

**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
of the
NATIONAL DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

Wednesday, November 16, 1994 to Monday, May 1, 1995

**Canadian Federation of Students-Services & Canadian Federation of Students
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SUMMARY

The major areas of my work as National Deputy Chairperson since the last general meeting in November involved coalition and staff relations work. With the National Day of Strike and Action, the Social Security Review, and the federal budget, working with other groups and organizations was a key priority for the Federation. The staff relations work was frequent due to the many staff changes that have occurred in both the Ottawa and Toronto offices, including the high number of hirings. Other areas of work since November included international work, some media relations, and work around programmes.

The following are the highlights of my activities in each of the above areas, followed by a day to day summary. Full details of the Federation's work is contained in the National Executive Report to members.

Coalition work

As I mentioned, the Federation's coalition work has increased significantly over the past year. The National Deputy Chairperson has historically been the elected officer charged with overseeing this coalition work.

Most of my efforts have been working with our coalition partners within the Action Canada Network. The Network was instrumental in getting other groups and organizations to support and get involved in the Federation's National Day of Strike and Action. Through the ACN, we were able to solicit endorsements, financial support, material support, and other assistance across the country. In addition to meetings around the Day of Action, I attended several Steering Committee meetings, and the Network's General Assembly in March.

At one such Steering Committee meeting, it was decided to form an Executive Committee that would oversee the work of the Network in between Steering Committee meetings. A seven person committee was created comprising four from the social and community sector, and three from labour. I was nominated and elected to the committee, and have since attended a number of executive committee meetings.

In addition to the Action Canada Network, other coalition work that I have been involved in included meetings around the federal budget, the Alternative Budget, and such.

Staff Relations

There were a number of staffing issues which required a fair amount of time. In the Ottawa office, a number of hirings either took or are in the process of taking place. As the Staff Relations officer, I sit on all hiring committees, and therefore spent a significant amount of time in doing this. Other staffing duties occurred around the hiring of temporary staff such as the Strike Coordinator and General Meeting Coordinator. In the Toronto office, staffing changes in management required me to make the necessary arrangements. Finally, there were two weekend sessions for the collective agreement negotiations.

International work

My work around international issues centred mainly around communication with the International Union of Students. I remained in contact with Allison Lewis to receive regular updates on the situation with the Union. I was also in contact or was contacted by other national student unions, from, for example, Romania, Ireland, South Africa, Ukraine. Finally, I also helped with local 83's campaign to free Jorge Passalacqua, distributing the information and providing letters of support.

Media Relations

When necessary, I assisted with media work. A list of interviews is included in this report, and also under the summary of day to day activities.

Toronto office

Along with the Treasurer and Chairperson, I attended a number of meetings with David Jones. In May, I began working out of the Toronto office with Cass as acting co-executive director.

Travel CUTS

Since November, there has been one Travel CUTS Board meeting. I also attended a meeting with Rod Hurd and Patrick Crowley in Toronto as part of the Board's decision to develop a long-term strategy for the Company.

DAY TO DAY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, November 16

- in Ottawa office in morning
- demonstration on Parliament Hill
- meeting with Lloyd Axworthy
- referendum meeting with Chief Electoral Officer at Carleton
- interview with Western Gazette

Thursday, November 17

- in office (Ottawa)

Friday, November 18

- Action Canada Network steering committee meeting in morning
- in office (Ottawa)

Monday, November 21

- in office (Ottawa)
- correspondence with IUS
- prepared ad for NB/PEI fieldworker, sent to Canada Employment Centres
- call around for internal hiring of researcher
- reviewed Guy Caron's article for Charlatan
- poster at Carleton for referendum (10 to 11 pm)

Tuesday, November 22

- office meeting in morning (lasted most of day!)
- sent out fieldworker hiring ads to members, National Executive and provincial offices; called newspapers
- call around for internal hiring for communications coordinator
- reviewed lobby report from Guy Caron
- helped Jocelyn Charron, Government Relations Coordinator with election supplement for Charlatan
- reviewed resume for strike coordinator, talked to interested candidate

Wednesday, November 23

- worked at Carleton referendum from 1 to 4 pm: watched Chairperson (Guy Caron) at debate; spoke to a class; went to centres with Rolyn Chambers, College Commission representative on the Ontario Board (women's, international students, peer counselling, mature and part-time, lesbian, gay and bisexual)
- photocopied and cut some fliers for referendum
- worked on responses to members who sent in mail-back cards

Thursday, November 24

- helped with editing of Countdown Newsletter
- hired Pam Frache for strike coordinator
- office meeting re: strike coordinator
- worked on posters with Guy for Carleton referendum
- met with student from Carleton (CUPE 2323) about referendum strategy and ideas
- worked on mail-back card responses

