Representative on the National Executive introduced herself. She said she had only been elected to the National Executive on September 18, 1994, therefore, she was very new. She said that New Brunswick had been without a fieldworker since March 1994. She said there was a campaign underway in New Brunswick to use cellular phones on each campus to call the Advanced Education Minister and demand that tuition fees be frozen for the year 1995-96. She said the campaign was a great success. Another campaign was around the issue of credit checks for students seeking loans. She said many New Brunswick members had been involved in lobby meetings. She said she could not stress enough the need for a New Brunswick fieldworker. She also stated that the component also needed money to help with translation expenses.

The Speaker suggested that National Executive members keep their reports as brief as possible and suggested that they set up time after the plenary session where delegates would be able to ask follow-up questions.

Heather Morin, the National Aboriginal Students' Liaison, presented her report. She said she would need much more than five minutes to explain all her activities since the last general meeting. She said that the Social Security Review and ICLRP had specific repercussions for aboriginal students so had been concentrating on those issues. She said that she had met with the Assembly of First Nations and with government officials from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. She said quarterly meetings had taken place with the Minister of Indian Affairs, Ron Irwin, and the last meeting took place in October. She invited delegates to talk to her in more detail after the plenary session.

Patricia Embleton introduced herself as the PEI representative. She said that the PEI representative on the National Executive had changed three times since the last general meeting. She had therefore asked for an extension on her report until she could become more familiar with the issues. She said she would be happy to mail out a copy of her report when it is complete, to anyone who is interested.

Lucy Watson, the Ontario Representative on the National Executive, said that Ontario members could continue their questions at the Ontario caucus meeting. She said she had attended all NE meetings since the past national general meeting. She complied with the directive to contact all member locals in the province compiled the information in a written report. She said she would make her written report available.

Mike Mancinelli, National Deputy Chairperson, explained that most of his comments would be contained in the report of the National Executive. He highlighted three areas of work for the Federation. He had been involved with numerous staffing changes in the National Office and in Fieldstaff. Regarding programmes and developments, he noted that the Federation's computer network had been improved to make it more accessible, for example, a Macintosh application was developed and internet users were given access. He said that many more schools have come on line since the improvements were made. He said that a new staff person was hired for the National Student Health Network. Mancinelli also noted that many schools have signed on to the Health Plan since the May 1994 general meeting. The new format for Studentsaver was very successful. The mail back card was particularly noteworthy--more than 1300 people have responded. The new catalogue for the Canadian Programming Service was prepared and new speakers had joined the bureau. Travel Cuts was involved in an international conference of student and youth travel agencies. He drew attention to the Federation's coalition work especially in the area of the Social Security Review. He urged delegates to talk to him about the Federation's role in the Action Canada Network.

Real Dequier explained that he was not the Francophone Commissioner but was the Manitoba Representative. He had been elected on October 22, 1994. He noted that Axworthy's riding was in

Winnipeg. They have met with him and noted their concerns about the Social Security Review. Dequier noted that the Manitoba component had had a general meeting. A campaign was underway under the theme "Top 10 reasons to oppose Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plans". Manitoba representatives had met with various members of the provincial legislative assembly as well as members of parliament from Manitoba.

BC Representative Marne Jensen explained that she would report on the implementation of directives set out by plenary, rather than spend time detailing the national administrative responsibilities shared by all National Executive members. She said most of her time since the last general meeting has been spent implementing the campaign to oppose: cuts to post-secondary education and the implementation of an Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan. To that end she and other BC Federation representatives met with Members of the BC Legislative Assembly to talk about the issues. She noted that many BC MLA's were not well-informed on the ICLRP issue and the Federation made significant headway convincing the BC government to oppose sections of the Federal policy initiatives. In fact, the BC government made several thousand dollars available to the Federation to hold public fora on the Social Security Review and ICLRP's throughout BC. The Federation had a strong presence at NDP MP Nelson Riis' community consultation in his Cariboo riding. Much time and resources have been devoted to communicating information about Federation campaigns opposing PSE cuts, and ICLRP's. Jensen noted that the Federation had received much media coverage on the issues as well.

David Huxtable, the NE representative for Alberta, attended the Federation's Atlantic meeting in Prince Edward Island. Since August, the Alberta component has concentrated on membership development and pointed out that the Alberta delegation was much larger than at past general meetings. Federation representatives met with students from Grant McEwan Community College in Edmonton. He said that the Alberta membership drive has focussed on developing ties to the grassroots members at different campuses. The University of Alberta sent a staff person as an observer to the general meeting. Huxtable explained that Federation representatives intended to introduce the Federation to non-member campuses as well as improve the profile of the Federation on member campuses.

Brad Lavigne, a Concordia Graduate Students' Association delegate, noted that while staff changes in the Ottawa office were noted, staff changes in the Toronto office were not. He asked for a report on staff changes in the Toronto office. National Deputy Chair Mancinelli explained that he had noted the new hiring for the National Student Health Network.

A delegate asked the National Deputy Chairperson to explain how the Government Relations staffperson in the Ottawa Office came to leave the position. Mancinelli explained that Derek Carlyle had taken a 6 month leave from his position of Fieldworker to fill the position of Government Relations. At the end of 6 months, Mancinelli explained, Carlyle had the option of returning to his position as New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island Fieldworker. He decided to resign from the Fieldworker position for personal reasons and applied for the Government Relations position during the internal posting of the position. Two Federation staff applied for the Government Relations position during the internal posting, and, in accordance with the collective agreement, the staff member with the greatest amount of seniority filled the position. Jocelyn Charron had more seniority and consequently was given the position of Government Relations.

The Speaker pointed out that the time allotment for the National Executive report had expired. He thanked the members of the NE and moved to the next item of business. He noted that 45 minutes remained of Opening Plenary.

12. ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

94/11:14 MOTION

Laurentian University Students' General Association/Malaspina Students' Union

Be it resolved that the general meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

94/11:15 MOTION TO AMEND

University of Ottawa Students' Federation/Dalhousie Student Union

Be it resolved that discussion on the Social Security Review be scheduled between 3:00 pm and 5:30 pm on November 10.

DEFEATED

A delegate asked for the title of the workshop already scheduled.

The National Chairperson explained that the workshop was intended to be a discussion on the complexities of a national student strike. He explained that the National Executive had been mandated to schedule such a workshop at the last general meeting. He also said that the workshop would be dealing with the Social Security Review. He said the workshop would be facilitated by an Ontario Staff person and a guest, John Clarke, from the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty.

Opposing the amendment a delegate did not want to reduce the amount of time allocated to committee discussions. She explained that delegates have often been forced to stay awake all night in order to complete the required amount of work, and therefore did not want to see any time cut from the committees.

In favour of the amendment a delegate argued that the Social Security Reform was the most important issue facing students. He felt that more time should be allocated to the discussion of the issue.

Against the amendment, a delegate explained that the workshop scheduled would deal with specifics of the Social Security Review, and that most committees would also be discussing the issue within the committee parameters.

The Speaker clarified with the University of Ottawa Students' Federation that the intent of the amendment was to maintain the workshop that had already been scheduled and to add further time to the agenda for discussion. The University of Ottawa Students' Federation agreed. The question was called on the amendment.

Debate resumed on the main motion. The question was called, but an objection was raised.

94/11:16 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Concordia Graduate Students' Association/Malaspina Students' Union

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:14 be put to a vote.

The Dalhousie Student Union delegation requested a roll call vote be conducted on Motion 94/11:16.

The McMaster University Students' Union delegation rose on a point of order. It said that Robert's Rules of Order provided guidelines by which procedural motions could be deemed "frivolous" and therefore "out of order" by the Speaker. It asked the Speaker to rule that the request for a roll call on a procedural motion out of order.

The Speaker, the National Chairperson, and a delegate from McMaster University Students' Union explained to Dalhousie that the motion was merely a motion on whether or not to call the question. Dalhousie said it understood and would not withdraw its request for a roll call vote on a procedural motion.

The Speaker explained that while every member has the right to request a roll call vote, Robert's Rules of Order set out that procedural rules are in place to facilitate debate and not obstruct debate and paralyse the meeting. He therefore agreed with the point of order and ruled that requesting a roll call vote on a procedural motion such as motion 94.11.16 was frivolous and contrary to the spirit of Robert's Rules.

The Dalhousie Student Union delegation challenged the ruling of the Speaker.

94/11:17 PROCEDURAL MOTION

McMaster University Students' Union/University of Victoria Students' Society

Be it resolved that the ruling of the Speaker be upheld.

ADOPTED

94/11:16 ADOPTED

94/11:14 ADOPTED

13. STRIKING OF GENERAL MEETING COMMITTEES

94/11:18 MOTION

Association des étudiantes et étudiants Collège universitaire de Saint Boniface/Laurentian University Students' General Association

Be it resolved that the following general meeting committees be struck:

- Bilingualism Committee;
- Budget Committee;
- Membership Development and Communications Committee;
- National Education and Campaigns Committee;
- Organizational Development Committee; and
- Policy Review Committee.

Dalhousie Student Union delegate Hal McLean rose on a point of order regarding the striking of the Budget Committee. He reiterated his earlier point that striking the Budget Committee was not in order because the draft budgets had not been distributed at least four weeks prior to the general meeting. He felt that he was not making himself clear and stated his position again. He felt that the National Treasurer implied there was no role for the Budget Committee to play and therefore a proposal to strike the Committee was out of order.

The Speaker ruled that there was nothing out of order in proposing that the Budget Committee be struck. He stated that striking a committee was not dependent upon particular a policy and that no bylaw prevented the plenary from striking the Budget Committee at any general meeting.

The Dalhousie Student Union delegation challenged the Speaker's ruling.

94.11.19 PROCEDURAL MOTION

McMaster University Students' Union/ Laurentian University Students General Association

Be it resolved that the decision of the Speaker be upheld.

Dalhousie Student Union delegate Hal McLean said that the previous comments by the National Treasurer implied there was no role for the Budget Committee to play and therefore a proposal to strike the Committee was out of order.

The Speaker explained that the comments of the National Treasurer or anybody else did not supersede standard procedural rules. He said that a mere comment did not suddenly warrant that a separate and distinct motion being ruled out of order. He said that striking the Budget Committee was completely in order. He thought the delegate might be confused between an argument against a motion and an argument which suggested that a proposal could not be made at all. He pointed out that while members had the right to vote against striking a committee, it was nevertheless in order to propose that a given committee be struck. He reiterated that there was no provision in the Bylaws which would render a proposal to strike the Budget Committee out of order. He said that once a motion was proposed, the plenary was free to debate whether they wanted to adopt or reject the motion.

94.11.19 ADOPTED (29/23)

The Marine Institute Students' Union delegation rose on a point of order. It stated that Standing Resolution 1 provided for three committees to be struck at general meetings and asked if Motion-94/11:18 was out of order because it was proposing that more than three committees be struck.

The Speaker explained that Standing Resolution 1 outlined the committees which had to be struck but did not preclude the plenary from striking additional committees.

94/11:18 ADOPTED

14. ADOPTION/REFERRAL OF BYLAW AND POLICY RESOLUTIONS

The Speaker noted that only about 15 minutes remained to deal the outstanding business before the end of the opening plenary. He referred delegates to a list of recommendations, prepared by the National Executive, concerning motions submitted for consideration at the general meeting. He suggested that the National Executive's recommendations, on the committees to which motions should be referred, be accepted omnibus. He further suggested that the motions which the National Executive was proposing be dealt with in the opening plenary instead be dealt with in the closing plenary.

94/11:20 MOTION

University of Victoria Students' Society/Concordia Graduate Students' Association

Be it resolved that the National Executive's recommendations, concerning the general meeting committees to which motions should be referred, be accepted omnibus;

Be it further resolved that motions which the National Executive had proposed be dealt with in the opening plenary instead be dealt with in the closing plenary; and

Be it further resolved that Motion-94/11:N22 be referred to the Policy Review Committee.

The question was called and Ryerson Student Union objected.

94/11:21 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:20 be put to a vote

ADOPTED

Ryerson Students Union announced that it was withdrawing its support for motion 94/11:N22.

94/11:20 CARRIED

15. ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL MEETING COMMITTEE AGENDAS

94.11.22 MOTION

Laurentian University Students' General Association/Guelph Central Student Association

Be it resolved that the committee agendas be adopted as presented.

ADOPTED

16. PRESENTATION BY THE STAFF RELATIONS OFFICER

The item was by-passed by general consensus.

17. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

94/11:23 MOTION

Mount Allison University Students' Administrative Council/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that the National Executive Question and Answer Period be moved to the first item on closing plenary agenda.

ADOPTED

5:27 pm-Orders of the Day were called and the meeting recessed at 5:30.

CLOSING PLENARY
Canadian Federation of Students (-Services)
November 1994

1. CALL TO ORDER

Plenary Speaker Christoph Sicking called the meeting to order at 9:45 am November 13, 1994.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBER LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Speaker conducted a roll call of member local associations and a quorum of members was declared to be present (see Appendix A). The chair also requested that delegates arriving late note their presence with the chair.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF PLENARY AGENDA

94/11:24 MOTION

Marine Institute Students' Union/City Centre Student Association

Be it resolved that the closing plenary agenda be accepted.

The Speaker explained that the plenary agenda has traditionally been flexible, reflecting which reports are available.

A Travel Cuts representative requested an opportunity to make a report to plenary.

The Speaker suggested that such a report could be presented under item 6. The Speaker's Amendment was considered friendly.

94/11:25 MOTION

Marine Institute Students' Union/Dalhousie Student Union

Be it resolved that the National Executive Question and Answer Period be moved to item 3.1 (just before elections)

A point of order was raised noting that opening plenary motion 94/11:23, moved the National Executive question and answer period to the first item of business of closing plenary.

The chair ruled that the point was in order and that the NE Q&A will automatically be dealt with as item 3.1 on the closing plenary agenda. Therefore, the motion was out of order.

94/11:25 OUT-OF-ORDER

94/11:26 MOTION

North Island Students' Association/Laurentian University Students' General Association

Be it resolved that the Motion-94/11:23 be reconsidered

ADOPTED (25/22)

The chair noted that the motion must be moved by a member who had previously been on the prevailing side.

Camosun college spoke in favour of the motion suggesting that not enough time had been allotted to review the report of the National Executive and that by moving the NE Q&A to a later time, delegates would have more time to develop appropriate questions.

Marine Institute Students' Union called the question.

The chair asked for opposition and seeing none moved to the vote on motion.

A point of order was raised asking whether a motion to reconsider required a two-thirds majority vote for adoption.

The chair ruled that a motion to reconsider required only a simple majority.

The chair noted that the NE Q&A was now scheduled as item 7 in the closing plenary agenda.

94/11:27 MOTION

North Island Students' Association/Lakehead Students' Union

Be it resolved that the National Executive Question and Answer Period be moved to item 9.1.

ADOPTED

Lakehead Students' Union spoke in favour of the motion noting that in opening plenary the NE presented a short oral report, followed by a Q&A period.

A delegate spoke against the resolution citing concern that items scheduled toward the end of closing plenary are often not presented given time constraints. It was also noted that this item should not be held over until the May general meeting.

Question was called and given no objections, the chair moved to the vote.

A point of order was raised suggesting a two-thirds majority vote was required to carry the motion.

The chair referred to Robert's Rules of Order and ruled that a simple majority vote was required.

The National Chairperson suggested that elections be moved to 10:00 am Monday, November 14 and that "adjournment" on the agenda be replaced by "recess."

Seeing no objections the suggestion was taken as a friendly amendment.

A point of information was raised pointing out that some reports, though not complete, were not listed on the agenda. Clarification was sought to ensure that these reports would be included in the agenda.

The chairperson suggested that these reports could be added to item 8.1, remaining committee reports. Seeing no objections, the chair's suggestion was considered a friendly amendment.

A point of information was raised asking whether the agenda presented for closing plenary was meant for the whole of closing plenary or simply just the first day.

The chair stated that it was meant for closing plenary in its entirety.

A second point of information was raised asking why adjournment had been replaced by recess on the agenda.

The chair clarified that it ought to be called adjournment as originally written, if there were no objections. Given no objections, the chair's suggestion was considered a friendly amendment.

A point of order was raised regarding the agenda amendment to schedule remaining committee reports as item 8.1 and suggested they ought to be scheduled as item 7.1 to allow time for the presentation of these reports.

The chair suggested that item 7 on the agenda, previously the NE Q&A, could be retitled as remaining committee reports. The chair's suggestion was considered to be a friendly amendment.

An amendment was suggested to add item 8 (j) Aboriginal Students' Constituency Group Report.

Caron suggested that item 8 contain all constituency group reports which were not currently present, such as bilingualism.

Both suggestions were considered friendly amendments.

Seeing no more amendments to the agenda, the chair moved the following amended agenda:

Items 1, 2 and 3 had been dealt with.

Item 4, elections would proceed on November 14 at 10:00 am

Item 5 would be motions referred from opening plenary to closing plenary.

Item 6 would be presentation of reports (at large executive members)

Item 7 would be presentation of remaining reports

Item 8 would remain the same with the addition of the Aboriginal Students' Constituency Group Report

Item 9 would be ratification of Constituency Group Commissioners and the Constituency Commission Chairperson

Item 9.1 would be the National Executive Report followed by a Question and Answer Period

Item 10 would be the adjournment of the meeting.

94/11:24 ADOPTED AS AMENDED

5. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY TO CLOSING PLENARY

The chairperson reminded tardy delegates to ensure that their attendance is noted, in order that an accurate account can be taken of members' voting.

94/11:28 POLICY MOTION

University of Prince Edward Island Student Union/Mount Allison Students' Administrative Council

Whereas, the political climate in South Africa has changed significantly since the November 1989 motion and the November 1991 motion regarding South Africa were passed; therefore

Be it resolved that the November 1989 and the November 1991 motions concerning a boycott of South Africa be deleted from the Policy Manual.

The Travel CUTS representative spoke in favour of the motion noting that Travel CUTS has been wanting to start a Student Work Abroad Programme in South Africa. He noted that deleting this policy would finally allow Travel CUTS to do so.

94/11:28 ADOPTED

94/11:29 POLICY MOTION

University of Guelph Central Student Association/University of Winnipeg Student Association

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed as amended:

The Federation supports the Ontario Federation of Students Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario's and Nipissing University Colleges' stand on the restructuring of the University system in North Eastern Ontario.

ADOPTED

94/05:124 POLICY MOTION

Trent Student Union/University of Regina Students' Union

Whereas, the Ontario government has decided to remove the health care coverage for the 19,000 International Students in Ontario; and

Whereas, International Students contribute greatly to the economy and thus pay for social services; and

Whereas, International Students contribute greatly to the educational process through cultural diversity; and

Whereas, having to provide for one's own health care is yet another barrier hindering students from other countries from studying in Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "International Students":

The Federation supports equality of health care coverage for all students in Canada, including International Students; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation actively opposes any cuts to health care coverage for international students.

A delegate spoke in favour of the motion and pointed out that removing health care coverage for international students created a barrier to accessible education for international students. She pointed out that the name, Canadian Federation of Students, embodied a concern for all students, not just for Canadian students and that the Federation should oppose barriers for all students.

94/05:124 ADOPTED

94/05:125 POLICY MOTION

University of Regina Students' Union/Trent Student Union

Whereas, the Ontario government has decided to remove the funding for childcare for the 19,000 International Students studying in Ontario; and

Whereas, International Students contribute greatly to the economy and thus pay for social services; and

Whereas, International Students contribute greatly to the educational process through cultural diversity; and

Whereas, having to provide for childcare without outside funding is yet another barrier hindering students from other countries from studying in Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "International Students":

The Federation supports equality of funding for childcare for all students in Canada, including International Students.

Be it further resolved that the Federation actively opposes any cuts to funding of child care for International Students.

ADOPTED

94/05:128 POLICY MOTION

Trent Student Union/University of Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "International Students":

The Federation supports the student movement and the people of South Africa in their continuing efforts for full economic and social justice.

ADOPTED

NOTED ABSTENTION:

University of Guelph Central Student Association

94/05:129 POLICY MOTION

Trent Student Union/McGill Post-Graduate Student Society

Whereas, people of different nationalities and ethnic and religious backgrounds have been, and continue to be, murdered in the ongoing civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading

"International Students":

The Federation supports all efforts of the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina to achieve peace in the region.

ADOPTED

NOTED ABSTENTION:

University of Guelph Central Student Association

94/05:132 POLICY MOTION

Wilfred Laurier Graduate Students' Association/Camosun College Student Society

Whereas, question 12 (A) of the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) blood donor questionnaire states "if male, have you had sex, at any time since 1974, with another male"; and

Whereas, if the response of a potential donor to question 12 (A) is in the affirmative, donation of blood is disallowed; and

Whereas, the epidemiology of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome virus is not confined to the gay male community; and

Whereas, the most rapid spread of HIV is currently recognized as occurring among heterosexual women; and

Whereas, the Canadian Red Cross has consistently refused to consider changing its questionnaire to screen on the basis of sexual practice rather than on the basis of sexual orientation; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)":

The Federation deems any question on the Canadian Red Cross blood donor questionnaire dealing with sexual orientation rather than sexual practice to be discriminatory.

ADOPTED

NOTED ABSTENTION:

University of Guelph Central Student Association

94/05:136 POLICY MOTION

University of Winnipeg Student Association/Trent Student Union

Whereas, a complaint was received by the Canadian Radio and Television-Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) about sexually explicit material in the all-day all-gay programming of CKDU radio; and

Whereas, for the first time in Canada's history of Campus-Community radio, the CRTC has handed down a ruling that jeopardizes lesbian, gay and bisexual programming and places the license renewal of CKDU radio into question; and

Whereas, the membership of CKDU who are members of the Dalhousie Student Union have launched an appeal to the CRTC on this precedent setting decision; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Sexual Orientation":

The Federation supports the autonomy of campus community radio in its rights to lesbian, gay and bisexual content in its programming; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation opposes the ruling of the Canadian Radio and Television-Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) against CKDU radio.

ADOPTED

NOTED ABSTENTION:

University of Guelph Central Student Association

94/05:191 POLICY MOTION

Laurentian University Students' General Association/Association des étudiantes et

étudiants de Saint Boniface

Whereas, the Federation supports the elimination of all financial barriers to a post-secondary education; and

Whereas, the Federation supports the abolition of tuition fees and other incidental fees; and

Whereas, the Federation considers access to updated equipment and research facilities an element of quality education; and

Whereas, electronic communication, including electronic mail and billboards, represent an increasingly important sector of education and student organizations at the local, national and external levels; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Communications":

The Federation supports free on-campus access to computerized electronic communications networks for all students.

ADOPTED

94/05:205 POLICY MOTION

McGill University/University of Guelph Central Student Association

Whereas, housing costs often constitute the largest single expenditure in a student's budget; and

Whereas, the federal and provincial governments have systematically excluded students as a priority for any kind of housing assistance; and

Whereas, Canada's social housing programs are designed so that low income groups who receive aid pay no more than 30% of their annual income on rent, while students typically pay more than 30% and as much as 50% of their annual income on rent; and

Whereas, student-controlled, non-profit housing has been proven to be a viable alternative to market housing, while giving students control over their living environment; and

Whereas, the current federal government is committed to re-examining housing portfolio priorities with an eye to establishing innovative forms of social and non-profit housing; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policies under the heading "Housing":

The Federation is committed to promoting non-profit, student-controlled housing.

The Federation recognizes students as a population in need of affordable housing, and is committed to pressuring local, provincial and federal levels of government into recognizing this need.

The Federation is committed to working with housing rights groups and affordable housing advocates in their struggles to promote housing rights, non-profit housing and tenant-controlled housing.

The Federation is opposed to all forms of discrimination in housing.

ADOPTED

94/05:206 POLICY MOTION

University of Guelph Central Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Employment":

The Federation opposes any age restrictions placed on student employment programmes.

ADOPTED

- 94/05:207 POLICY MOTION**
University of Guelph Central Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society
Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Employment":
The Federation believes that childcare provisions should be made available for the participants in government student employment programs.

ADOPTED

- 94/05:208 POLICY MOTION**
University of Guelph Central Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society
Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading "Employment" (May 1991, 90.10.142) be amended to read:
The Federation believes that students should have the opportunity to access rewarding summer employment related to their academic studies field of study.

