

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

May 1995 National General Meeting

Canadian Federation of Students-Services & Canadian Federation of Students

May 25 to 30, 1995 – Saint Boniface, Manitoba

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### **CLOSING PLENARY**

#### **CALL TO ORDER – Sunday, May 28, 1995**

07:51 pm—the meeting was called to order by Guy Caron, National Chairperson of the Federation.

#### **2. ATTENDANCE-ROLL CALL**

Caron proceeded to call the roll call for attendance.

Augustana University Student Union	absent
Mount Royal College Students' Association	present
University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	present
University of Lethbridge Students' Union	present
Camosun College Student Society	present
Capilano Students' Union	present
Cariboo Students' Society	absent
City Centre Student' Association	present
Douglas College Student Society	absent
Emily Carr Students' Union	present
King Edward Students' Association	present by proxy
Kwantlen College Student Association	absent
Malaspina Students' Union	present
Native Education Centre Students' Association	present by proxy
North Island Students' Association	present
North West Community College Students' Association	absent
Selkirk College Student Society	absent
Simon Fraser Student Society	present
University of Victoria Student Society	present
Brandon University Students' Union	absent
Association des étudiantes et étudiants du collège universitaire de St. Boniface	present
University of Winnipeg Students' Association	present
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet	present
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants	

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du centre universitaire de l'université de Moncton à Shippagan	present
Mount Allison University Students Administrative Council	present
New Brunswick Community College	
St. Andrew's Student Association	absent
St. Thomas University Student Union	present
University of New Brunswick-Fredericton Campus Student Union	present
University of New Brunswick Saint John Campus	
Students' Representative Council	absent
Marine Institute Students Union	present
Memorial University Council of the Students' Union	present
Sir Wilfrid Grenfell College Council of the Students' Union	present
West Viking College Student Union	present by proxy
Acadia University Students' Union	present
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université St. Anne	present by proxy
Dalhousie Students' Union	present
Mount St. Vincent University Students' Union	present by proxy
Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	present
University of King's College Society of Students' Union	present by proxy
Algoma University Students' Association	present
Carleton University Students' Association	present
Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	present by proxy
University of Guelph Central Student Association	present
University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	present
Lakehead University Students' Union	present
Laurentian University Students' General Association	present
McMaster University Students' Union	present
Nippissing University Student Union	absent
Ontario College of Art Students' Union	absent
Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université d'Ottawa	present
Queens University Graduate Students' Society	absent
Ryerson Students' Union	present
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	present
Trent Central Student Government	present
University of Waterloo Federation of Students	absent
University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	present
Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	present
University of Windsor Students' Administrative Council	absent
University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	absent

Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants de York	
York Federation of Students	present
York University Graduate Students' Association	present
St. Paul University Student Association	absent
Holland College Student Union	absent
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	present
University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	absent
Concordia Graduate Students' Association	present
McGill University Post-Graduate Student Society	present
University of Regina Students' Union	present

Caron announce that quorum had been reached.

Caron said a few words to the plenary. He said he had first become an individual member of the Federation in 1987 when he started his studies at the University of Ottawa. 1989, reaffirmation—he vote against the Federation. 1992 president of sfuo. He still had doubts about the Federation. 1993 first direct contact with the Federation through general meeting. However, even though it wasn't perfect, he felt that the Federation represented something he fundamentally agreed with. Now, two years after his first general meeting, Caron understands that the situation is not an easy one. He said it was tragic that an organisation which has worked so well together on such essential issues as tuition fee, student loans and which has seen its share of victories in the past, he said it is sad to see that the Federation considers itself to be in a crisis. A crisis that is internal and structural. He presumes that the questions on everyone's minds is the question of the executive director. Why was the decision taken? He said that the National Executive as a whole had made the decision. He said that the decision was handled in the most efficient way and for the benefit of all parties involved. He said the question that effects the ex-director, was not an easy decision to make for the National Executive. Nevertheless, the with all the facts presented at that National Executive meeting, the National Executive acted in a manner they thought best. Even though the decision was difficult to make, it was in fact, made, and it was made in the interests of the Federation and its members. He said he was asking the membership to take a leap of faith regarding the details. Given that the decision was made, the National Executive is legally prevented from discussing details at this time. He said that while it is no doubt frustrating for the members not to have access to the details of the decision, he said it was also frustrating for members of the National Executive not to be able to share all the information with the members at this time, especially since the National Executive feels it has made the right decision and would like to have an opportunity to justify their actions. Unfortunately the National Executive cannot discuss the matter at this time. After the conclusion of litigation, it will be possible to discuss all the issues with the membership. He would like to ask for a vote of confidence in the National Executive which made a difficult decision but which must make decisions from time to time, and wished delegates well.

95/05:34

**MOTION**

Malaspina Students' Union/Camosun College Student Society

Be it resolved that the closing plenary agenda be adopted.

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**MOTION**

Memorial Central Student Union/York Federation of Students

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Be it resolved that the closing plenary agenda be amended to include a question and answer period of acting Canadian Federation of Students directors.

The Speaker asked whether the amendment was intended to refer to the National Treasurer and the National Deputy Chairperson.

The mover said that the motion should read acting Canadian Federation of Students-Services Directors.

The Speaker said she was in the process of making a ruling on whether the motion was in order, since nearly the same issue had been discussed in opening plenary.

The mover said the motion was only to refer to Canadian Federation of Students-Services and therefore it was not similar to the issues debated in opening plenary.

Another delegate said that the motion put forward in opening plenary was a motion to amend the opening plenary agenda, and that this motion was to amend the closing plenary agenda and therefore the motion could not be considered dilatory.

The Speaker said the substance of the motions, whether amending the opening or closing plenary agenda, was virtually the same.

A delegate said that because some delegates had spoken to the relative merits of having this session in either the opening plenary or the closing plenary, that the motion was still in order.

The Speaker agreed and invited the mover of the motion to motivate.

A Dalhousie delegate said that a rich diversity of opinions existed in the plenary room. He said regardless of the diversity he said there is one universal necessity required, and that was information. He said regardless of political background, information is required. He said he wanted the right to ask questions of the acting Directors of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services. He said that as it is he is incompetent to represent Dalhousie students.

St. Thomas Student Union spoke in favour of the motion. She said there were important issues facing services this year. She said she wanted to address questions at the services heads. She said that services heads probably had the most information.

Crowley said he was shocked, and said that the mover of the motion needed information in order to go back to the students and make a decision. He wondered what decision Dalhousie delegates had to make since they had already left the Federation and the plenary had de-ratified that student association.

A delegate from Dalhousie rose on a point of privilege and said that his local was a member until June 30, and until that time, he would demand answers.

Crowley said that he found it ironic that the Dalhousie delegates were displaying such concern for the Federation now, given they had voted to withdraw from the Federation.

A Dalhousie delegate called a point of privilege.

The Speaker ruled that delegates could not simply shout point of order any time they disliked what a delegate was saying. She said it was a fact that the Dalhousie Student Union had voted to withdraw from the Federation.

Crowley said it has been stated repeatedly that information cannot be divulged until after the legal process had concluded. He said while there has been a number of complaints regarding translation, he said a far more serious problem seems to be regarding comprehension. He said that questions directed to the National Treasurer and National

Deputy Chairperson had already been received. He also said that the National Executive decision was made, and nothing else could be said that would not jeopardize the Federation. He said if the delegates were so concerned about the Federation then why were they insisting on drawing out discussion with legal implications which could seriously damage the Federation. He said he thought that bringing forward this motion at this time was the equivalent of blackmailing the members of the plenary.

The Speaker said that using the word "blackmail" was un-parliamentary behavior.

Crowley concluded by urging delegates to defeat the motion, so that the important business that was of genuine interest to individual members, could be accomplished.

Michelle Kemper, a delegate from the Emily Carr Students' Union raised a point of order. She said that past practice was that the microphones were taken in the order of the microphones themselves, not the order in which delegates arrived at the microphone, and asked the Speaker to indicate which process she would be using.

The Speaker said she would call on speakers in accordance with the numbers of the microphones, as per past practice.

The King Edward delegate spoke against the motion. She said she had moved the original motion in opening plenary which provided for a lengthy question and answer period. She said she had had an opportunity to read the report of the National Executive, and then ask questions of the National Executive. She said that the National Executive has fulfilled their commitment to accountability. She said she was not blindly engaging in a leap of faith, but rather she was holding them accountable on many issues, and is satisfied with the responses she received. She said that therefore, it was unnecessary to use more plenary time for such purposes. She also said that the students she was representing had concerns about such things as the Canada Health and Social Transfer and by extension, the research and campaigns for mobilising and lobbying against the Canada Health and Social Transfer. She said her students were also concerned about having an effectively organised national student federation, and urged the plenary to receive the reports from the Federations committees. She said that the general meeting was the highest form of decision making within the Federation for a reason—the Federation has an inverse hierarchy. She said putting so much emphasis on the National Executive effectively undermined the authority of the delegates to set the direction for the organisation.

Lamrock, a delegate from the University of New Brunswick-Fredericton Student Union, spoke in favour of the motion. He said that he also wanted to find a healthy student movement, and also wanted to find a healthy services cooperative when the courts restores the membership of the University of New Brunswick-Fredericton Student Union to the Canadian Federation of Students-Services. He said in order to have a healthy movement, one had to discuss what made it sick. He said a student movement sick when it relies on closed doors. He said a student movement was sick when a statement read with trembling hands about decisions done which members couldn't see and weren't informed of is supposed to pass for political discourse. He said a student movement was sick when members aren't allowed to discuss the future programmes. He said he wanted to know whether, in the coup which just took place, the people working in the Toronto office were in fact competent. He said that his intention was not to discuss staffing issues, but rather the level of expertise brought to the Toronto office by the acting Directors. He said that there was nothing stopping the National Executive from moving into a closed session, to let people in on the details. He said that the National Executive could at the very least let the employee in question, the ex-Executive Director, know what the rationale was, and Lamrock pointed out that that had not yet

happened. He said that the issue was not just a staffing issue—an attachment to David Jones. Lamrock said that it was an attachment to the services cooperative which is there. He said that the National Chairperson reached out and asked the delegates to take a leap of faith. He said that the time to reach out had passed, before 100,000 students relying on this National Executive for health care coverage were left stranded. He said the time to reach out was before programmes like Studentsaver were left hanging in the balance. He said that Caron had tried to reach out, but unfortunately leadership too late is no leadership at all. He said that an open debate was needed about the future of the programmes. He said anyone on Budget Committee knew that it was a virtual soap opera for each programme as committee members assessed which programmes would live and which would die. He said this was all because this executive jumped into a decision it wasn't prepared to take. He said he didn't know whether this National Executive was capable of handling the day to day decisions ahead. He said he did not know whether the health plan would survive, or whether the world's largest student-services cooperative would come out of the meeting okay. He said that regardless of what people might think of himself, or his political disposition, he said that people have a right to ask questions, a right to know there is a future, a right for more than something beyond "trust me it will all come clean." He said he knew because he helped to run the service programmes for two years. He said now was the time to discuss the future of services, and if there was a vision he wanted to discuss it.

A delegate from Malaspina said she was not inclined, unlike the previous speaker, to deliver a long-winded and somewhat inaccurate speech. She said she preferred to present a number of facts. First, she said that there have been 4.5 days of the general meeting during which delegates have had ample time to discuss issues with individual members of the National Executive, provided of course that the delegates had participated fully during that time. Second, she said that closed sessions at local student associations do not take place before the broad local membership. Third, she said that the legal reasons presented by the National Executive are valid, and that no further information could be disseminated without seriously compromising the Federation. Fourth, she said the member local student associations were not responsible for hiring and firing Federation employees, and as stated in the Bylaws, the National Executive is the body responsible for hiring and firing the Executive Director of Canadian Federation of Students-Services.

The Speaker noted that three people had spoken both in favour and opposed to the motion and would move to the vote.

Mount Royal Student Association raised a point of order. He said the Speaker had agreed to call for motions to extend debate when three had spoken in favour and opposed to the motion.

The Speaker said that she would entertain motions to extend debate if they were forthcoming, but she did not think the interests of plenary would be served by routinely begging for the extension of debate.

95/05:36

**MOTION TO EXTEND DEBATE**

University of Calgary Graduate Student Association/Dalhousie Student Union

Be it resolved that debate on this motion be extended by having another three speakers in favour and opposed to the motion.

**DEFEATED**

The Speaker moved to debate on the main motion.

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A delegate called for a roll call vote.

Temelini, a member of the National Executive explained that at the November 1994 National General Meeting, the plenary speaker ruled that every member has a right to call a roll call vote. He said this is then put to a vote to the assembly: all those in favour of the roll call vote, all those opposed to the roll call vote.

The Speaker proceeded to a roll call vote.

Mount Royal College Students' Association	in favour
University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	in favour
University of Lethbridge Students' Union	opposed
Camosun College Student Society	opposed
Capilano Students' Union	opposed
City Centre Student' Association	abstain
Emily Carr Students' Union	opposed
King Edward Students' Association	opposed
Malaspina Students' Union	opposed
Native Education Centre Students' Association	opposed
North Island Students' Association	opposed
Simon Fraser Student Society	opposed
University of Victoria Student Society	opposed
Association des étudiantes et étudiants du collège universitaire de St. Boniface	opposed
University of Winnipeg Students' Association	opposed
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet	in favour
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de l'université de Moncton à Shippagan	in favour
Mount Allison University Students Administrative Council	in favour
St. Thomas University Student Union	in favour
University of New Brunswick-Fredericton Campus Student Union	in favour
Marine Institute Students' Union	in favour
Memorial University Council of the Students' Union	in favour
Sir Wilfrid Grenfell College Council of the Students' Union	in favour
West Viking College Student Association	in favour
Acadia University Students' Union	in favour
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université St. Anne	opposed
Dalhousie Students' Union	in favour
Mount St. Vincent University Students' Union	opposed
Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	opposed
University of King's College Society of Students' Union	opposed

Algoma University Students' Association	opposed
Carleton University Students' Association	in favour
Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	in favour
Lakehead University Students' Union	opposed
Laurentian University Students' General Association	opposed
McMaster University Students' Union	in favour
Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université d'Ottawa	in favour
Ryerson Students' Union	in favour
University of Guelph Central Student Association	opposed
University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	opposed
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	opposed
Trent Central Student Government	opposed
University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	opposed
Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	opposed
Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants de York	
York Federation of Students	in favour
York University Graduate Students' Association	opposed
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	in favour
Concordia Graduate Students' Association	opposed
McGill University Post-Graduate Student Society	opposed
University of Regina Students' Union	opposed

**95/05:35 DEFEATED [20, 29, 1]**

The Speaker returned to debate on the main motion.

**95/05:37 MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

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Be it resolved that motion 95/05:34 be put to a vote.

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:38 MOTION**

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Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to immediately move to an in camera session for no less than one hour or until 10:00 pm to discuss the issue of the dismissal of David Jones.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order since the substance of the motion, to discuss the issue of the executive director, had already been debated and defeated.

A delegate rose on a point of order. He argued that the proposed amendment was in order since it was calling for a motion to move in camera. He said that in an in-camera session, the members or in other words the shareholders, had a right to have information imparted to them. While the substance was the same, the avenue through which it would be accomplished was different and therefore, the motion was in order.