Friday, November 25

- in office (Ottawa)

Monday, November 28

- Carleton referendum from 2 to 5 pm: brought pamphlets, met with Chief Electoral Officer to get them stamped, did pamphleting, met with Campaigns Coordinator on Ontario Board
- in office before and after Carleton

Tuesday, November 29

- office meeting
- Strike Coordinator's first day of employment
- went to Action Canada Network office; brought strike newsletter for their mail-out
- interview with 106.9 FM (the Bear) regarding out of province medical students in Quebec
- went to Carleton from 5 to 7 pm

Wednesday, November 30

- interview with Queen's Journal re: CASA
- talked to McMaster Courier re: national forum on PSE
- received and signed CFS audited financial statements
- went to Carleton from 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Thursday, December 1

- went through Student Advocate mailing list to review numbers, etc.
- interview with Carleton Radio news
- went to Ottawa Grads council meeting with graduate caucus rep (Michael Temelini), Quebec rep (Brad Lavigne), Chairperson (Guy Caron), Jocelyn Charron (Government Relations Coordinator), and Mario Nigro (Ontario Graduate Association Representative).

Friday, December 2

- Action Canada Network meeting on strike in morning
- in office in afternoon

Monday, December 5

- prepared for Toronto
- left for Toronto
- residence leafleting for York Grads referendum 6 - 8:30pm

Tuesday, December 6

- went to provincial office
- did staff relations work (letters for internal hiring of Communications, Researcher, bargaining)
- went to (Toronto) national office
- prepared for Senate meeting at Algoma University
- attended meeting of Dave Cooke with Federation and other provincial reps
- York grad referendum 6:30 - 9pm

Wednesday, December 7

- 11am meeting of Metro schools at U of T regarding strike; invited but couldn't find the location!
- 2pm meeting of provincial coalition partners regarding strike
- final prep for Algoma
- left for Sault Ste. Marie (home) for brief holiday

Thursday, December 8

- HOLIDAY

Friday, December 9

- HOLIDAY
- along with Ontario Northern Students Rep, presented to the Senate of Algoma on strike, and motion to support Algoma students who participate

Monday, December 12

- HOLIDAY

Tuesday, December 13

- in office
- in evening, Canadian Labour Congress reception for new executive

Wednesday, December 14

- all day Alternative budget steering committee meeting at ACN office

Thursday, December 15

- all day Alternative Budget National Forum

Friday, December 16

- Action Canada Network strike meeting
- meeting with Students' Federation of University of Ottawa

Monday, December 19

- "Working in Solidarity" radio show on CKCU Carleton about strike
- meeting with York Federation of Students and Carleton USA

Tuesday, December 20

- in office

Wednesday, December 21

- in office

Thursday, December 22

- went home for the holidays!

Wednesday, January 4

- interview with Charlatan
- interview (info only) with CBC news regarding Agora Corporation

Thursday, January 5 to Sunday, January 8

- National Executive meeting in Ottawa

Monday, January 9

- **Staff Relations**
 - Management meeting for collective agreement negotiations
 - Labour-Management Committee meeting to review the job description of the Graduate Caucus Coordinator, as drafted by the Graduate Caucus Representative

Tuesday, January 10

- Office meeting in afternoon (Ottawa)

- **Staff relations**
called applicants for fieldworker position; did some preparations for negotiations

Wednesday, January 11

- **Staff relations**
continued with drafting proposals for negotiations; scheduled interviews for fieldworker candidates
- **Media relations**
interview with University of Toronto Varsity newspaper regarding CASA and Federation membership referenda

Thursday, January 12

- **Media relations**
preparation for press conference on following day for Day of Action, including writing opening speech

Friday, January 13

- **Media relations**
gave introduction speech at press conference; prepared package of information (strike info, activities update, letter) for Allison Lewis (International Union of Students)

Saturday, January 14

- **Staff relations**
collective agreement negotiations

Sunday, January 15

- **Staff relations**
collective agreement negotiations
- left for Ontario general meeting at York University

Monday, January 16

- **Provincial relations**
Ontario general meeting

Tuesday, January 17

- **Provincial relations**
Ontario general meeting

Wednesday, January 18

- **Media relations**
 - interview with University of Toronto Varsity newspaper regarding OUSA not participating in Day of Strike and Action
 - interview with OPIRG newsletter at University of Ottawa regarding SFUO's (non-) participation in Day of Strike and Action
 - interview with Charlatan at Carleton regarding Day of Action

Thursday, January 19

- **Office work (Ottawa)**
strike preparation, fieldworker hiring preparation, ...