ADOPTED

- 94/05:209 POLICY MOTION**
University of Guelph Central Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society
Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Funding Education":
The Federation supports the establishment of a regulated minimum government funding allocated specifically to the study of cultural practice, which would secure the continuation of programs at applicable institutions.

ADOPTED

- 94/05:210 POLICY MOTION**
Trent Student Union/York Federation of Students
Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "International Students":
The Federation declares that all international students have the right to equal access to, equal treatment in, and freedom from harassment in employment, housing, health-care, and provision of public services.

ADOPTED

- 94/05:211 POLICY MOTION**
University of Guelph Central Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society
Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading "The Arts" (November 1991, 91.11.95) be amended to read:
The Federation believes that the arts are an integral part of Canadian culture, and supports adequate funding of the arts opposes any move, including closure of institutions and departments, cuts to programs, and chronic underfunding, on the part of the government, university and college administrations to devalue the study of cultural artistic practice.

ADOPTED

- 94/05:212 POLICY MOTION**
Emily Carr Students' Union/University of Guelph Central Student Association
Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "The Arts":

The Federation recognizes that attempts by post-secondary institutions or governments to censor the work produced by students engaged in cultural artistic practice inhibits the freedom of expression that is an essential component of cultural practice, is a barrier to their education, and is an infringement of their student rights.

ADOPTED

94/05:213

POLICY MOTION

Student's Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design/Emily Carr Students' Union

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "The Arts":

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

ADOPTED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS:

Carleton University Student Association
University of Ottawa Students' Federation

94/05:214

POLICY MOTION

University of Guelph Central Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Education Funding":

The Federation supports the establishment of a regulated minimum of government funding to be allocated specifically to fine arts/arts programs and that such funding secures the continuation of the fine arts programs in institutions where applicable.

ADOPTED

94/05:215

POLICY MOTION

King Edward Students' Association/University of Guelph Central Student Association

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Student Aid":

The Federation opposes the rejection of Canada Student Loans applicants based on the applicant previously having defaulted on student loan repayments.

ADOPTED

94/05:216

POLICY MOTION

University of Guelph Central Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Funding Education":

The Federation supports public funding for the creation of new spaces at public colleges and institutes to accommodate those students receiving public sponsorship attending private colleges and universities.

ADOPTED

94/05:217

POLICY MOTION

University of Guelph Central Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Whereas, the Federation supports students' right to organize; and

Whereas, some federal retraining funding programmes do not cover the full cost of education; and

Whereas, student association fees are included in the full cost of education; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading
"Training":

The Federation condemns federal retraining funding programmes that exclude
coverage of students' association fees.

94/05:31 MOTION TO AMEND

Mount Royal College Students' Association/UNB Fredericton

Be it resolved that the policy statement in Motion-94/05:217 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation insists on federal retraining funding programmes that include
coverage of students' association fees.

It was noted that by suggesting that the Federation supports federal retraining programmes that include coverage of students' association fees, that the Federation is not necessarily obliged to condemn those funding programmes which exclude coverage of the students' association fees. It was suggested that this issue is very important to colleges and institutes which have numerous retraining programmes, the majority of which do not cover funding for students' association fees. Concern was raised that the amendment did not uphold the intent of the original motion. A suggested amendment to replace support with insist on was adopted as friendly.

94/11:31 ADOPTED

94/05:217 ADOPTED AS AMENDED

94/05:218 POLICY MOTION

University of Guelph Central Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Students with Disabilities":

The Federation declares that all students with disabilities have the right to equal access to, equal treatment in, and freedom from discrimination in employment, housing, and provision of public services.

ADOPTED

94/05:219 POLICY MOTION

University of Guelph Central Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Students with Disabilities":

The Federation declares that all students with disabilities have the right to equal access, equal treatment, and freedom from discrimination in post-secondary institutions.

ADOPTED

94/05:221 POLICY MOTION

Trent Student Union/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the second policy under the heading "Aboriginal Students" (November 1989) be amended to read:

The Federation supports establishing an Aboriginal Student Network the Canadian Federation of Aboriginal Students as a parallel organization that will represent aboriginal students and promote their issues, and establish a network of aboriginal students across Canada. Member local associations shall be encouraged to facilitate communication between the Aboriginal Student Network Canadian Federation of Aboriginal Students and the aboriginal students of their individual institutions.

ADOPTED

94/05:223 POLICY MOTION

Trent Student Union/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the third policy under the heading "Aboriginal Students" (November 1989) be amended to read:

The Federation denounces the ~~cutbacks implemented by the new Post-Secondary Student Support Program for native students~~ **policy on Post-Secondary Aboriginal Educational Funding**. The Federation sees this as a policy which will be catastrophic for not only aboriginal people, but all of Canadian society. The Federation views this policy as a governmental social policy that is sexist, racist, inaccessible, and exclusionary.

Concern was raised that delegates did not have sufficient background information to support or not support this motion.

Heather Morin, Aboriginal Consistency Group Commissioner, explained that funding for aboriginal students is much different than any other funding for post-secondary education. She explained that post-secondary funding for aboriginal students is framed by the parameters of the Indian Act, which is itself racist legislation. She pointed out that the Post-Secondary Student Support Program provides funding only for "status" Indians as defined by the Indian Act. Morin said that if you were among "Bill C-31" Indians--those having just received their status in 1985 after having it arbitrarily removed by the federal government--you are not entitled to funding under the Post-Secondary Student Support Program.

Morin noted that Aboriginal people believe that post-secondary education is a right for all aboriginal people, be they treaty, non-treaty, status, non-status, Métis, Inuit, or any other nation. According to Morin, the Post-Secondary Student Support Program was a Federal government policy designed primarily by non-aboriginal people and did not reflect the views of the aboriginal community. She reminded delegates that the Post-Secondary Student Support Program was capped in 1989 in the face of opposition protests by aboriginal students and non-aboriginal students. For more information Morin suggested that delegates approach her, and urged that the resolution be adopted.

94/05:223 CARRIED

94/05:224 POLICY MOTION

University of Guelph Central Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the fifth policy under the heading "Aboriginal Students" (May 1990) be amended to read:

The Federation supports the creation and implementation of Aboriginal resource centres, **Aboriginal Student services that are by, and for Aboriginal people**, which will provide academic counseling within a cultural context, the teaching of one of the official languages, support services and a setting for urban orientation.

ADOPTED

93/05:177 POLICY MOTION

Acadia Student Union/Ryerson Students' Union

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "Academic Freedom":

The Federation supports academic freedom in accordance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Concern was raised that the motion did not go far enough given that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms does not adequately protect all rights. It was noted that the Alberta government produced a White Paper on Post-Secondary Education and it promised academic freedom according the Charter. It was further suggested that the Federation adopt broader policy regarding academic freedom given the complexity of the issues at hand.

It was also pointed out that 85% of Canadians support the Charter, that the Charter has helped protect the rights which currently exist and that the motion should be adopted and with the understanding of both the strengths and weaknesses of the Charter.

94/11:32 MOTION TO POSTPONE

University of Winnipeg Student Association/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that Motion-93/05:177 be postponed to the May, 1995, national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the motion be referred to the Policy Review Committee at that general meeting.

ADOPTED

93/05:177 POSTPONED

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated:

94/11:33 BYLAW AMENDMENT [94/05:N2]

Dalhousie Student Union/Saint Thomas University Student Union

Whereas, the Dalhousie Student Union does not, has not, and will never recognize that the Canadian Federation of Students, as a corporation in which we are a shareholder, has the jurisdiction or authority to override and otherwise impede the authority of the Dalhousie Student Union, which is constituted under a special Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature (April, 1966) to "act as the official organization of the Students of Dalhousie University (An Act to Incorporate Dalhousie Student Union, S. 2. (b))"; and

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Federation do not reflect this fact, and should be amended to reflect this position; therefore

Be it resolved that Definitions, Section 4, be amended to read as follows:

"For all purposes of these Bylaws, a referendum will be taken to mean a general vote of members of a local student association, whether conducted at balloting locations or at a formal general meeting of the local student association, **or such other means as are valid and duly carried out according to the member local's constitution.**"

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, Section 2 A(ii), be deleted and replaced by the following:

"A local association's application for membership, once accepted by the Federation, shall be formalized in a binding written contract which will govern the terms of the membership of that local association for the duration of the membership. Such a contract shall specifically contain and be limited to the following terms:

- a) an agreement on behalf of the local association to collect and remit to the Federation full membership fees;
- b) an agreement that continued membership of the local association in the Federation remains subject only to such referendum as required by the constitution of that member local;
- c) an agreement stating that full membership in the Federation may only be terminated on June 30 of the Federation's fiscal year in which a member association withdraws, and;
- d) a statement containing the rights and responsibilities of the local association, as written in Bylaw I, Section 3 B and C, at the time of the member local association's joining."

Be it further resolved that the introduction to Bylaw I, Section 2 A(iv), a) through d), be deleted; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, Section 3 B(i), be amended to read as follows:

"Each voting member of the Federation will have one vote at and participate in General Meetings of the Federation provided all outstanding delegate fees for past meetings have been paid in full. **In the case of non-payment**, this is subject to the review by the National Executive, on a case by case basis upon request."; and

Be it further resolved that the following Bylaw be adopted:

Bylaw I, Section 3 B(ii)

Each voting member retains the right to choose what policies, initiatives, programmes, Standing Resolutions, Bylaws, and other activities or structures of the Federation that the voting member may or may not support, administer, adhere to or otherwise participate in, subject only to the provisions of joining the Federation such as are obligated by contract as per Bylaw I, Section 1 A(i); and

Be it further resolved that all subsequent sections of Bylaw I, Section 3 B, be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that the introduction to Bylaw I, Section 3 C, be amended to read as follows:

"Although Federation staff and executive members will handle many day-to-day operations, the structures of the Federation can only function if there is full cooperation among Federation voting members, **subject to such limitations as per Bylaw I, Section 3 B(ii)**. The achievements of the work and goals of the Federation depend on the active participation of students and student associations."

WITHDRAWN

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:34 BYLAW AMENDMENT [94/05:N04]

Simon Fraser Student Society/Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association

Whereas, it is now May 1994; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 2 A(iii), be amended by deleting the following paragraph:

"Member associations have until May 1994 to comply with this fee increase, following the local procedures regulating membership fee increases. If by May 1994 less than 80% of member associations have adopted the new membership fees, the issue of fee increases shall be reviewed at the May 1994 General Meeting."

A question was raised as to whether or not 80% of member associations had adopted the new membership fees as of May 1994. Caron explained that 39 out of 65 member locals (60%) had complied with the process and of the 39 locals complying with the process 35 have been successful (89% success rate).

It was noted that Bylaw I, Section 2 A(iii) had been reviewed by Organizational Development Committee at the May 1994 general meeting and that this motion--94.05.N04--reflects those discussions.

UNB Fredericton argued against the motion noting that the fees are ensconced in a bylaw which can only be changed by a 2/3 majority vote of the plenary. It was noted that since such a vote has not taken place, the current situation is that the current Federation membership fee stands at \$6.00. It was argued that the Federation had broken with the process set out in the paragraph--a process developed on the basis of legal advice. It was suggested that by deleting the reference to the process contained in that paragraph the Federation might be jeopardizing the fee increases which have already taken place, leaving the Federation vulnerable to councils wishing to back down from paying the fees as increased. It was suggested that the Federation seek legal advice on this issue.

Those in favour of the motion pointed out that in May 1994 Organizational Development Committee weighed the importance of having had 54% of member locals comply with the fee increase against those member locals which had either not held fee increase votes or had not been successful in increasing the Federation fee. Organizational Development Committee concluded that the Federation was in better financial shape given that 54% of members had already increased their Federation fees and that this was a primary consideration.

It was also noted that where student associations have had difficulty with their campus administrations in collecting the increased fees, the National Executive has been working with member locals on a case by case basis. It was therefore argued that motion 94/05:N04 should be adopted.

94/11:35 MOTION TO TABLE

Mount Royal College Students' Association/Saint Thomas University Student Union

Be it resolved that Motion-94.05.N04 be tabled.

ADOPTED

94/11:34 TABLED

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:36 BYLAW AMENDMENT [94/05:N07]

Concordia Graduate Students' Association/Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 3 C(ii), be amended by deleting the words "if applicable".

Against the motion it was argued that because some student associations do not have fee agreements, by removing the words "if applicable" from Bylaw I, Section 3 C(ii) those member locals without fee agreements would be left in violation of the Bylaw.

In favour of the motion it was argued that every member local should have a fee agreement with the Federation whether signed or not signed, and that this is the intent of the motion.

94/11:36 DEFEATED

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated.

94/11:37 BYLAW AMENDMENT [94/05:N14]

Augustana Student Union/Marine Institute Students' Union

Whereas, there has been an on-going concern regarding the level of involvement/democracy for the Canadian Federation of Students-Services; and

Whereas, there has been no attempt to dedicate efforts towards the enhancement of a student-owned co-op -- namely the Canadian Federation of Students-Services; and

Whereas, the Canadian Federation of Students-Services was formed as a full and equal component of the Canadian student movement; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw II - General Meetings, be amended as follows:

Section 1: Annual General Meetings

- A. The Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall be held between September 30 and November 30 October 15 and November 30 of each year.
- B. Replace with the following: At the Annual General Meeting of the Federation, the primary focus of the agenda shall be upon the discussion / development / enhancement / promotion of the CFS-Services. In addition to this, the Report of the National Executive, the financial statements and the report of the auditors will be presented; the auditors for the ensuing year will be appointed; the elections for the next National Executive (at-large) positions will occur.

Section 2: Semi-Annual General Meetings

A. Add the following: The primary focus of the agenda shall be upon the campaign / lobby / research activities of the Federation as well as the review / amendment of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies of the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that the above amendments be made to Bylaw II - General Meetings in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services.

94/11:38 MOTION TO POSTPONE

Marine Institute Students' Union/Carleton University Student Association

Be it resolved that Motion-94.05.N14 be postponed to the next national general meeting; and

Be it further resolvd that the motion be referred to Membership, Development and Communications Committee at that general meeting.

ADOPTED

94/11:37 POSTPONED

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:39 BYLAW AMENDMENT [94/05:N08]

Simon Fraser Student Society/Emily Carr Students' Union

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, Section 7, be amended by adding:

C. Travel Pool

Each member local association having representatives in a general meeting will participate in the general meeting travel pool."

It was noted that this bylaw amendment was merely a housekeeping amendment as the Federation has always used a travel pool as a means of improving the accessibility of Federation general meetings. This amendment would merely reflect the practice.

94/11:39 CARRIED

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated.

94/11:40 BYLAW AMENDMENT [94/05:N18]

Augustana Student Union/Marine Institute Students' Union

Whereas, the goal of the Federation is to encourage the development of provincial organizations to reduce the financial pressures on the National Budget; and

Whereas, provincial organizations have maintained their right to establish policy, staff, and direct resources as determined by the province; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw VII - Provincial Components, Section 3: Funding of Provincial Components/Caucuses, be deleted in its entirety; and

Be it further resolved that all appropriate amendments be made to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services.

Opposing the motion, it was pointed out that this bylaw amendment would eliminate the right of provincial components to receive an allocation back from the national budget. The bylaw as it stands provides recognition of the national work undertaken by the provincial components. Moreover, it was noted that developed provincial components provide provincial funding for staff rather than relying on the national budget to pay for provincial organizers, as is the case with components without provincial component fees.

In favour of the motion UNB Fredericton argued in favour of the motion as members in New Brunswick are happy to do away with provincial subsidies although the New Brunswick Component requested and in fact received an allocation in the current budget. UNB suggested that the current application of the standing resolutions were not applied equitably.

Concordia Graduate Students' Union argued against the motion stating that the principle behind the provincial component allocation was the recognition that not all provincial components would ever have the same financial base to provide complete funding for provincial organizing, given differences in the size of the students population from province to province. The Federation has therefore recognized that it is in its best interest to provide ongoing subsidies to such provincial caucuses or components to assist provincial organizing, in the form of fieldworkers. It was noted that Bylaw VII, section 3, is simply a means of entrenching some level of equity by providing a comparatively nominal allocation to those provincial components which have an adequate provincial fee in place. Concordia Grads went on to say that by establishing the allocation within a standing resolution, provincial components can proceed to develop a long term financial plan. Without a level of stability, provincial components would not be able to develop an accurate budgeting process.

A delegate wondered whether she had interpreted the previous speaker correctly, suggesting that he had implied that provincial components with high provincial fees need subsidies and that those with low fees don't. It was stated that New Brunswick had both low fees and no need for a national allocation.

Speaking in favour of the motion, a delegate said that the only implication for deleting section 3 of Bylaw VII would be that the Federation would not be required to provide for a provincial allocation, but that it could continue to do so if it so chose.

94/11:40 DEFEATED

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated.

94/11:41 BYLAW AMENDMENT [94/05:N19]

Augustana Student Union/University of Guelph Central Students' Association

Whereas, the Federation is best served by constituency groups acting as discussion groups which enhance the policies of the Federation; and

Whereas, the practice of constituency representation on committees violates the one member-one vote principle; and

Whereas, constituency group representation has merely become a political pawn in the internal politics of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw VIII - Constituency Groups, Section 4: Constituency Groups Rights, Sub-sections A, B, C, be deleted in their entirety; and

Be it further resolved that all further references to committee structures be appropriately amended; and

Be it further resolved that all appropriate amendments be made to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services.

Speaking against the motion it was noted that the motion would have a serious impact on constituency groups and that no decision should be made without detailed discussion with the constituency groups themselves. It was pointed out that the Organizational Development Committee of May 1994, which was comprised not only of provincial representatives but of constituency group representatives, had recommended that this motion be defeated. In contrast, the speaker observed that during the plenary sessions, constituency groups have no voice and no vote. Another speaker felt that the term "discussion group" trivialized the very real oppression experienced by members of constituency groups.

A delegate called question on Motion-94/11:41.

The Speaker asked if there were any objections to moving to the vote.

Marine Institute Students' Union noted its objection.

94/11:42 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:41 be put to a vote.

DEFEATED

Debate on Motion-94/11:41 resumed. Having had three speakers opposed to the motion the chairperson entertained only speakers in favour of the motion. Since no speakers in favour of the motion came forward, the chairperson moved to the vote.

94/11:41 DEFEATED

NOTED ABSTENTION
Capilano Students' Union

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:43 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [94/05:N40]

Northwest Community College Students' Association/University of Prince Edward Island Student Union

Whereas, page numbers will not necessarily be used if each by-law, policy section and standing resolution is re-printed separately; therefore

Be it resolved that Policy Statement-3 (November 1992, 92.11.100) in the "Format" section of Operational Policy be amended to read:

The corresponding pages of the English and French versions of the following documents will be printed in a 'back-to-back' or other format:

- Constitution and By-laws
- Policy Manual
- Standing Resolutions
- Notice of Motions
- Minutes
- Committee Agendas

ADOPTED

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:44 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [94/05:N41]

Laurentian University Students' General Association/Trent Student Union

Whereas, only the amended by-laws, policies and standing resolutions will be distributed to member local associations if a permanent manual of by-laws, policies and standing resolutions is created; therefore

Be it resolved that Policy Statement-1 in the "Time-lines" section of Operational Policy be amended to read:

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

Be it further resolved that Policy Statement-2 in the "Time-lines" section of Operational Policy be amended to read:

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

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that the Committee unanimously recommended that the following motion be adopted in the following amended form.

94/11:45 DIRECTIVE [94/05:N46]

Saint Thomas University Student Union/UNB Fredericton Student Union

Whereas the Federation operates a number of service-oriented programmes which have the potential for financial and legal liability for the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive seek a legal opinion as to the advisability of separately incorporating ~~Federation programmes~~ the **National Student Health Network** in order to minimize liability to the Federation.

A delegate speaking against the motion felt that the legal advice sought should include matters more broad than simply the National Student Health Network.

94/11:46 MOTION TO AMEND

Mount Royal College Student Association/Mount Allison Students' Administrative Council

Be it resolved that the word "Federation" be replaced with "Canadian Federation of Students-(Services)" in Motion-94/11:45.

Mount Royal College Students' Association recommended that Canadian Federation of Students-Services be specified arguing that only the Canadian Federation of Students--Services would be liable for the National Student Health Network.

Another speaker spoke against the amendment noting that in Federation plenaries, policy, and bylaws, all references to Federation simultaneously refer to the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services.

94/11:46 DEFEATED

94/11:47 MOTION TO AMEND

University of Winnipeg Student Association/Dalhousie Student Union

Be it resolved that the words "the National Student Health Network" be replaced by "Federation programmes" in Motion-94/11:45.

The mover argued that this was the original wording and reflected a further range of issues which ought to be addressed.

In opposition to the amendment, a speaker said that only the programme which has the potential to incur liability was the National Student Health Network. The speaker also suggested that separately incorporating programmes such as Studentsaver would not be useful.

Also in opposition to the amendment, plenary was informed that the Organizational Development Committee amended motion 94.05.N46 unanimously and that it had been recommended unanimously, for the reasons outlined by the previous speaker.

Supporting the amendment, a delegate pointed out that the motion was merely intended to investigate the issues, and that in legal matters, that which seems straightforward are often not.

94/11:48 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Concordia University Graduate Students' Association/Emily Carr Students' Union

Be it resolved that that the previous question, Motion-94/11:47, be put to a vote.

DEFEATED

Dalhousie Student Union raised a question as to whether or not the Federation would be legally liable if, after providing a discount on the cost of a boat cruise, the cruise boat should sink. The chairperson responded that the Federation would not.

The question was then called with no objections.

94/11:47 DEFEATED

94/11:45 ADOPTED

94/11:49 PROCEDURAL MOTION

University of Guelph Central Students' Assoc./Mount Royal College Students' Assoc.

Be it resolved that the plenary recess until 1:30 pm.

ADOPTED

The meeting recessed at 12:33 pm.

CALL BACK TO ORDER

The chairperson called the plenary to order at 1:30 pm.

British Columbia Chairperson (Michelle Kemper) and Ontario Fieldworker Deb Duffy announced that, in accordance with Standing Resolution 15, the Constituency Group Commission Steering Committee would be meeting during the lunch break on Monday, November 14. The meeting would convene in order to determine whether the Constituency Group Commission would like to elect a Chairperson to act as the Constituency Group Representative on the National Executive regardless of whether she or he has a vote. Commissioners were asked to consult with the members of their Constituency Groups on this matter.

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:50 DIRECTIVE [94/05:N48]

McGill Post Graduate Student Society/Concordia Graduate Students Association

Whereas, the National Graduate Council (NGC) is an integral part of the Canadian Federation of Students but one which is dedicated to the protection and advancement of graduate students and their interests; and

Whereas, professional staff are an integral part of any successful student organization; and

Whereas, only 25% of membership fees paid to the Federation by graduate students go the NGC; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive hire a full-time Graduate Issues Coordinator to focus on graduate student issues; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive and Executive of the NGC work with CUPE 1281 to define the responsibilities of this position; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive and Executive of the NGC work to define the reporting relationships between such a staff person and the NGC; and

Be it further resolved that the salary of such a staff person be covered by up to 25% of the membership fees paid by graduate students to the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that this 25% be in addition to the 25% which will continue to fund the NGC's operations.

ADOPTED

McGill Graduate Students' Association (Marie Claude Poliquin) spoke in favour of the motion pointing out that one third (22 out of 65) member locals of the Federation were graduate students. It was noted that graduate students have the need for specific research, for example, the need for research on the relationship between graduate students and their supervisors. The speaker explained that graduate students need a Federation staff person to research and facilitate lobbying on research funding, intellectual property, visa students, and other issues. While these issues pertain directly to graduate students, the speaker pointed out that all students have an interest in pursuing fairness in these matters. The speaker strongly urged delegates to support the motion.