The Speaker accepted the argument. However, she said that if this amendment were defeated, she would then not entertain any other motions with the same substance.



Harter, the delegate from the City Centre Student Association made a point of order. He noted that the mover of the motion motivated the motion before it was motivated.

The Speaker agreed with the point of order.

Harter had a second point of order. He felt that the delegate who rose on a point of order regarding the amendment was raising points of debate and not strictly outlining a point of order.

The Speaker explained that on complicated points of procedure she preferred to allow the delegate ample time to thoroughly explain the point of order she or he was trying to make. That way her rulings would not simply be reactive.

The Speaker asked for clarification on the motion and asked to whom the motion was intended to apply.

The mover explained that in camera meant that any student who is present representing a student association who is a member of the Federation is bound by the Corporations Act to maintain silence, and that anyone who does not maintain that silence can go to jail.

The Speaker asked whether his intent was to cover staff?

The mover said staff were covered.

The Speaker asked him if all the staff were covered, such as the interpretation staff, the Speaker.

The mover said that only observers had to leave, since they were not members and the staff were.

The Speaker asked for a seconder. Having been moved and seconded, the Speaker allowed motivation.

A York Federation of Students delegate said that a few years ago he had to fight the executive of the York Federation of Students who were negotiating with their Union and they were not telling the board of directors any information. He said he and others had gone to a lawyer and found that because he was a member of the board of directors, he was an officer of the corporation as well, and therefore legally entitled to that entitled, and subsequently so are the shareholders of the corporation. He said that everyone is governed by the various laws governing corporations and in camera sessions. He said that this way, all the questions regarding David Jones firing can be answered and anybody who leaks that information can be thrown in jail and Canadian Federation of Students is legally protected should information be leaked. He said that Canadian Federation of Students would not be liable as long as the National Executive did everything they could to ensure that the matter was kept secret but making sure that the members who were legally allowed to have the information, to have it.

A delegate spoke against the motion. She said she was not a lawyer and said she was worried that it would be irresponsible to proceed in this way even if there was only a small chance that the organisation would suffer as a result of prematurely disclosing information. If the National Executive did not make a proper decision, then it can be addressed at another time. For now, she said it was necessary to have confidence in the National Executive.

Crowley called the question on motion 95/05:38.

**95/05:39      MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:38 be put to a vote.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order. She said that it was dilatory insofar as a motion had already passed to allow three more speakers for and against the motion.

**95/05:39 OUT OF ORDER**

A delegate said he disagreed with the Speaker and said that calling the question was not dilatory, but constantly debating this issue is dilatory. Calling the question was an effort to try to facilitate all the plenary's business, not just this issue.

The Speaker reiterated her ruling that the motion was dilatory.

Crowley challenged the ruling of the Speaker.

**95/05:40 MOTION TO UPHOLD THE RULING OF THE SPEAKER**

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

The Speaker explained that a motion was passed which extended debate for a length of time. She said that if the plenary continued using points of order then it would be impossible to accomplish any business at all.

**95/05:40 CARRIED**

King Edward delegate Kemper, said she opposed the motion for all the reasons stated earlier. She said she wanted to be frank. She said she did not want to play games all night. She said everyone knows some delegates want to talk about the executive director issue. She said everyone has had all week to talk to the National Executive about it. She pointed out that those continually wanting to raise this issue have their 19 votes while those who do not want to talk about the issue have their 28. She said everyone was aware that 19 to 28 was not quite two-thirds, so question can't be called. She objected to what she felt was the clear minority trying to subvert, not just the will of the majority here, but the very business of the plenary of importance to all the students who are counting on having a plan of action for the real world for the next six months. She asked the Speaker to do what she could to facilitate the plenary moving on to the next item of business.

A Dalhousie delegate said he felt that many delegates had asked questions of the National Executive and were not satisfied with the responses. He said that when an organisation has doubts about its executive, it uses this venue to question more closely. He said he respected the legal opinion having a discussion in public. He said that when a meeting moves in camera, the public element ceases to exist. He said that what remains is a board of directors being responsible to the shareholders of the organisation. He said that member locals are the shareholders of the organisation.

A delegate from the Simon Fraser Student Society raised a point of order. He said that in fact the National Executive is the board of directors. He said that plenary represents the 450,000 individual members of the Canadian Federation of Students.

The Dalhousie delegate continued. When the meeting moves in camera, the National Executive is being asked to forgo its reasons for not explaining things publicly. He said that it is dangerous to forfeit one's right to information since organisations can get out of control. He said some delegates think things are already out of control. He said that he hoped the National Executive were listening and not just giggling.

Temelini rose on a point of privilege. He said delegates were supposed to speak to the Speaker and not name individuals.

The Dalhousie delegate said if the National Executive chooses not to explain its actions to the membership, then the National Executive could be judged accordingly. He said an in camera motion can discuss private matters.

A delegate from the University of Calgary Graduate Student Association said everyone knows why David Jones was fired because he stood in the way of the vision shared by the majority here who will use their majority to defeat us. She said that the National Executive has shown they cannot be trusted. She said that for those people who want to move onto discussing such things as the Canada Health and Social Transfer, if there were no services side, there can be no discussion of important political issues. She said that it is common knowledge that David Jones was not offered a proper severance package and that that was why litigation was pending.

A Memorial delegate said that his student association had been a part of the Federation since 1982. He said he had spoken with many past-presidents of his student association. He said that that David Jones was a great man and a great manager. He said that he wanted the truth. He said when the plenary goes into camera he wants the truth. He said he wanted a chance to debate. He said he wanted to be able to go back to his school and answer questions. He felt that an in camera session was the place to have the discussion and said that everyone was bound by confidentiality not to divulge information heard during the in camera session. He then said his members have the right to know. He said this issue was not just about David Jones, but rather about services.

A delegate asked the National Executive whether an in camera session was employed to dismiss David Jones.

National Treasurer Koenen said the National Executive went into a closed session at the end of the National Executive meeting in April, 1995. The information discussed at that time has remained in such a state.

A delegate said he did not think it fair to discuss any aspect of person's identity in their absence. Having listened to the debate and the harshness in the tones of the delegates, he did not believe that this motion was just about moving into an in camera session. He was concerned that if the motion is adopted, all kinds of other issues will arise. He said that delegates started off saying it was only about David Jones and now suddenly they are saying it has everything to do with services. He said he was strongly opposed to the motion.

**95/05:41      MOTION TO EXTEND DEBATE**

**/York Federation of Students**

**Be it resolved that debate be extended by two speakers in favour and two speakers opposed.**

**DEFEATED**

A roll call vote was requested on motion 95/05:38. The speaker said she would proceed to a roll call vote.

A point of order was raised regarding the roll call vote. He said the call for a roll call was dilatory. It was argued that the Speaker should ask for a mover and seconder and vote on the question.

The Speaker allowed the roll call, but noted that once this motion is dealt with, she would not entertain any more motions or points on the executive director issue.

**95/05:42      MOTION TO UPHOLD THE RULING OF THE SPEAKER**

Trent Central Student Government/

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

**CARRIED**

The Speaker reminded delegates that a two-thirds majority was required to over-turn the ruling of the speaker. She then proceeded to a roll call vote.

Mount Royal College Students' Association	in favour
University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	in favour
University of Lethbridge Students' Union	opposed
Camosun College Student Society	opposed
Capilano Students' Union	opposed
City Centre Student' Association	opposed
Emily Carr Students' Union	opposed
King Edward Students' Association	opposed
Malaspina Students' Union	opposed
Native Education Centre Students' Association	opposed
North Island Students' Association	opposed
Simon Fraser Student Society	opposed
University of Victoria Student Society	opposed
Association des étudiantes et étudiants du collège universitaire de St. Boniface	opposed
University of Winnipeg Students' Association	opposed
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet	in favour
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de l'université de Moncton à Shippagan	in favour
Mount Allison University Students Administrative Council	in favour
St. Thomas University Student Union	in favour
University of New Brunswick-Fredericton Campus Student Union	in favour
Marine Institute Students' Union	abstain

A delegate from Memorial stood on a point of information. He asked what the plenary was being asked to vote on.

The Speaker said the motion was to amend the agenda to immediately moved into an in camera session to last at least an hour but not longer than 10:00 pm.

Memorial University Council of the Students' Union	in favour
Sir Wilfrid Grenfell College Council of the Students' Union	in favour
West Viking College Student Association	in favour
Acadia University Students' Union	in favour
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université St. Anne	opposed
Dalhousie Students' Union	in favour

Mount St. Vincent University Students' Union	opposed
Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	opposed
University of King's College Society of Students' Union	opposed
Algoma University Students' Association	opposed
Carleton University Students' Association	in favour
Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	in favour
Lakehead University Students' Union	opposed
Laurentian University Students' General Association	opposed
McMaster University Students' Union	in favour
Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université d'Ottawa	in favour
Ryerson Students' Union	in favour
University of Guelph Central Student Association	opposed
University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	opposed
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	opposed
Trent Central Student Government	opposed
University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	opposed
Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	opposed
Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants de York	
York Federation of Students	in favour
York University Graduate Students' Association	opposed
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	in favour
Concordia Graduate Students' Association	opposed
McGill University Post-Graduate Student Society	opposed
University of Regina Students' Union	opposed

**95/05:38 DEFEATED [19, 30, 1]**

The Speaker moved to debate on the main motion adopting the closing plenary agenda.

Mount Royal Student Association proposed that an agenda item be added: discussion of Financial vision for Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services, for the next five years. He proposed that 2.5 hours be allocated to the discussion.

The Speaker ruled the proposal out of order. She said that motions dealing with the vision of Canadian Federation of Students-Services and the Executive Director. She said any financial issues can be discussed during the budget discussion.

Crowley stood to add, under the reports item, Travel CUTS Board Report.

**95/05:42 MOTION TO AMEND**

/Mount Royal Student Association

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to include Report from the Travel CUTS Board.

A delegate stood on a point of order. He said that Memorial delegates were offended and had to leave.

A point of order was raised challenging quorum. He said that a vote may not be taken on the amendment.

A point of privilege was raised asking for a bit more cool air.

The Speaker suggested that the plenary recess for five minutes.

09.31pm—the meeting recessed.

09.56 pm—the meeting reconvened.

The speaker noted that interpretation would end at 10:00 pm and therefore, the meeting would recess until 9:00 am Monday, May 29.

#### **CALL TO ORDER - Monday, May 29, 1995**

09.44 am—the Speaker called the meeting to order.

The Speaker explained that quorum had been called and that she would proceed with verification of quorum.

Mount Royal College Students' Association	absent
University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	absent
University of Lethbridge Students' Union	present
Camosun College Student Society	present
Capilano Students' Union	present
City Centre Students' Association	present
Emily Carr Students' Union	present
King Edward Students' Association	present by proxy
Malaspina Students' Union	present
Native Education Centre Students' Association	present by proxy
North Island Students' Association	present
Simon Fraser Student Society	present
University of Victoria Student Society	present
Association des étudiantes et étudiants du collège universitaire de St. Boniface	present
University of Winnipeg Students' Association	present
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet	absent
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de l'université de Moncton à Shippagan	absent
Mount Allison University Students Administrative Council	absent
St. Thomas University Student Union	absent
University of New Brunswick-Fredericton Campus Student Union	absent
Marine Institute Students' Union	absent
Memorial University Council of the Students' Union	absent
Sir Wilfrid Grenfell College Council of the Students' Union	absent
West Viking College Student Association	absent

Acadia University Students' Union	absent
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université St. Anne	present by proxy
Dalhousie Students' Union	absent
Mount St. Vincent University Students' Union	present by proxy
Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	present
University of King's College Society of Students' Union	present by proxy
Algoma University Students' Association	present
Carleton University Students' Association	present
Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	absent
Lakehead University Students' Union	present
Laurentian University Students' General Association	present
McMaster University Students' Union	absent
Ryerson Students' Union	absent
Trent Central Student Government	present
University of Guelph Central Student Association	present
University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	present
Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université d'Ottawa	absent
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	present
University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	present
Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	present
Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants de York York Federation of Students	absent
York University Graduate Students' Association	present
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	absent
Concordia Graduate Students' Association	present
McGill University Post-Graduate Student Society	present
University of Regina Students' Union	present

A point of order was raised regarding those members who were deemed absent at the beginning of the general meeting.

The Speaker said quorum was based on 50% of the members present at the general meeting.

The delegate said that some members did not arrive until after opening plenary, while others had left and he said the Speaker should read the entire membership list.

The Speaker said that if delegates arrived after the first official roll call, but were registered to attend the general meeting, they are on the list of members present. She said it is not necessary to read the entire membership list since quorum to conduct the general meeting had been established at opening plenary.

A delegate asked the Speaker to announce the total membership of the Federation, as well as the numbers present at the plenary session.

A delegate asked the Speaker to name a few good restaurants in the area.

The Speaker said she was not familiar with the area's restaurants.

The Speaker said that 31 member locals were present at the commencement of closing plenary, and 19 member locals were absent. She said that closing plenary would continue with the motion to adopt the agenda.

A point of order was raised. He said he wanted to know the total number of Federation members.

The Speaker said that there were 66 members of the Federation. She said 33 member locals were required for quorum to start the general meeting. Quorum was achieved in opening plenary when it was established that 50 members were present. From that point onward, only 50% of members present was required to continue with the business of the meeting. She ruled that only 25 members present were required to continue with the business of the meeting.

The delegate raised another point of order. He asked for a ruling on Bylaw II, section 6, which read:

#### **Quorum at General Meetings**

A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of voting members shall consist of not less than one-half of the members of the Federation having voting rights at the time in person or by proxy.

The Speaker said that her interpretation of the bylaw was that 50% of the members present at the general meeting constituted quorum.

The delegate said that the bylaw said 50% of the members, not members present. He said her ruling contradicted the bylaw.

The Speaker read the bylaw on quorum at general meeting.

City Centre Student Association delegate Harter said that the delegate was continually engaging in cross debate with the Speaker. He said the delegate was simply shouting "point of order" and then immediately launching into debate, without being recognized by the Speaker. He then moved a motion to uphold the ruling of the Speaker.

The Speaker thanked the City Centre Student Association delegate, and said that it is necessary to establish quorum in order to proceed with the business of the meeting. She said that in her opinion, and according to her interpretation of the bylaws, quorum had been achieved. She also said that this interpretation was consistent with the practice of most other national organisations.

The delegate raising the original point of order on quorum said that the ruling was inconsistent with the bylaws of the Federation and also inconsistent with past Federation practice.

A point of person privilege was raised regarding the spectators.

The Speaker said it was not out of order to have observers watching from the doors of the general meeting. The speaker said that regarding the quorum issue, she had made her ruling and that a challenge could be made to the speakers ruling if they so choose.

The delegate continued to argue that at the last general meeting the Speaker ruled that quorum for the continuation of the general meeting was 50% of all the members of the Federation not just of members present. The delegate said that the Speaker upheld the bylaws. He asked whether the Speaker whether her ruling stood.

The Speaker said her ruling stood.



Crowley raised a point of information. He said that representatives from locals who did not respond to the roll call were nevertheless present, insofar as they continued to observe from the door. He wondered if they should be noted as present.

The Speaker said that those not responding to the roll call were considered to be absent.