Friday, January 20

- **Media relations**
interview with Radio-Canada(?) regarding Day of Action

Monday, January 23

- **Preparation for Day of Action**
prep for Nova Scotia, various media interviews, letter to members
- **Travel CUTS**
preparation for meeting in Toronto (scheduling)

Tuesday, January 24

- **Preparation for Day of Action**
 - left for Nova Scotia
 - assisted in preparation for 25th at Nova Scotia College of Art and Design
 - prepared speech for rally

Wednesday, January 25

- **National Day of Strike and Action**
 - more preparation in morning
 - gave speech at rally

Thursday, January 26

- **Office meeting (Ottawa)**
post-strike meeting

Friday, January 27

- **Office meeting (Ottawa)**

Monday, January 30

- **Media relations**
interview with Charlatan regarding Day of Action
- **Referenda work**
helped with preparation of materials, went to Carleton

Tuesday, January 31

- **Staff relations**
prepared ads for graduate caucus coordinator, internal coordinator, and financial coordinator positions

Wednesday, February 1

- **Referenda work**
went to Carleton, watched debate

Thursday, February 2

- left for Toronto
- **Provincial relations**
 - attended meeting between Debra Duffy (Ontario office) and George Brown College Students' council
- **Referenda work**
 - brief visit to Ryerson with Debra Duffy
- **Travel CUTS**
 - strategic planning meeting with Rod Hurd and Patrick Crowley

Friday, February 3

- **Travel CUTS**
 - continuation of meeting

Sunday, February 5

- **Referenda work**
 - in office helping with preparation of materials
 - went to Carleton, door to door speaking at residences (?)

Monday, February 6

- **Staff relations**
 - interviews for fieldworker hiring
- **Referenda work** (Carleton)

Tuesday, February 7

- **Staff relations**
 - interviews for fieldworker hiring
- **Referenda work** (Carleton)

Wednesday, February 8

- **Referenda work** (Carleton)

Thursday, February 9

- **Referenda work** (Carleton)

Friday, February 10

- **Toronto office**
 - meeting in Toronto with Cass, Guy, David
- **Staff relations**
 - called interviewees for fieldworker position

Monday, February 13

- **Coalition work**
 - Action Canada Network steering committee meeting

Tuesday, February 14

- **Office meeting** (Ottawa)

Wednesday, February 15

- **Staff relations**
 - preparation for Joe Byrne (fieldworker), Kemlin Nembhard (fieldworker) and Pam Frache's (strike coordinator) arrivals
- **Membership work**
 - worked with Simone at revising the Federation's response to the Student Federation at the University of Ottawa's "50 reasons to get out of CFS now"

Thursday, February 16

- **SICK AT HOME**

Friday, February 17

- **Office work (Ottawa)**
reviewed press releases, response to top 50 reasons, alternative budget response

Monday, February 20 to Thursday, February 23

- **Office work**

Friday, February 24

- **Office work**
- **Staff relations**
Joe Byrne in Ottawa (orientation)

Saturday, February 25

- **Staff relations and Referenda work**
working with Joe and Kemlin

Sunday, February 26

- continued work with Kemlin and Joe
- **Coalition work**
attended and spoke at Save Canada's social programs vigil on Parliament Hill

Monday, February 27

- **Media relations**
watched budget announcements from Bloc Québécois MP Antoine Dube's office, went to Hill for media interviews with Guy and Simone; helped with writing of press release

Tuesday, February 28

- **Coalition work**
attended a post-budget meeting with other national organizations to share responses to budget and develop common strategies

Wednesday, March 1

- **Coalition work**
meeting at Action Canada Network regarding federal budget
- **Media relations**
 - interview with University of Windsor newspaper regarding referendum
 - interview with journalism student at Mount Royal College regarding taxes on scholarships and bursaries, federal budget, taxation, corporate funding of education, Federation's work and upcoming campaigns
 - interview with University of New Brunswick radio station (?) regarding referendum

Thursday, March 2

- **Office work (Ottawa)**

Friday, March 3

- **Referenda work**
spent most of day in court for injunction regarding referendum at the University of Ottawa
- **Coalition work**

Action Canada Network Assembly

Saturday, March 4

- Action Canada Network Assembly

Sunday, March 5

- Action Canada Network Assembly

Monday, March 6

- **Office meeting (Ottawa)**
- **Referenda work**
helped work on poster for New Brunswick referenda

Tuesday, March 7

- **Media relations**
was one of three spokespersons for Action Canada Network press conference on upcoming campaign against the federal budget

Wednesday, March 8

- **Legal matters**
meeting with lawyer on membership issues
- **Staff relations**
sorted through Graduate Caucus Coordinator resumes

Thursday, March 9

- **Coalition work**
prepared information on Federation for Young New Democrats of Canada pursuant to request
- **Travel CUTS**
prepared agenda from upcoming board meeting

Friday, March 10

- **Coalition work**
Action Canada Network steering committee meeting
- left for Montreal

Saturday, March 11

- **Travel CUTS Board Meeting**

March 13 to April 10

I seemed to have lost my notes on my day to day activities for this period, so unfortunately I can only provide the following as highlights of work done. Although it is not a detailed list of daily activities, it should provide an idea of my main activities during this period. The rest of my work during this time frame involved usual activities such as office meetings, coalition work (mostly ACN), some communication with the International Union of Students, some media interviews on referenda, a substantial amount of staff relations work (hiring committees, etc.) and day to day office work.