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:51 DIRECTIVE [94/05:N57]

Laurentian University Students' General Association/University of Winnipeg Students' Association

Whereas, a complete reprinting of the Federation's Constitution and By-laws, Policy Manual and Standing Resolutions is undertaken after each national general meeting; and

Whereas, a tree-mendous amount of paper is used recopying, over and over again, the same unamended by-laws, policy statements and standing resolutions; and

Whereas, many organizations and institutions employ systems whereby the by-laws, policy statements and standing resolutions are printed on separate pages and only the particular by-laws, policy statements and standing resolutions which are amended are reprinted; and

Whereas, the Federation will only initially incur additional printing costs converting to such a system and will realize direct savings on paper, copier and postage costs and indirect savings on staff time in the long-term (small short-term pain, big long-term gain); and

Whereas, each member local association could be supplied with two standard binders, custom-printed to identify them as containing the Federation's By-laws, Policy Manual and Standing Resolutions, at a cost of approximately \$750.00; and

Whereas, because most of the existing By-laws fit on one or two pages with very little wasted space, the By-laws would only increase to 32 pages in length from the current length of 26; and

Whereas, because most of the existing Standing Resolutions fit on one or two pages with very little wasted space, the Standing Resolutions would only increase to 45 pages in length from the current length of 37; and

Whereas, the Policy Manual would increase in length to 79 pages from the current length of 48, if individual policy statements continued to be grouped in the manner in which they are currently grouped in the existing Policy Manual; and

Whereas, all three documents would be far more readable in the restructured form; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation's By-laws, Policy Manual and Standing Resolutions be re-distributed to the member local associations in the "back-to-back", "side-by-side", or "alternating" formats (examples will be distributed at the meeting); and

Be it further resolved that only the amended sections of the By-laws, Policy Manual and Standing Resolutions be, as a matter of course, distributed to member local associations after the first full distribution; and

Be it resolved that each member local association be issued with two custom-printed binders in which to store its copies of the By-laws, Policy Manual and Standing Resolutions.

ADOPTED

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated.

94/11:52

DIRECTIVE [94.05.N59]

Augustana Student Union/Marine Institute Students' Union

Whereas, the "Corporate By-laws and Constitution" of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services are potentially necessary in the pursuit of financing arrangements and sponsorships; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to seek a legal opinion in regards to the content and structure of the current By-laws; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive report on this legal opinion to the first meeting of the National Executive following the May 1994 November 1994 General Meeting so that a recommendation can be made to Plenary in November 1994 May 1995.

Plenary accepted as friendly, a housekeeping amendment proposed by Mount Royal to replace "May 1994" with "November 1994" and to replace "November 1994" with "May 1995."

Western Society of Graduate Students argued against the motion as it seemed unclear in its intent.

Mount Royal College Student Association argued in favour of the motion suggesting that it is only prudent to seek legal advice so that the bylaw amendments adopted reflect the intent of the plenary. It was noted that seeking legal advice on bylaw amendments is common practice at Mount Royal.

Arguing against the motion Malispina Students Union felt it would be an unnecessary expense to seek legal advice on bylaw amendments, as they are straightforward, and as they are adopted by plenary with the understanding that Federation members agree to abide by the bylaw amendments they approve. He argued that bylaws should reflect the will of the plenary, not the will of lawyers.

Dalhousie Student Union argued in favour of the motion stating that members should not be upset about conversing with lawyers on bylaw amendments to ensure they are legally sound, and that the expenses incurred would be outweighed by the benefit of being on solid legal footing.

Wilfred Laurier called the question. Mount Allison Students' Administrative Council objected.

94/11:53 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:52 be put to a vote.

DEFEATED

In favour of the motion UNB Fredericton agreed with both the Western SOGS delegate and the delegate from Mount Royal. UNB Fredericton thought it good that every once in a while a lawyer looks over the bylaws. The delegate also agreed with the delegate from Malispina who stated that the bylaws should reflect the will of plenary not the will of lawyers. On balance the delegate thought the plenary should support the motion.

Trent University Students' Union argued against the motion pointing out that the Budget Committee has recommended that \$8,000.00 be allocated to legal fees, and that the costs associated with having all the bylaws perused by lawyers would be far greater than the allotment recommended by the Budget Committee. The delegate also agreed that the motion was too vague and suggested that this issue might be better considered at the next general meeting.

94/11:52 DEFEATED (23/26)

NOTED IN FAVOUR:

Dalhousie Student Union

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated.

94/11:54 DIRECTIVE [94.05.N60]

Augustana Student Union/Marine Institute Students' Union

Whereas, current standing resolutions on the job description of the Deputy Chairperson call for the chairing of an Operations Sub-Committee of the National Executive; and

Whereas, this committee has not been struck in some time; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to strike this Sub-Committee immediately following the May November 1994 General Meeting.

Plenary accepted a friendly amendment to replace "May" with "November."

With great respect to Augustana SU's concerns for accountability, Western argued against the motion raising the concern that the National Executive has an enormous amount of work ahead and that under the circumstances, perhaps this sub-committee did not warrant prioritizing at this time.

Dalhousie Student Union asked for the mandate of the operations sub-committee.

The National Treasurer explained that the Operations Sub-Committee was similar to the Services Sub-Committee which is comprised of both National Executive Committee members and Toronto staff, to evaluate Federation operations in Toronto.

Another delegate stated that the only reference to the Operations Sub-Committee that could be found was located under the Deputy Chairperson's job description which noted that the Deputy Chairperson should chair that committee. The question then arising was whether or not the work of that committee had been undertaken by the National Executive or the appropriate sub-committee.

94/11:55 MOTION TO POSTPONE

Marine Institute Students' Union/Dalhousie

Be it resolved that motion 94/11:54 be tabled for further clarification on the mandate of the Operations Sub-Committee.

ADOPTED

94/11:54 POSTPONED

It was noted that the Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted.

92.11.231 BYLAW AMENDMENT

Aee Saint-Boniface/Moncton

[OD.10]

Aee Saint-Boniface/Emily Carr Students' Union

Be it resolved that Bylaw VII - Election of the At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members, be created to read:

Section 1: Eligibility of Nominees for the At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members

- A. A nominee for the Travel Cuts Board must have been an individual member of the Federation within the previous six (6) months, or a full-time salaried executive member of the Federation or of a provincial component of the Federation or a Travel Cuts Board member of the Federation and must simultaneously come from a member local association.
- B. In addition to subsection (A), nominees for a Travel Cuts Board member must be a delegate of a member local association or provincial component, or member of the National Executive, or a Travel Cuts Board Member at the general meeting in which the election is being conducted.
- C. In addition to subsection (A) and (B) one successful candidate must be a female and one must be a male. In the event one of the above does not run for the position, the seat shall not remain vacant.

Section 2: Timing of Elections for At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members

The election of the at-large Travel Cuts Board Members shall be conducted at the Semi-Annual Spring General Meeting of the Federation.

Section 3: Procedures for the Election of At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members

Elections for the At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members shall be conducted at the Semi-Annual General Meeting subject to the following rules and procedures:

- i) elections shall be conducted by secret ballot;
- ii) each member local association present at the general meeting will be permitted one (1) vote in each election;
- iii) a nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected;
- iv) elections shall be preceded by a separate Grill Session to be held in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - a) each candidate will be allowed a minimum of ten minutes in which to speak to the entire assembly;
 - b) after each candidate has been given the opportunity to speak, the assembly shall be given the opportunity to ask questions of any candidate or candidates for a time period not less than thirty minutes in

duration.

Section 4: Term of Office for At-Large Members

The term of office of the Travel Cuts Board members shall expire at the end of the closing plenary of the following semi-annual general meeting.

Section 5: Removal from Office of At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members

The At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote at a national general meeting or by mail-out vote.

Section 6: Replacement of At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members

In the event of a vacancy in the position of Travel Cuts Board Member:

- i) the National executive shall have the authority to appoint a member of the National Executive to fill the position, until the next national general meeting ; and
- ii) an election for the position shall be conducted at the next national general meeting as per the election procedures set out in the Bylaws.

Section 7: Appointment of Chief Returning Officer

The National Executive will appoint one member of the staff of the federation to act as Chief Returning Officer for any Travel Cuts Board Member election conducted at a national general meeting.

Section 8: Duties of the Chief Returning Officer

The Chief Returning Officer shall encourage bilingual members to run for the positions of Travel Cuts Board Member; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VIII - At-Large Officers of the Travel Cuts Board, be created to read:

Section 1: Powers and Responsibilities of the At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members

- i) at the opening plenary of each national general meeting, the At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members shall submit a joint report outlining their activities over the prior six (6) months;
- ii) the At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members shall take direction from the membership and shall represent these views at all meetings of the Travel Cuts Board and all sub-committees of the Travel Cuts Board; and

Be it further resolved that the remaining by-laws be renumbered accordingly.

The National Treasurer explained that this resolution was developed in May 1993 in Halifax. She explained that due to an inconsistency in the definition of "semi-annual" general meetings in the Bylaws for Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, she suggested an amendment to replace . She noted that the intent of the Organizational Development Committee was to ensure that the elections took place in May--the semi-annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services.

94/11:56 MOTION TO AMEND

Marine Institute Students' Union/Western

Be it resolved that the word "Federation" be replaced with "Canadian Federation of Students-Services" in section 2: Timing of Elections for At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members in motion 92.11.231, and

Be it further resolved that the word "semi-annual" be replaced by "spring" in section 2: Timing of Elections for At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members in motion 92.11.231.

ADOPTED

A point of order was raised concerning the numbering of the bylaw in question, that it ought to read

Bylaw VI.

The National Treasurer pointed out that the motion was correct as it is proposing to **create a new bylaw entitled Bylaw VII - Election of the At-Large Travel Cuts Board Members**. If adopted this bylaw would replace current Bylaw VII and all the rest would be renumbered accordingly.

Malispina raised a point of information pointing out that, because "Federation" simultaneously refers to both Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services, it might be a more appropriate amendment to replace "semi-annual" with "spring," thereby avoiding the creation of a new inconsistency--that of suddenly specifying the Canadian Federation of Students-Services to the exclusion of Canadian Federation of Students.

A further point of information was raised regarding whether this amendment would have an effect on the general meeting currently underway. The Speaker noted that bylaws only become effective upon registering them with the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In the case at hand, the Speaker noted that this amendment would not effect elections scheduled for the November 1994 meeting, but if adopted, would establish that an election would occur again in May 1995.

A Travel CUTS representative told the plenary that section 3, part ii changes the current voting procedure which gives each member local two votes. If adopted, this section would give each member local one vote.

The Travel Cuts representative also noted that nowhere did the bylaws set out when the elected representatives take office. The chairperson explained that Travel CUTS is a separately incorporated entity with its own bylaws, providing for Federation representatives on its board. Therefore, the Federation has the jurisdiction to set out how and when its representatives are elected, but the Travel CUTS board establishes when the new board assumes its mandate.

The National Treasurer also explained that the reference to "one vote" was intended to mean one ballot with two names, and that the motion should be amended to reflect that intent. The National Treasurer also went on to say that with respect to the term of office, Section 4: Term of Office for At-Large Members, should be amended to replace "semi-annual" with "spring." The intent was to elect the representatives in May and that they would take over their positions at that same time.

Wilfred Laurier proposed the two amendments suggested by the National Treasurer: Section 3: part ii one ballot with two names.

Mount Royal asked whether there might be a gap between Federation representatives being elected and taking their position on the Board of Travel CUTS, and thereby leaving a period of time when the Federation does not have representatives on the Travel CUTS board.

The chairperson explained that there would be no gap as previous Federation representatives maintain their position until such time as they are replaced by the new Federation representatives.

Dalhousie raised a point of information wondering whether the amendment to Section 3 part ii would prevent multiple ballots in the event that no candidate received a majority. The chairperson responded by pointing out that Section 3, part iii stipulates that a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast, therefore, multiple ballots would therefore be necessary where candidates received only a plurality and not a majority.

94/11:57 MOTION TO TABLE

University of Ottawa Students' Federation/Carleton University Students' Association

Be it resolved that motion 92.11.231 be tabled to the May 1995 general meeting.

ADOPTED

92/11:231 TABLED

94/11:58 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION

[OD-94.05.13] [OD-94.05 #2 (in the notice package)]

Laurentian University Students' General Association/St. Louis Maillet

Whereas, Standing Resolution #23 #24 lists the provincial and national organizations which founded the Federation; and

Whereas, the founding provincial and national organizations are already listed in the Preamble of the Constitution; and

Whereas, standing resolutions are generally used to entrench procedures, not to record organizational history; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #23 #24 be repealed; and

Be it resolved that all subsequent standing resolutions be renumbered accordingly.

UNB Fredericton noted that Standing Resolution #23 in the current Bylaws refers to the Bilingualism Sub-Committee of the National Executive, and suggested that a typographical errors may have occurred. The National Treasurer explained that in all probability this resolution was drafted prior to an addition in the Standing Resolutions which effected the numbering. Motion 94/11:58 should be amended to read Standing Resolution #24.

Plenary accepted as friendly the amendment proposed by the National Treasurer and moved by UNB Fredericton.

A delegate requested that the movers of the motion clarify the rationale behind the motion. The National Treasurer explained that the rationale was simply that it was not logical to include historical references within the Standing Resolutions, given that Standing Resolutions refer to matters of procedure. She noted that the founding organizations were already entrenched in the Federation's preamble to the Bylaws.

Emily Carr Students' Union called the question. Mount Royal objected.

94/11:59 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that the question be called on motion 94/11:58.

DEFEATED

Mount Royal noted that the preamble of the bylaws refer to the Saskatchewan Federation of Students while Standing Resolution #24 does not. The delegate wondered whether two different descriptions existed because they described two different things.

The National Treasurer explained that Standing Resolution #24 was intended to refer to exactly the same thing as the preamble. She said that omitting reference to the Saskatchewan Federation of Students was merely an unfortunate oversight.

94/11:58 ADOPTED

NOTED IN OPPOSITION

Carleton

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

The International Students Commissioner asked that the plenary reconsider motion 94.05.129. She noted that the International Students Constituency Group had discussed the motion and had proposed different wording for the policy proposal.

94/11:60 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Trent University Students' Union/Shippagan

Be it resolved that motion 94.05.129 be reconsidered.

ADOPTED

94.05.129 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Trent University Students' Union/Mcgill Pgss

Whereas, people of different nationalities and ethnic and religious backgrounds have been, and continue to be, murdered in the ongoing civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading INTERNATIONAL ISSUES:

The Federation supports all efforts of the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina to achieve peace in the region.

DEFEATED

- 34 in favour • 10 opposed • 10 abstentions
- noted in abstention:

YORK FEDERATION OF STUDENTS, UNB ST-JOHN, UPEI Student Union, CARIBOO, UNB FREDERICTON, St. Thomas, NORTHWEST, GUELPH Central Students' Association, WINNIPEG, CAPILANO

94/11:61 MOTION TO AMEND

Trent University Students' Union/Shippagan

Be it resolved that motion 94.05.129 be amended to read as follows:

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading INTERNATIONAL ISSUES:

The Federation recognizes that people of different nationalities, ethnic and religious backgrounds have been, and continue to be, murdered in the ongoing civil war in the former Yugoslavia, and supports efforts of the people of the former Yugoslavia to end this and to achieve peace in the region.

Speaking in favour of the amendment, the International Students Commission explained the rationale behind including the "whereas" of motion 94.05.129. She said that she wanted the policy to be self-explanatory so that in the future, it was clear why the Federation was supporting the people of the former Yugoslavia. She also explained that replacing "Bosnia-Herzegovina" with "former Yugoslavia" was intended to include reference to those effected by the war not only in Bosnia-Herzegovina but in all areas which used to comprise the former Yugoslavia.

Speaking against the amendment, a delegate explained that by referring to the former Yugoslavia it does not reflect the fact that Yugoslavia no longer exists, that currently there are three separate countries: Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia. He felt that by referring to the geographical area as the former Yugoslavia, the Federation was implicitly suggesting that the three nations should not exist independently. Because he felt the war was against Bosnia and therefore Bosnian citizens were under fire, he did not believe that the war was effecting ordinary citizens of Serbia or Croatia--that only the armies of these two countries were involved. He suggested that the amendment could be amended to replace "former Yugoslavia" with "Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia."

Trent University Students' Union supported the amendment and disagreed with the concept of three independent countries, and stated that she felt only one country existed, Yugoslavia, which was comprised of Serbia, Montenegro, and other countries. She felt that "former Yugoslavia" was self-explanatory and inclusive.

A delegate asked whether it would be possible to table the whole resolution pointing out that there were other issues involved in the resolution such as the means by which peace is achieved.

94/11:62 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Winnipeg/Marine Institute Students' Union (McMaster Student Union)

Be it resolved that motion 94.05.129 be tabled.

DEFEATED

NOTED IN ABSTENTION

York Federation of Students

A delegate speaking against the amendment noted that he had studied the situation in detail and

pointed out that Croatia was no longer at war with Serbia, and vice versa. The only ongoing conflict was with respect to Bosnia-Herzegovina, where the Bosnian Serbs varying against Muslims. The other countries are not at war. He said Yugoslavia simply does not exist, and that the motion should remain as it was, referring only to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

94/11:61 DEFEATED

Carleton spoke against motion 94/05:129 arguing that the Federation should focus only on "Educational" issues--those pertaining directly to the individual members of the Federation in Canada. He felt that the Federation hurt its lobbying efforts by concerning itself with the plight of those outside Canada. He felt that human rights issues were not student issues and should not be contained in the Federation's Policy Manual.

The next speaker supported the motion and firmly believed that student issues are not just domestic, education policy. He felt that the Federation should be supporting peace anywhere in the world. He noted that students cannot actively pursue their education in any area involved in a military conflict. He noted that in the event of war it is usually young people who are sent to their deaths first, that not only are they deprived of an education, they are deprived of their lives. He strongly urged the plenary to support the motion, to support peace, and to support the cause of students--who are also human beings--around the world.

The next speaker supported the motion and told the plenary that she has had first hand experience teaching students in Canada who have then returned to their homes in the former Yugoslavia where they have been drafted and then killed. She noted emphatically that the conflict clearly has an impact on a students' ability to pursue their studies, and is therefore a students issue.

Supporting the motion a delegate argued that it is impossible to draw a line between a "student issue" and an "international student issue." He believed that the attempt to do so is a capitulation to the rhetoric of the day which promotes hostility toward immigration and hostility to anyone not like ourselves. He felt that such rhetoric represented a blame the victim mentality, which points a finger at anyone who is different. He strongly believed that such rhetoric should not seep into the Federation's dialogue. He also argued that Canada's multi-culturalism ought to be celebrated and seen as a model for other countries, and that students should support be supporting it. He said that adopting the motion was merely setting out a principle of support for those trying to bring peace to the region, and not a suggestion that the Federation alone can change the world. He also argued that this resolution does not indicate that our focus is somehow turned away from students. He argued that by supporting this motion it shows that students have the academic potential and the interest to look beyond a very parochial definition of students. He implored the plenary not to fall victim to the rhetoric which looks constantly for someone to blame. He pointed out that 40% of the Canadian population does not come from a British or French background, and that international students are embedded in the fabric of Canada. He said that Canada is home to the largest population of people who have left the former Yugoslavia, therefore, Yugoslavian student issues are Canadian students' issues. He urged plenary to recognize that international issues are in fact, student issues.

Fredericton Student Union spoke against the motion arguing that the previous debate had been a waste of Federation resources.

A point of order was raised arguing that the Speaker was not respecting Affirmative Action when calling for speakers. A further point of order was raised regarding the Speaker's efforts to call for speakers in favour or against the motion.

The Speaker explained that not only is there an affirmative action policy framing procedural rules, there is also the need to rotate microphones. Furthermore, the Speaker cannot simply move to a vote where the question has not been called without allowing three speakers for and three speakers against any motion.

Another delegate rose on a point of personal privilege noting that people of colour are often overlooked during debate at Federation meetings.

The Speaker explained that he was not motivated by racism, that he makes the utmost effort to ensure that principles of equity are reflected in the speaker's list. While presiding over a meeting as complicated as plenary is not an easy task, he said he will continue to do his best to facilitate the debate.

A point of order was raised to remind the chair that delegates may speak neither for or against the motion if they are going to propose an amendment. The chairperson agreed.

94/05:129 DEFEATED (34/10/10)

NOTED ABSTENTIONS

York Federation of Students
University of New Brunswick-St John
UPEI STUDENT UNION
Cariboo
UNB-Fredericton
St. Thomas
Northwest
Guelph Central Students' Association
Winnipeg
Capilano

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (At Large Executive Members)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The National Treasurer explained that a report would be available later, to include the May 1994 Federation budget and the Actuals for September 30, 1994. The report includes the consolidated and non-consolidated audits for the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, the consolidated Canadian Universities Travel Services (CUTS) audit, and the Canadian Federation of Students audit. She said these documents should be referred to during the Finance Committee report.

NATIONAL DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The National Treasurer explained that the Deputy Chairperson's report would be contained within the report of the National Executive

NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The National Chairperson has produced a separate report (Appendix ____).

The plenary Speaker noted that since the reports were not yet ready, and since delegates had not had time to read them, questions about all these reports would take place under Item 9.1 National Executive Question and Answer Period.

Malispina Students' Union wanted to hear the report from the Federation representatives on the Travel Cuts board while other reports were being prepared.

FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVES ON THE TRAVEL CUTS BOARD REPORT

José Francois and Patrick Crowley gave an oral report on Travel Cuts.

José Francois noted that he was serving his third mandate on the CUTS board, and that unfortunately there was no written report available. He said there is an annual report made, usually during the May general meeting. However, he wanted to give plenary a sense of what the CUTS board was doing since the last general meeting. He said they have adopted the budget for the next

fiscal year. They have struck a number of sub-committees to consider such things as the visibility of the Federation in Travel CUTS offices—an issue raised by the membership. They are attempting to create an integrated logo for Travel CUTS. They are looking at retirement provisions for CUTS staff, as there are some who have been working for CUTS for a substantial period of time. There have been new CUTS offices opened: at the University of Regina, at the University of Western Ontario, and a new kiosk has been opened at the University of Montreal. The latter kiosk has been established as a test case, since there are no Travel CUTS offices on any campus in Quebec.

Patrick Crowley noted that there have been two Travel CUTS board meetings since the last plenary--September 12 and October 22, though one was initially scheduled for the summer months. While José has been serving for some time, Patrick said he was only becoming familiarized with his mandate as of the first meeting. The second meeting an idea was put forward to develop a five year business plan. A sub-committee, comprised of the National Deputy Chairperson, Mike Mancinelli, Patrick Crowley, and Rod Hurd, the Director of Travel CUTS. This committee will draft options for Travel CUTS over the next five years and will report to the CUTS board prior to the next May 1995 general meeting, so that a report can be presented to the Federation at the general meeting. He felt that such a report would be useful for the Federation's budget committee, because both the CUTS board and the Federation members will have a more long term idea of where Travel CUTS will be going. For example, the level of share recapitalization can be based on long term, concrete budgetary considerations, which has not been the practice to date.

A question was raised as to why the CUTS representatives did not have a written report. Crowley reiterated that the practice is that a collective report is presented on behalf of the Travel CUTS board at the May general meeting. He said that if it is the will of the Federation that a written report be presented at every general meeting then it would be done. Crowley said that presenting an oral report at this general meeting was his own initiative.

7. PRESENTATION OF REMAINING REPORTS

Because the reports for Item 8 were available, the Speaker suggested the plenary move directly to that item.

8. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (Caucuses, Constituency Groups and Committees)

A) STUDENTS OF WITH DISABILITIES

It was noted that the Constituency Group was recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:63 DIRECTIVE

Lakehead Students' Union/City Centre

Whereas a liaison between the National Educational Association of Disabled Students and the Federation would facilitate better communication and cooperation for the benefit of students with disabilities; therefore,

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to support the Commissioner for Students With Disabilities in their endeavour to achieve a board position in the National Educational Association of Disabled Students.

Deena Bowie noted that her name should be listed amongst the participants of the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group.

A delegate suggested that the resolutions proposed by the Students with Disabilities Constituency group be passed omnibus, given that the motions are clear, well-written and self-explanatory. Given that an objection was raised, the Speaker ruled that the plenary would proceed motion by motion.

94/11:63 ADOPTED

It was noted that the Constituency Group was recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:64 DIRECTIVE

Lakehead Students' Union/Emily Carr Students' Union

Whereas there are operational policies within the Federation Policy Manual that address accessibility at General Meetings; and

Whereas there have been many policy violations during the past two General Meetings; therefore,

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to reacquaint itself with the operational policy that addresses accessibility at General Meetings at their next meeting.

The Students with Disabilities Commissioner noted that many students with disabilities have difficulty participating in Federation general meetings, and the motion was read aloud to underscore the need to take these issues seriously.