A point of privilege was raised. A delegate from Carleton University Students' Association said their local would not challenge the Speaker since they do not recognize the validity of the plenary. He said he wanted to express his disillusionment with the Federation, and bid the plenary good-bye.

The Speaker continued with motion 95/05:42.

A point of privilege was raised regarding the assertion of past precedent. He said that just because a delegate stands and says something does not make it true. He said he was concerned because several delegates had asserted things that may or may not be true. He said something cannot be considered true just because someone stated it. He said the Speaker should ask for documentation and justification when assertions are made. He said he had participated in the November 1994 general meeting and did not remember any ruling on quorum made by the general meeting Speaker. Something is not true just because they believe it to be true.

A point of privilege was raised by a delegate from New Brunswick. He said he cannot believe that a flagrant disregard for the bylaws had just taken place.

The Speaker said that the point of privilege was out of order. She said she had made a ruling and it was not challenged.

**95/05:42 CARRIED**

**95/05:34 CARRIED**

#### **4. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY**

The Speaker said she would entertain debate on the motions referred from opening plenary.

**95/05:43 MOTION**

**City Centre Student Association/Trent Central Student Government**

**Be it resolved that those delegations from New Brunswick who attempted to hijack this general meeting be censured.**

Trent delegate Galinger noted that not all delegations from New Brunswick at left the meeting, and suggested a friendly amendment to censure those delegations who abandoned their student body by leaving the meeting and failing to represent their individual students.

The Speaker asked whether the suggestion was friendly. The mover and seconder agreed that it was.

Malaspina delegate did not feel the motion was necessary since the issues leading to it have effectively, been dealt with.

A delegate spoke against the motion since it sounded rather punitive and urged delegates to simply move on to the business at hand.

**95/05:43 DEFEATED**

The speaker then moved on to the motions referred from opening plenary.

Temelini asked for a motion to table those motions referred from opening plenary that were grouped under the first section of the resolutions package until after the report of the National Education and Student Rights Committee. He said that the committee had considered all the motions that weren't dealt with in opening plenary and a number of recommendations were forthcoming.

**95/05:44      MOTION TO TABLE**

Trent Central Student Government/

Be it resolved that the motions referred from opening plenary that were grouped under the first section of the resolutions package be tabled until after the report of the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**5. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

**Report of the Campaigns & Government Relations Committee**

**95/05:45      MOTION**

City Centre Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following motions CAM 1 through to CAM 9 from the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee be adopted omnibus.

Harter said that the motions should be moved omnibus because the committees represent a wide variety of perspectives and therefore, committee recommendations should be respected. He said that he was excited that it seemed like the plenary was going to have a chance to discuss campaigns. He said that the Campaigns Committee called for an On to Ottawa Trek be organised and coordinated by the Federation. He said the impact of an On to Ottawa Trek would be historical since 1995 is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original On to Ottawa Trek, organized by relief camp workers in 1935. He thought the motion was an excellent way of building on the links that were established in organising for the January 25 day of action. He said the Canada Health and Social Transfer was not just going to affect students but rather the poor, the unemployed, trade unionists, women and so on. He said the On to Ottawa Trek would give the Federation another opportunity to play another leadership role within Canada in the struggle for a more just society. He said the Campaigns Committee did an excellent job.

A point of order was raised. A delegate read from the Federation's Harassment Policy: The Federation does not tolerate harassment in any form. Harassment is defined as the abusive or demeaning treatment of that person which has the effect of creating a hostile or intimidating environment for that person. She said that earlier she had raised a point of privilege regarding the observers, noting that their behavior as observers was creating a hostile and intimidating environment herself and possibly other delegates who sincerely wish to continue with the important business of the Federation. She asked the Speaker to ask the observers to observe from the floor and not from the stairway platform above.

The Speaker called a five minute break.

10.20 pm—the meeting recessed.

10.36pm—the meeting reconvened.

A point of order was raised. A delegate from the Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet noted the presence of their delegation.

The Speaker said she did not feel capable of making a ruling on harassment, and referred to the Federation's harassment procedures. She did say that having the observers gathering in the stairway platform outside the doors was proving to be very disruptive to the meeting. She therefore respectfully requested that those observers who wished to continue observing the meeting to find seating on the floor of the plenary room. She said that such cooperation would greatly facilitate the meeting. She asked those observers not able to take a seat on the floor, to leave the meeting and allow the plenary session to continue. The Speaker said she would allow a few minutes for observers to come onto the floor of plenary to find seats.

10.38 pm—the meeting recessed.

10.40pm—the meeting reconvened.

The Speaker noted her extreme disappointment that those continuing to observe the meeting from the stairway platform refuse to find seats on the floor of the plenary. She strongly urged those observers to conduct themselves as respectfully as possible or else to leave the meeting.

A delegate asked that CAM 1 be removed from the proposed omnibus package.

City Centre Student Association delegate Harter offered to withdraw the motion.

The Speaker said it did not seem to be necessary.

Trent Central Student Government delegate Galingier said he strongly supported the motion since it reflected a real spirit of both discussion and action.

A Malaspina delegate asked the committee facilitators if there were more details contained in the campaigns other than that which is contained in the resolutions.

National Chairperson Caron said that the resolutions were quite broad to allow for local autonomy in their implementation. He said that the details of the campaigns were discussed at length in the committee and suggested that anyone requiring details of the discussions should contact their campaign committee representatives.

Crowley said he was very impressed with the work of the Campaigns Committee, and thanked those delegates who participated on that committee, including those who may be present but not taking their seats. He said he thought the results of the committee showed that the Federation has objectives that unite students across the country. He said clearly the majority of aims of the Federation can be achieved by consensus. He said this was the *raison d'être* for the Federation.

**95/05:45 CARRIED unanimously**

**95/05:46 DIRECTIVE CAM 2**

York Federation of Students/Ryerson Students' Union

Whereas the 1996 Federal Budget will have the largest profound impact on students, on education, and on Canada in the upcoming year;

Whereas the best campaign we could run would be facilitated by both a sustained series of events and a larger focused event;

Be it resolved that a campaign be run that focuses and concludes with the Federal Budget announcement in 1996.

Be it further resolved that a series of events be organised leading up to the 1996 Federal Budget;

Be it further resolved that a major media event be included in the series, to present students' views on the budget, social policy, and education before the 1996 Federal Budget.

**CARRIED**

95/05:47

**DIRECTIVE CAM 3**

Guelph Central Students' Association/Simon Fraser Students' Society

Whereas Canadian universities, colleges and institutes are subject to the problems of many "isms" including but not limited to racism, sexism, sizeism, ableism, homophobia and bi-phobia and that these systemic oppressions are discriminatory and harmful to the rights of all students.

Whereas efforts to promote, respect and recognize the differences among people have recently met with organized backlash.

Be it resolved that an educational campaign, to address systemic oppression within Canadian universities, colleges and institutes, be undertaken.

Be it further resolved that the campaign deal with methods of overcoming systemic oppression.

Be it further resolved that the campaign material address the issue of backlash.

Be it further resolved that the campaign recognize and respect all inherent aboriginal rights and freedoms.

**CARRIED**

95/05:48

**DIRECTIVE CAM 4**

North Island Students' Association/Simon Fraser Students' Society

Be it resolved that an educational campaign on the changes in the composition of the Canadian Labour Force be undertaken.

Be it further resolved that the campaign deal with the following issues:

1. the percentage of change in participation by education.
2. the effect of the changes in the labour sector on the natural rate of unemployment, on the loss of union protection and effect on the wages of the working poor and on the role of the publicly funded service industry.

**CARRIED**

95/05:49

**DIRECTIVE CAM 5**

North Island Students' Association/Camosun Students' Association

Be it resolved that a section of not less than one page of the September 1995 issue of the Student Advocate be devoted to report on the National Day of Strike and Action.

**CARRIED**

95/05:50

**DIRECTIVE CAM 6**

North Island Students' Association/Laurentian Students' General Assembly

Be it resolved that the document Framework for Lobbying be included in an updated version of Organize: Don't Agonize.

Be it further resolved that the updated version Organize. Don't Agonize be included in the bibliography of the student handbook published by the Federation.

**CARRIED**

95/05:51

**DIRECTIVE CAM 7**

Laurentian Students' General Assembly/Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that a series of events be coordinated for National Students' Day on October 11, 1995.

Be it further resolved that this campaign include but not be limited to: the federal budget, post-secondary education funding and student loans.

**CARRIED**

95/05:52

**DIRECTIVE CAM 8**

Camosun Students' Association/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface  
Association des étudiantes et étudiants

Be it resolved that a tear-out postcard addressed to the Minister of Finance be added to the Studentsaver Card documentation, to provide an opportunity for students to express their concerns about the state of post-secondary education in Canada.

Be it further resolved that alternative material be made available for the members who won't have access to the Studentsaver Card.

**CARRIED**

95/05:53

**DIRECTIVE**

**CAM 9**

North Island Students' Union/Simon Fraser Students' Society

Be it further resolved that a single sheet outlining campaigns for the coming year be produced and distributed to all member locals.

**CARRIED**

95/05:54

**DIRECTIVE CAM 1**

Simon Fraser Student Society/McGill Post-Graduate Students' Society

Whereas initiatives such as the Canada Health and Social Transfer are direct attacks on Canada's social safety net; and

Whereas the Federation is dedicated to preserving and expanding Canada's social safety net; and

Whereas the January 25 National Day of Strike and Action demonstrated the effectiveness of cross-country mass demonstration,

Be it resolved that an 'ON TO OTTAWA' march, scheduled to coincide with the presentation of the 1996 Federal Budget, be called and coordinated by the Federation.

95/05:55

**MOTION TO AMEND**

/Laurentian Students General Assembly

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:54 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation, in conjunction with social justice groups, participate in an "On to Ottawa Trek" campaign scheduled to coincide with the presentation of the 1996 Federal Budget.

A delegate said that in some provinces there are no social justice groups already working on an On to Ottawa Trek. He said he did not want the Federation to call and coordinate the effort. He said he wanted to work with others on the project.

Trent Central Student Government delegate Galinger said he had a problem with the amendment, because it removes the word march, which denotes action. He said he liked the reference to the Federation working with other social justice groups on the project. He said he would support the amendment and urged the Federation to interpret the word campaign to mean action.

A delegate asked a point of information to the mover of the amendment. He asked what the primary change was: that the Federation not call and coordinate the event but rather just participate, or was the primary change shifting the emphasis from march to campaign.

The mover said that for January 25, many different things were done. He said he wanted the motion to be flexible enough to embrace different local events. He said he wanted the emphasis to be on the Federation working with other groups and not taking control of it from other groups already working on the event.

A delegate spoke in favour of the word campaign over march because the event may involve more than just a march.

**95/05:55 CARRIED**

Debate resumed on the main motion.

A delegate asked for clarification of why the event was being tied to the On to Ottawa Trek of 1935.

Harter explained that in 1935 there was an On to Ottawa Trek. He said that in 1935, Canada was in the middle of a depression. He said people who were unemployed were rounded up and put into work camps, known as "Relief Camps". He said they were either paid nothing or close to nothing. He said that the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) and the Communist Party organised the relief workers and protested the conditions in the work camps. He said ironically, the government of the day was a Liberal Government which had promised jobs, jobs, jobs, but which instead chose to force unemployed people into slave labour camps. He said the trek was organised and the relief camp workers rode on top of railway cars to go to Ottawa simply to present their stories to Prime Minister RB Bennett. He said the state was afraid that the movement which had the most strength in British Columbia and Alberta would inspire others and so the RCMP was mobilised to stop the train in Winnipeg. He noted that it was ironic that the general meeting was taking place in Winnipeg. He said that there had been a tremendous strike—the famous Winnipeg General Strike of 1919—and the state was afraid that the trekkers would rekindle the spirit of 1919. The RCMP attacked the trekkers in Winnipeg to suppress the movement. He said that the On to Ottawa Trek still inspired people to take action and many of the social programmes that exist today have roots in the On to Ottawa Trek of 1935. He said someone at the general meeting had observed that the 1990's were like the 1930's only in slow motion. He said things were happening, unemployment is soaring, the Liberal government is destroying social programmes with austerity measures and deficit hysteria. He said students and others had to act. He said the amount of right-wing hysteria has increased, that intolerance had increased, and joblessness has increased. He said Canada is facing an

era that could make the 1930's look idyllic. He said Canada has a rich working class history, but in fact the struggle against the degradation of working class and working poor people is very rich. He said some people think Canada's history is boring but from 1900 to the 1930's, the history of struggle was rich and diverse. He hoped that the Federation and other social justice groups would be able to reclaim that history, and learn the lessons. He said last year, people said they had not had enough time to organise for January 25, but starting now would provide ample time for the trek to be organised. He thought it would be poetic justice that Winnipeg would be the cite the Federation chose to call for and organise an On to Ottawa Trek. He said all the work that will go into the march will make it successful, not just the march itself. He said for those remaining in the meeting the challenges were great, and he said he was inspired by the fact that despite all the efforts to destroy the meeting, so many delegates chose to stay and continue to very important work of the Federation, and for a better, more just society. He said that for all those reasons, he thought the links between the Trek of 1935 should be linked to the Trek of 1995-96.

**95/05:56 MOTION TO AMEND**

King Edward Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the motion 95/05:54 be amended to replace the words:  
"scheduled to coincide with the presentation of the 1996 Federal Budget" with  
"scheduled to occur prior to the release of the 1996 Federal Budget".

Kemper said it was her experience in campus organising that there were certain times during the year which lend themselves to large scale organising. She felt that the Federal budget was usually presented in February which is a difficult time to ask students to commit large chunks of their time and energy, since February is mid-term month and since April exams would be approaching. She also felt that reacting to the Federal budget was not as effective a strategy as mobilising before the Federal budget, when it is still possible to have an effect on the outcome. She said she felt the campaign should be undertaken earlier than February.

**95/05:56 CARRIED**

The Speaker said three people had spoken in favour of the motion and called for speakers who were opposed to the motion. The Speaker saw no speakers opposed to the motion and moved to the vote on the main motion.

**95/05:54 CARRIED**

**95/05:57 DIRECTIVE 95/05:N03 campaigns committee**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/York Graduate Students' Society

Be it resolved that the Federation organize a National Symposium on Federal Funding of Post-Secondary Education.

Be it further resolved that the Federation organize this National Symposium to take place in ~~either December 1995 or January 1996~~, within the next twelve months.

Be it further resolved that the Federation organize the National Symposium to focus on the following three areas of Federal involvement in Post-Secondary Education:

1. The role of the Federal funding for post-secondary education heading into the twenty-first century. The contribution of Federal funding for post-secondary education to the National Economy. The necessity of Federal

funding of post-secondary education for the continued development of an affordable and accessible high quality post-secondary education system. The responsibility of the Federal Government for direct involvement in funding post-secondary education. The effects of Federal withdraw from funding post-secondary education.

2. What are the goals of the Block Grant system of funding, what will the Block Grant mean for Federal funding of post-secondary education, what is and what will be the impact of this new method of Federal funding on post-secondary education?
3. A discussion of the other areas of Federal funding of post-secondary education including the income tax system through tax credits, the Canadian Student Loan program and potential changes to it, and finally Federal research grants to National University Scholarship Funding Agencies.