Friday, March 17 to Monday, March 20

- **Provincial relations**

- attended the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Students general meeting
- **Media Relations**
interview with St. John's newspaper regarding federal budget

Tuesday, March 21

- **Coalition work**
Action Canada Network meeting to plan Day of Action against budget

Wednesday, March 29

- **Staff relations**
conducted a call-around to the National Executive regarding researcher position
- **Coalition/International work**
distributed information and letter regarding Jorge Passalacqua, the McGill Post-Graduate Student Society member unjustly jailed in Peru.

Thursday, March 30

- **Staff relations**
continued work on Researcher position
- **Coalition work**
distributed information from Black Students' Network at McGill

Friday, March 31

- **Coalition work**
Action Canada Network meeting on planning for May 1 Day of Action

Thursday, April 6

- **Staff relations**
Preparation for collective agreement negotiations with Michael Temelini and Guy Caron

Friday, April 7

- **Legal matters**
Meeting with lawyer regarding directive from National Executive
- **Staff relations**
Collective agreement negotiations preparation

Saturday, April 8

- **Collective agreement negotiations**

Sunday, April 9

- **Collective agreement negotiations**

Monday, April 10

- **Office meeting** (Ottawa)

Tuesday, April 11

- **Office meeting continued**
- - worked on General Meeting agenda
 - worked on legal matters
 - began coordination of election process for Newfoundland and Labrador National Executive Representative
- **Staff relations**
drafted contract for General Meeting coordinator

Wednesday, April 12

- **Staff relations**
Internal coordinator hiring committee meeting
- continued work on General Meeting agenda

Thursday, April 13

- **Coalition work**
Action Canada Network executive meeting
- **Staff relations**
interviewed candidate for Internal Coordinator position
- continued with Newfoundland and Labrador election

Friday, April 14 to Monday, April 17

- HOLIDAY in Sault Ste. Marie

Tuesday, April 18

- **Staff relations**
interviewed two remaining candidates for Internal Coordinator
- **Coalition work**
Action Canada Network executive meeting

Wednesday, April 19

- **Office meeting**
- **Coalition work**
Action Canada Network meeting on planning May 1 Action
- ● preparation for National executive meeting mail-out
- worked on National executive meeting agenda

Thursday, April 20

- ● worked on mail-out to National Executive members
- worked on meeting agenda
- finalized election process for Newfoundland National Executive representative

Friday, April 21

- prepared for workshop that I would be co-facilitating Saturday

Saturday, April 22

- **Urban Rural Mission conference**
I was asked to co-facilitate a work shop on tuition and barriers to education for this conference. The group is a social justice organization for youth who get young people involved in issues important to them.

Monday, April 24

- **Coalition work**
Action Canada Network executive meeting
- **Staff relations**
 - internal coordinator hiring committee meeting
 - reviewed collective agreement draft
- worked on revisions of policy manual

Tuesday, April 25

- Coalition work
Action Canada Network steering committee meeting
- continued with policy manual update
- worked on report for National Executive meeting

Wednesday, April 26

- finished revisions to policy manual
- continued work on report for National Executive meeting

Thursday, April 27 to Sunday, April 30

- National Executive meeting in Ottawa

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Publication/Programme	Topic
• Western Gazette	
• 106.9 FM (the Bear) in Ottawa	out of province medical students in Quebec
• Queen's Journal	CASA
• McMaster Courier	national forum on post-secondary education
• Carleton Radio news	
• Charlatan	
• CBC news	Agora Corporation
• U of Toronto Varsity newspaper	regarding CASA and Federation membership referenda
• U of Toronto Varsity newspaper	OUSA not participating in Day of Strike and Action
• OPIRG newsletter at U of Ottawa	SFUO's (non-) participation in Day of Strike and Action
• Charlatan	Day of Action
• Radio-Canada(?)	Day of Action
• Parliament Hill	Reaction to Budget
• University of Windsor newspaper	referendum
• journalism student at Mount Royal	taxes on scholarships and bursaries, federal budget, taxation, corporate funding of education, Federation's work and upcoming campaigns
• U of New Brunswick radio station (?)	regarding referendum
• St. John's newspaper	federal budget
• Action Canada Network press conference	upcoming campaign against the federal budget