94/11:64 ADOPTED

It was noted that the Constituency Groupwas recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:65 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

Lakehead Students' Union/Emily Carr Students' Union

Be it resolved that the following policy under Student Aid:

"The Federation supports student financial assistance programmes which address systematic inequities facing students with disabilities"

be replaced by the following:

"The Federation supports a national grants programme that assists with disabilities in undergraduate and graduate studies."

ADOPTED

94/11:65 MOTION

Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan/Laurentian University Students' General Association

Be it resolved that the student with disabilities report be adopted as amended.

ADOPTED

B) STUDENTS OF COLOUR CONSTITUENCY GROUP

It was noted that the Constituency Groupwas recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:65 DIRECTIVE

Emily Carr Students' Union/Association des étudiantes et etudiants de Saint Boniface

Be it resolved that Students of Colour Constituency Group's 1994/95 allocated budget be spent on a sticker campaign aiming at the participation of students of colour in student politics, and

Be it further resolved that no less than \$1500.00 of this allocation be directed towards the national strike fund.

The Students of Colour Co-Commissioner reviewed the constituency group's discussions regarding the motions and stressed the importance, not only of the constituency group but of having a voting member of the National Executive, given the increase in attacks on immigrants and refugees in Canada. He said that, after having checked with the Francophone constituency group regarding the distribution of non-translated newspaper clippings, documentation of the rise in attacks on immigrants and refugees in Canada would be made available to plenary.

The Speaker suggested that the financial allocation would be presented to plenary within the report of the Budget Committee, and that the decision as to where the Students of Colour Constituency Group would like to spend its resources was an internal decision not requiring the ratification of plenary.

94/11:65 REDUNDANT

It was noted that the Constituency Groupwas recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:68 NOTICE OF POLICY PROPOSAL

Emily Carr Students' Union/York Federation of Students

Be it resolved that the Policy Manual be amended to include the following policy under the heading MULTI-CULTURALISM:

The Federation supports an immigration policy that further strengthens the multi-cultural nature of the Canadian Society.

The Federation denounces any government proposals and political party reports that undermine Canada's multi-cultural identity.

A delegate noted that this resolution is very important, for Canada and the world. He said that immigrants and refugees are increasingly under attack both in the media, and by the new Liberal government which has been restricting immigration. He said that in a speech at York University, Defense Minister David Collenette referred to immigrants as the new enemy and as people who want to come into Canada and take it over. The delegate described the Defense Minister's speech as an aspect of a new cold war mentality. He felt it important that the Federation take a stand against this attitude which manifests itself in the media and in government. He used the example of a report by the Reform Party which linked crime rates with immigration. He said that the report appeared on the front page of the Globe and Mail while contradictory reports were not given the same attention. He felt it to be extremely important that the Federation stand up and state its support for multiculturalism as part of the identity of Canada.

94/11:68 ADOPTED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS

Unb St-John
Guelph Csa
Mcgill Pgss
Mount Allison

It was noted that the Constituency Groupwas recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:69 DIRECTIVE

Emily Carr Students' Union/York Federation of Students

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to encourage member locals to amend their constitution and bylaws to include representatives from students of colour in their constituencies, and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive be directed to encourage member locals to send more students of colour to the Federation's general meetings.

Carleton stood on a point of order, noting that the Students of Colour Constituency Group Report erroneously noted Carleton as a seconder for the motion. Carleton stated that it had not seconded the motion and in any case withdrew its support. York Federation of Students immediately seconded the motion.

The Students of Colour Commissioner argued that delegations to Federation meetings are not adequately encouraging students of colour to become involved with their student associations, nor were they making adequate effort to send students of colour as part of their delegations to general meetings. While having a representative on the National Executive is a positive step forward, he felt it important to also start the process at the local level.

A delegate felt uncomfortable with the wording of the motion encouraging member locals to amend their bylaws to include students of colour.

Another delegate pointed out that structures themselves often systematically discriminate against people of colour, and that people must recognize that in order to proceed with eliminating racism

and barriers to participation. He argued that the resolution was not mandating, merely encouraging structural changes. He argued that systematic discrimination is often subtle and felt only by people of colour.

Wilfred Laurier objected to Marine Institute Students' Union's call for a vote.

94/11:70 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Be it resolved that the question be called on motion 94/11:69.

ADOPTED

94/11:69 ADOPTED

NOTED IN ABSTENTION

Guelph Central Students' Association
Cape Breton
Dalhousie
Mount Allison
Wilfred Laurier
U of T

It was noted that the Constituency Group was recommending that the following motion be adopted.

94/11:70 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

Association des étudiantes et étudiants de Saint Boniface/Acadia Students' Union

Whereas students of colour traditionally earn less after graduation than their counterparts; and,

Whereas people of colour are disproportionately represented among the unemployed and low income population; and,

Whereas the federal government's social policy review can make serious cuts to education programmes and may implement an income contingent loan repayment programme which can contribute to further marginalization of people of colour; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Federation opposes the federal government's proposed social policy review.

ADOPTED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS

Dalhousie
Fredericton
UNB St.John

94/11:72 MOTION

Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan/St-Boniface

Be it resolved that the Students of Colour Constituency Group report be accepted.

ADOPTED

The Students of Colour Commissioner thanked the plenary for their support.

C) LESBIANS, GAYS, BISEXUALS REPORT

Jen Metcalfe, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Commissioner, presented the report on behalf of the Constituency Group. Metcalfe explained that the Constituency Group discussed issues affecting Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students. Especially the federal government's proposed Social Policy Review and the Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan. The group sent their members to committees to represent the interests of the constituency group. The motions and amendments proposed in those committees reflected the voice of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual students. Therefore, she explained, the constituency group report does not contain specific motions. She said the most important point of the report is that it is imperative for student leaders to speak up about Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student issues. Because non-heterosexuality is

invisible, it is all the more important for everyone to stand up on these issues. Lesbians, Gays and Bisexual students were encouraged to stand up and be visible.

94/11:73 MOTION

Laurentian/Shippagan

Be it resolved that the report of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Constituency Group be accepted.

Emily Carr Students' Union supported the resolution and the report, however, he noted his disappointment that the group did not propose concrete resolutions which would require action. He said he regretted that he was unable to participate in the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Constituency Group because he had to attend other constituency group meetings. He noted that like the increasing racism in society as a whole, there is increasing intolerance toward Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals and pointed to the issues surrounding same-sex benefits federally, in Ontario, and soon to arise in British Columbia. He felt that Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Constituency Group should have directed the Federation to take a stand opposing the growing intolerance.

Metcalfe noted that the group did define a mandate for herself as Commissioner to be vocal about issues affecting Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals, and to communicate with all member locals on these issues. She would be acting on the mandate as soon as possible.

A delegate rose to thank the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Constituency group for making the point even more clearly that being a student is more than interpreting education in the classroom—it is about identities and how identities shape the classroom experience and the interconnection of the two. He also stated that he appreciated the humanistic element contained in the last paragraph of the report.

94/11:73 ADOPTED

D) INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUPS REPORT

The Speaker told the plenary that the International Students Constituency Group report was not yet available. Plenary adopted as friendly the Emily Carr Students' Union's proposal to replace Item 8. D) with Student Artists Constituency Group Report.

D) STUDENT ARTISTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORT (oral report only)

Four delegates presented an accapella version of their report for the aesthetic and musical relief of the plenary. With apologies to the Francophone Constituency Group, they invited everyone to a performance for the evening of November 13 in the Boiler Room, entitled: Out of Order.

94/11:74 MOTION

St-Thomas/EMILY CARR STUDENTS' UNION

Be it resolved that the student artists' beautiful and unorthodox report be accepted.

ADOPTED

E) NATIONAL GRADUATE COUNCIL REPORT

Rick Smith, the Council Chairperson, presented the report and thanked the plenary for supporting Motion-94/11:50 [94.05.N48].

Motivating the resolutions contained within the report of the National Graduate Council, Smith noted that Standing Resolution are the bylaws of the Council. Smith said that while Standing Resolution 19 affects the operations of the National Graduate Council, a motion adopted by plenary is required to make appropriate changes.

94/11:75 MOTION TO AMENDSTANDING RESOLUTION

Concordia Graduate Students' Association/Wilfred Laurier Graduate Students' Association

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 19, 4.e. be amended to delete part ii.

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Marine Institute Students' Union supported the resolution as a new member of the National Graduate Council. The delegate hoped to see more Council members and more members from the Atlantic.

94/11:75 ADOPTED

94/11:76 MOTION TO AMENDSTANDING RESOLUTION

Concordia Graduate Students' Association/Marine Institute Students' Union

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 19, Section 7.a. be amended to read:

vii) insuring Council participation from all regions of the country.

ADOPTED

94/11:77 MOTION

Laurentian University Students' General Association/Emily Carr Students' Union

Be it resolved that the National Graduate Council report be accepted.

ADOPTED

F) NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY AND CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE REPORT

Plenary accepted as friendly a proposed amendment to the agenda replacing Item 8. F) with the report of the Part-Time and Mature Students Constituency Group, since the Campaigns Committee report was not yet available.

F) PART-TIME AND MATURE STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORT

Jennifer Bricker (Malaspina Students' Union) noted that she and Lee-Anne Clarke (Simon Fraser Student Society) had been elected co-commissioners of the constituency group.

Clarke added that the group discussed how the government's Social Policy Review would affect part-time and mature students. They developed a plan of action to include developing a pamphlet which will be sent to all member locals by January 10. The pamphlet will look at the effects of the proposed changes on three different types of mature and part-time students and can be used for the January 25 National Day of Strike and Action.

94/11:78 MOTION

Vancouver City Centre/York Federation of Students

Be it resolved that the part-time and mature students report be accepted.

ADOPTED

G) NATIONAL EDUCATION AND CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Temelini (National Graduate Student Representative) chaired the committee and presented the report. He thanked all participants on the committee who worked hard in a very co-operative matter, and accomplished an enormous amount of business. He then pointed out some typographical errors in the report. He also drew attention to the fact that many of the motions were recommended unanimously--a significant factor in a committee comprised of some 28 members. To facilitate plenary, he suggested that the resolutions could be dealt with omnibus, with individual motions being considered separately as required.

Marine Institute Students' Union rose on a point of order noting that Marine Institute Students' Union did not move resolution 94.11.N41. Emily Carr Students' Union moved the motion.

94/11:79 MOTION

Trent University Students' Union/York Federation of Students

Be it resolved that the recommendations of the National Education and Campaigns Committee Report be adopted omnibus with the following exceptions:

94.11.N38; 94.11.N44; 94.11.N41; NEC-14; NEC-04; NEC-01; 94.11.N33;
94.11.N22; 94.11.N20; 94.11.N39; and 94.11.N43

To facilitate discussion, the Speaker ruled that the movers and seconders, as presented in the National Education and Campaigns Committee Report, would stand unless there were objections. The Speaker reminded plenary that when the committee recommendations are adopted omnibus, the committee's proposed amendments to the original motions are adopted simultaneously.

94/11:79 ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted as amended:

94/11:80 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N40]

Trent University Students' Union/York Federation of Students

Be it resolved that the Federation call upon both levels of government to develop and abide by national standards of tuition fees, debt load, and accessibility.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted as amended:

94/11:81 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N37]

Trent University Students' Union /Laurentian University Students' General Association

Be it resolved that research be undertaken the National Executive be directed to research and to develop a model for a National Youth Job Corps for post-secondary students and graduates which would offer graduates job experience and an alternative route to repaying their student loans which would provide income and work experience.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted as amended:

94/11:82 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N42]

Unb Fredericton Su\Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan

Be it resolved that the Federation call upon the Federal government to study the cost efficiency of grants versus loans, and to calculate the average cost per dollar of student loans to Canadian taxpayers.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed:

94/11:83 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N58]

Unb Fredericton Student Union/Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading FUNDING EDUCATION be reaffirmed:

The Federation strongly opposes any attempt to movement towards deregulation of post-secondary tuition fees.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed:

94/11:84 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N67]

Unb Fredericton Su\Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT be reaffirmed:

The Federation demands of the Federal government that:

1. the gross expenditures on research and development (GERD) amount to 2.5% of the GNP by the year 2000; and
2. the base budgets of research granting councils be doubled immediately and thereafter indexed to 1.5 times the rate of real growth in the GNP.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed:

94/11:85 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N68]

Unb Fredericton Su\Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading STUDENT AID be reaffirmed:

The Federation believes that student aid line item levels should be adjusted annually to reflect the costs associated with the attainment of a post-secondary education, and that this adjustment should reflect regional differences in the cost of obtaining a post-secondary education.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed as amended:

94/11:86 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N57]

Trent University Students' Union/ Capilano Students' Union

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading DISTANCE EDUCATION be amended to read:

The Federation supports the use of distance learning when it encourages critical thinning, accessibility and empowerment of students. **The Federation strongly opposes distance learning as a substitute for one on one contact with faculty and when it is used as a solution to the under-funding of education.**

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed:

94/11:87 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N65]

Capilano Students' Union/Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading RATIONALIZATION be amended to read:

The Federation opposes the closure of any post-secondary institution and supports legitimate groups who oppose such closure.

The Federation opposes the amalgamation of any post-secondary institution in cases where this would reduce the accessibility or quality of education at the institution.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed:

94/11:88 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.05.122]

Laurentian University Students' General Association/Lakehead Students' Union

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading INCOME CONTINGENT REPAYMENT PLAN:

The Federation opposes income contingent loan repayment plans because they discriminate against persons with disabilities.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed:

94/11:89 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N69]

University of Regina Students' Union/Capilano Students' Union

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading TAXATION:

The Federation supports the extension of government tax credits currently offered for research in science and engineering to research in the social sciences and humanities.

ADOPTED (as per motion ____)

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed:

94/11:90 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N70]

University of Regina Students' Union/Capilano Students' Union

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading TRAINING:

The Federation opposes changes to unemployment insurance which would cut back the duration and value of benefits, as well as changes which would use unemployment insurance funds to finance training programs.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated:

94/11:91 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [94.05.204]

University of Regina Students' Union/Trent University Students' Union

Be it resolved that the policy under the heading FUNDING EDUCATION (May 1992, 91.11.206), which reads "The Federation opposes any campus referenda which passes the financial burden of funding post-secondary education on to students", be deleted and replaced with the following policy:

The Federation opposes all user fees for education, be they in the form of tuition fees or ancillary fees. Where ancillary fees are introduced, the Federation demands government regulation to protect students. The Federation opposes the introduction of ancillary fees without real consultation from students.

DEFEATED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:92 DIRECTIVE

Emily Carr Students' Union/Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design

Be it resolved that lobbying be escalated following the national strike and progressive actions.

ADOPTED (as per motion ____)

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:93 DIRECTIVE

Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design/Nipissing University Students' Union

Be it resolved that resources for the strike be reallocated from the campaigns budget following consultation with the appropriate constituency groups.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

- 94/11:94 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT [NEC-05]**
Trent University Students' Union/Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design
Whereas, national organisations representing the business community have claimed that businesses are prepared to do their part to fight the deficit by accepting the elimination of government subsidies and;
Whereas, 50% of Canada's debt is attributable to tax breaks to corporations and the wealthy, therefore;
Be it resolved that the elimination of government subsidies to businesses, where appropriate, including but not limited to the elimination of tax exemptions and interest-free tax deferments, be endorsed.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

- 94/11:95 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT [NEC-06]**
Laurentian University Students' General Association/Capilano Students' Union
Whereas, only 2% of Canada's debt is attributable to social program spending, therefore;
Be it resolved that social policy reform as a means of reducing or eliminating the deficit and debt be opposed.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

- 94/11:96 DIRECTIVE [NEC-07]**
Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan/ DALHOUSIE Student Union
Be it resolved that research be undertaken to investigate progressive and equitable proposals regarding the reduction and elimination of the federal budget deficit and federal debt.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

- 94/11:97 DIRECTIVE [NEC-08]**
Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan/TRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION
Be it resolved that research be undertaken to investigate the financing of Canada's debt and proposals be developed for alternative methods of financing if appropriate.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

- 94/11:98 DIRECTIVE [NEC-09]**
TRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION/STUDENTS' UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

Be it resolved that research be undertaken to investigate the standard of living of lesbian couples.

Be it further resolved that such research investigate the implications of debt load, related to ICRP for lesbian couples.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:99 DIRECTIVE [NEC-10]

EMILY CARR STUDENTS' UNION/ UNIVERSITY OF REGINA Student Union

Be it resolved that research be undertaken to investigate the lifetime earning patterns of groups which are subject to systemic discrimination, including but not limited to: people of colour, people with disabilities, and women and;

Be it further resolved that such research document the consequences of income contingent repayment schemes on such groups.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:101 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT [NEC-11]

TRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION/DALHOUSIE Student Union

Whereas, assessment of an individual's financial situation which considers the income of a spouse or partner makes inappropriate assumptions regarding interdependence and;

Whereas, such assumptions are particularly harmful to women therefore;

Be it resolved that the Federation opposes the assessment of applications for Unemployment Insurance on the basis of family income.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:102 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT [NEC-12]

TRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION/STUDENTS' UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

Whereas, same-sex couples are not currently entitled to the same benefits and legal protection as heterosexual couples therefore;

Be it resolved that, if family income assessment is introduced for social policy entitlement, the Federation opposes consideration of a same-sex partner's income in such an assessment, until such time as same-sex relationships are fully recognised as families.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:103 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT [NEC-13]

DALHOUSIE Student Union/STUDENTS' UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

Whereas, the Federation recognises that the Social Policy Review, with its proposed cancellation of cash transfers, and implementation of an income contingent loan repayment scheme, poses substantive barriers to the quality and accessibility of post-secondary education for all students, therefore;

Be it resolved that the Federation recognises that the Social Policy Review views post-secondary education solely as a means to provide individuals with job skills while ignoring

the collective benefits of post-secondary education. The Federation therefore strongly opposes the implementation of the Social Policy Review.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:104 DIRECTIVE [NEC-15]

TRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION/STUDENTS' UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

Be it resolved that suggestions be provided to member locals regarding effective strategies for action opposing the social policy review.

Be it further resolved that these suggestions include but not be limited to:

- Lobbying university senates to prevent the imposition of academic penalties or other reprisals on students participating in a national strike.
- Lobbying university administrations to shut down universities, to the extent appropriate, on January 25.
- Lobbying faculty and staff associations to participate in the action and/or respect picket lines.
- Lobbying outside organizations such as bus drivers' unions to respect picket lines.
- Lobbying faculty and support staff to devote a portion of their lecture/tutorial time to explain the negative features of the Social Policy Review.

Be it further resolved that further suggestions be solicited from member locals and distributed through all means available.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:105 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT [NEC-16]

DALHOUSIE Student Union/SIMON FRASER Students' Society

Whereas, adequate personal savings are essential to Canadian's well-being in retirement and;

Whereas, the use of RRSP savings for education is more costly to personal wealth than either loans or grants and;

Whereas, this financial cost may dissuade some Canadians from pursuing post-secondary education as mature students, therefore;

Be it resolved that the Federation opposes the proposal which promotes the use of private savings such as RRSPs as the source of post-secondary education financing.

ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed as amended:

94/11:106 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT [94.11.N43]

ST. THOMAS Student Union/Capilano Students' Union

Be it resolved that policy 90GM204 under the heading STUDENT AID be amended to read:

The Federation strongly opposes the application of parental **or spousal** contribution requirements to student loan assistance applications.

The first delegate spoke in favour of the motion. She said that the words "spousal" had been added

since many students are not effected by their parents' income but by their spouses'. She explained that the committee proposed assistance to refer to all funding received by government. The main point of the resolution, she stated, was to point out to the government that it should not assume that a student is receiving any support at all from partners or parents, and that students should not be forced into a dependency relationship with anyone.

North Island spoke against the motion arguing that upper class and upper middle class students should be required to seek funding from their families, since they can afford to, thereby leaving more funding available for students who need it. While the delegate agreed with the motion's intent, he felt improvements needed to be made to the wording. He also pointed out that currently, student aid considers land values when calculating parental income and noted that such a measure discriminates against farmers who often have large amounts of land but can also be subsisting at poverty levels.

A delegate speaking in favour of the motion argued that it is very difficult to determine who and who will not be affected by parental contribution tables. She said that middle income students are often unable to qualify for assistance since their parents are defined as high income, yet the parents cannot afford to finance their children's education due to high levels of debt. Moreover, she explained, children who are estranged from their families may not receive parental assistance. Because there are so many unforeseen circumstances effecting the ability of a student to receive adequate funding from their families or spouses, she argued that the principle of universality must be maintained.

Speaking in favour of the motion and supporting the previous speaker, a delegate noted that lesbian, gay and bisexual students often find themselves in a situation where family relations are strained, precisely over the issue of sexual orientation. He pointed out that because of such strain, lesbians, gays and bisexuals are often isolated from the financial resources of the family. He argued that parental income should never be considered in a needs assessment, ever.

The next speaker supported the motion stating that students should be encouraged to be financially independent of their parents, since they are then perhaps more freely able to develop an ideology differing from that of their parents.

Speaking against the motion a delegate argued that the problem lies in the needs assessment, and that rather than not including parental income, the assessment should simply anticipate more circumstances which would define a student as being in need of assistance.

94/11:106 ADOPTED

NOTED ABSTENTION:
Trent Student Union

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:107 DIRECTIVE [NEC-01]

STUDENTS' UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN/NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

Whereas, the federal government has moved towards the privatization of student loans and the funding of education and;

Whereas, the membership overwhelmingly approved the organizing of a national strike in the event of such moves toward privatization therefore;

Be it resolved that a national strike and action be organized on January 25, 1995 and;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt a strategy for progressive actions across the country beginning January 26, 1995 and;

Be it further resolved coalition partners be approached regarding the possibility of joint involvement for the national strike and action.

94/11:108 MOTION TO AMEND

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EMILY CARR STUDENTS' UNION/Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan

Be it resolved that the following sentence be added to Motion-94/11:107:

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to interpret this motion based on the reality of their own campus.

Emily Carr Students' Union motivated the amendment arguing that it allowed member locals to water down the motion as necessary, to accommodate the circumstances found on individual campuses. He suggested that, in this way, any activity could be interpreted as an action contributing to the Federation's campaign. He felt this would allow the word "Strike" to stay in the motion but provide flexibility across the country.

Opposing the amendment McMaster Student Union noted that Federation directives are already non-binding as they encourage member locals to participate but cannot force them to undertake any initiative. He felt that the amendment was therefore redundant. He went on to note that the conception that the Federation foists its positions onto the member locals was false, since individual local autonomy is entrenched in the Federation's structure and in the way resolutions are worded.

Speaking against the amendment a delegate supported what the previous speaker had outlined with respect to local autonomy. However, she also felt that the motion should encourage locals to achieve the spirit, intent and the goal of the resolution. She did not want to see the resolution entrench a concession to the lowest, most passive means of participating in the day. In addition, she felt that it is important to maintain the wording of the resolution as an important means by which the Federation, collectively, expresses its opposition to the Federal Government's Social Policy Review.

The next speaker, while respecting the concern expressed by Emily Carr Students' Union, also spoke against the amendment. He felt that if the amendment was included it would reinforce the false notion that member locals were forced to comply with Federation directives, unless stated. He felt the wording of Federation directives were clear enough and provided enough flexibility to member locals. He also agreed that the amendment watered down the force and intent of the original motion.

Speaking in favour of the amendment, a delegate argued that the amendment did not water down the strength of the resolution. She noted that some member locals are opposed to the word "Strike" and their delegations have been mandated to oppose it in the resolutions. She said that this amendment would allow those delegations to return to their member locals and show concretely the flexibility embodied within the motion.

York Federation of Students spoke in favour of the amendment. He said that his local was extremely large and was not confident in the possibility of mobilizing for a strike, though he noted that York Federation of Students would exhaust all efforts to do so. He felt the resolution should state explicitly the Federation's leniency and flexibility on the issue.

The question was called on the amendment.

94/11:108 DEFEATED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS:

North Island; Sir Wilfrid Grenfell, Memorial, Marine Institute Students' Union, St. Thomas, Carleton, University of New Brunswick-Fredericton Students' Union

Speaking in favour of the main motion, a delegate pointed out that the plenary had previously adopted Motion-94/11:104 which in fact, accomplished exactly what the Emily Carr Students' Union delegate had attempted. She urged delegates not to vote against the motion because there were enough variations on the interpretation of the resolution to accommodate any member local.