Be it further resolved that the Federation invite all stakeholders including national, provincial and local government representatives, faculty representation, community at large representation, social justice groups representation, other student groups representation to attend the National Symposium on Federal Funding of Post-Secondary Education.

A delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said that after January 25, graduate students from Western were really excited about the Canadian Federation of Students. He said there was a sense of excitement and said that at Western there had been a very successful protest and rally and he stressed that the event was successful for the undergraduate student association, since graduate students undertook most of the organising that had been required. He said there was a sense of action and a desire to do more. He said that at the council meeting which followed, the operative question was "what's next". He said there was a strong sense that the one issue which united students was their opposition to the cuts. He said that the proposal for a symposium was designed to address the question of the Federal government's role in post-secondary education. He said this issue united students, and he felt that it was a good next step building on January 25. He said his student association suggested a symposium as a means of challenging the dominant paradigm constructed by the media. He said that a forum would be an opportunity to put forward the Federation's vision of the role of the Federal government in post-secondary education. He said he deeply appreciated the concern that was raised that a forum such as this could lead the Federation to "cow-tow" to the government, to "kiss government butt". He said he did not see this to be the case, rather he saw it as presenting an alternative. He said he had heard that other student associations were considering doing something similar. He said that if the Federation were to take the initiative on organising a forum, then the Federation could control the agenda to ensure that its vision is seen and heard. He said it was important to emphasize that the point of the forum was not to have a discussion about life, death and taxes, but rather for the Federation to say to government in a forum where the Federation controls the agenda, "This is how the Federation sees funding and government involvement in post-secondary education." He said that in that past few days divisions within the Federation have come to the fore, but when all is said and done, the number one reason why students have united is embodied in the motion. He said the motion was an extension of the spirit of January 25, which challenged the prevailing views and challenged the prevailing ideology. He said that for those who worry that the intent of the motion is to move away from action, he said he would not have developed the motion if that was its



intent. He said that the intent of the motion was to ensure that the Federation did not "cow-tow" to government and that the Federation took control of the agenda. He said that the intent was not to compromise on principles, but rather to present our principles. He said while delegates may be involved in a family argument over this motion, in the end students could stand together on the issue.

**95/05:58 MOTION TO AMEND**

/Concordia Graduate Student Association

Be it resolved that the words "other student groups" be deleted from motion 95/05:57.

The mover said that the Canadian Federation of Students is the only nationally recognized student organisation across Canada. She then withdrew the amendment.

**95/05:58 WITHDRAWN**

The delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said he appreciated the concern just noted by the previous speaker and clarified that the intention of including "other student groups" was to include such groups as aboriginal student groups.

The chair of the National Graduate Council spoke in favour of the motion. She said those who attended the Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan Symposium in September of 1994 would know that the Federation was extremely effective in organising to resist the implementation of ICLRP's. She said that for those who may be inclined to feel that symposiums are a waste of time, she said that the experience of the ICLRP forum showed that they can be effective in proving the Federation's case. She said that the Canada Health and Social Transfer will affect faculty, and although they often take positions in opposition to students, she said that in conference settings they support students. She felt that a forum was opportunity to meld with faculty on the issue of funding for post-secondary education. She said it was also important to talk about regional disparities regarding access to post-secondary education. She said that as a graduate student at the University of Dalhousie she knows that Dalhousie tuition is amongst the highest in the country and any future tuition increases will have a grave impact on access in the region. She said that by talking about regional disparities, there would then be an opportunity to push for a national act on post-secondary education. She said that other committees would be making research recommendations, and she felt that a forum would be an excellent place to showcase such research. She urged delegates to support the motion.

City Centre Student Association delegate Harter proposed an amendment.

**95/05:59 MOTION TO AMEND**

City Centre Student Association/

Be it resolved that the third clause of motion 95/05:57 be amended to read as follows:

Be it further resolved that the Federation, in conjunction with the Canadian Federation of Aboriginal Students, organize the National Symposium to focus on the following three areas of Federal involvement in Post-Secondary Education:

Be it further resolved that the fourth clause of motion 95/05:57 be amended to read as follows:

Be it further resolved that the Federation invite all stakeholders including national, provincial and local government representatives.

faculty representation, community at large representation, social justice groups representation, **native student group representation, Public Interest Research Group representation,** to attend the National Symposium on Federal Funding of Post-Secondary Education.

Be it further resolved that that an additional clause be added to motion 95/05:57 which reads as follows:

Be it further resolved that Federation documents such as Strategy for Change, and the Federation policy manual be the basis for discussion at the symposium.

The Speaker asked for a seconder for the amendment and noted that the proposal was friendly to the mover and seconder of the original motion. She then asked for opposition to including the amendment.

**95/05:59 CARRIED**

Crowley said the motion had not been budgetted and asked for details such as length of time of the symposium, whether delegate fees would be charged, and other details which might have an impact on the cost.

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said that the recent ICLRP forum had about 450 delegates. He said that many students were there, and it ran for two days. He said financially, the forum did very well. He said that if the symposium were held in Ottawa, there would be a significant reduction in expenses. He said if it were done for two day it would not require high accommodation costs. He said that if the non-student delegates were charged a fee and if students were asked to pay a small fee, then some expenses could be defrayed. He said if local student associations covered the cost of sending delegations to the symposium that would also help. He said that the speakers that would be invited would not cost much since they were the Federation's own people. He said the Federation had Caryn Duncan and other strong Federation researchers who could present the issues. He said the Federation did not have to bring in researchers from Australia, since the Federation had competent analysts who could present the Federation's agenda. He said that other organisations could be approached for funding. He suggested that the symposium could be scheduled to take place in Ottawa right after the Trek when many students and people would already be in Ottawa.

A delegate proposed a substitute motion for motion 95/05:57.

**95/05:60 SUBSTITUTE MOTION**

/Capilano Student Society

Whereas traditional modes of consultation with government and traditional attempts to garner media attention have allowed government and media to shape the agenda on post-secondary education; and

Be it resolved that the Federation organise a national symposium on post-secondary education to focus on the role of federal funding for post-secondary education, and on related issues; and

Be it further resolved that the organising of the symposium take into account the objectives of the Federation and the interests of all its coalition partners.

The mover said he noted that the Campaigns Committee had recommended defeat of the proposal and worried that some delegations may still be inclined to defeat the motion. He said that is the rationale for which he proposed a substitute motion. He

thought that perhaps the wording of the motion contributed to the reticence of delegates to adopt the proposal.

Hansen a delegate from the Simon Fraser Student Society spoke against the motion. He said he had two concerns. He said he did not believe that having government representatives at the Federation's table did not guarantee the Federation having control over the agenda. He did not believe that the government would attend UNLESS they could control the agenda, therefore, in an effort to convince the government to attend, there would be enormous pressure to modify the agenda. He said that he therefore felt the proposal was impractical. He said he did not think that a forum would change the government's mind. He said the symposium seemed to be an "educational" symposium but would be attended by students such as those attending the general meeting. He said he thought those delegates in attendance were well-versed in post-secondary education issues and would be more valuable to send individual grassroots students to the symposium. He said he was strongly opposed to the motion.

A delegate spoke in favour of the motion and responded to the comment that government won't come unless government can shape the agenda. He said that if that were the case then government doesn't come.

**95/05:60      DEFEATED**

British Columbia Chairperson Michael Gardiner said he was strongly in favour of motion 95/05:57. He said that in the unwritten Young Liberal Handbook of Canada is a statement that what needs to happen is that another national student organisation needs to be created, and that student organisation needs to call a national forum, and that student organisation needs to set the agenda for the Liberal Party using different terminology. He said that if the Federation does not take action and call its own symposium in advance of that Young Liberal Organisation with a different name and pull off the forum and bring together the Canadian Association of University Teachers, the Canadian University Faculty Association, the Colleges-Institutes Educators Association, and all the other coalition partners that the Federation has and needs to hold on to, then the Federation was in danger of losing them. He said it was vitally important that the motion be adopted, organise a forum and prevent Young Liberals from pulling off the forum and weakening the student movement in Canada.

**95/05:57      CARRIED      unanimously**

**95/05:61      MOTION**

Malaspina Students' Union/Guelph Central Student Association

Be it resolved that the report of the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**Report of the Membership Development & Communications Committee**

The Speaker called on the facilitators of the Membership Development and Communications Committee to present the report.

National Chairperson, Caron, noted that Donald Peltier, who was listed as an observer in the report of the Membership Development and Communications Committee, is actually from Regroupement des associations étudiantes post-secondaires canadiennes françaises.

National Deputy Chairperson, Mancinelli, said he had two corrections regarding the report. He said he had omitted Ryan Atkinson as an observer from Ryerson Student Union and that the committee had recommended adoption of motion 95/05:N33. He said that if the report is moved omnibus, he recommended pulling out MEMB 03 since he had an amendment to propose on the motion.

**95/05:62 MOTION**

/Laurentian Students General Assembly

Be it resolved that that the recommendations of the Membership Development and Communications Committee report be adopted omnibus, with the exception of MEMB 03, motion 95/05:N24, motion 95/05:N42 motion 95/05:N45, motion 95/05:N27.

Crowley noted that 95/05:N27 and 95/05:N31 were the same but the committee recommended defeat for both motions.

A delegate said she was opposed to considering the motions omnibus, and therefore suggested simply considering the motions individually.

**95/05:62 DEFEATED**

**95/05:63 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY 95/05:N24**

Simon Fraser Student Society/North Island Students' Association

Be it resolved that the following operational policy be served notice to the next general meeting under the heading **FEDERATION DOCUMENTS:**

**ORIENTATION PACKAGE**

An orientation package including but not limited to:

- a) a letter of introduction from the National Chairperson;
- b) basic Federation information;
- c) decision making structures;
- d) services to members;
- e) the company we own (Travel CUTS)

will be compiled.

This orientation package shall be distributed to each of the members of the newly elected or appointed executive of members local student associations once annually.

This orientation package shall be distributed within one month of the member local's newly elected or appointed executive taking office.

**95/05:64 MOTION TO AMEND**

Malaspina Students' Union/City Centre Student Association

Be it resolved that the words **f)a short history of national student organisations in Canada** be added to the list; and

Be it further resolved that the following clause be deleted from motion 95/05:63:

This orientation package shall be distributed to each of the members of the newly elected or appointed executive of members local student associations once annually.

The mover said she was not moving the committee recommendation in its entirety because she felt that it was logistically impossible to get the orientation package to

newly elected executive members since local elections were not consistent across the country.

95/05:64 CARRIED

95/05:63 CARRIED

95/05:65 DIRECTIVE 95/05:N25

Marine Institute Student Union/North Island Students' Association

Be it resolved that an orientation package be compiled which includes, but is not limited to:

- a) a letter of introduction from the National Chairperson;
- b) basic Federation information;
- c) decision making structures;
- d) services to members;
- e) the company the Federation owns (Travel CUTS).

95/05:66 MOTION TO AMEND

Trent Central Student Government/Malaspina Students' Union

Be it resolved that the first clause in motion 95/05:65 be amended to read as follows:

Be it resolved that an orientation package be compiled for the May 1996 general meeting which includes, but is not limited to:...

Be it further resolved that "f) a history of national student organisations" be added to the list.

95/05:66 CARRIED

A delegate proposed changing the date to November 1995.

The Speaker asked for opposition to the proposal and considered the proposal to be friendly.

95/05:65 CARRIED

95/05:67 DIRECTIVE 95/05:N27

Western Society of Graduate Students/Malaspina Students' Union

Be it resolved that provincial components/organisations be encouraged to contact non-member local constituency groups concerning ongoing Federation campaigns. The contact will be in the form of a sample of a campaign material and covering letter explaining the campaign;

Be it further resolved that provincial components/organisations may distribute the materials more widely, as the provincial component/organisation sees fit;

Be it further resolved that the provincial component/organisations will inform the non-member local student association executives that the Federation is permitting the constituency groups to run the Federation campaigns pertinent to constituency groups on their campuses.

The delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said that the initial intent of the motion was to have provincial components more actively involved in encouraging non-member student associations to participate in campaigns. He said the spirit of this motion and the next motion, is to encourage provincial components to

contact non-members. He suggested that the Federation could keep in touch with non-members rather than placing the onus on non-members to keep in touch with the Federation. He said it was brought to his attention that this motion could be used detrimentally. He said he recognised the concerns, but asked for amendments that could maintain the spirit of the motions but address the specific concerns noted. He thought that constituency groups in particular may want to become members if they knew more about the kinds of campaigns the Federation was undertaking.

Crowley said he was in favour of the motion but felt a few amendments could clarify the resolutions. He suggested that the a number of grammatical improvements to the resolution as well as a reference to constituency groups in the final clause. There was no opposition to the amendments and were therefore incorporated into the motion [please note bold type and the strikethrough type in motion 95/05.67].

Kapoor, a delegate from the Regina University of Regina Students' Union, explained the reasons that the committee had recommended defeat of the motion. She said one reason was concern that non-members would benefit from the campaigns without ever having to join the Fed Federation.

Lavigne, a delegate from the Concordia Graduate Student Association, spoke against the motion. He said most provincial components, except perhaps British Columbia and Ontario, have limited resources. He was concerned that provincial components would feel obligated to allocate scarce resources to coordinating Federation campaigns on non-member campuses. He also agreed that the motion would reward non-member campuses for their failure to join the Federation. He cited January 25<sup>th</sup> as an example when the membership saw it prudent to involve non-members in a campaign, however, he did want members to always contact non-member constituency groups. He said the emphasis should be on running effective campaigns on the member campuses and encourage other student associations to join the Federation on the strength of well-organised and effective Federation campaigns.

A point of privilege was raised noting that the British Columbia component did have unlimited resources. She said that British Columbia may have more members and therefore more provincial revenue than other provincial components, she considered British Columbia resources to be limited.

A delegate said that while he supported the spirit of the motion—reaching out to non-members—he had to oppose the motion. He said there was a phrase that applied to the situation "free-rider syndrome".

Crowley spoke in favour of the motion noting that with his previous amendments, there was no reason not to adopt the resolution. He pointed out that the motion was already non-binding, insofar as it "encouraged" provincial components, not directed them. He said that the motion called for the option of distributing materials more widely, not that they have to. He said that the last clause simply asked that constituency groups be informed that they were permitted to run Federation campaigns at their local, not that they HAVE to or that the Federation must run the campaigns. He said the Federation should not mind that non-members get involved with campaigns because constituency groups on non-member campuses would be helping to combat oppression on their campus, and that is what the Federation presumably supports. He therefore urged delegates to support a motion that simply welcomes the participation of constituency group members on non-Federation campuses, to participate in Federation campaigns.

Harter asked the Speaker to rule the motion redundant, and referred to Standing Resolution 11 regarding the International Students Commissioner. He read the appropriate section:

The International Students Commissioner will act a liaison between the constituency group and the rest of the Fed Federation and will facilitate communication between International Student members of the Federation and non-member associations.

Harter said that since communicating with individual non-members was implicit in Standing Resolution 11 and also for Francophone students in Standing Resolution 10 the intent of motion 95/05:67 is already covered. He said all standing resolutions include a reference to communication with non-members.