Emily Carr Students' Union called the question on the main motion. There was an objection.

94/11:109 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:107 be put to a vote

DEFEATED

Mount Allison spoke against the main motion, noting that the resolution adopted in May which referred to the student strike was not adopted with unanimous consent but that Mount Allison and Carleton abstained on the motion. She explained that she had been mandated to oppose the motion based on the reality of Mount Allison. She said that for the past two years, her campus has been bitterly divided over two labour disputes: a six week support staff strike last year, and a faculty strike the year before. She felt that the concept of the strike would not be well received by Mount Allison students. Moreover, she felt some would argue that a student strike would undermine the points that faculty and support staff unions had been trying to make with their actions. She also argued that January 25 was too late to have any influence on the process, since the policy review would be finished by that time. She said that she didn't see the difference between the November 16 demonstration in Ottawa, and the January 25 proposal. She went on to call for a roll call vote on this resolution.

Temilini noted that the Federation had not referred to the May motion as having met with "unanimous" approval, but rather the term "overwhelming" approval--an adjective which in fact, captures the abstentions.

94/11:110 MOTION TO AMEND

Guelph Graduate Students' Association/Guelph Central Students' Association

Be it resolved that the word "strike" be replaced by the word "action" in Motion-94/11:107.

Guelph Graduate Students' Association (Local 62) proposed and motivated an amendment to the main motion. He prefaced his remarks by noting his vehement disagreement with the Mount Allison delegate. He felt that opposing the motion on the basis of the wording did a disservice to the work of committee which proposed the Motion-94/11:107. He reiterated that despite the diverse composition of the committee, there was an enormous amount of agreement within the committee. He said he was committed to the concept of one, unified, national day of action. He said that Federation general meetings is an appropriate venue to discuss and plan such an action, and that while the University of Ottawa Students Federation should be commended for their efforts on November 16, he pointed out that the Guelph Graduate Students' Association had in no way been part of planning the event. He underscored the point that the November 16 demonstration would not be a national event. He suggested that for graduate students, the word strike had certain connotations and pointed out that at the University of Guelph, graduate students were unionized. In that situation, he explained, graduate students understood the concept of a strike as well as the mechanism by which strike votes are taken. He knew members who would like to support the motion were it not for the word "strike" which did, he argued, have specific connotations. He therefore felt that "Action" would allow more member locals to support the motion.

Opposed to the amendment, a speaker felt that the debate was not simply about semantics, but rather about politics. She felt that students should take back the word "strike" pointing out that it did not necessarily need to have a negative connotation. She felt that "strike" would carry more weight in the media because "actions" occur regularly, but "strikes" tend to be a measure of last resort and therefore have more impact. She argued that if people have a problem with the word "strike" because of its negative connotation, then it's time to take back the word "strike" and show what students mean. She felt that it is necessary to be radical on the issue of the social policy review because it will have such a severe impact on the lives of students for a long time in the future. She felt that one day is a small price to pay to try to stop the government's initiative. She urged the plenary to take action and to vote in favour of the student strike.

94/11:111 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT

EMILY CARR STUDENTS' UNION/Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan

Be it resolved that the words "and action" be added wherever the word "strike" appears in Motion-94/11:107.

Emily Carr Students' Union proposed an amendment to the amendment. He felt that the debate reflected both issues of semantics and politics. He felt that some consensus could be introduced into the resolution by including the words "and action" in the resolution. He felt that this amendment would maintain the strength of the resolution.

The next delegate opposed the proposed amendment to the amendment. She felt that it was a dangerous sign to water down the references to the strike in the motion. She felt it to be more than a matter of semantics that it was a matter of ideology and strength in the Federation's convictions. She noted with regret that many delegates who were vociferously opposing the word "strike" did not attend the strike workshop where they would have learned that there is great flexibility already embodied, within the word "strike" itself. She pointed out that the Federation has had many days of action on numerous issues. She felt that the intent reflected in the wording of the resolution must be much stronger, and more encompassing than those previous actions, given the scale of the government's full frontal attack on social programmes and on post-secondary education in Canada.

North Island spoke in favour of the amendment to the amendment. He felt that the proposal represented a political compromise between those who genuinely want to support the motion, but still have concerns about the word "strike." It was noted that North Island and Emily Carr Students' Union--both of whom were supporting the amendment--drafted the original resolution calling for a national student strike. He also regretted that more people did not attend the strike workshop, but reiterated that there were many different kinds of strikes: wildcats, work-to-rule, short strikes lasting minutes, and more. While he regretted that some delegates were genuinely intimidated by the word strike, he was more concerned that the spirit of the motion would be defeated simply over something as trivial as a word.

Speaking opposed to the amendment a delegate argued that the national strike was a rallying point, she felt it carried a great deal of emotion and would elicit a great deal of attention. To change the wording, she argued would weaken the Federation's position. She noted that when the word "strike" is used, it also implies the concept of "solidarity."

Wilfred Laurier spoke in favour of the amendment because she felt that the motion was so important that it should have maximum support. Her greatest concern was regarding those members who would not support the main motion without the proposed amendment and the possibility that the main motion would fail.

The Speaker noted that the plenary had heard three speakers in favour and three speakers opposed to the amendment to the amendment and moved to a vote.

94/11:111 ADOPTED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS:

ST-Louis Maillet, Fredericton, St-Thomas, Marine Institute Students' Union, Dalhousie, Fredericton, UNB St-John, UPEI, St-Andrews, Mount Allison, Memorial, Guelph Central Students' Association

94/11:110 ADOPTED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS:

ST-Louis Maillet, St-Thomas, Cape Breton, UPEI, Marine Institute Students' Union, Dalhousie, Fredericton, UNB St-John, UPEI, St-Andrews, Mount Allison, Memorial CSU, Guelph Central Students' Association, Carleton, Sir Wilfred Grenfell

The Speaker then took speakers on the main motion.

Speaking in favour of the motion as amended, a speaker addressed previous comments noting that she felt there was no conflict between the action organized by Ottawa University Students Federation on November 16 and the proposed January 25th action. She noted that action by an individual member local does not preclude joint actions by the Federation as a whole, and reminded the plenary that in May, the Federation took the decision to have a student strike and that decision had been made prior to November 16. She noted that the demonstration on November 16 could

simply not be considered to be a national action because it did not involve students from British Columbia to Newfoundland. She felt that strong action was required to stop the threats to post-secondary education, and that meant action from coast to coast, not just in one city.

Speaking against the motion, a delegate responded to the delegate from the Guelph Central Students' Association, noting that she was mandated to vote against this motion by her council prior to the general meeting regardless of any discussion which might transpire at a general meeting or in committees. She noted that in the May motion, the actions of the National Executive were supposed to be contingent upon the Federal Government's moves toward privatization. She said the current motion implied that the government must have moved in that direction. She pointed to larger problems with representation within the Federation. She also worried that by focusing on actions starting on January 25, the Federation was misappropriating [sic] its resources. She was disappointed that the workshops focused only on the strike and did not focus on teaching members how to lobby their Members of Parliament, or participating in the consultation process.

Emily Carr Students' Union spoke in favour of the motion and noted that the resolution included activities after January 25. He said that Canada is a country which provides for many democratic rights, including the right to protest and the right to strike. He said that in the country from where he emigrated, students who try to exercise such a simple right as striking are all killed. In Canada, students do have the right to strike and they should use it to protest the massive cuts that the government is proposing. He argued that Canada and its social programmes are currently undergoing massive structural change which have dire consequences for the people of Canada. He said that the motion being debated is a call to action similar to the calls being put forward by the National Action Committee on the Status of Women and the Action Canada Network. He underlined the point that students are not the only ones concerned about the massive restructuring taking place that organizations throughout Canada are sounding the alarm. He said he was shocked that Canadian students, who have the right to take action, would sit idly by while the government implemented its devastating agenda. He pointed out that a political compromise had already been achieved with respect to the wording of the resolution. By adopting this resolution, he strongly felt that all lobbying would be strengthened, and that delegates should use the resolution to increase their lobbying power. He felt that there existed a possibility that the Federal government might even make concessions to its agenda, in which case, January 25 could be used as a victory celebration. He urged the plenary to support the motion.

The University of New Brunswick spoke against the motion and felt that delegates did not understand the motion. She said that students need to act now and not wait until January 25. She said that if actions were to start on January 25, then it would be too late. She felt resources would be better spent lobbying Members of Parliament to arrive at some middle ground. She said "just saying no" does not work and that people were dreaming if they thought it would.

The Speaker noted that plenary had heard from three in favour and three opposing the motion and that it would be appropriate to vote.

94/11:112 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Trent University Students' Union/McMaster University Students' Union

Be it resolved that the speakers list be extended to include three more speakers in favour of the motion and three more speakers opposed.

ADOPTED

McMaster Students' Union (Local 14) spoke in favour of the motion and explained that no one ever suggested that the January 25 action was the only action undertaken by the Federation around the Social Policy Review. He said the resolution would in no way preclude member locals from taking action, holding demonstrations or organizing strikes or undertaking any activity they care to. He explained that the motion simply called for all students to join together to try to fight the government's cutbacks to post-secondary education. That, he said, is the reason that the Federation exists--to link students together right across Canada, to make our voices stronger and louder. That, he said, is the perspective he is representing on behalf of McMaster students. He noted that the Federation had just nearly unanimously opposed Axworthy's Social Policy Review--

only one school supported it. He said there was no question that lobbying needed to be done, as Guy Caron had been doing and will be doing--as the log book shows. However, he was not convinced that without a strong, united action on January 25--stating clearly that students are united in their opposition to the Axworthy Plan--the government would stop its attack on post-secondary education. He said he couldn't believe that any school would not support the motion. On behalf of McMaster students and on behalf of students across Canada, he requested the representatives of the New Brunswick component to vote in favour of the motion and join the fight to preserve post-secondary education in Canada.

The next speaker agreed with the delegate from McMaster and stated that January 25 was not the only action that the Federation and its member locals would be taking. She noted that the following week, she herself would be missing her seventh physics class in a row, in order to meet with Axworthy. She said that the Globe and Mail had noted that one third of the Canadian population was involved with education in one form or another. She said that coalition partners are counting on the members of the Canadian Federation of Students to mobilize students, and to link the issues together. She stressed that the government was proposing to completely change Canada's way of life. She argued that lobbying and participating in the consultative process was inadequate since the Federation has been told explicitly it is nothing more than a special interest group. She felt that delegates present owed it, not only to the students they represent, but also to Canadians in general, to support the motion, especially since the wording of the resolution had been modified.

Speaking in favour of the motion, a delegate stood to say that the mover and seconder of the motion had compromised with the wording, so that the motion read strike and action. Now the same people who pushed for that wording are still opposing the motion and arguing for no real action. He attempted to clear up misconceptions about the resolution passed in May and read its preface:

Whereas the Federal Government of Canada has begun planning reforms that move the education system towards privatisation of both funding and student aid; and

Whereas such reforms would drastically minimize access to post-secondary education for any students other than those from an upper-middle class socio-economic position; and

Whereas a student organization that claims to represent the student movement can only consider itself as a lobby research organization if it fails to take direct action on such crucial student issues;

Be it resolved

The delegate argued that if the Federation does not support the national strike action, then clearly it would no longer consider itself to be representing a student movement and that delegates would be no better than "a bunch of bureaucrats who like to stay at the Holiday Inn and eat bad food." He urged plenary to support the motion and said that failing to support the resolution would be tantamount to the selling out of the working class, the working poor, and all marginalized people. He said that every constituency group had a stake in the issue at hand and that the Federation must act. He concluded by saying he felt that those delegates who initially supported the compromise and are now arguing that even the compromise is too much are holding the Federation hostage. He regretted his decision to compromise, since he felt it to be clear that those with whom he compromised were not interested in facilitating action, but rather more interested in obstructing.

Simon Fraser called the question on the resolution. Capilano Students Union objected.

94/11:113 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:20 be put to a vote

DEFEATED

Although speaking opposed to the motion a delegate suggested a number of scenarios whereby delegates should support the motion, suggesting "just do it" to the following points: if delegates believed the Globe and Mail would support students; if delegates believed Axworthy would change overnight; if delegates thought that university presidents could be persuaded to stop raising tuition

fees; if delegates weren't interested in holding office; and if delegates wanted Canada to receive the benefits it currently has to offer. She concluded by urging delegates to "just do it."

Carleton Students' Association rose to speak in favour of the strike and action, but the chairperson noted that three delegates had already spoken in favour of the resolution.

St. Thomas Students' Union said that she was offended that if she wanted the Social Policy to go through then she was denying the strike. She said that much lobbying had been accomplished to date and that member locals were in need of alternatives to the social policy review. She felt more research was required before member locals could lobby effectively. She felt the January 25 action was not the most effective use of Federation resources. She restated her concern that January 25 was too late for effective lobbying.

Emily Carr Students' Union rose on a point of order asking the chairperson to remind the delegate that the motion did not and would not preclude any activities of the Federation.

St. Thomas Students' Union continued, reiterating concern that too much emphasis was being placed on one day.

University of Ottawa Students' Federation rose to speak in favour of the strike and action, but the chairperson noted that three delegates had already spoken in favour of the resolution.

UNB-Fredericton said his remarks would be somewhat neutral, though they might qualify as being opposed. He felt that New Brunswick schools had been very active getting mail to their Members of the Legislative Assembly. He said that they had met with over 20 Members of Parliament. He said New Brunswick schools got national media attention when they picketed the Prime Minister. He said New Brunswick schools have been very active. He also stated that some schools in New Brunswick felt alienated from the Federation and suggested that a compromise should have been sought prior to the general meeting. He said New Brunswick delegates felt hedged in by the democratic debate currently underway.

94/11:114 PROCEDURAL MOTION

University of Kings College Students' Union/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that the speaker's list continue to accommodate one more person in favour of the motion and one more person opposed.

ADOPTED

Speaking in favour of the resolution, a delegate urged plenary to exercise some understanding and to try to develop a perspective beyond the confines of the delegate's locale. She suggested that Federation plenaries are consistently emotional, and that positions are often stated less than clearly, but that delegates should attempt to understand the context and work toward consensus at all times. She did not want to see the motion defeated simply over the manner by which the issues were debated. She reiterated that the resolution does not preclude the Federation's ongoing lobby efforts. In terms of resources, she noted that the funding for January 25 would be allocated from the Campaigns budget, and that constituency groups have been allocated money from their budget to go toward January 25 in recognition of the importance of this day and the issues at stake. She said that this shows how coalition building is underway even within the Federation. She noted that the campaigns allocation is separate and distinct from the lobby allocation. She pointed out that hiring a staff person to co-ordinate January 25 is a means of ensuring that the current priorities of the Federation are not interrupted--she explained that by hiring a co-ordinator, the priorities of the staff responsible for lobbying will not be compromised in any way. She commended the New Brunswick component for picketing the Prime Minister and wished they would participate in the January 25 action.

Ottawa Students' Federation rose to speak in favour of the strike and action, but the chairperson noted that a delegate had already spoken in favour of the resolution.

New Brunswick Component Staff person but also a member of the student council at Mount Allison said that he decided that Mount Allison students did not want a strike. He felt that an abstention

would be the most appropriate position for Mount Allison to take. He said that with the inclusion of "and/or demonstration" he felt a solidarity demonstration on January 25 at Mount Allison should be organized. He said that it would not be good for the Federation if at least some schools in New Brunswick come out clearly and say they support the efforts of other students. He said that his council had stated specifically that he was unable to vote for a resolution which contained a reference to strike, but he felt it would be appropriate to abstain.

94/11:115 PROCEDURAL MOTION

University of Ottawa Students' Federation/Ryerson Students' Union

Be it resolved that the debate be extended.

DEFEATED

SFUO rose on a point of order to speak to the motion. The Speaker explained that delegates were not permitted to use a point of order to make an intervention. Moreover, the Speaker explained that the plenary had voted to move to a vote.

94/11:116 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Carleton/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that the speaker's list be extended to include one speech from the Ottawa University Students Federation.

ADOPTED

The University of Ottawa spoke neither in favour nor opposed to the resolution. He stated that organizing a demonstration is a great deal of work and that at Ottawa University, organizing had been underway for six weeks. He said that some twenty people have been working on the demonstration full-time, morning to night, for 20 hours per day. He wanted it known how much work was involved before plenary made a decision.

The Speaker then explained to the plenary that a delegate had called for a roll call vote on this resolution. He said that his interpretation of the rules were as follows: that while every member had the right to put the issue before plenary, it was the decision of plenary as to whether a roll call vote would be undertaken. He noted that delegates were free to challenge his ruling.

UNB Fredericton challenged the Speaker's ruling.

94/11:117 PROCEDURAL MOTION

TRENT/Association des étudiantes et etudiants de Saint Boniface

Be it resolved that the Speaker's ruling be upheld.

UNB Fredericton motivated his challenge by noting that the bylaws had reflected the right to a roll call vote, since before his own involvement with the Federation. He said it had always been the case that members can ask for roll call votes for the record and that there had never been any other interpretation. He said changing the interpretation cannot be done without changing the bylaw.

A delegate asked whether the challenge was debatable. The Speaker ruled that a challenge to the chair was debatable and read the appropriate section from Robert's Rules of Order. The section stated that a challenge to the chair is not debatable when the question on the motion is pending, but in other circumstances it was debatable.

In favour of upholding the decision of the chairperson, a delegate reminded plenary that in opening plenary, there was a suggestion that the Speaker receive the support of plenary prior to undertaking a roll call vote, so that it could not be used as a tool for filibustering, or other abuses.

A delegate rose on a point of order noting that the question was pending in this situation and that therefore, this motion should not be debated.

The Speaker agreed, and moved to a vote. However, the delegate also pointed out that the Speaker has the right to defend his ruling and asked the Speaker to motivate the rationale for his decision.

The Speaker said that while the Federation has traditionally permitted a member local to demand a roll call vote at which point the next 20 to 30 minutes of the plenary is taken up with such a roll call. While the standing resolution notes that every member has the right to call for a roll call vote, the Speaker explained that that does not necessarily mean the plenary will accept it. The Speaker should, therefore, remind members of their right to call for roll call votes, and allow plenary as a whole to decide whether a roll call is the best use of the plenary's time, in accordance with Robert's Rules. The Speaker was at a loss as to how plenary chairpeople could have interpreted the standing resolution in any other way. The Speaker said it is fundamentally contradictory to the principles of fair and democratic debate that one member can effectively force all other 65 members into a process that stops debate for 20 or 30 minutes. The Speaker also noted that a roll call vote was not the only means of ensuring that a vote was recorded; recording votes upon request had been the practice throughout the plenary.

94/11:117 ADOPTED (24/23)

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:

Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan, ST. LOUIS MAILLET, UNB-ST. JOHN; CARIBOO; LETHBRIDGE; UPEI; Mount Allison, Mount Royal, St-Andrew's, UNB-FREDERICTON, acadia, Dalhousie, Guelph csa, Capilano, St-Thomas, Sir Wilfred Grenfell, Carleton, MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY; MARINE INSTITUTE STUDENTS' UNION

94/11:118 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that a roll call vote be undertaken for amended Motion-94/11:107.

ADOPTED

94/11:107 ADOPTED (36/10/7)

SEE APPENDIX (A) for roll call

A point of order was raised by Marine Institute Students' Union asking assurance that the roll call votes would be clearly noted in the minutes, and that the notation would clearly reflect that resolution to which the roll call referred.

The Speaker reminded the plenary that the next day's plenary session would take place at the Palais de Congress. He asked that delegates arrive promptly for the commencement of the plenary session.

He explained that plenary would recess from 6:00 pm and reconvene at 7:30 pm.

Plenary recessed at 6:00 pm

Quorum was not present at 7:30 pm.

The Speaker asked the delegates to urge their colleagues to return to the plenary session. He reminded delegates present that interpretation services would cease at 9:00 pm sharp.

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated:

94/11:119 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N33]

YORK FEDERATION OF STUDENTS/Capilano Students' Union

94/11:119 (A) Be it resolved that an ICR model be constructed by the Federation with a set of variables that are responsible and favour accessibility and quality of education.

94/11:119 (B) Be it resolved that the Federation present this model to the government, if an income contingent model becomes the reality of student aid.

In favour of the motion a delegate said that the Federation needs to develop a functioning ICRP model which could be used as an ideal, just as the proponents of zero tuition see zero tuition as a worthwhile goal for the future.

Another delegate spoke in favour of the motion and said that the Federation should take a proactive position on Income Contingent Loans. She said the government is planning to implement an income contingent loan plan regardless, therefore, the Federation should accept such parameters and develop its own income contingent plan to present to the government. She said that opposing income contingent plans is the equivalent of living in a dream world. She thought the Federation should develop an alternative plan that could be implemented rather than trying to stop it altogether. She thought it was irresponsible to oppose the plan, that the Federation should work with government to implement it, not wait until six months after a plan was implemented.

94/11:111 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:119 be put to a vote.

DEFEATED

A delegate opposing the motion expressed her strong belief that the Canadian Federation of Students should not act as an accomplice to the government which is set to dismantle post-secondary education. She argued that to develop an alternative model for the income contingency plan was to tacitly embrace the Income contingent principles adopted by the federal government and in fact would explicitly undermine the seriousness of purpose in organizing a national strike on January 25 which is intending to unite students in unequivocal opposition to the plan. She felt angered that anyone would propose that the Federation actively help develop the mechanisms by which the Federal government would try to eliminate accessibility.

The next speaker strongly opposed the motion and argued that the motion presumed that the Federation had not accomplished any research on the issue of Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plans. He said that in fact the Federation had done a significant amount of research and had effectively determined that it was not possible to have "responsible" variables that "favour accessibility and quality of education" until the goals of accessibility and quality of education had been realized, in which case no Income Contingent plan would be necessary. He said that as long as the Federation was opposed to the *implementation* of a particular policy there is no way the Federation could, with any credibility, help the government to implement it.

Opposing the motion, a delegate referred delegates to the Income Contingent Loan symposium in Toronto. She pointed to Federation research that has been done on Income Contingent Loan Plans and cited Australia as an illuminating example. She explained that in Australia a plan was developed with certain safeguards for students in place, but the government eliminated those safeguards once the programme was in place claiming that the plan was too expensive. She said that some students, rather than concentrating on opposing the plan altogether, worked on developing the so-called safeguards which were promptly eliminated once the government had received student co-operation to implement the plan in the first place. She said she felt the Federation's current position of complete opposition to Income Contingent Loan Plans was a position of strength, because when the government tries to trap students into accepting the ICRP logic by choosing the so-called "best" model, students can say they are absolutely opposed to ICRP's, period. If the Federation were then to develop its own model, she argued, it would seem to the government as if the Federation was not as solid in its position.

McMaster proposed that the resolution be considered in two sections, A and B respectively.

94/11:112 MOTION TO AMEND

McMaster/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that an ICR a student assistance model be constructed by the Federation with a set of variables that are responsible and favour accessibility and quality of education.

McMaster motivated the proposed amendment and stated that there was no doubt that the Federation opposed an Income Contingent Loan Repayment model. He argued that no conflict would exist if the resolution asked for the construction of a student assistance model. He also suggested that the Speaker might rule such a motion out of order as it would be redundant, given

the fact that the Federation has already complied. The delegate cited Strategy for Change for change as an important example of Federation research.

Regarding the second motion, McMaster argued that the second part of the resolution would become redundant. He countered previous remarks suggesting that Income Contingent Loan Plans would be introduced imminently. He argued that the Ontario government was not poised to introduce the plan, especially since the Income Contingent Loan Symposium. McMaster told plenary that since the Symposium, the Ontario Minister of Education had indicated that he was highly skeptical of any Income Contingent model and was unlikely to pursue Income Contingent Loan Plans. McMaster felt the government was "scared shitless."

The next speaker also agreed that the amendment would render the original motion redundant. He went on to say that the Federation has consistently presented alternatives to the government. He said that the Federation was currently trying to present clear alternatives to the Income Contingency model, and noted that such alternatives were contained in Strategy for Change. He did not feel that the Federation should provide alternative Income Contingency models as it would undermine the Federation's ability to oppose Income Contingency and propose more equitable alternatives. He felt that the process of consultation should be used to state the Federation's opposition as loudly and as clearly as possible, and to highlight real alternatives such as a national system of grants and a minimum corporate tax.

Emily Carr Students' Union called the question on the amendment.

94/11:112 ADOPTED

Ottawa University Students Federation supported the resolution. He felt that students needed a plan to present to government, because the government would impose a plan with or without students input. He argued that nearly everyone across the country agrees that the current system of student aid no longer fits with today's reality. Therefore, he argued we need something with which to replace the current student aid system. He said Strategy for Change was a long term plan but the Federation was in need of a plan for the short term.

A delegate speaking in favour of the motion said he felt more comfortable with the motion since reference to Income Contingent Loan Plans had been removed. He said though research had already been undertaken by Federation staff, he felt the resolution would be an enabling motion allowing staff to develop more detailed analysis of variables affecting constituency groups. He noted the Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Students' Constituency Group had noted some specific issues of concern.

94/11:119 (A) ADOPTED

94/11:119 (B) DEFEATED

British Columbia Chairperson reminded delegates about elections for the Constituency Commission's National Executive Representative. She informed delegates that herself and Federation Staff person Deb Duffy were the Chief electoral officers. She noted that any member of a constituency group was eligible to run for the position. Nominations would close at NOON on November 14, 1994.

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated:

94/11:113 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [94.11.N22]
~~YORK FEDERATION OF STUDENTS/CAMOSUN COLLEGE STUDENT SOCIETY~~

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading FINANCING OF EDUCATION:

The Federation supports ICRP with the co-existence of other student aid plans.

Speaking against the motion a delegate reiterated their opposition to any Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan. He felt that the Federation should use the policy review to highlight the proposals contained in Strategy for Change.

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Camosun withdrew its support for the motion. Since no member local offered to second the motion, the Speaker ruled that the motion was defeated.

94/11:113 DEFEATED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:114 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N39]

ST.THOMAS UNIVERSITY Student Union/UNIVERSITY OF REGINA Student Union

Be it resolved that the federal government be called upon to declare a moratorium on cuts to Established Programs Financing funds for post-secondary education.

Be it further resolved that the **Canadian Federation of Students recommend that following take place:**

- a) a review of administrative and overhead expenses at post-secondary institutions
- b) public disclosure of the budgets of post-secondary institutions
- c) reform of university governing bodies to become more inclusive and relevant
- d) a review of program length
- e) consideration of the cost effectiveness of year round course availability
- f) reform of curriculum to encourage programmes which offer employable skills, include work experience components and enhance flexibility and learning potential
- g) a review of overlap between government "retraining" programmes and programmes offered by public institutions
- h) harmonization of credit and licensing standards across Canada

Mount Royal proposed the following friendly amendment:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Federation of Students recommend that the following take place...

A delegate motivated the resolution by explaining the rationale behind the motion. She said one of the problems with the Social Policy Review is that the government asked students to consider wholesale cuts to education without any discussion of what factors contributed to the current financial crisis. She felt that the Federation should call for the exposure of the issues listed in the resolution.

94/11:114 ADOPTED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion(s) be defeated:

94/11:115 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [94.11.N20]

Capilano Students' Union/Laurentian University Students' General Association/Ryerson Students' Union

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under USER/TUITION FEES:

The Federation calls for an immediate tuition fee freeze for all post-secondary institutions, followed by the reduction of all user/tuition fees for higher education.

94/11:116 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [94.11.N20]

Capilano Students' Union/Laurentian University Students' General Association/Ryerson Students' Union

Be it further resolved that policy 93.05.71 under USER/TUITION FEES be deleted from the Federation's Policy Manual.

The first speaker felt that under no circumstances should the Federation adopt this resolution. He

said that the motion was intended to replace the Federation's policy calling for the abolition of tuition fees. He argued that supporting this resolution would undermine the Federation's fight against Axworthy and his social policy review. By taking a step backward on this issue, he said, the Federation would be making a concession to the Liberal government and that such a concession would demoralize other organizations which are also fighting the Social Policy Review.

Laurentian University Students' General Association rose on a point of order to withdraw its second. Ryerson Students' Union seconded the motion.

Opposing the resolution, the speaker pointed out that the Federation's current policy called for both a freeze on tuition and a progressive elimination of all tuition fees. She explained that a policy manual was intended to document all that the Federation hopes for and works toward. She said that it is a legitimate goal to work toward a system of tuition-free post-secondary education.

Marine Institute Students' Union supported the current policy of the Federation. He noted that all Newfoundland cabinet ministers including Clyde Welles, the Premier, had the opportunity to attend Memorial University at no cost at all. He explained that former Newfoundland Premier, Joseph R. Smallwood, actually paid them to attend. Therefore, he argued, not only was abolishing tuition a legitimate goal but it has actually occurred. He said the precedent had been set and that the Federation did not need to revisit the issue.

In favour of the motion, a delegate argued that the motion called for a progressive and responsible change over a period of time. She noted that while in Ireland there are no tuition fees for post-secondary education, the system continues to be elitist. She said that only the top 20 per cent of students actually enter the system. She said that socio-economic factors continue to act as barriers to post-secondary education. She felt that the resolution allows the Federation to pursue changes in a more positive and constructive manner.

94/11:117 MOTION TO AMEND

McMaster University Students' Union/Carleton University Students' Association

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under USER/TUITION FEES:

The Federation calls for an immediate tuition fee freeze for all post-secondary institutions, followed by the progressive elimination of all financial barriers to post-secondary education.

ADOPTED

noted in abstention: St. Andrew's Student Association; UNB St. John Campus Students' Representative Council

McMaster spoke in favour of the amendment noting that in 1976, the Federal Government stated that it supported the progressive introduction of free education in Canada. He felt that the Federation had not opposed paying for post-secondary education, but that there exists different means through which the system can be paid. He said one means eliminates the financial barriers to post-secondary education other means do not. He said that the policy amendment he proposed was adopted by Ontario members at the last Ontario general meeting. He felt Ontario members adopted the amendment because it drew attention to the other financial barriers to post-secondary education and that it would be less likely to be misrepresented by the media and by organizations like OUSA.

94/11:118 MOTION TO AMEND AMENDMENT

Trent University Students Union/University of Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that the words "including tuition fees" be added following "financial barriers."

Trent motivated the amendment by explaining that advocates of the Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan claim that such a plan IS the elimination of financial barriers to post-secondary education. She argued that if the Federation does support the concept of zero tuition, then it must be explicitly stated, not implicitly stated as part of the definition of "financial barriers."

In favour of the amendment a delegate argued that some people would argue that tuition fees are

not a financial barrier to post-secondary education. She felt that the inclusion of "tuition fees" ought to be a pre-condition to the Federation's adoption the original amendment.

94/11:118 DEFEATED

Debate resumed on original amendment.

Speaking opposed to the amendment a delegate argued that it represented an effort to hide a particular policy so as to avoid bad press rather than to push for greater understanding and support for the policy itself. He felt that the Federation would be the object of derision in the press were it to slip a policy in through the back door, as the amendment proposed.

Opposing the amendment an Ontario delegate noted that her delegation was among those which did not support the amendment at the Ontario general meeting. She felt that the zero tuition policy was a cornerstone of Federation policy. She did agree that it would be important for the Federation to develop additional policies outlining other financial barriers to post-secondary education.

In favour of the amendment a delegate argued that the operative question was not how the government interpreted Federation policy but how members interpreted Federation. Moreover, he argued, the most important question for the Federation is whether the amendment weakens or strengthens its lobbying position. He felt that the wording change would not weaken the Federation's position. He argued that while Federation research must continue to point to tuition as a financial barrier, it was unnecessary to have an unquestionable attachment to the words zero tuition. He suggested that the Federation would receive positive media coverage by adopting the amendment, because he felt that no one could possibly argue with a goal of eliminating financial barriers to post-secondary education.

The next speaker argued in favour of the amendment. She felt it reflected the fact that tuition is no longer the only financial barriers students face when pursuing post-secondary education. She agreed with previous speakers that the litany of ancillary and incidental fees faced by students affect the accessibility of post-secondary education, but that tuition was one of many.

Supporting the amendment a delegate noted that the Federation always recognized that simply abolishing tuition would not automatically result in a universally accessible post-secondary education system, that along with the abolition of tuition, so must there be a host of measures implemented to compensate for a wide-range of barriers.

The Speaker noted he had received three speakers in favour and three speakers opposed to the amendment and that unless a motion was put forward to extend the speakers list, then he would move to a vote on the amendment.

94/11:117 ADOPTED

The amendment having carried, the Speaker entertained debate on the main motion. The question was called and an objection raised.

94/11:119 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:115 be put to a vote

DEFEATED

A delegate proposed that motion Motion-94/11:115 be divided. The Speaker then proceeded with debate on Motion-94/11:115, which would be followed by debate on new Motion-94/11:116. Seeing no debate the Speaker moved to the vote.

94/11:115 ADOPTED (34/12)

The Speaker entertained debate on new Motion-94/11:116. The Speaker ruled that new Motion-94/11:116 did not contradict new Motion-94/11:115.

Speaking in opposed to motion 94.11.N20-2, the speaker said she agreed with the sentiment expressed regarding the previous motion, but felt it also important to have a policy dealing

specifically with the question of tuition fees. She felt that the Federation's policy was strongly worded, and had served as a rallying point and did not feel that it should be removed.

A delegate opposed the motion felt that the Federation should not be focusing on removing zero tuition policy, but rather the Federation should be focusing on measures by which a progressive taxation system could be implemented. He said that although Canada claims to have a progressive taxation system yet profitable corporations have been paying little if any tax. He suggested the Federation develop policy on who should be paying for education, because the status quo is that corporations are not paying while everyone else is paying, effectively since the day they were born. He said the only way that education should be paid is through a truly progressive taxation system, not through user fees.

Speaking against the motion, the next speaker explained to the plenary why Canada has traditionally valued the concept of universality as applied to all social programmes. She noted that it is easier to develop support for a programme from which **everyone** can benefit. She argued that a system from which only the less privileged can receive benefits is a system subject to diminishing popular support. Because people who cannot use a system may not see themselves as having a direct interest in maintaining that system, she said that support is more vulnerable to erosion. In order to achieve the widest possible support, everyone must be able to use a social programme.

Emily Carr Students' Union called the question. An objection to calling the question was raised.

94/11:120 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:116 be put to a vote

DEFEATED

In favour of the motion a delegate argued that policy 93.05.71 was redundant given that Motion-94/11:115 had been adopted. He stressed that there was no need to state the Federation's opposition to tuition fees as it was already clearly established in the reference to Motion-94/11:115. To alleviate concern he suggested that the Federation could draft and adopt a definition of 'financial' which would state explicitly that the Federation understands financial barriers as including but not being limited to tuition fees. He cautioned that even a definition could be open to misinterpretation.

Question was called with no objection.

94/11:116 DEFEATED

A point of order was raised by a delegate who noted that the Northwest voting card, which had been proxied to Capilano, was used by a New Brunswick delegate during the previous vote. The delegate noted that such an act was highly undemocratic. The Speaker responded that it is absolutely unacceptable for proxies to be handled by a delegation other than that which received the official proxy. Moreover, the Speaker noted that those proxies that were given only for the duration of opening plenary had expired and were not valid during closing plenary.

94/11:121 PROCEDURAL MOTION

McMaster Student Union/Concordia Graduate Students' Association

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:115 be reconsidered.

McMaster motivated the motion to reconsider, explaining that reconsidering the motion would allow for an amendment to be proposed to include the words "including tuition fees" in the same policy, as had been previously proposed.

94/11:121 DEFEATED

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated:

94/11:122 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N41]

Emily Carr Students' Union Saint Thomas University Student Union/UNB-Fredericton Campus Student Union

Be it resolved that The Federal government be called upon to offer graduates an additional year of venture capital loans through the Canada Student Loans Programme.

Emily Carr Students' Union did not want to move the motion. St. Thomas Students' Union then moved the motion.

Speaking in favour of the motion a speaker noted that graduates face many hardships upon graduation, especially in the area of finding employment. The proposal was intended to provide graduates with an additional year of student loans to allow graduates to start their own business. She argued that this proposal would allow graduates to maintain a measure of independence from social assistance programmes upon graduation.

Speaking against the motion a delegate explained that a venture capital loan is actually a very risky venture and if this proposal were implemented it would undoubtedly result in higher interest rates overall for student loans. He did not feel that it was the Federation's place to begin making recommendations on business loans.

94/11:123 MOTION TO POSTPONE

Trent Students' Union/McMaster University Students' Union

Be it resolved that Motion 94/11:122 be tabled until the May 1995 general meeting and referred to the Policy Committee.

ADOPTED

94/11:122 POSTPONED

94/11:124 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N38]

Simon Fraser University Students' Society/Trent University Student Union Guelph Central Students' Association

Be it resolved that the Federation call upon the federal government to provide provincial governments with a five-year schedule for federal transfer payments for post-secondary education.

Trent withdrew its second for the motion. Guelph Central Students' Association seconded the it.

94/11:124 ADOPTED

The Speaker explained simultaneous interpretation would stop at 9:00 pm because the plenary session continued to 6:00 pm instead of recessing at 5:30 pm.

The National Treasurer explained that the agreement with the interpreters negotiated by the National Executive was such that interpretation would not continue uninterrupted for more than four hours. Because the plenary democratically decided to reduce the evening recess, the contract was broken and as a consequence interpretation would stop at 9:00 pm.

Carleton asked the National Executive to attempt to reach an alternative agreement with the interpreters.

The National Treasurer explained that the interpreters were bound by their own collective agreement not to work beyond set times.

Marine Institute Students' Union rose on a point of order pointing out that interpretation was stopping an hour earlier than expected, yet the plenary exceeded the time to recess by one half hour and wondered whether interpretation could not continue until 9:30 pm.

The National Treasurer explained that there was no room to negotiate as the Federation had broken the contract on two occasions: first by going beyond the set time for a recess and then by allowing the interpreters to continue for more than four hours at a time. The Federation had therefore forfeited its right to further negotiations for November 13. However, the interpreters had agreed that, if necessary, they would continue to interpret for an extra one and one half hours if necessary on November 14. In other words, she explained, while plenary was scheduled to end at 4:00 pm the interpreters would be willing, if required, to continue until 5:30 pm.

Carleton rose on a point of privilege. The Speaker was informed that interpretation had ended and he ruled that, in accordance with Federation policy, that the plenary session had ended.

Translation stopped at 9:00 pm.

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The Speaker reconvened the meeting at 9:15 am, November 14, 1994.

The Speaker told the plenary that delegates were free to amend the agenda to bring forward different committee reports, but explained he would not entertain such an amendment until the resolution on the floor had been dealt with.

Regarding proxies, the Speaker made three points: one) member locals assigned proxies for opening plenary are not allowed to use the voting cards at all during closing plenary; two) all proxies had to be designated before the commencement of opening plenary. Therefore, members were not permitted to proxy their vote as they leave the meeting; and three) proxies may only be exercised by the member local having duly received the proxy.

The Speaker noted that plenary had recessed while Carleton was speaking to a point of privilege, and called on Carleton to continue with its point.

Carleton stated that its point was directed to a delegate who was not present at that time and wished to postpone its point until such time as the delegate was present.

94/11:125 MOTION

Carleton University Students' Association/Dalhousie Student Union

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to provide for a question period for each at large National Executive member upon her or his arrival.

A delegate objected to Mount Allison having called the question on the motion.

94/11:126 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:125 be put to a vote

DEFEATED

A speaker said they agreed with the spirit of the proposal but felt that the proposal itself was too cumbersome to be implemented.

Marine Institute Students' Union proposed a friendly amendment to add the words "at large" to the words "National Executive."

94/11:127 MOTION TO AMEND

Western Society of Graduate Students/Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Students' Union

Be it resolved that the words "upon her or his arrival" be replaced with "after lunch."

A delegate rose on a point of order to ask if quorum were achieved. The Speaker counted the cards present. The Speaker ruled that the 22 cards present did not constitute quorum. The amendment was withdrawn.

94/11:127 WITHDRAWN

At 9:35, the Speaker ruled that quorum was achieved with 39 cards were present. He noted that motions requiring a two/thirds vote would need 26 votes in favour to be adopted. He asked that delegates note their arrival with the Speaker so that all votes are calculated correctly.

Debate resumed on Motion-94/11:125

Camosun College suggested that the plenary simply continue with the committee report that had

been started during the previous plenary.

Marine Institute Students' Union spoke in favour of the motion stating that he was concerned that a 4:00 pm National Executive Question and Answer session would prohibit Newfoundland delegates from participating in the session.

The Speaker asked Ryerson Students' Union delegates who raised the Guelph Central Students' Association card whether they had the Guelph proxy. Ryerson Students' Union said they had.

A point of order was raised regarding whether the Guelph proxy to Ryerson Students' Union was in order, as the Speaker had outlined at the beginning of the plenary session.

The Speaker said that no letter had been submitted and that Ryerson Students' Union was not entitled to exercise the Guelph vote without fulfilling the proper procedure. He asked again that all delegates respect the rules on the issue of proxies.

Carleton rose on a point of privilege. He explained he had taken offense at the National Treasurer the previous evening when she explained that the requests to extend interpretation until 10:00 pm were moot. He then called for the resignation of the National Treasurer.

The Speaker intervened explaining that it was the Federation's own policy which ends a plenary session when simultaneous interpretation is no longer available. He pointed out that no real business had yet been accomplished and in order to facilitate the work of the Federation he returned to the next resolution.

Lakehead Students' Union rose on a point of order. She felt that the "point of privilege" had been abused throughout the general meeting. She stated that a point of privilege was only to be used to draw attention to racist, sexist or homophobic remarks or when a delegate is prevented from participating in a debate. A point of privilege is not to be used as an opportunity to vent frustration nor as a means of bypassing the speaker's list. She asked the Speaker to clearly rule on the points as they are raised, as many were out of order.

The Speaker agreed noting that points of order had been abused as well. He urged plenary to exercise restraint and consideration when raising points, noting that loud and abusive interruptions are intimidating for speakers.

National Education and Campaigns Committee was abstaining on the following motion:

94/11:128 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N44]

Capilana College Students' Union/REGINA Marine Institute Students' Union

Be it resolved that the National Executive work with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in order to improve service to those member locals who have, unfortunately, been stuck having to deal with that bank for student loans.

Speaking against the motion, a delegate argued that the Federation should not be working with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. He suggested that the Federation's skilled and effective National Treasurer would have much expertise to offer on this issue. He felt that her skills and ability, along with the skills and ability of the National Executive would enable them to intervene effectively in this area without the need for adopting a resolution. He did not want to create any formal relationship between the Federation and corporations.

Regina Students' Union withdrew its support for the motion, Marine Institute Students' Union became the new seconder.

Opposing the motion a delegate agreed that the Federation should not be building a relationship with a bank. She agreed that the National Executive should continue their current initiatives and that the resolution should not be on the books.

In favour of the motion a delegate from Newfoundland explained that students in that province were forced to deal with the CIBC on the matter of student loans. He said that the trend in the Atlantic was for provincial governments to strike deals with individual banks. He said that the Federal

government was also in the process of negotiating with the CIBC.

94/11:129 MOTION TO AMEND

Trent/St. Thomas

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to Motion-94/11:128:

"work with" be changed to "lobby"; "Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce" be replaced by "banking financial institutions"; and "that bank" changed to "those institutions."

Trent acknowledged the legitimate concerns expressed by previous speakers but felt it appropriate for the Federation to intervene on behalf of students. She said many students forced into dealing with one bank or another have been faced with credit checks and other invasive procedures. She thought the Federation should develop policy on these issues and lobby for the best possible service for students.

94/11:130 MOTION TO POSTPONE

Emily Carr Students' Union/ Western SAGS

Be it resolved that motion Motion-94/11:128 be tabled until the next general meeting.

DEFEATED

A friendly amendment was proposed to Motion-94/11:129 to change "banking institutions" to "financial institutions."

Elections were scheduled for 10:00 am and at that time Orders of the Day were called. The Speaker had the doors tiled and continued with debate.

Speaking against the amendment 94/11:129, a delegate expressed concern that by expressing a need to develop any relationship with banks or financial institutions, the Federation was implicitly conceding that Income Contingent Loans were part of the future reality for students. He felt this would be highly inopportune since the Federation was in the process of fighting Income Contingent Loans and the Banks involvement therein.

With no objections, the question was called on the amendment.

94/11:129 ADOPTED

Having adopted the amendment, the Speaker moved to a vote on the original motion.

94/11:128 DEFEATED

Having declared the motion defeated, several delegates rose on points of order and privilege explaining that the balloting process had hindered their ability to vote on the motion. Marine Institute Students' Union asked for a recount.

94/11:128 DEFEATED (19/25)

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:131 DIRECTIVE [NEC-04]

YORK FEDERATION OF STUDENTS/EMILY CARR STUDENTS' UNION

Be it resolved that the Federation establish a strike fund and solicit financial support from member locals, coalition partners and any interested student unions or individuals and;

Be it further resolved that an organizer be hired, in consultation with the union, to manage and coordinate the strike at the national level.

Malaspina Students' Union spoke in favour of the resolution. He said that Budget committee had been able to make an appropriate financial allotment and that the Strike had been thoroughly debated and supported. He felt the Federation had an historic role to play and in order to meet that potential, a national co-ordinator was required.

Supporting the motion, a delegate noted that the money had been budgeted for and felt that a

short-term hiring made sense given the demands currently being placed on the Federation's National Office.

Western called the question. There was an objection.

94/11:132 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:131 be put to a vote

ADOPTED

94/11:131 ADOPTED

NOTED ABSENTIONS:

Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan; Capilano; North West; St. Thomas

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:

Mount Allison; UNB-Fredericton

National Education and Campaigns Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:133 DIRECTIVE [NEC-14]

TRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION/EMILY CARR STUDENTS' UNION

Be it resolved that information be produced and distributed on how to organize campus and community groups to support the national strike, with specific attention to the interests of constituency groups and caucuses.

Be it further resolved that this information be posted on the CFSnet and Internet.

ADOPTED

94/11:134 MOTION

Shippagan/Guelph

Be it resolved that the report of the National Education and Campaigns Committee be accepted.

Temilini thanked the members of the committee for their hard work.

94/11:134 ADOPTED

H) INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Western SAGS proposed that the recommendations in the Report of the International Students Constituency Group be adopted omnibus. Given no objections the Speaker proceeded.

94/11:135 DIRECTIVE

TRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION/ACADIA Students' Union

Whereas there is presently a lack of information at member locals about programs existing for international students in Canada, programs for study/work abroad, and funding opportunities for international education, therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to forward information available on support programs and services available for International Students in Canada, and international education in general, to the International Students Commissioner and member locals.

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to distribute this information to organizations on their campuses that have a primary interest in such information, including but not limited to International Student Centres, International Program Offices, International Student Associations, and International Student Representatives.

ADOPTED

94/11:136 DIRECTIVE

Trent University Students' Union/Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association

Whereas there is presently a low level of participation of International Students in the Federation's General Meetings, and member locals student associations, therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to encourage member locals to send international students as delegates to the next general meeting.

Be it further resolved that the National Executive urge member locals to encourage the participation of international students in student government and other related organizations.

Be it further resolved that the National Executive be directed to investigate the possibility of funding international students to attend general meetings through international student centres, international program offices and other similar entities.

ADOPTED

94/11:137 DIRECTIVE

Trent University Students' Union/Acadia University Students' Union

Whereas the Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE) is a national organization that has a mandate that includes lobbying for international education and international students; and

Whereas the CBIE has little student participation in its general meetings and board of directors; and

Whereas in an increasingly global market, international education provides a good base for students; and

Whereas the International Student Constituency Group would be a valuable resource for student participation at CBIE; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to investigate the possibility of active student participation from the Federation in the Canadian Bureau of International Education.

ADOPTED

94/11:138 DIRECTIVE

Trent University Students' Union/Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association

Whereas international education opportunities is an issue of discussion in the Social Policy Review; and

Whereas there is a discrepancy between the expectations of international education abroad and the reality of international education in Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation include the issues of international students in its lobbying and any other activities concerning the Social Policy Review.