The Speaker said she thought the motion 95/05:67 was more broad, asking not just constituency group commissioners to take responsibility for communicating campaigns but the provincial components. She ruled the motion to be in order.

**95/05:67      DEFEATED**

12.10 pm—the meeting recessed for lunch.

01.11 pm—the meeting reconvened.

The Speaker recognized a point of order from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students.

The Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students delegate said that the wording may be unclear, but that the intention was to embrace the intent of the committee members. He urged delegates to make the necessary amendments.

The Speaker suggested that motions 95/05:27; 95/05:28; 95/05:29 be tabled until the wording is improved.

A delegate from the Simon Fraser Student Society noted that the Simon Fraser Student Society would be removing itself as a mover for the motions 95/05:N28 and 95/05:N29.

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students rose on a point of information, asking whether it was in order to ask for movers for both N28 and N29, since the Simon Fraser Student Society had withdrawn its support.

The Speaker suggested that N28 could be re-moved when the motions are considered later.

The Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students delegate suggested that if Simon Fraser Student Society no longer wished to move the motion, then perhaps it should simply be withdrawn.

The Speaker asked for another mover and seconder.

**95/05:68      DIRECTIVE    95/05:N28**

Whereas the Federation purports to be a grassroots organisation; and  
Whereas referenda are a vast redirection of Federation resources; therefore  
Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to explore ways of ensuring membership referenda at member locals are initiated by petition of a representative number of the individual members of that local in accordance with their bylaws.

**WITHDRAWN**

- 95/05:69      DIRECTIVE 95/05:N29      [moved as amended below:]**  
Capilano Student Association/McGill Post-Graduate Student Society
- Be it resolved that the National Executive representatives of each province be directed to compile a written document detailing the wants/needs likes and dislikes, suggestions, etc. of each member local within that province in regards to the Federation.

**CARRIED**

- 95/05:69      DIRECTIVE 95/05:N30**  
Simon Fraser Student Society/Western Society of Graduate Students
- Be it resolved that a mail out be compiled and mailed to non-member student associations once a year which includes basic information on how to get involved in the Federation.

Lavigne said he opposed the motion. He said he did not believe that one uniform mechanism should be applied to all non-Federation members. He said that which is appropriate to some non-members may not be appropriate to others. He said he did not believe that a mail-out constituted a membership recruitment strategy. He said that while it may have been effective for January 25, a mail-out may not be effective in all cases. He did not think it prudent to adopt this directive because he did not think it was the best way to utilise staff and National Executive resources.

A delegate spoke against the motion, and said he agreed with the previous speaker. He did not think that a mailing to every campus should be mandated.

A delegate spoke in favour of the motion arguing that a \$.43 stamp for a 200 letter mailing would cost about \$86.00. He said if another \$10.00 were added for photocopying and a few dollars were added for staff time the proposal may cost a whopping \$100.00 odd dollars. He said he did not think this was too great an expense but might actually help recruit new members.

A delegate from the Capilano Student Society spoke in favour of the motion and suggested that each member local be encouraged to forward the information to non-members in their area.

A delegate from the Malaspina Students Union suggested an amendment that limited the mailing to no more than a few pages.

The Speaker asked if the proposal was considered friendly to the mover and seconder. It was not considered friendly and the Speaker asked for a seconder for the amendment. No seconder was forthcoming.

A delegate said that while it might not cost a huge amount to do a mailing, nevertheless the argument still stands that some non-members require different treatment, and a mailing cannot provide for any differentiation between non-member student associations.

Hansen, a delegate from the Simon Fraser Student Society spoke against the motion. He said he has often received mail from different organisations and such mail did not cause him to want to join the organisation. He did not think it was an effective strategy and urged delegates to save trees and defeat the motion.

A delegate spoke in favour of the motion. She said it was a good idea to contact non-member, but also thought that the wording was vague and did not clearly indicate what the content of the mailing should be.

**95/05:69      DEFEATED**



**95/05:70      DIRECTIVE 95/05:N31**

Capilano Student Society/Guelph Central Student Association

Be it resolved that provincial components/organisations be encouraged to contact non-member local constituency groups concerning ongoing Federation campaigns. The contact will be in the form of a sample of campaign material and cover letter explaining the Federation membership and the campaign; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components/organisations may distribute the materials more widely, as the provincial component/organisation sees fit;

Be it further resolved that the provincial component/organisations will inform the non-member local student association executive that the Federation is permitting the constituency group to run the Federation campaign on their campus.

The delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said that his local was withdrawing its support.

Crowley stood on a point of order. He said that, as he had noted earlier, 95/05:N31 was exactly the same as 95/05:N27, which was defeated.

The Speaker agreed and ruled the motion redundant.

A Capilano delegate stood on a point of order and noted that N31 contained a reference to membership information and it was on that basis that her local would have supported the resolution.

The Speaker agreed and ruled the motion to be in order, and asked for a mover.

Crowley, a delegate from the McGill Post-Graduate Student Society, said he had been convinced during the lunch break that it was not a prudent motion to support. He agreed that the bylaws provided for enough outreach to be done as deemed necessary by the National Executive.

A delegate from the Malaspina Students' Union said he supported the motion. He said that he saw the motion as encouraging the participation of constituency group members.

**95/05:70      DEFEATED**

**95/05:71      DIRECTIVE 95/05:N32**

Western Society of Graduate Students/City Centre Student Association

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to provide access to the CFSNet to non-members.

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students removed their support from the motion.

The Speaker asked for another mover. The Speaker said the motion was defeated for lack of a seconder.

**95/05:71      DEFEATED FOR LACK OF MOVER**

**95/05:72      DIRECTIVE 95/05:N33**

Western Society of Graduate Students/City Centre Student Association

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to investigate ways to advertise and promote the Federation on the Internet.

The delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said that this motion and the next few motions reflected the fact that Canadian Federation of Students-Services programme directors had noted that the Federation's network was

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not being used as much as it had been hoped. The motion was to improve the Federation's profile on Internet.

Lavigne asked whether the intent of the motion was for the Federation to advertise itself through the Internet or whether it was intended as a means of communication within the Federation.

National Deputy Chairperson, Mancinelli said the intent was to promote the activities of the Federation on the Internet.

**95/05:73 MOTION TO AMEND**

Concordia Graduate Student Association/

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to motion 95/05:72:

Be it further resolved that the National Executive be directed to investigate the use of Internet as a mechanism to communicate within the Federation.

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students suggested that motion 95/05:N34 adequately addressed the intent of the proposed amendment.

Lavigne said that CFSNet has a limited user base and requires unique software which must be purchased. He said that Internet was available through the institution base. He said that CFSNet and Internet are two separate and distinct modes of communication.

**95/05:73 CARRIED**

A delegate from University of Regina Students' Union suggested including the words "in conjunction with CFSNet" to the motion as amended, since CFSNet had certain advantages, like French characters, not available through the Internet.

The Speaker called for opposition to the proposal and declared it to be a friendly amendment.

**95/05:74 MOTION TO AMEND**

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Be it resolved that the following clause be added to motion 95/05:72:

Be it further resolved that Federation set up a home page on the World Wide Web.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:72 CARRIED**

**95/05:75 DIRECTIVE 95/05:N34** [the amended version moved]  
Western Society of Graduate Students/City Centre Student Association

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to find ways to better advertise the CFSNet to its member locals.

The Speaker ruled the motion redundant since it was dealt with in the previous motion.

**95/05:75 REDUNDANT**

**95/05:76 DIRECTIVE 95/05:N35**  
Western Society of Graduate Students/Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Student Association

Be it resolved that the Federation actively encourage member local student associations who have CFSNet to allow promote access of CFSNet to campus groups and individuals ~~access to CFSNet.~~

Be it further resolved that the National Executive be directed to send CFSNet promotional packages to student groups at member locals ~~on-campus and other organizations~~ to encourage increased participation.

The mover said that the intent of the motion was to make CFSNet more accessible to students, especially constituency group members. He said that CFSNet tends to be accessible only through the offices of the student association executive and therefore only links student association executives to other executives. He said the motion is an effort to increase the user base of CFSNet.

95/05:76 CARRIED

95/05:77 DIRECTIVE 95/05:N36  
Simon Fraser Student Society/

Be it resolved that the National Executive provincial representatives be directed to fax/telephone member locals immediately following the general meeting to obtain e-mail addresses to assist in the co-ordination of the national student strike being held in late January 1995.

WITHDRAWN

95/05:78 DIRECTIVE 95/05:N37  
Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants/University of Winnipeg Student Society

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to ensure that the format used in the Studentsaver cards include a mail back section.

Galingier asked for clarification on what a "mail back section" was.

It was explained that it is a portion of the card or enclosure that students can fill in and send to an office of the Federation in order to request more information about the Federation and its activities.

Mancinelli said that the Fall 1994 Studentsaver card was distributed with a card board enclosure which included information about the Federation and it included a section that could be cut and sent in. He said hundreds of students actually utilised the card and the Federation was able to send information directly to these students.

95/05:78 CARRIED

95/05:79 DIRECTIVE 95/05:N38  
Simon Fraser Student Society/Concordia Graduate Student Association

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to develop a distribution system to ensure that Studentsaver mail back requests are responded to.

CARRIED

95/05:80 DIRECTIVE 95/05:N39  
Western Society of Graduate Students/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants

Be it resolved that the National Executive investigate including the Studentsaver cards in member local student associations agenda/handbooks wherever possible.

CARRIED

95/05:81 DIRECTIVE 95/05:N40 [amended version]

University of Winnipeg Student Society/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface  
Association des étudiantes et étudiants

Be it resolved an investigation ~~promoting and advocating~~ to include alternative forms of medicine (i.e. e.g. midwifery, homeopathy and preventative forms of health care) as to users in the Federation's health plan be conducted.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:82      DIRECTIVE   95/05:N41**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Guelph Central Student Association

Be it resolved that a strategy be developed for increasing Federation membership among colleges, graduate associations and aboriginal institutions.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:83      DIRECTIVE   95/05:N42**

Western Society of Graduate Students/York Federation of Students

Be it resolved that formal invitations to autonomous student associations at post-secondary institutions in Quebec regarding membership be presented.

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said that the background to the motion was that there was a sense that the Federation was being taken increasingly seriously as an organisation. He said the motion was developed over a year earlier.

Lavigne, a delegate from Local 83 (Concordia Graduate Student Association) spoke against the motion. He said he recognised the intent of the motion, but pointed out that over the past 18 months, there have been many developments concerning Quebec membership. He said that two student associations had taken out full membership within the Federation, there was a concomitant development of the Quebec Component, and an improvement in the relations between Federation members and non members in Quebec. He said that Federation members worked with non members on January 25<sup>th</sup> and that a new student Federation had been established as a result of the efforts of the student coalition. He said that better mechanisms presently exist than that which existed at the time the motion was drafted. He said he did not believe this resolution adequately addressed membership recruitment in Quebec. He thought the members of the Quebec component were best situated to develop membership recruitment strategies.

Crowely, a delegate from the McGill Post-Graduate Student Society, spoke against the motion. He said that in Quebec, the situation was very much in flux. He said that opportunities do exist for membership development but he said he was not convinced that the resolution addressed the opportunity. He said that the motion, by stipulating that student associations receiving an invitation had to be autonomous meant that those student associations the Federation may wish to attract would be excluded from the motion.

The delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said the motion came up originally in response to Quebec students. He said that if the worst thing that could happen is that the students association might say "no" then it does not seem to be such a bad motion. He said the best case scenario is that some may say "yes". He therefore said there was nothing to lose by supporting the motion.

**95/05:83      CARRIED   [McGill Post-Graduate Student Society noted opposed]**

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**95/05:84      DIRECTIVE 95/05:N43**                      [amended version moved]  
City Centre Student Association/University of Winnipeg Student Society  
Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to provide the  
Membership Development Committee with samples of all communication tools  
for the ~~May~~ November 1995 General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:85      DIRECTIVE 95/05:N44**  
Western Society of Graduate Students/City Centre Student Association  
Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to  
submit motions to Membership Development Committee.

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:86      DIRECTIVE 95/05:N45**  
Simon Fraser Student Society/Western Society of Graduate Students  
Be it resolved that the at-large representatives on the Travel CUTS board be  
directed to ensure that all advertisements of Travel CUTS services include the  
wording "owned and operated by the Canadian Federation of Students."

Crowely (McGill Post-Graduate Student Society) stood on a point of order. He said the  
motion should be out of order, since the at-large representatives on the Travel CUTS  
board are elected by plenary. He said that plenary can direct the at-large  
representatives, but cannot ask them to "ensure" that the board complies since it is a  
separate body. He said the Federation representatives do not comprise a majority on  
the Board of Directors.

The Speaker agreed and asked for the appropriate amendment.

Mancinelli suggested the words "seek to" be added before the word "ensure" in motion  
95/05:86.

The Speaker noted that the suggestion was considered friendly.

**95/05:86      CARRIED      unanimously**

**95/05:87      DIRECTIVE MEMB 01**  
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union/University of Regina Students'  
Union

Be it resolved that a thorough review and evaluation of the Canadian  
Programming Service and its value to members be conducted; and

Be it further resolved that a report of the review with recommendations  
regarding the future of the program be prepared for the November 1995  
General Meeting.

**95/05:88      MOTION TO TABLE**  
Local 9/Malaspina Students' Union

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:87 be tabled until after the Budget Committee  
report.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:87      TABLED**

**95/05:89      DIRECTIVE MEMB 02**  
Laurentian Students' General Assembly/University of Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that a by-law be created stating that a referenda on de-federating cannot be held at a member local campus within two years of the date that a referenda held which results in continued membership.

A delegate from the Laurentian Students' General Assembly said too many scarce resources were being redirected into referenda. He said that his local had virtually been without a fieldworker because she had to spend most of her time fighting referenda. He said there was concern that the process for withdrawing from the Federation was being abused.

Crowley said the motion was a directive but did not seem to be aimed at anyone in particular. He said he was not sure whether a directive could be adopted to just "create" a bylaw, since that presumes the necessary 2/3 support of plenary at a future general meeting.

Mancinelli said that all directives go to the National Executive and is therefore implicit in the motion. He said that the committee wanted to support the motion which would then put the onus on the National Executive to draft the appropriate bylaw proposal and ensure that it is submitted in accordance with the procedures outlined in the bylaws.

A Capilano delegate spoke against the motion. She said she understood the sentiment behind the motion, but pointed out that not all institutions operate on a four year programme. She said her executive changes every year if not every six months.

Crowley stood on a point of order. He said it was out of order because the National Executive was not the body that creates bylaws.

Temelini said that the motion simply mandated the National Executive to draft the appropriate bylaw proposal.

The Speaker said that the National Executive has the right to submit notice of a bylaw amendment.

Malaspina spoke in favour of the motion and suggested the word "proposed" be added before the word bylaw, to ensure that the intent is clear.

The Speaker declared the proposal to be a friendly amendment.

A delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said he supported the spirit of the motion but not the motion as worded. He was concerned that the resolution could be construed as the National Executive attempting to limit democracy. He did not think the National Executive should be responsible for making the proposal. He thought it would be much better for the proposal to come directly from a member local. He suggested that the motion be defeated but that the movers of the motion be encouraged to draft the appropriate bylaw proposal.