Be it further resolved that the International Students Constituency Group campaign funds be allocated for this purpose in conjunction with other Social Policy Review campaign strategies.

ADOPTED

94/11:139 MOTION

Association des étudiantes et étudiants de Saint-Louis-Maillet/McGill University Post Graduate Students' Society

Be it resolved that the Report of the International Students Constituency Group be accepted.

ADOPTED

I) **WOMEN'S CAUCUS**

Karen Eryou presented the report of Women's Caucus. She noted that Karen Eryou was elected as the Women's Representative to the National Executive. Deena Bowie from Vancouver and Stephanie Roy from Thunderbay were elected Co-Commissioners. She noted that some discussion took place within the caucus regarding the division within the Federation's Policy Manual, between educational and non-educational issues. She explained that women felt that such a division was somewhat arbitrary and artificial. She also explained that the Women's Caucus earmarked their portion of the budget to go toward the January 25 action.

94/11:140 MOTION

Laurentian University Students' General Association/Concordia Graduate Students' Association

Be it resolved that Karen Eryou be ratified as the Women's Caucus Representative on the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students.

ADOPTED

94/11:141 MOTION

Camosun College Students' Society/Memorial CSU

Be it resolved that Stephanie Roy and Deena Bowie be ratified as Women's Co-Commissioners for the National Women's Caucus.

ADOPTED

94/11:142 MOTION

Lakehead Students' Union/Brandon SU

Be it resolved that the Report of the Women's Caucus be accepted.

ADOPTED

J) COLLEGES AND INSTITUTES

A delegate proposed that the Report of the Colleges and Institutes Caucus be adopted omnibus. Given no objections the Speaker proceeded.

94/11:143 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

Marine Institute Students' Union/Mount Royal

Whereas U.I and C.E.I.C. sponsored students and being placed in public institutions, in existing classroom seats; and

Whereas this limits accessibility for non-sponsored students and creates wait lists for these students; and

Whereas institutions are more concerned with the profit made off of sponsored students than the needs of non-sponsored students; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be placed under the Training section of the policy manual:

The Federation declares creation of new spaces for students receiving public sponsorship mandatory, and opposes the "purchasing" of existing seats by the federal and provincial governments.

ADOPTED

94/11:144 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

Emily Carr Students' Union/Mount Royal

Whereas students attending private institutions often receive large loans through the Canadian Student Loan Program, due to higher tuition fees; and

Whereas defaults on these loans represent public monies funding private institutions through tuition fees; and

Whereas students enrolled in federal retraining programs are often trained at private institutions; therefore,

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading EDUCATIONAL FUNDING be adopted:

The Federation opposes the use of public monies for private institutions.

ADOPTED

94/11:145 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan/Marine

Be it resolved that the Report of the Colleges and Institutes Caucus be accepted.

ADOPTED

K) POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

94/11:146 MOTION

CARLETON/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that the recommendations in the Report of the Policy Review and Development Committee be adopted omnibus with the exception of the following resolutions:

94.11N56,94.11.N60,94.11.N61, 94.11.N62, 94.11.N64, 94.11.N71, PR-04,PR-06, and PR-09.

ADOPTED

Policy Review and Development Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed:

94/11:147 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N63]

University of Ottawa Students' Federation/REGINA SU

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading PEACE be reaffirmed:

The Federation supports all endeavours made by the Canadian government to support world peace and multilateral disarmament, and supports Canada taking a more active role at the United Nations to encourage self-determination for all nations.

ADOPTED

94/11:148 MOTION AMEND POLICY [94.05.225]

NATIVE EDUCATION CENTER/TRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION

Be it resolved that the eleventh policy under the heading ABORIGINAL STUDENTS (May 1992, 91.11.128) be amended as follows:

The Federation recognizes and fully supports that education for Aboriginal and Treaty post-secondary students has been "pre-paid" through the surrender of lands and all resources generated from the unceded lands of Canada shared wealth generated from the lands and resources.

ADOPTED

94/11:149 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

Ryerson Students' Union/REGINA SU

Be it resolved that the following policy (93.05.172) under the heading STUDENT AID be deleted:

The Federation believes that loan repayment interest rates should be equal to the real rate of interest rather than the nominal rate of interest.

ADOPTED

94/11:150 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

UNB FREDERICTON/AGEE ST.LOUIS MAILLET

Be it resolved that the following section heading be amended:

ACADEMIC FREEDOM Private Sector and Post Secondary Education

The Federation opposes all policies of the federal and provincial governments designed to increase private sector control in any area of post secondary education.

ADOPTED

94/11:151 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

CARLETON SA/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that the following policy (91.11.121) under the heading CANADIAN CONSTITUTION be deleted:

The Federation supports a unified Canada.

ADOPTED

94/11:152 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

TRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION/REGINA SU

Be it resolved that the following policy (93.05.244) under the heading INTERNATIONAL ISSUES be amended:

The Federation shall ~~endorse~~ participate actively in national or international initiatives in support of the women of Bosnia-Herzegovina former Yugoslavia.

ADOPTED

94/11:153 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

Ryerson Students' Union/McMaster Students' Union

Be it resolved that the following policy (92.05.201) under the heading PORTABILITY be amended:

The Federation supports the **integrity and transferability** of course credits between all post-secondary educational institutions.

ADOPTED

94/11:154 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

McMaster Students' Union/Ryerson Students' Union

Be it resolved that the following statement (90.10.16) under the heading ACCESSIBILITY be amended:

~~The Federation adheres to the following definitions of quality and accessibility;~~

Be it further resolved that the subsection entitled QUALITY be deleted;

Be it further resolved that a new section of the policy manual be created entitled QUALITY and read as follows:

A quality education is one which not only transfers information and expertise to a student but also leaves the student with an ability to think critically, write clearly and adapt skills from one field to another. A quality education should enhance the physical, emotional, and ethical, as well as intellectual, life of the student.

A quality education should contain, but not be limited to, the following elements:

1. a faculty/student ratio which enables students to receive adequate personal attention in each course;
2. sufficient access to updated equipment and research facilities;
3. support services (ie. recreational, counseling, medical, etc.) such that students are able to live a quality life based on the Federation's Declaration of Student Rights;
4. a faculty, teaching assist group, and staff who are fairly and adequately recompensed for their work;

5. access to democratic processes and the right to appeal as defined in Federation's Declaration of Student Rights;
6. a degree or diploma which is nationally and internationally recognized;
7. a formal system of providing for student comment on, and critique of, the education they are receiving without restriction on publishing those results;
8. the encouragement of international perspective to be fostered by the full participation of visa students, as well as the inclusion of courses with an international perspective where appropriate;
9. a suitable and safe physical plant; and
10. an atmosphere which is welcoming and tolerant of all individuals.

ADOPTED

94/11:155 DIRECTIVE

REGINA SU/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that the feasibility of running a "How To Write Policy" workshop, for the Policy Review and Development Committee at the May 1995 general meeting, be investigated.

ADOPTED

Policy Review and Development Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed as amended:

94/11:156 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N56]

Ryerson Students' Union/Carleton University Students' Association

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading CHILD CARE be reaffirmed:

The Federation supports the following:

1. ~~free affordable~~, quality, on campus child care with proportional number of spaces reserved on the basis of financial need for undergraduates, graduates, faculty and support staff;
2. the elimination of barriers to subsidized spaces for ~~two-parent~~ all student families, graduate student families, etc. and;
3. the provision of special child care for students' unique needs i.e. evening care, weekend care, ~~free accessible~~ infant care, part-time care.

94/11:157 MOTION TO AMEND

Lakehead Students' Union/University of Winnipeg Students' Association

Be it resolved that the word "affordable" be replaced by the word "free" and that the word "accessible" be replaced by the word "free."

Lakehead Students' Union said that the term "accessible" is a term open to different interpretations. She said that the Women's Caucus believed in free day care, because it is difficult for women students to pursue post-secondary education when they have children. She said that free day care was a necessity. She said that what is affordable and accessible to some people is not always affordable and accessible to others, especially women. She felt that it was important to state the word free explicitly.

Supporting the amendment, the next delegate told the plenary that women could not afford not having free day care. She was surprised that the word "free" had been taken out and urged plenary to adopt the amendment.

The next delegate speaking in favour of the amendment reminded delegates that they had already adopted a motion which called for the elimination of all financial barriers. She said any day care costs at all represented financial barriers. She felt that the Federation needed to have the confidence to call for free day care, with no compromising.

University of Ottawa Students' Federation was opposed to the amendment and explained that the decision to change the wording reflected the committee's discussions about who would pay for day care and who would not. He also said that the committee distinguished between people who could afford to pay for their own child care expenses and those who could not. He said that the government would have to pay for child care and in that context people who can afford to pay should pay.

94/11:158 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT

Regina SU/Laurentian University Students' General Association

Be it resolved that clause 2 of motion 94.11.N56 be amended to read as follows:

2. the elimination of barriers to subsidized spaces for two parent student families; graduate student families, **same-sex families** and other student families;

Regina supported the amendment and said that the proposed amendment did include a reference to all student families as the committee had recommended. He said the reason the amendment focuses on two parent families and graduate student families is that such families face more barriers to subsidized education than other group. He that in general, two parent and graduate student families do not qualify for subsidized day care. He agreed that all student families are in need of assistance and that the proposed amendment reflected that sentiment.

Local 23 spoke against the amendment. She explained that qualifying for subsidized day care was determined by a means test, not by the number of parents involved. She felt that including a reference to two parent families and graduate student families unfairly privileged such families at the expense of other types of families. She said that if a list of families were to be included, then families parented by same-sex parents should also be included, and proposed it as an amendment. The proposed amendment was considered friendly.

Carleton spoke against the amendment and agreed with the previous speaker. He said it was the plenary's prerogative to itemize the 5000 different types of student families which exist. The intent of the committee's amendment was to include all those families, so that every individual member of the Federation would feel that their form of family was reflected in the policy. He said that the policy should include all student families recognized by the Canadian Federation of Students, not just those recognized by provincial and federal governments of Canada.

Lakehead Students' Union asked whether the Federation's policy manual included a definition of family, and said that in the absence of such a definition a specific reference to same-sex families should be included in the policy. She said Canadian society has proven itself to be reticent to include same-sex families within the definition of family and the Federation should make it clear where it stands on the issue. She therefore supported the amendment.

Speaking against the amendment a delegate felt that this policy was not the place whereby the Federation's definition of family should be elaborated. She agreed that a separate policy should be drafted and that she would support just such a policy.

Lakehead Students' Union pointed out that the Federation did have policy supporting same-sex domestic relationships.

94/11:158 DEFEATED

94/11:157 ADOPTED

The Speaker returned to the main motion.

Supporting the motion a delegate urged that the policy be reaffirmed as it represented a crucial issue in the fight for accessible post-secondary education.

Seeing no further debate, the vote was taken on the main motion.

94/11:156 ADOPTED

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:
Carleton; UNB St. John

Noting that the results were unofficial until adopted by the plenary, the Chief Electoral Officer announced the results of the elections for the At Large members of the National Executive, and the Federation's representatives on the Travel Cuts Board:

National Chairperson:

- Guy Caron

National Deputy Chairperson:

- Mike Mancinelli

National Treasurer:

- Cassandra Koenen

Federation Representatives on the Travel Cuts Board:

- Patrick Croley
- Michael Gardiner

94/11:159 MOTION
NIPISSING/MCMASTER

Be it resolved that the results of the election be ratified.

ADOPTED

94/11:160 MOTION
UNB ST-JOHN/CONCORDIA

Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed

ADOPTED

Policy Review and Development Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated:

94/11:161 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N60]
Carleton SA/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading INTERNATIONAL ISSUES be reaffirmed:

Currently the Canadian government provides bilateral aid to the government of El Salvador which is responsible for massacres of its own people, and for maintaining the brutal "Death Squads". The Federation opposes Canadian government bilateral aid to the government of El Salvador.

The first delegate expressed her disappointment that the committee had recommended defeat of the policy. She said that it was a policy directed at the Canadian government which is implicitly supporting untold human rights abuses in El Salvador. She urged delegates to support the motion and said that Canadian students ought to be holding the Canadian government accountable for any actions which have consequences in any country, not just in Canada.

Supporting the motion a delegate explained that the political situation in Central America warrants the concern of the Federation. He said that in Guatemala students were being murdered by the government because they dared protest against increases in bus fare. He said that a man from Guatemala who was touring through Canada was shot because he participated in the bus fare protest. He explained that such an example was not an isolated incident but common place. He said that state terrorism and death squads are the reality in Central and South America. He said that the Federation had a moral obligation to concern itself with human rights issues in Canada and

around the world.

Speaking in favour of the motion a delegate said that death squads in any country tend to target students first, and argued that the Federation ought to stand with students around the world to protect student rights.

Emily Carr Students' Union called the question.

94/11:161 ADOPTED

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:

Carleton

NOTED ABSTENTION:

Capilano

Policy Review and Development Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed as amended:

94/11:162 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N61]

~~Trent Students' Union~~ University of Ottawa Students Federation/Wilfred Laurier Graduate Students Association

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading INTERNATIONAL ISSUES be reaffirmed:

The Federation shall establish develop policy on international issues subject to the following guidelines considering:

1. International issues of concern to the Federation should be first and foremost educational issues;
2. Support, in principle, students and student organizations that are generally in keeping with the aims and principles of the Federation;
3. Serve to educate its members on international issues;
4. Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among its members, and provide research information to any individual member associations that wish to become more involved in specific international issues; and
5. Provide additional aid for specific international campaign issues as directed by the majority of its members.

ADOPTED

Policy Review and Development Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated:

94/11:163 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N62]

Ryerson Students' Union/McMaster SU

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading INTERNATIONAL ISSUES be reaffirmed:

The Federation condemns any actions, be they military, economic, or political, which may serve to compromise or destroy any nation's sovereignty, and supports the action of any country if said actions are for the betterment of the way of life of the people in that country.

Speaking against the motion Regina felt that the second sentence might be construed as the Federation supporting military action. The policy committee, he explained opposed the motion because it would place restrictions on the Federation's latitude to support the people of a country who may choose to rise up against their government, or indigenous people who may have legitimate issues which would challenges their state's concept of "sovereignty. He suggested that the motion be tabled or defeated.

Carleton spoke against the motion and said he had concern with the reference to "political" in the

sentence. He felt the policy would compel the Federation to oppose political change in a country and pointed to the example of a referendum in Quebec.

94/11:164 MOTION TO POSTPONE

Lakehead Students' Union/Guelph

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:163 be tabled until the May general meeting and refer it to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

ADOPTED

94/11:163 POSTPONED

Policy Review and Development Committee was abstaining on the following motion:

94/11:165 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N64]

~~Trent Students' Union~~ University of Ottawa Students' Federation/Native Education Centre

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading QUEBEC be reaffirmed:

The Federation endorses student organizations in their struggle to obtain a fully accessible post-secondary education in Quebec.

Carleton did not feel that this policy corresponded to any particular political ideology. He said the committee did not make a recommendation on this motion. He felt the Federation would agree with the policy, but noted that the Quebec members of the Federation were in the process of creating a provincial component. He felt it would be unconstitutional for the Federation as a whole to take a position on an issue specific to one province.

McGill Grads felt the motion was redundant. She felt the Federation supported all students working toward accessible post-secondary education, whether or not they are members of the Federation. Therefore, she felt the motion should be rejected.

McMaster agreed that the motion was redundant but also did not want the Federation to oppose a motion which supported Quebec. He asked the Speaker to rule to the motion redundant. He said the Federation supports all students and student organizations fighting for quality and accessibility.

The Speaker ruled the motion redundant.

94/11:165 RULED REDUNDANT

Policy Review and Development Committee was recommending that the following motion be reaffirmed as amended:

94/11:166 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94.11.N71]

~~Trent University Students' Union~~ Simon Fraser Student Society/UNB Fred Local 73

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading WOMEN'S ISSUES be amended as follows:

The Federation supports International Women's Day (March 8) becoming a statutory holiday .

Trent and Fredericton withdrew their support for the proposal.

94/11:167 MOTION TO AMEND

Lakehead Students' Union/Local 73

Be it resolved that the words "becoming a statutory holiday" are added.

Speaking in favour of the amendment a delegate argued that International Women's Day was a day of solidarity between women around the world. She argued that it is important to call for International Women's Day to be a statutory holiday because it is a means of moving away from the use of the Christian calendar as the basis for holidays. She said the Christian calendar discriminates against large numbers of students who do not subscribe to the Christian faith. She felt that women's day cut against boundaries such as race, nationality, class, and sexuality. She said the Federation

should support the amendment and show that it supports women's rights.

Seeing no further speakers on the amendment, the Speaker called the question.

94/11:167 ADOPTED

There was no further debate on the main motion. The Speaker moved to a vote.

94/11:166 ADOPTED

94/11:168 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

Carleton/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that the following policy (93.05.250) under the heading INTERNATIONAL ISSUES be deleted:

The Federation shall participate in the boycott of PepsiCo.

Camosun said that their students' union decided to boycott PepsiCo because that corporation is implicated in human rights abuses in Myanmar (Burma). She said that students have been tortured and murdered in that country and that Pepsi has been financially implicated. The corporation has refused to pull out of Myanmar and a boycott is currently underway. She wanted to add Coca-cola because it too has been participating in human rights abuses, particularly in Guatemala. She explained that during a nine year struggle between the workers at a Guatemalan Coca-cola bottling plant and Coca-cola which began in 1976, three general secretaries of the workers' union were assassinated. Others involved in the struggle against Coca-cola were kidnapped, arrested, beaten, tortured, forced into exile, and/or shot. She told plenary that the family of a Guatemalan woman student attending the University of Victoria were forced to flee Guatemala because they were working for the Coca-cola bottling plant and their lives was in jeopardy. She felt that including Coca-cola within the policy was perfectly consistent with other Federation policy which made it clear that the Federation does not support the interests of multi-national corporations implicated in human rights abuses.

Speaking in favour of the motion a delegate explained that policy of the Federation represented its philosophy. He said that students who are opposed to human rights abuse should support the motion. He said that there is a misconception that the Federation allocates untold financial resources to such issues but explained that in fact policy was simply philosophy. He said the resolution was a statement of principles.

94/11:169 SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Camosun/Brandon SU

Be it resolved that the following policy (93.05.250) under the heading INTERNATIONAL ISSUES be deleted reaffirmed as amended:

The Federation shall participate in the boycott of PepsiCo **and Coca-Cola**.

94/11:168 REPLACED

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:

Mount Royal, Fredericton, St-Andrew, UPEI, Cape Breton, Mount Allison, Carleton, Marine, Memorial, Sir Wilfred Grenfell, St-Thomas

NOTED ABSTENTIONS:

Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan, Lakehead Students' Union, Wilfred Laurier

A delegate explained that some members were not intending to support the motion because they were not sure whether their own student association had a contract with Coke or Pepsi. She felt the main issue was whether delegates supported the spirit of the motion. She said that this was a means to help end atrocities in the world.

McMaster agreed with many of the points raised and felt that there was more to Coke than wanting "to teach the world to sing." However, he felt that often Federation policy is misinterpreted. He agreed that the Federation ought to take a stand on the issue and suggested a motion condemning

the actions of Coke and Pepsi would be more appropriate. He said that, as a member which tries at all times to implement the policy of the Federation, the difficulty he had with calling for a boycott was that McMaster may be in a situation where their actions contradict Federation policy. He said if member locals feel that a corporation should be boycotted, then they should absolutely undertake the boycott. He said, were the policy to pass, he would make every effort to implement it. Nevertheless, he felt that it would be far better to condemn the corporations implicated in human rights abuses rather than calling for an activity which may not be implemented at the local level. He said McMaster would abstain on the motion.

A delegate noted that the wording of the policy implied that a boycott was already underway and asked what other organizations were involved.

A delegate explained that trade unions have already called for a boycott of Coca-cola in response to the human rights abuses in Guatemala outlined by a previous speaker.

Seeing no further debate the Speaker moved to a vote on the new motion.

94/11:169 ADOPTED

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:

Mount Royal, Fredericton, St-Andrews, PEI, Cape Breton, ST-Thomas, Mount Allison, Ryerson Students' Union, University of Ottawa Students' Federation, Carleton, Marine Institute Students' Union, Memorial, Sir Wilfred Grenfell,

NOTED ABSTENTIONS:

Association étudiantes et étudiants de Shippagan, Northwest Community College Students' Association, Wilfred Laurier Graduate Students' Association, Guelph gsa, Capilano, Cariboo

94/11:170 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

Ryerson Students' Union/Carleton SA

Be it resolved that the following policy (90.10.16) under the heading ACCESSIBILITY and subsection ACCESSIBILITY be amended:

An accessible education is one which is open to all applicants who desire to attend a post-secondary institution. **The Federation recognizes that Canada is a classist society which discriminates against the working class and the working poor and undermines their attempts to obtain a quality post-secondary education.** An accessible education should allow the individual student to chose the education of their choice.

94/11:171 MOTION TO AMEND

NORTH ISLAND/WESTERN SOGS

Be it resolved that the second sentence be amended to read as follows:

The Federation recognizes that Canada is a classist society which discriminates against the working class and the working poor and undermines their attempts to obtain a quality post-secondary education.

In favour of the amendment a delegate argued that the upper classes of Canadian society teach children that there is the question of 'class' does not exist. He said that was simply not true. He suggested that delegates who did not agree should walk through government housing projects in their neighbourhoods. He explained that he himself had to struggle to pursue post-secondary education and attended a college instead of a university for financial reasons. He said that financial constraints force potential students to abandon their aspirations for advanced education. He said that post-secondary education was inaccessible to the majority of the working class and the working poor. He felt that those delegates present were either working class, upper middle class or a member of the elite. He felt that those privileged enough to be from the upper middle class or the elite should admit it and help share their privileges and that those who are working class or working poor should join the struggle to demand a share of those privileges.

Camosun spoke in favour of the amendment. She said that a very clear example of classism within Canadian society was evident in the fact that the Liberal government has launched a review of Canada's social safety net. She said that the document released by the federal government was clearly aimed at reducing the services available to the less privileged in Canadian society and urged delegates to recognize the classism inherent in the government's agenda.

94/11:172 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:171 be put to a vote

ADOPTED

The Speaker returned to debate on the main motion. Seeing no debate, the Speaker moved to the vote on the main motion.

94/11:170 ADOPTED

94/11:173 NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT

McMASTER SU/University of Ottawa Students' Federation

Be it resolved that the following policy (92.11.89) under the heading ACCESSIBILITY be deleted:

~~The Federation opposes any changes in governance in post-secondary institutions which will increase user fees, limit accessibility, or limit transferability of credits.~~

Be it further resolved that the following policy under the heading GOVERNANCE be adopted:

The Federation opposes any changes in governance in post-secondary institutions which will increase user fees, limit accessibility, or limit transferability of credits.

Speaking in favour of the motion a delegate explained that the proposal was merely "house-keeping." He said his intention was not to delete the policy but simply to change its listing within the policy manual so that it appears under the heading GOVERNANCE, instead of ACCESSIBILITY.

94/11:173 ADOPTED

94/11:174 MOTION

Local 73/Association des étudiantes et etudiants de Saint Boniface

Be it resolved that the Policy Review and Development Committee report be accepted.

ADOPTED

L) MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Marine Institute Students' Union suggested that plenary consider item 21 from the Membership Development Committee Report. Seeing no objections the Speaker proceeded with item 21.

94/11:175 DIRECTIVE

Western SOGS/Lakehead Students' Union

Be it resolved that the National Executive begin negotiations with the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Students on componency in the Federation to commence immediately between the two executives and that a contract be forwarded to the next general meeting.

The plenary accepted as friendly the following amendment proposed by Marine Institute Students' Union: "and that a contract be forwarded to the next general meeting."

Marine Institute Students' Union explained to plenary that he and Jamie Pritchette (Provincial Treasurer of the Newfoundland-Labrador Federation of Students) made a presentation to the Organizational Development Committee and Membership and Development Committee

respectively. He said that Newfoundland had only ever had three members and that provincially a long-term development plan had been discussed and developed over the past three years. He said that the Newfoundland students were ready to become full members of the Canadian Federation of Students. He said he was pleased to have made his report to the committee and felt that full Federation membership was a bright light for Newfoundland students.