A delegate from Malaspina said she understood the concern, however, she thought a motion that was supported by a majority of member locals which called on their National Executive to draft a bylaw proposal could not be construed as being a top down political manoeuvre.

A delegate said he had been convinced by the argument from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students. He said he wholeheartedly supported the intent, but agreed it would be politically more astute were it to come from a member local.

A delegate from the University of Regina Students' Union said she had been convinced by the arguments from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students, and withdrew their second.

Concordia Graduate Student Association seconded the motion.

Lavigne said he was NOT convinced by the arguments from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students but suggested that the motion be tabled until the issue of de-federation arises in the report of the Organisational Development Committee.

**95/05:90      MOTION TO TABLE**

Concordia Graduate Student Association/

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:89 be tabled until the issue of de-federation arises in the report of the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:91      DIRECTIVE MEMB 03**

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union/University of Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that registration of the name "National Student Health Network" be pursued;

Be it further resolved that member locals be informed upon the retention of a new broker for the Federation health plan;

Be it further resolved that written contracts be established with the newly retained broker;

Be it further resolved that the use of the new broker by member locals on the Federation health plan be advocated.

Lavigne said he was pleased that plenary was debating, discussing, and asking questions about the future of Federation programmes. He said that the in depth discussions regarding CFSNet, the Canadian Programming Service, and the Federation's communications strategy has been extremely fruitful. He said he is happy to move on to a full-blown discussion of the Health Network. He said he supported the motion for a number of important reasons. He said there has been confusion regarding the state of the health plans and that a myth has been wrongly perpetuated that the health plans are in jeopardy. He said the health plans are not in jeopardy. He said that the only thing that has changed is the proportion of revenue realised by the Federation. He said that the authority of the Federation with respect to the health plan operated in its name had been established by little more than a handshake agreement with an agent of record. He said that all the health plans that exist with Teleski and Sunlife will move ahead. He said the only thing that has to be determined at the local level is whether the local goes with Teleski or the Federation's new broker. He said that the Federation should pursue its own broker and ensure its authority over the health plan through a **written contract**. He said the National Executive is making the pursuit of a new broker a top priority. He also said that a number of locals have already committed their loyalty to the Federation's new broker and agreed to take whatever steps were required toward that goal. He said he was fantastically optimistic about the Federation's health plan and strongly supported the motion.

**95/05:92      MOTION TO AMEND**

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

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to motion 95/05:91:

Be it further resolved that these efforts be carried out in a timely fashion and should circumstances arise to prevent timeliness.

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member locals are strongly encouraged not to jeopardise the current health plan.

**CARRIED**

Hansen (Simon Fraser Student Society) spoke in favour of the motion. He said he was strongly supportive of the motion. He said that the Simon Fraser Student Society did not agree to enter into a health plan with Brad Teleski, but rather agreed to enter into a health plan run and administered by Canadian Federation of Students-Services. He said the motion addresses his local's concern.

**95/05:93**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 73/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to motion 95/05:91:

Be it further resolved that the Federation not seek to profit from the health plan and that it be run on a cost-recovery basis.

Harter said he had been taken aback by previous comments which implied that the most important issue is the portion of revenue realised by the Federation from the health plans. He said he thought there were other issues that were more important. He said he also did not think the Federation should be profiting from the ill-health of students. He said he agreed with the comments expressed by the Simon Fraser Student Society. He said that the health plan was introduced to compensate for the inadequacies of the health coverage provided by government. He said he was disgusted by the notion that the Federation would profit from the health plan. He said he had been under the impression that the health plan was run on a cost-recovery basis and that if that weren't the case he found it unethical and deplorable.

Crowley (McGill Post-Graduate Student Society) said that having participated on Budget Committee and being on the Travel CUTS board, he could respect the opinions expressed but did not agree. He said that the Federation runs a health plan which is available to non-member locals. He said the Federation runs a health plan to benefit students. He said that the Federation's health plan is available to students at a lower rate than other health plans, in the same way that Travel CUTS sells flight tickets at a better rate for students than offered by other travel agencies. He said that did not preclude making a profit. He said that any revenue generated by the health plan has allowed the Federation to subsidise other Federation services which the Federation would not have been able to maintain. He said he understood the sentiment expressed, but if all Federation programmes were run on a cost-recovery basis, then the Federation wouldn't be able to continue to offer the programmes that are important but which actually lose money for the Federation.

A delegate from Simon Fraser Student Society said she was disgusted to find out during Budget Committee that the health plan was not run on a cost-recovery basis. She said that it was erroneous to compare Travel CUTS which sells travel and vacations both of which can be optional for students, whereas the health plan effectively peddles health which is not optional for students. She urged delegates to support the amendment. She said the Federation should live by the ideals it is trying to convince others to live by.

A delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students supported the amendment. He said it was important to distinguish between the importance of health and the importance of travel. He asked whether the Federation would be opposed to private, for profit insurance on principle. He said that the Federation should recognise the inherent contradiction should the amendment be defeated.



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A delegate from the York Graduate Students' Association said he opposed the amendment, not because he believed that profits should be made from people's ill-health, but because the modest portion of revenue generated from the plan funds other programmes. He said that the financial situation is serious enough to warrant a recommendation from Budget Committee to cancel the May 1996 general meeting. He said that in the coming year, there was virtually no chance that a profit would be garnered from the health plan.

Story (Guelph Central Student Association) spoke in favour of the motion. She said she agreed that it was a problem to compare the profit from Travel CUTS to the profit from the health plan. She said that her understanding is that Canadian Federation of Students-Services is a not-for-profit, non-share capital corporation which runs the health plans and other programmes, some of which are subsidised while others are not. She said that therefore, the Federation is not profiting in the same sense as say, Sunlife, but rather that revenue from one service programme is redirected into another quality service which is also needed by the individual members of the Federation.

**95/05:94 MOTION TO EXTEND THE SPEAKERS' LIST**

Concordia Graduate Student Association/

Be it resolved that the speakers' list be extended to include the National Treasurer.

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said he was opposed to the motion since the opinion that would be expressed would be a strong opinion not unlike the deficit hysteria identified earlier.

Koenen stood on a point of privilege. She said she had been out of the room during the health plan debate and she did not think it fair that the delegate insinuated she would be engaging in deficit hysteria.

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students stood to apologise and said he was unaware that the National Treasurer had been out of the room.

**95/05:94 CARRIED**

Koenen said she did not think it was the purview of this body to determine the profit level of the health plans. She said that commission rates were set by the broker and that she was not sure which broker would agree not to make any revenue. She said the real debate which is within the purview of plenary is not about the existence of profit but rather whether the broker would realise all the profit or whether the Federation and the broker would share the revenue, which would in turn allow the Federation to subsidise such programmes as Studentsaver, the Canadian Programming Service and the CFSNet.

Harter raised a point of order stating that the National Treasurer had implied that her comment would not reflect one side or the other of the current debate.

The Speaker disagreed stating that the National Treasurer had made a valid point of privilege asking the delegate not to second guess what her contribution would be.

**95/05:95 MOTION TO EXTEND THE SPEAKERS' LIST**

City Centre Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the speakers list be extended to include to more speakers for and against the motion.

**CARRIED**

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Harter (Local 73) said he was in favour of the amendment. He said the issue was not about giving the broker more money. He said he felt that a broker could be found who would be willing to attach her/his name and run the programme on a cost-recovery basis. He said his understanding was that one reason why health plans are offered to students is that it benefits the insurance company in the future, because the insurance company name gets exposure. He said the crux of the matter was not how the profit is spent but rather that any profit is made from the ill-health of the students.

Crowely (McGill Post-Graduate Student Society) said that the health plan provides a service. He said that the service was not "good health" but rather, insurance. He said that health insurance is bought by students, not just sick students but also healthy students. He noted that it is because revenue is provided by healthy students that health care can be provided to unhealthy students. He said that the healthy students subsidise the unhealthy students. He said that the whole premise of insurance is based on a calculation of the ratio of potentially healthy students to potentially unhealthy students, of a potential cost of health care provided and an evaluation of an appropriate insurance payment. He said the Federation provides the collection of students, not the insurance. He said that the Federation take the collection of students to a broker who then provides the insurance. He said the broker who arranges the insurance requires a certain amount of commission. He said one way or another, profit will be made. He said that depending on the numbers of students and the negotiating ability of the Federation a small commission can be arranged to be paid from the broker's commission to the Federation, as a form of commission on the business the Federation brings to the broker. The Federation then uses the commission from the broker to subsidise the other essential services offered by Canadian Federation of Students-Services such that, at the end of the day, no profit is made. He said that from a Budget Committee point of view, the health plan has been subsidising Studentsaver cards and other services. He said that if the proposal is to eliminate the health plan revenue, then the proposal is also about layoffs in the Ottawa office, cancelling general meetings and other drastic measures. He urged delegates to be pragmatic and defeat the motion. He said it would be great for the Federation if, one day, the Federation set itself up as a broker and actually sold insurance. He said currently the Federation can only market a plan and acts as the go-between between a broker and a body of students.

A delegate from Capilano Students' Society stood on a point of order. She asked the Speaker to rule on whether the debate was more about policy than a directive. She said she supported the principle of the motion but also did not want to sacrifice the well-being of the Federation. She suggested that it would be more appropriate to move the appropriate policy proposal where it could be discussed at the committee level.

The Speaker agreed that the amendment should be a policy, not a directive.

A delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said he was concerned that after having spent a significant amount of time debating the motion that the effort would be for naught since the amendment was going to be ruled out of order. He wondered how, unless some other political forces were at work, this motion could have been allowed consume so much plenary time if it were truly out of order.

The delegate from Capilano Students' Society stood on a point of privilege. She said she was sorry to not have been more "on the ball." She said she was quite tired and it did not strike her as being out of order earlier.

Temelini said that the ruling was not determining that the plenary had no right to make the decision, the ruling is that the motion properly belongs in the policy manual under Operations Policies of the Federation. The ruling is that the amendment should be

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moved as policy. He said that plenary can adopt the motion as interim policy with a two-thirds majority and at the next general meeting the motion could be entrenched as policy.

Harter said he two points of order. He said if the Speaker has made a ruling then why is a member of the National Executive defending the ruling. He said his second point was directed at the member of the National Executive who is acting as the speaker whose ruling was being challenged. He said the directive would be referred to the next Organisational Development Committee and therefore should be in order. He said he thought the National Executive should not be preventing the plenary from directing the National Executive. He said that if the National Executive member was suggesting that he was totally fascist.

Temelini stood on a point of personal privilege and said he thought the previous speaker's comments were out of order...

Harter said he thought Temelini was out of order...

Temelini said he was not a fascist and that the speaker should withdraw his remarks.

03.16 pm—the meeting recessed.

03.27 pm—the meeting reconvened.

The Speaker called the meeting back to order. The Speaker asked the delegates to make an effort to maintain decorum during the plenary session.

Harter apologised for having called National Executive member Temelini a fascist. He said he was very sorry for having gotten away. He said he still stood on his original point of order, that the Speaker was being manipulated by the National Executive. He said such behaviour was not fascist just contrary to plenary procedure.

The Speaker suggested that the amendment be considered separately from the main motion. She suggested that motion 95/05:91 be considered immediately and amending motion 95/05:93 be considered after the Budget Committee Report is considered.

**95/05:93      TABLED      [by consensus]**

**95/05:96      MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

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Be it resolved that motion 95/05:91 be put to a vote.

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:97      MOTION TO AMEND**

McGill Post-Graduate Student Society/York Graduate Student Association

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to motion 95/05:91:

Be it further resolved that the option of legal action against the previous broker be explored by the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:91      CARRIED**

**95/05:98      DIRECTIVE   MEMB 04**

University of Regina Students' Union/Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet

Be it resolved that the National Executive be instructed to only permit tourism articles for the Student Traveller that feature mainstream tourism information as well as a synopsis of each featured destination's socio-political climate.

The delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said he was not clear on what the intent of the motion was. He said his concern was that in its potential to provide direction, it could also create the impression that the Federation supports things that it really does not.

A delegate from the York Graduate Student Association said he agreed that the wording of the motion needed to be improved.

Kapoor (Local 9) said the Student Traveller offers articles on various destinations. She said the article tend to focus mainly on hostels, beaches and shopping. She said some concern had been raised about an article on Northern Ireland, which talked about the beautiful castles, the countryside and cathedrals, while it failed to note anything about the British occupation.

The Speaker suggested that the motion be tabled until the wording could be improved. The suggestion was adopted by consensus.

**95/05:98      TABLED**

**95/05:99      DIRECTIVE   MEMB 05**

University of Regina Students' Union/University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union

Be it resolved that the Research Bulletin be published and distributed bi-annually to member locals; and

Be it further resolved that the Bulletin include current Federation research, and additional research of coalition partners that would be made available through the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:100     DIRECTIVE   MEMB 06**

University of Regina Students' Union/Acadia Students' Union

Be it resolved that the publication of the Student Advocate be discontinued; and

Be it further resolved that the resources used for the Student Advocate be transferred to funding for other communication tools.

The delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said it was clear that the original goals for the Student Advocate were not being fulfilled. He said that communication with member locals was still essential. He said that the Student Advocate was not effective. He said he had looked forward to receiving the Student Advocate yet when they arrived there were not enough copies of the newspaper to distribute effectively or equitably.

A delegate spoke against the motion and in favour of the Student Advocate. She said the Student Advocate was an underused resource that should not be eliminated but rather that member locals be encouraged to contribute to it. She said she had been part of the Campaigns Committee which was recommending that two pages of the advocate be devoted to coverage of the January 25 Day of Strike and Action.

A delegate from the McGill Post-Graduate Student Society asked why there were no committee recommendations on the new motions proposed in the report of the Membership Development and Communications Committee.

A delegate from the University of Lethbridge Student Union

**95/05:101 MOTION TO AMEND**

University of Lethbridge Student Union/York Graduate Student Association

Be it resolved that the following clause be added to motion 95/05:100:

Be it further resolved that the National Executive investigate an alternative to replace the Student Advocate.

**95/05:102 MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:101 be put to a vote.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:101 DEFEATED**

Clarke (Marine Institute Students' Union) said that a motion had been omitted from the Membership Development and Communications Committee Report and that it was relevant to the discussion underway.

The Speaker asked if motion 95/05:100 could be tabled until the omitted motion has been considered. The motion was tabled by consensus.

**95/05:100 TABLED**

**95/05:103 DIRECTIVE [not in the membership report]**

University of Regina Students' Union/University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union

Be it resolved that the information contained in the Services and Action Updates be combined into one Federation publication in a format for distribution to all individual members of the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that short-term updates on information contained in the Action Update be distributed on a more frequent basis by a fax-out method.

Mancinelli explained that the intent of the motion was to combine the publications into one Federation Update, to be produced and distributed in the same format in which the Services Update is produced, which is a user friendly document that is well laid-out and can be distributed to the membership as a whole. He said the Action Update is currently distributed by fax, and the committee felt that practice should continue. He said the intent is to have two publications for the Federation, one distributed about 4 times per year in a comprehensive, well-thought out, well-prepared and well-produced format and it would be available to all individual members of the Federation. He said the other publication would be a more frequently produced Action Update, distributed by fax every two to three weeks which would include short-term updates on the Federation.

Kemper (Emily Carr Students' Union) supported the motion. She said she had been organising students for a few years. She said the Student Advocate came out about twice per year which was inadequate to fully accomplish its original mandate. She said she liked the format used by the Action Canada Network update which was short, concise and to the point. She said that this motion should not be seen as destroying the Student Advocate but rather as changing the format to be as effective as possible.

Harter (City Centre Student Association) said he did not think that the motion called for a simple formatting change. He said the motion was advocating a content change, which

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was to fuse advocacy work and programmes information into one document. He said that while the Student Advocate clearly lacked vision, he said it had the potential to become a useful publication, perhaps even the alternative national student newspaper. He said he did not think it prudent to eliminate the Advocate just because it failed to meet its potential, he said the debate should focus on improving the content and quality of the newspaper. He said that a political and analytical newspaper did not lend itself to service programme articles and would reduce the effectiveness by which all issues were addressed. He asked whether political students would really be interested in cheap fares to Hawaii, or whether the titles would be more like: "You've heard about the revolution in Mexico—now you can visit!" He said he was speaking against the motion. He said that the Advocate could be a mechanism to organise students for the On to Ottawa Trek. He said students needed an alternative student paper now more than ever and that is where the Federation's resources should be put. He said he didn't think that a regular fax would lend itself to distribution on the scale required for effective organising.

A delegate from the Simon Fraser Student Society spoke against the motion. She said that as President of the Simon Fraser Student Society she could not fathom how she would be able to get the faxed out information out to students. She said she therefore thought the fax-out idea was stupid. She said she was concerned about moving to a new format without actually seeing what the new format will be like.

**95/05:104 MOTION TO AMEND**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Malaspina Students' Union

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:103 be amended to include the following clause:

Be it further resolved that a draft format for the Services and Action Update be prepared and presented at the November National General Meeting.

A delegate said she agreed with the arguments for an action bulletin but she also felt it important to see the newspaper format as a vehicle to disseminate the Federation's analysis of policy and research. She said instead of eliminating the Student Advocate it should be improved.

Bollerup (Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design) said she liked the amendment but also liked the Student Advocate. She said she thought the design could be improved and that it could come out more often but did not want to vote on the amendment if it meant voting against the Advocate.

A point of order was raised. The delegate pointed out that if the amendment were adopted it necessarily means that the debate would be postponed until the next national general meeting after the proposed format is approved.

The Speaker said that the amendment directed the National Executive to present a draft format in November, but that the actual debate would still be entertained when debate resumed on the main motion.

Lavigne (Concordia Graduate Student Association) said he was opposed to the amendment because he disagreed with waiting until November before moving forward on fusing the two publications. He said that if motion 95/05:103 were adopted then the new format could be assessed much more concretely. He said that until a format is actually tested it is purely a matter of opinion as to which format is better so the debate would be very abstract.

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**95/05:104 CARRIED**

**95/05:105 MOTION TO AMEND**

McGill Post-Graduate Student Society/City Centre Student Association

Be it resolved that second clause of motion 95/05:103 be amended to read as follows:

...distributed to member locals on an e-mail, CFSNet, or as a last resort, fax-out basis.

Crowley said he supported the motion as long as it did not replace the Student Advocate. He said that the amendment would help reduce costs. He said member locals would get increasingly used to e-mail technology.

Galinger (Trent Central Student Government) said he lived by e-mail. He said that Trent University is increasingly moving toward electronic mail. He thought it would be a mechanism to reduce the use of paper in disseminating information.

**95/05:105 CARRIED**

Kapoor (University of Regina Students' Union) said the existing Action Updates are currently faxed out to member locals. She said that faxes were supposed to be posted at the local level. She said that the Services Update is well read, it is user friendly, and it is easy to read. She said the committee wanted a variety of information to be made available in the same user-friendly style as the Services Update, but also wanted to continue keeping locals informed through more frequent Action Updates in the current fax format. She said the committee agreed that a distinction should be made within the publication between advocacy work and services work of the Federation. She said the overwhelming sentiment of the committee was that the Advocate was not well-read and therefore this motion is intended to address the concerns.

A delegate asked whether, by supporting this motion, the plenary was being asked to make a decision on the Student Advocate.

The Speaker said that motion 95/05:103 was calling for the fusion of the Services Update and the Action Update into one publication. She said discussion regarding the Student Advocate will be revisited after motion 95/05:103 was resolved.

**95/05:103 CARRIED**

**95/05:100 DEFEATED**

**95/05:98 MOTION**

The Speaker said that debate would resume on 95/05:98 since new wording had been developed.

Elizabeth Carlyle, the Manitoba Chairperson, said she had wording for the resolution but could not actually move the amendment. She hoped that a member local would move the amendment. She proposed the following:

Be it resolved that the Federation require tourism articles in the Student Traveler to include socio-political indicators and other such information.

**95/05:106 MOTION TO AMEND**

University of Regina Students' Union/Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:98 be amended to read as follows:

Be it resolved that the tourism articles in the Student Traveler include socio-political indicators and other such information.

Morgan (University of Guelph) said he was concerned about whose information would be used to provide the "socio-political indicators and other information". He said that using certain sources for such information could wind up actually undermining the intent of the motion.

Carlyle said she had considered the point and said that all information in the Student Traveler could be subjective. She said that if the intent is made clear from the debate then the National Executive and Federation staff should have enough direction to ensure that the spirit of the resolution is implemented.

**95/05:107      MOTION TO AMEND**

City Centre Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that amending motion 96/05:106 be amended to read as follows:

Be it resolved that the Student Traveler feature issues of interest to student travelers as well as a synopsis of each featured destination's socio-political reality, human rights record and other pertinent information using Amnesty International's Annual Report and other reports of human rights groups.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:108      MOTION TO AMEND**

Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design/City Centre Student Association

Be it resolved that amending motion 96/05:106 be amended to include the following clause:

Be it further resolved that the Student Traveler avoid using stereotypical images.

Salemy (Emily Carr Students' Union) said the term "stereotypical images" is vague but thought it better not to move the amendment unless the wording could be clarified. He also thought it to be a problem mandating something that should go without saying. He said he also agreed that there was a problem with the Student Traveler using images that exploit women's bodies. He also said he acknowledged problems regarding images of third world people being used to sell travel and reinforce racist ideas of "exotic". He said he did not think it appropriate to express a sophisticated ideology in only a few words and then asking others to "deal with it".

A delegate proposed adding the words "such as women in bathing suits".

The Speaker said that the proposal was adopted as friendly.

Kemper (Emily Carr Students' Union) said she thought the language was still too vague. She proposed including the words "derogatory images."

The Speaker said that it was clear that more work needed to be undertaken on the wording of the motion 95/05:98. She suggested that the motion be tabled until after the Membership Development Committee report is finished.

The delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students suggested that the motion was so complicated that it should simply be postponed until the next national general meeting.

Harter rose on a point of order. He said he did not want to postpone the motion until the next general meeting.



The Speaker said that Harter's point was not a point of order but rather debate as to when to table the motion.

**95/05:109 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:98 be postponed until the November national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that it be referred to Membership Development and Communications Committee.

Galinger (Trent Central Student Government) rose on a point of order. He said he did not think it possible to postpone a motion until the next national general meeting as Robert's Rules prevented a motion from being postponed to any meeting that would occur more than three months later.

Kemper (Emily Carr Students' Union) read the appropriate section from Robert's Rules. Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students withdrew its motion to table.

**95/05:109 WITHDRAWN**

**95/05:110 MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE**

Emily Carr Students' Union/City Centre Student Association

Be it resolved that amending motion 95/05:108 be replaced by the following

Be it resolved that the Student Traveler feature issues of interest to student travelers as well as a synopsis of each feature destination's socio-political reality, human rights record, and other pertinent information using Amnesty International's Annual Report and other human rights groups as an information source;

Be it further resolved that derogatory images of women not be introduced in the Student Traveler.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:108 REPLACED**

**95/05:111 DIRECTIVE MEMB 07**

Acadia Students' Union/University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union

Be it resolved that a draft example of a Membership Agreement on Rights and Responsibilities be developed;

Be it further resolved that it be included in the Notice of Motions package for the November 1995 General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that it be presented to the Membership Development Committee at the November 1995 General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:112 DIRECTIVE MEMB 08**

Acadia Students' Union/University of Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that member locals that are holding membership referenda, as well as those locals that have withdrawn from the Federation, be contacted to solicit the reasons as to why.

Lavigne (Local 83) spoke against the motion. He said if a member conducts a withdrawal referendum then the reasons for which they did so would be self-evident. He said that is not a positive nor productive approach to membership development.

**95/05:112 DEFEATED**

The Speaker explained that four other motions were omitted from the report of the Membership Development and Communications Committee.

Clarke (Marine Institute Students' Union) said he hoped that the motions would be dealt with in short order and apologised for having lost a page of the report.

**95/05:113 DIRECTIVE [not in the report]**

Acadia Students' Union/Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet

Be it resolved that a brief chronological history of national student organisations in Canada be produced.

A point of order was raised. It was stated that motion 95/05:64 already mandated the production of a brief chronological history of national student organisations in Canada.

The Speaker agreed and ruled the motion 95/05:113 redundant.

**95/05:113 REDUNDANT**

**95/05:114 DIRECTIVE [not in the report]**

Laurentian Students' General Assembly/University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union

Be it resolved that an investigation be conducted to incorporate locally-run student association services into the Federation's Student Association Directory.

The delegate from the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students spoke against the motion. He said considering the scarce resources of the Federation he thought it would not be an effective use of time and energy at the current time.

A delegate from the Malaspina Students' Union also spoke against the motion. She said the services at a member local are used by the individual members at the local whereas the Student Association Directory is a national publication listing resources that are nationally available. She said she was not sure why a student at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design would be interested in what services are provided by the Malaspina Students' Union.

Kapoor (University of Regina Students' Union) said the committee's intention was to foster liaising between member locals on questions surrounding service provision at the local level.

**95/05:114 DEFEATED**

**95/05:115 DIRECTIVE [not in the report]**

University of Regina Students' Union/Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet

Be it resolved that a video of the work of the Federation such as the campaign on the January 25<sup>th</sup> National Student Strike be produced as a promotional tool for membership development and orientation sessions.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:116 DIRECTIVE [not in the report]**

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Acadia Students' Union/University of Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that a review of CFSNet and its usage be conducted with a view to determine its value to Federation members.

Mancinelli said the committee that after a home page was established, then a comparison could be undertaken between Federation members' use of the Web and CFSNet.

**95/05:116 CARRIED**

The speaker said that two motions from the Membership Development and Communications Committee were still outstanding as they had been tabled.

**95/05:117 MOTION**

Emily Carr Students' Union/University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union

Be it resolved that that the report of the Membership Development and Communications Committee be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:118 MOTION**

City Centre Student Association/Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students

Be it resolved that the report of the Students of Colour Constituency Group Report be the next item on the agenda.

The Speaker noted that the translation of the Students of Colour Constituency Group Report was not yet available and therefore motion 95/05:118 was out of order.

**95/05:118 OUT OF ORDER**

**95/05:119 MOTION**

City Centre Student Association/McGill Post-Graduate Student Society

Be it resolved that Viola Cassis and Lancefield Morgan be ratified as Co-commissioners for the Students' of Colour Constituency Group.

**CARRIED**

**Report of the National Graduate Council**

The Speaker referred delegates to the National Graduate Council Report.

Allison Yonge, the National Graduate Council Chairperson, introduced the report.

**95/05:120 MOTION**

Local 9/Local 83

Be it resolved that Michael Temelini be ratified as the National Graduate Council Representative on the Federation's National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:121 MOTION**

Local 49/Local 56

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 19, 3.e) ii. Be amended to read:

provide a delegate from among its graduate student members for the purposes of voting in Council; and

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Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 19, 3. Be relettered accordingly.  
**CARRIED**

**95/05:122 MOTION**

Emily Carr Students' Union/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface  
Association des étudiantes et étudiants

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

**Report of the Women's Constituency Group**

Kapoor introduced the report of the Women's Constituency Group since Eryou had already left the meeting. She said the Group had met and discussed delegates to an upcoming conference of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women. She said the Group discussed mechanisms for liaising between national general meetings.

**95/05:123 MOTION**

University of Regina Students' Union/Lakehead University Students' Union

Be it resolved that the recommendations of the Women's Constituency Group be adopted omnibus.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:124 MOTION WOM 01**

University of Regina Students' Union/ Lakehead University Students' Union

Be it resolved that Karen Eryou be ratified as the Women's Representative on the National Executive for the 1995-1996 term.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:125 MOTION WOM 02**

University of Regina Students' Union/ Lakehead University Students' Union

Be it resolved that Pam Kapoor be ratified as the Women's Commissioner for the 1995-1996 term.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:126 DIRECTIVE WOM 03**

University of Regina Students' Union/ Lakehead University Students' Union

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the Ministry of Justice opposing drunkenness as a defense for acts of violence.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:127 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY WOM 04 [notice]**

University of Regina Students' Union/ Lakehead University Students' Union

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports public remuneration of all homemakers.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:128 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY WOM 05**

University of Regina Students' Union/ Lakehead University Students' Union

Be it resolved that the following policy under Women's Issues be amended:

4. access full, government subsidized, quality child care provided by adequately trained and paid child care workers, since access to education and employment are limited by a lack thereof;
6. concrete programmes for re-entry of women into post-secondary education, to aid women in overcoming the barrier on interrupted studies and non-recognized educational backgrounds;
13. control their own bodies, including but not limited to:
  - the right to an educational environment free of sexual and personal harassment.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:129**

**MOTION**

University of Regina Students' Union/ Lakehead University Students' Union

Be it resolved that the report of the Women's Constituency Group be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY**

**95/05:130**

**MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION [94/11:N18]**

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

In order to highlight the purpose of the Federation and to explain its focus;

Be it resolved that the Preamble be amended as follows:

To organize students on a democratic, cooperative basis in order to advance our own interests and the interest of our student community.

**DEFEATED NO SECONDER**

**95/05:131**

**MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION [95/05:N04]**

Malaspina Students' Union/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1 - Membership; 2. Types of Voting Membership Status; iii), be amended to read:

- iii) The national fees for the Federation shall be \$3.00 per semester or \$6.00 per year, per local association individual member. The fee shall be allocated as follows:
  - a) \$2.25, per semester, or \$4.50 per academic year, per local association individual member to the Canadian Federation of Students, pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association;
  - b) \$.75, per semester, or \$1.50 per academic year, per local association individual member to the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association;

Beginning in 1995, the Federation membership fee shall increase on August 1 each year by the rate of increase in the National Consumer Price Index during the previous twelve months.

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:132 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/11:N13]**

be it resolved that Federation Bylaw 1 (Membership), section 2, subsection a), subsection iii) be amended to read:

The fees for full member local associations shall be:

- a) \$1.25 per semester, or \$2.50 per academic year, per local association individual member of the Canadian Federation of Students, pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association;
- b) \$0.25 per semester, or \$0.50 per academic year, per local association individual member of the Canadian Federation of Students - Services, pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to transfer the difference in funds to provincial or regional components.