94/11:175 ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

The Membership Development and Communications Committee was recommending that the following motion be defeated:

94/11:176 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N34]

~~York Federation of Students St. Thomas/Association des étudiantes et etudiants de Saint Boniface~~

Whereas, educational institutions have the most advanced and accessible Internet gateways around; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive examine the viability of continuing CFS-Net in light of Internet growth and access.

The first speaker spoke against the motion. She explained that there were many barriers to Internet such as high user fees. Some colleges, she said do not have access to Internet at all. She said that CFS net was very important to member locals urged plenary to defeat the motion.

York Federation of Students withdrew its support for the motion.

The next speaker spoke against the motion pointing out that French characters were not available on the Internet. Therefore, he concluded, there was not point in pursuing Internet as its use would contravene the Federation's policy on bilingualism.

94/11:176 DEFEATED

The Membership Development and Communications Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:177 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N45]

~~Association des étudiantes et etudiants de Saint Boniface/MOUNT ROYAL~~

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to recommend means of increasing executives' and members' awareness of and input to the operations of the activities and programmes of the Canadian Federation of Students - Services within the existing corporate structures.

ADOPTED

94.05.193 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

~~York Federation of Students/City Centre SA~~

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following operations policy under the heading: CANADIAN PROGRAMMING SERVICE: NON- MEMBER

The non-member student associations and outside organizations utilizing the Canadian Programming Service shall be required to pay an administrative fees of \$50 per booking.

The Membership Development and Communications Committee was recommending that the following proposed amendment be adopted:

94/11:178 MOTION TO AMEND

~~Regina/Lakehead Students' Union~~

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following operations policy under the heading:

CANADIAN PROGRAMMING SERVICE: NON-MEMBER

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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS(-SERVICES)

Member student associations utilizing the Canadian Programming Service will receive a \$50 dollar discount per booking.

ADOPTED

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:
North Island

The Membership Development and Communications Committee was recommending that the following motion be adopted:

94/11:179 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N35]
York Federation of Students/McGill PGSS

Be it resolved that the National Executive commence membership development in Quebec.

Concordia Grads pointed out that the directive was redundant since motions would be forthcoming from Organizational Development Committee to accept the Quebec component and to add a Quebec Representative to the composition of the National Executive.

94/11:179 ADOPTED unanimously

94/11:180 DIRECTIVE [94.11.N35]
Marine Institute Students' Union/York Federation of Students

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to appoint or elect one person from each student association to distribute Federation information and materials on campus, where this responsibility does not already exist.

Opposing the motion a delegate explained that all members of the executive take responsibility for communicating Federation issues to its membership. He did not think it prudent to assign such responsibility to only one student representative or one office of the student association. He felt that it was too great a responsibility to assign to just one student. Moreover, he felt that the Federation was the sum of more than just one voice on each campus.

The Ontario Women's Commissioner spoke in favour of the resolution. She explained that her experience has been that not all Federation information is distributed to the executive. She felt that having one person explicitly responsible for liaising between the member local and provincial and national executive committees would facilitate timely communication.

Speaking against the motion a delegate argued that accountable communication lines already existed at the local level and that such structures should be better utilized. He felt that appointing an individual to take on the responsibility would only serve to add another level of bureaucracy.

In favour of the motion, a delegate pointed out that the motion clearly stated: "where this responsibility does not already exist." She felt that for those member locals not having full-time elected student representatives and where the student volunteers therefore did not have the necessary time to adequately distribute Federation information, designating that responsibility would enhance the accountability of the Federation to its individual members.

Supporting the motion a delegate suggested that in most cases the responsibility for disseminating Federation information would fall to Vice President Externals. The problem, he felt, was that Externals are also responsible for a number of internal issues. He said that with all the information sent to Externals, they might be too overwhelmed to be able to distribute Federation material on a timely basis. He felt the suggestion to designate one person to distribute Federation information would be an excellent means of increasing communication between the individual members and the Federation as a whole.

A delegate asked whether the committee considered allocating a small honoraria to the person assigned responsibility for Federation information dissemination. He felt that the job would be significant enough to warrant an honoraria.

The Speaker felt that such a decision was beyond the purview of the Federation, as it was an issue

within the jurisdiction of the member locals themselves.

94/11:180 ADOPTED

The meeting recessed at NOON. The Speaker reminded delegates that the plenary would reconvene at 1:30 pm. He thanked the delegates for the spirit of co-operation which permeated the preceding plenary session.

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm. Quorum was declared to be present.

94/11:181 MOTION TO TABLE

City Centre/Camosun Students' Society

Be it resolved that the remainder of the Membership Development and Communications Committee Report be tabled until the Budget Committee and Organizational Development Committee Reports have been presented.

DEFEATED

94/11:182 MOTION TO DEBATE TIME OF TABLING

Carleton/Marine

Be it resolved that the remainder of the Membership Development and Communications Committee Report be tabled until after the Report of the Budget Committee and before the Report of the Organizational Development Committee.

DEFEATED

Much debate ensued on the relative merits of considering Organizational Development Committee prior to Budget Committee with the remainder of Membership Development Committee to follow. An amendment was proposed suggesting that Membership Development Committee be completed, followed by Budget Committee and then Organizational Development Committee. University of Ottawa Students' Federation called for a roll call vote on the amendment, but the proposal was defeated. The plenary agreed to a suggestion to consider Budget Committee, followed by Organizational Development Committee, followed by the remainder of Membership Development Committee.

M) BUDGET COMMITTEE

The National Treasurer referred delegates to the Canadian Federation of Students' budget that was adopted in May 1994 in order to explain the modifications proposed by the committee. She noted that the line item for membership fees had been reduced to \$963,922.00 because some member locals had not informed their administration (their fee collection agency) that the Federation membership fee had increased to \$6.00. In those instances only the \$4.00 fee has been collected, the budget figure was reduced accordingly. She noted that the figure for total revenue had also been reduced accordingly.

She noted that the line item for salaries and field staff had been reduced to \$80,608.00. This reduction reflected the fact that overall staff expenses for the Federation's Ottawa office were reduced due to vacancies in staff positions.

The sum of \$6,000.00 had been added for the position of Strike Co-ordinator. Other staff figures were reduced accordingly, such as overtime and benefits.

The National Treasurer said that negotiations had been reduced by \$1,500.00. She explained that the bulk of negotiations would occur in 1995 as opposed to 1994 and the 1994 budgeted figure could therefore be reduced.

National Executive expenses were reduced by \$1,500.00. She said that the position of Women's Commissioner on the National Executive had been vacant since spring 1994. The May 1994 budget had provided for a women's commissioner throughout the year. Likewise, other vacancies on the National Executive have resulted in fewer National Executive expenses.

The National Treasurer explained that the office supplies line item was reduced using the previous

year's actuals and postage was reduced by \$2,000.00. She said that legal fees were also reduced by \$4,000.00 since the actuals as of September 30, 1994 were 0. She noted that the office communications line item was increased to \$2,000.00.

The National Treasurer explained that maintenance was reduced from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00 while vehicle leasing under General Meetings was reduced to \$750.00 in accordance with the decrease in actual expenses. The referenda line item was increased to \$23,000.00 but bank and interest charges were reduced by \$1,700.00.

She went on to say that the campaigns line item was increased by \$2,500.00 to financially support the November 16 demonstration. The International Affairs line item was reduced by the amount allocated for the International Union of Students Congress because the Congress would not be taking place in 1994.

The National Treasurer noted that the Canadian Federation of Students' budget reflected a \$12.00 surplus whereas last year's budget reflected a \$682.00 expense.

The National Treasurer then referred delegates to the Canadian Federation of Students-Services budget. She explained that the column of note was entitled: administration. The line item for membership fees were adjusted for reasons already noted, to \$327,993.00. General Meetings expenses were reduced given reduced expenses in vehicle leasing. The National Treasurer noted that general meetings were a cost-shared expense for Canadian Federation of Students-Services and the Canadian Federation of Students. Translation expenses were reduced by \$2,000.00 to reflect the fact that translation expenses are applied to the appropriate programme. The National Treasurer explained that such a budgeting and bookkeeping process will allow for a more accurate sense of the costs of each programme. She noted that National Executive expenses were reduced, again noting that National Executive expenses are a shared cost between the Services budget and the National budget. Likewise, fieldworking costs within the Services budget were reduced and referenda expenses were increased. Bad debts were reduced as well, since most bad debts had been accounted for.

Draft audited financial statements were included in the report of the National Treasurer.

94/11:183 PROCEDURAL MOTION

U of T Grads/Victoria Students' Society

Be it resolved that questions to the National Treasurer be limited to a maximum of five minutes.

UNB-Fredericton spoke against the motion. He felt that his delegates could not understand the budget and were in need of an extended period of time to ask questions.

94/11:184 MOTION TO AMEND

Mount Allison/Acadia

Be it resolved that the question period be limited to forty-five minutes.

Mount Allison proposed the amendment as she felt that ample time was needed to consider the budget.

Opposing the amendment, a speaker felt the Budget Committee had reviewed the budget adequately and that it was not an efficient use of time to go through the budget with a fine tooth comb during plenary. He suggested that delegates wishing to have a more thorough understanding of the budgeting process and the committee recommendations ought to discuss issues with their elected caucus or constituency group representative on the Budget Committee.

The Speaker encouraged delegates to take a decision on the motion as efficiently as possible. There was an objection to voting on the amendment.

94/11:185 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:184 be put to a vote
DEFEATED

In favour of the amendment a delegate felt that without a budget none of the work of the Federation could be accomplished.

Opposing the amendment, a delegate agreed that the Budget was very important to the Federation and suggested that it was for that reason that a Budget Committee existed, and why the committee members stayed awake all night working on the committee's recommendations. She also pointed out that a budget currently existed and all that was being discussed were modifications, therefore, delegates should not be overstating the significance of a lengthy debate.

In favour of the amendment a delegate argued that not only were there issues regarding the National budget, there were also issues regarding the Services budget.

94/11:185 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:184 be put to a vote
DEFEATED

Opposing the amendment, a delegate reiterated that the budget has been discussed in detail last May 1994. He went on to say that the budget will be debated thoroughly again in May 1995. He therefore urged those delegates who continued to be fascinated with the budget to make sure they attend the Budget Committee in the future, so that all of plenary would not have to be subjected to rehashing the figures.

94/11:184 DEFEATED

NOTED IN FAVOUR:

Acadia; Marine Institute Students' Union

Debate resumed on the main motion. The Speaker noted that the longer delegates spent debating procedures the less time there would be for debating issues of substance.

94/11:187 MOTION TO AMEND

Carleton / Marine Institute Students' Union

Be it resolved that the question period be limited to 40 minutes.

Carleton stated that his local was very concerned with the budget. He felt that five minutes was too little time to be able to thoroughly discuss the budget.

Trent posed a question wondering if the 40 minutes of debate as proposed by Carleton would include the enormous amount of time that was wasted as a result of procedural debate.

UNB Fredericton felt that limiting debate was an infringement on the rights of the minority.

94/11:187 DEFEATED

The debate resumed on the main motion.

94/11:183 ADOPTED

The Speaker entertained questions for the National Treasurer.

Emily Carr Students' Union commended the work of the National Treasurer. The National Treasurer responded to questions.

94/11:188 MOTION

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union/University of Victoria Students' Society

Be it resolved that the revised 1994-95 Canadian Federation of Students' budget be adopted as presented.

ADOPTED

noted St. Andrew's, Capilano, Mount Royal, PEI, Cape Breton, St. Thomas, Mount Allison, Acadia, St. Louis Maillet, University of Ottawa Students' Federation, Memorial Central Students' Association, Sir Wilfred Grenfell, UNB Fredericton, Marine Institute Students' Union, Carleton SA

94/11:189 MOTION TO AMEND
UNB Fred/ St. Andrew's

Be it resolved that pursuant to cost-sharing precedents, \$5,000.00 total be taken from the line item REFERENDA and put under the line item COMPONENT ALLOCATION-New Brunswick Component Allocation.

Opposing the amendment a member of the Budget Committee explained that Budget Committee had rejected this proposal during budget committee for the following reasons: first, that concern was raised that the \$5,000.00 would be used to hire an organizer outside the purview of the National Executive. She explained that currently a bargaining unit position was vacant and if a New Brunswick organizer were hired in such a manner, the Federation would be contracting out bargaining unit work and undermining the collective agreement to which the Federation has committed itself. She said that Federation organizing was the collective responsibility of all members.

Opposing the amendment the Concordia Graduate Students' Union said that the budget reflected the Federation's political priorities as established by the membership of the Federation at general meetings. He felt that the committee's recommendations regarding referenda and component allocations were sound and should be supported by the plenary.

In favour of the amendment, a delegate argued that New Brunswick should receive an allocation. She said other provincial components had received an allocation and therefore New Brunswick should as well, regardless of the overall priorities of Federation members as a whole.

In favour of the amendment a delegate said that the social policy review was important and a \$5,000.00 allocation would help New Brunswick to organize around such an important issue.

94/11:190 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT
Marine Institute Students' Union/ Capilano

Be it resolved that "\$5,000.00" be replaced by "\$3,000.00" in amending Motion- 94/11:189.

In favour of the amendment, Marine Institute Students' Union felt it was a fair compromise addressing the needs of the New Brunswick Component and the overall needs of the Federation.

Mount Royal argued that \$5,000.00 was a fair allocation for New Brunswick, given the allocation to Alberta at the May 1995 general meeting.

A delegate who was a member of the Budget Committee in May 1995 said that \$10,000 dollars had been allocated to the Alberta Component for membership development, after the Alberta members had developed a plan of action and made a presentation to the members of the Budget Committee. The budget committee felt that the implementation of the plan was in the best long-term interests of the Federation and recommended that the money be allocated. Regarding the issue at hand, the New Brunswick delegates have not developed a membership recruitment plan nor have they made a presentation to the Budget Committee. He said that New Brunswick delegates have only come forward with withdrawal referenda. Therefore, he felt that comparisons between the two requests were inappropriate.

94/11:190 DEFEATED

Debate resumed on the original amendment.

In favour of the amendment, a delegate reiterated the assertion that Alberta had received an allocation while New Brunswick had not. She felt that the Federation's commitment to New Brunswick could only be demonstrated through a financial contribution and that such a contribution would maintain principles of horizontal equity.

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The Speaker moved to a vote on the amendment. A delegate called for a roll call vote on the amendment.

94/11:191 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:189 be put to a roll call vote.

DEFEATED

94/11:189 DEFEATED

NOTED IN FAVOUR:

St. Andrew's, Capilano, Mount Royal, PEI, St. Thomas, Cape Breton, Acadia, St. Louis-Maillet, Mount Allison, University of Ottawa Students' Federation, Memorial, Sir Wilfred Grenfell, Carleton, UNB Fredericton, Marine Institute Students' Union

The Speaker returned to the original motion.

94/11:192 PROCEDURAL MOTION

UNB Fredericton/Marine Institute Students' Union

Be it resolved that debate be extended by 3 speakers in favour and 3 speakers opposed.

DEFEATED

UNB Fredericton called for a roll call vote on the original motion.

94/11:193 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that Motion-94/11:188 be put to a roll call vote.

DEFEATED

NOTED IN FAVOUR

Mount Royal, PEI, St. Thomas, Cape Breton, Mount Allison, Acadia, St. Louis Maillet, University of Ottawa Students' Federation SF, Capilano, Carleton, Marine Institute Students' Union, UNB Fredericton, Sir Wilfred Grenfell, Memorial CSU

The Speaker moved to the vote on the main motion.

94/11:188 DEFEATED

94/11:194 MOTION

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union/Guelph Graduate Students' Association

Be it resolved that the revised 1994-95 Canadian Federation of Students-Services' budget be adopted as presented.

ADOPTED

noted in abstention: Mount Royal, Capilano, North West

noted in opposition: UNB Fredericton, St. Andrew's, St. Louis-Maillet, PEI, Cape Breton, St. Thomas, Carleton, Mount Allison, Marine Institute Students' Union, Memorial, Sir Wilfred Grenfell, University of Ottawa Students' Federation

94/11:195 MOTION TO AMEND

St. Andrew's/Marine Institute Students' Union

Be it resolved that the line item for Professional Fees be increased from \$22,500 to \$25,000.00 in the Canadian Federation of Students-Services.

A delegate rose on a point of order noting that the amendment, if adopted, would contravene Federation policy which states that the Federation must budget for a surplus. The amendment as stated, she argued, was therefore out of order.

The Speaker ruled that the motion was out of order.

94/11:195 RULED OUT OF ORDER

A delegate raised a further point of order noting that the budget of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services budgeted for a deficit of \$17,851.00.

The Speaker ruled that Federation policy explicitly referred to the National budget of the Federation, not the National Budget and the Services budget. Therefore, the motion to adopt the Services budget was ruled to be in order. Moreover, the proposed amendment was also ruled to be in order.

94/11:195 RULED TO BE IN ORDER

94/11:196 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT

Marine Institute Students' Union/Memorial

Be it resolved that the figure "\$25,000.00" be replaced with the figure "\$27,000.00"

DEFEATED

94/11:197 PROCEDURAL MOTION

UNB Fredericton/St. Andrew's

Be it resolved that debate be extended by 3 speakers in favour and 3 speakers opposed.

DEFEATED (16/25)

94/11:195 DEFEATED (16/25)

NOTED IN FAVOUR:

UNB Fred, PEI, St. Andrew's, Mount Royal, St. Louis-Maillet, Cape Breton, St. Thomas, Carleton, Mount Allison, SFU, Marine Institute Students' Union, Memorial, University of Ottawa Students' Federation, Sir Wilfred Grenfell

Marine Institute Students' Union rose on a point of privilege proposing an emergency resolution in response to a document distributed the previous day, a document to which the delegate had taken offense.

The Speaker ruled that such the proposal did not constitute an emergency and was therefore out of order.

94/11:198 MOTION

Lakehead Students' Union/University of Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that the draft 1993-94 audited financial statements of the Canadian Federation of Students be adopted as presented.

ADOPTED

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:

UNB Fredericton, Mount Royal, Mount Allison, Marine Institute Students' Union, St. Andrew's, Cape Breton, St. Thomas, St-Louis Maillet

University of New Brunswick-Fredericton challenged the Speaker's previous ruling.

94/11:199 PROCEDURAL MOTION

Unknown Mover/Unknown Seconder

Be it resolved that the decision of the Speaker be upheld.

ADOPTED (26/14)

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:

Mount Allison, UNB Fred, Capilano, St. Andrew's, Cape Breton, St. Louis-Maillet, Mount Royal, University of Ottawa Students' Federation SF, Carleton, Marine Institute Students' Union, Memorial, Sir Wilfred Grenfell, St Thomas

94/11:200 MOTION

Trent Student Union/Guelph Graduate Students' Association

Be it resolved that the draft 1993-94 consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements be accepted condition on the International Student Identity Card revenue being reduced by \$35,249.00.

Three speakers indicated their support for the motion and three speakers indicated their opposition.

94/11:201 PROCEDURAL MOTION

UNB Fredericton/Memorial CSU

Be it resolved that debate be extended.

DEFEATED

The Speaker moved to a vote on the main motion.

94/11:200 ADOPTED

NOTED IN OPPOSITION:

UNB-Fredericton, Mount Allison, St. Andrew's, University of Ottawa Students' Federation, Sir Wilfred Grenfell, Memorial, Carleton, Marine Institute Students' Union, St. Thomas, Cape Breton, St. Louis-Maillet

NOTED ABSTENTIONS:

Mount Royal, Northwest, Capilano

94/11:202 MOTION

University of Victoria Students' Society/Guelph Graduate Students' Association

Be it resolved that that the budget report be adopted.

ADOPTED

94/11:203 MOTION

Concordia Graduate Students' Association/St-Boniface

Be it resolved that the plenary agenda be amended to immediately adopt the following three motions and recommendations from the report of the Organizational Development Committee: 94.11.NO8,94.11.N09.

ADOPTED

94/11:204 BYLAW AMENDMENT [94.11.N08]

Concordia Graduate Students' Association/Emily Carr Students' Union

Whereas, the members of the Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill voted 73% in favour of joining the Federation in the Spring of 1993; and

Whereas, the members of the Concordia University Graduate Students' Association votes 98.4% in favour of joining the Federation in September 1994; and

Whereas, the role of the National Executive is to coordinate the activities of the Federation; and

Whereas, there will no doubt be valuable input on how to coordinate Federation activities at Québec member association coming from the two member association in Québec; and

Whereas, if we are going to accept member associations from Québec, it is only right for them to take on some of the work for which the National Executive is responsible; therefore:

Be it resolved that Bylaw V National Executive, Section 1: Composition, subsection b., be amended to include;

ix) Québec Representative; and

Be it further resolved that all subsequent subsections be renumbered accordingly.

ADOPTED

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94/11:205 BYLAW AMENDMENT [94.11.N09]

Concordia Graduate Students' Association/Emily Carr Students' Union

Be it resolved that Bylaw VII - Provincial components section two be amended to include:

i) Canadian Federation of Students - Québec Component; and

Be it further resolved that all subsequent subsections be renumbered accordingly.

ADOPTED

94/11:206 MOTION

University of Ottawa Students' Federation/Guelph Central Students' Association

Be it resolved that all outstanding business be tabled to the May 1995 general meeting.

ADOPTED

94/11:206 MOTION

Laurentian University Students' General Association/ McMaster University Student Union

Be it resolved that the general meeting be adjourned.

ADOPTED

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm November 14, 1994.

APPENDIX (A) National Day of Strike and Action Resolution Roll Call Vote

Alberta Component

Augustana University Student Union	Absent
Mount Royal College Student Association	in favour
University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Absent
University of Lethbridge Students' Union	in favour

British Columbia Component

Camosun College Student Society	in favour
Capilano Students' Union	opposed
Cariboo Students' Association	abstention
City Centre Students' Association	in favour
Douglas College Student Society	Absent
Emily Carr Students' Union	in favour
King Edward Students' Association	in favour
Kwantlen College Student Association	Absent
Langara Students' Union	Absent
Malaspina College Students' Union	in favour
Native Education Centre Students' Association	in favour
North Island Students' Association	in favour
Northwest Community College Students' Association	abstention
Selkirk Student Association	Absent
Simon Fraser Student Society	in favour
University of Victoria Students' Society	in favour

Manitoba Component

Brandon University Students' Union	in favour
Association des étudiantes et étudiants du collège universitaire St. Boniface	in favour
University of Winnipeg Students' Association	in favour

New Brunswick Component

St. Louis Maillet	in favour
Shippiggen	in favour
Mount Allison University Students' Administrative Council	opposed
New Brunswick Community College St. Andrew's Student Association	opposed
St. Thomas University Student Union	opposed
University of New Brunswick-Fredericton Campus Student Union	opposed
University of New Brunswick-St. John Campus Students' Representative Council	opposed

Newfoundland-Labrador Caucus

Marine Institute Students' Union	in favour
Memorial University Council of the Students' Union	in favour
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Students' Union	in favour

Nova Scotia Caucus

Acadia University Students' Union	opposed
Assoc Sainte Anne	Absent
Dalhousie Student Union	opposed
Mount Saint Vincent University Student Union	Absent
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Students' Union	in favour
University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	opposed
University of King's College Society of Students' Union	in favour

Ontario Component

Algoma University Students' Association	Absent
Carleton University Students' Association	abstain
Carleton University Graduate Student Association	Absent
Lakehead University Students' Union	in favour
Laurentienne University Students' General Association	in favour
McMaster University Students' Union	in favour
Nipissing University Students' Union	in favour
Ontario College of Art Students' Union	in favour

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Queens University Graduate Student Society	Absent
Ryerson Students' Union	abstention
Trent University Students' Union	in favour
University of Guelph Central Student Association	abstention
University of Guelph Graduate Student Association	in favour
University of Ottawa Students' Federation	abstention
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	in favour
University of Waterloo Federation of Students	Absent
University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	in favour
University of Windsor Graduate Students Society	Absent
University of Windsor Students' Administrative Council	abstention
Wilfred Laurier Graduate Students' Association	in favour
York Federation of Students	in favour
York University Graduate Students' Association	in favour
Prince Edward Island Component	
Holland College Student Union	abstention
University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Absent
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	opposed
Québec Component	
Concordia Graduate Students' Association	in favour
Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill University	in favour
Saskatchewan Component	
University of Regina Students' Union	in favour