**DEFEATED DUE TO LACK OF MOVER AND SECONDER**

**95/05:133 DIRECTIVE [94/05:N54]**

Malaspina Students' Union/Simon Fraser Student Society

Whereas, all national membership fees of the Federations, Canadian Federation of Students-Services and Canadian Federation of Students, are initially collected in the head office of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services and administered by staff of Travel Cuts; and

Whereas, virtually all shared national expenses of the Federations are initially incurred by the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Whereas, it does not make sense to collect national membership fee revenue in the head office of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services while incurring virtually all shared national expenses in the head office of the Canadian Federation of Students; therefore

Be it resolved that the collection of national membership fee revenue be administered by the head office of the Canadian Federation of Students.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:134 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [91/11:49ii]**

McGill Post-Graduate Student Society/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface  
Association des étudiantes et étudiants

Be it resolved that the Federation charge a 10% late penalty per annum to those member associations that deliberately fail to deliver their fees by spring equinox of each year.

Harter (City Centre Student Association) spoke against the motion. He said it failed to take into consideration that colleges and institutes collect fees on an on-going basis and

remit them to the Federation in a similar manner. He said that the motion would discriminate against colleges and institutes if adopted.

A delegate from Local 61 agreed with the previous speaker, and said the word "deliberate" was highly subjective.

A delegate from the York Graduate Student Association also disagreed with the motion and said he did not think that applying a penalty would be an effective disincentive to those members who are tardy in remitting their Federation fees.

Crowely (McGill Post-Graduate Student Society) spoke in favour of the motion. He said that the words "deliberately fail" makes the intent of the motion clear. He said if a member local cannot, on a usual basis, remit Federation fees before the spring then that would not constitute "deliberately". He said that some members intentionally withhold fees and there should be a mechanism to resolve such situations.

Koenen (National Treasurer) said the motion was intended to refer to delinquent members who, to date, have not yet paid a dime of their Federation fees. She said she supported the motion because it was clearly intended to address those member locals who take the money which belongs to all the members of the Federation, invest the money and collect the interest. She said the Federation cannot expect to operate without using the line of credit when member locals are permitted to deliberately withhold their fees. She said that the motion could be amended to allay concerns that colleges and institutes would be penalized.

A delegate asked the Speaker whether the motion was in order since it did not appear to be a bylaw amendment.

**95/05:135 MOTION TO REFER**

Malaspina Students' Union/McGill Post-Graduate Student Society

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:134 be referred to the Resolutions and Translation Committee.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:136 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/11:N03]**

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, Section 2 be amended to read:

**Semi-Annual General Meetings**

The Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation will be held between April 30 and May 31 June 30 and July 31 of each year.

**DEFEATED DUE TO LACK OF MOVER AND SECONDER**

**95/05:137 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/11:N04]**

Capilano Students' Society/McGill Post-Graduate Student Society

Be it resolved that bylaw ii, section 5, sub-section c, be deleted.

Be it further resolved that bylaw ii, section 5, sub-section c, be amended to read:

As nearly as possible, the location of the semi-annual meeting general meetings must rotate among the provinces so that consecutive semi-annual general meetings general meetings will be held in each province.

Galinger (Trent Central Student Government) said he did not understand the intent of the motion.

Lavigne (Local 83—Concordia Graduate Student Association) said his understanding of the motion's intent was to rotate throughout the country, the location for both the annual and semi-annual general meetings. Rather than having the annual general meeting in the Ottawa-Hull-Nepean area.

Kemper (Emily Carr Students' Union) spoke against the motion. She said this motion would dramatically increase the cost of general meetings.

Lavigne (Local 83) agreed with the previous speaker and added that holding general meetings outside the Ottawa area were also difficult and costly to organise and place a greater burden on the staff resources of the Federation. He said that expenses would also be increased due to staff accommodation and travel costs.

Negro (Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students) opposed the motion. He said it was best for the National Executive to make such decisions.

Both Capilano Students Society and McGill Post-Graduate Student Society withdrew their support for the motion.

**95/05:137 DEFEATED DUE TO LACK OF MOVER AND SECONDER**

**95/05:138 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION [94/11:N06]**

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following standing resolution:

**STANDING RESOLUTION #30 - REPRESENTATION**

Each delegate attending a general meeting of the Federation must be authorized by the member local to represent that member local.

**DEFEATED DUE TO LACK OF MOVER AND SECONDER**

**95/05:139 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/11:N07]**

Be it resolved that the following bylaw be adopted:

Bylaw iii, "voting"

Each member association in good standing shall be allowed to vote at a meeting of the federation. Voting shall take place on a two tiered system and each motion must pass both tiers in order to be considered passed.

Tier one allows one vote per school.

Tier two is as follows:

Members with 5,000 constituents or less shall have one (1) vote.

Members with 5,001 to 15,000 constituents shall have two (2) votes.

Members with 15,001 to 25,000 constituents shall have three (3) votes.

Members with more than 25,000 votes shall have four (4) votes.

The number of members of any organisation shall be calculated as: the total fees paid, divided by the federation fee per student. The number of members in any organisation shall not exceed the total number of full or part-time students who belong to that organisation, as recognized by the federation; and

Be it further resolved that subsequent bylaws be renumbered accordingly.



**DEFEATED DUE TO LACK OF MOVER AND SECONDER**

**95/05:140 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/05:N16]**

Whereas, the creation of positions which do not follow the basic democratic principles of the Federation, such as one member one vote, violates the rights of all members; and

Whereas, the creation of special representative positions without the existence of a special education policy is inherently exclusionary; and

Whereas, the existence of a women's portfolio only increases the "ghetto-ization" of female students' concerns; therefore

Be it resolved that By Law V - National Executive, section B (xii), be deleted in its entirety; and

Be it further resolved that all other Bylaw references to this position be deleted; and

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

**DEFEATED due to lack of a mover and seconder**

**95/05:141 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/05:N24]**

Whereas, students have a right to have input into the stands taken by their national student organization; and

Whereas, many students feel alienated from the Federation because decisions are undertaken in a forum they do not have access to; and

Whereas, this alienation leads to frustration and "pull-out" referenda; and

Whereas, moving our decision-making processes closer to the students we represent is democratic, fair, and necessary for the survival of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw III - Policy of the Federation, be amended through the addition of the following:

**Section 5: Grassroots Ratification of Policy**

All non-operational policy of the Federation adopted by the plenary shall be interim policy until it is ratified by the student council or a general meeting by two-thirds of member locals.

Following each national meeting, the National Executive shall forward a list of non-operational policies adopted by plenary to each member local within four weeks of the adjournment of the general meeting.

Each member local shall have one hundred and twenty (120) days to hold a vote on each policy at a duly enacted meeting of their decision-making body, and to forward the results of the vote in writing to the Head Office of the Federation. A non-response shall be excluded from the tabulation of results.

The National Executive shall inform the membership of the results of the vote within twenty-one (21) days of the deadline for casting votes.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:142      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS    [94/05:N15]**

Whereas, the policies of the Federation have become increasingly removed from the local membership; and

Whereas, the policies of the Federation should represent broad-based, grass-roots decision-making; and

Whereas, the policies of the Federation do not currently recognize the unique policies areas of each component of the organization; and

Whereas, the Federation must ensure that policies are frequently reviewed and updated; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw III - Policy of the Federation, be amended as follows:

**Section 1: Established at General Meetings**

- F. Strike and replace with the following: All non-operational policy of the Federation adopted at General Meetings shall remain interim policy until ratified by a vote of local Councils conducted in the following manner:
- i. three (3) weeks after a General Meeting, the National Executive shall send a list of policies to be approved to all voting member associations;
  - ii. the member associations shall take and record a vote of their Council and inform the National Executive within five (5) weeks of the mailing date of the list of policies;
  - iii. should two thirds (2/3) of the member Council vote in the affirmative, the proposed policy shall become the official policy of the Federation for two (2) years.

**Section 4: Policy Jurisdiction**

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

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

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover or seconder**

**95/05:143      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS    [94/11:N30]**

Whereas, Article 1 of the Constitution and Bylaw Preamble, hereafter referred to as the Preamble, clearly states that the CFS aims to organize students on a democratic and cooperative basis in advancing our own interests of our community; and

Whereas, Article 2 of the Preamble aims to provide a common framework within which the students can communicate, exchange information, and share experience, skills and ideas; and

Whereas, Article 4 of the Preamble defines issues related to the as all matters falling under the headings of EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE, OR LEGISLATIVE questions wherever they affect STUDENTS; and

Whereas, Article 7 defines the CFS' ULTIMATE GOAL as an accessible, high quality and more importantly NATIONALLY PLANNED EDUCATION policy; and

Whereas, Article 2 of the Constitution and Bylaw's Statement of Purpose, hereafter referred to as the Purpose, obliges the CFS to represent, promote and defend the common interest of Canadian post-secondary students; and

Whereas, Article 6 of the Purpose clearly mandates the CFS to formulate a national programme that will serve as a framework for coordinating the efforts for representative post-secondary organizations throughout Canada; and

Whereas, the Federations' constitutional preamble and statement of purpose have been overlooked in the past to focus on issues not directly affecting post-secondary Canadian students; therefore

Be it resolved that a Standing committee on the Constitution be created and that same be empowered to rule on the constitutionality of policy proposals, presented by member associations pursuant to Bylaw III, Article 1 and 2; and

Be it further resolved that the Standing committee on the Constitution shall report to the National Executive two (2) weeks following the five (5) week limit for the notice of a policy proposal before the General Meeting, subsequent to Bylaw III and IV; and that the decisions of the Committee may be appealed at the General Meeting by a two-thirds vote, representing 60% of the individual members; and

Be it further resolved that the aforementioned Standing Committee be comprised of the President of the National Executive as well as five (5) elected representatives of the voting members.

**DEFEATED due to lack of a mover and seconder**

**95/05:144    MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY    [94/11:N74]**  
Trent Central Student Government/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following policy by reaffirmed:

The Federation shall adopt all policy in statement form and shall list all policy in the Federations' Policy Manual in statement form.

Dearing (Local 72, North Island Student Association) suggested that this motion be turned into a standing resolution, because standing resolutions do not have to be reaffirmed every year. He said a motion like this one, while important as a procedure, wasted valuable plenary time having to be re-debated and discussed every five years.

**95/05:145    MOTION**  
North Island Student Association/Malaspina Students' Union

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:144 be considered as a standing resolution.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:144    CARRIED**

**95/05:146    MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS    [95/05:N07]**

Be it resolved that Bylaw XV, section 2(b) be amended by adding the following paragraph:

- B. A notice of proposed amendment that is received by the National Executive after the deadline set out in (A) above, or proposed at the General Meeting, shall be given first approval at the closing national plenary of the General Meeting and be circulated with due notices of Constitutional Amendments by the National Executive for final approval ~~at the next General Meeting. Such approval cannot be gained until such time as the proposed amendment is available in both official languages by a~~ vote of the member locals according to the following procedure:
- i. three (3) weeks after a General Meeting, the National Executive shall send a list of policies to be approved to all voting member associations;
  - ii. the member associations shall take and record a vote of their Council and inform the National Executive within five (5) weeks of the mailing date of the list of policies. Non-response by member locals will not be counted in the final results; and
  - iii. should two thirds (2/3) of the member Councils vote in the affirmative, the proposed policy shall become the official policy of the Federation.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:147**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [94/11:N21]**

Whereas, educational concerns are vast, complicating, and pressing; and

Whereas, more meeting time devoted to academic issues may be correlated with more specific direction to the board on academic issues; and

Whereas, a separate forum for academic issues still allows time for non-academic concerns to be fully addressed; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading general meeting agenda, during general meeting time, a separate forum be established to discuss strictly academic issues; and

Be it further resolved that this forum commence after opening plenary; and

Be it further resolved that this forum constitute a substantial portion of the general meeting schedule; and

Be it further resolved that this separate forum include it's own 8 hour plenary.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:148**

**MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94/11:N81]**

**City Centre Student Association/Trent Central Student Government**

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation shall allocate at least one hour for an anti-discrimination workshop at each National General Meeting.

**CARRIED unanimously**

**95/05:149**

**MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94/11:N82]**

City Centre Student Association/Trent Central Student Government

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation shall ensure that the anti-discrimination workshop include a discussion of the issues facing students with disabilities.

**CARRIED unanimously**

**95/05:150 i MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [94/05:N37]**

Whereas, accountability in providing student services depends upon the background knowledge of student representatives of the industries in which the Federation has programmes; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy under the heading "General Meetings: Workshops/Speakers":

At all general meetings where workshops are offered, time shall be allotted for workshops on industry trends, changes and constraints which affect the management of Travel CUTS or any of the Federation's programmes.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:150 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94/11:N80]**

Malaspina Students' Union/North Island Student Association

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation shall ensure that general meetings include simultaneously interpreted workshops, paid for with money allocated in the national budget.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:151 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION [95/05:N11]**

McGill Post-Graduate Student Society/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface  
Association des étudiantes et étudiants

Be it resolved that section 4 of Standing Resolution #10 be amended as follows:

**4. Rights and Privileges of Members**

All members of the Constituency Group are entitled to attend any meeting and speak to any matter or motion that may arise and to vote at such meetings.

Crowley (McGill Post-Graduate Student Society) said his interpretation was that the motion was intended to allow non-members of the Federation who are not members of the Federation to speak at Federation meetings.

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students delegate said there was no reference to non-members.

A delegate spoke against the motion. She said she supported the spirit of the motion but the wording was not clear. She said it could be interpreted that constituency group members do not have the right to vote at any Federation meetings.

Harter (City Centre Student Association) spoke against the motion. He said the motion denied members of the Francophone Constituency Group the right to vote at their own meeting. He said section 3 of Standing Resolution 10 defined membership: "members

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of the constituency group are all Francophone or fluently French speaking members of the Federation who are delegates at a general meeting of the Federation. He said section 5 of Standing Resolution 10 outlined the rights of non-constituency group members.

A delegate suggested that the motion be amended to include the words "all non-Federation members" to make it more clear.

Lavigne said the intent of the motion is to change the voting structure within the constituency group. He said presently, every individual member of the constituency group is entitled to vote; this motion would provide only one vote per students' union. He said he was speaking neither in favour nor opposed to the motion since it would be up to the members of the constituency group make such a decision.

A delegate said that if that were the case, then the motion is not clearly worded. She said it read as if the individual members were going to be denied a vote.

Harter (City Centre Student Association) rose on a point of order. He read from the constitution of the Francophone Students' Constituency Group:

Should any clause of this [Francophone Students' Constituency Group] constitution contradict or conflict with the Constitution of the Federation, the latter shall prevail.

This constitution shall only be repealed or amended by the vote of at least 2/3 of the voting members institutions present at a general meeting of the Federation upon the recommendation of the Francophone Students Constituency Group.

He asked that the motion be tabled until a recommendation can be made.

**95/05:152 MOTION TO TABLE**

City Centre Student Association/North Island Student Association

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:151 be tabled pending a recommendation from the Francophone Students' Constituency Group.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:153 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION [94/11:N31]**

Whereas, Committees at General Meeting are too large and therefore inefficient; and

Whereas, the more experienced delegates get sent to the Organizational Development and Budget Committees; and

Whereas, double representation violates the fundamental principles of democracy by which the Federation operates; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1, section 2 be amended to read:

- a. Each provincial caucus/component shall have the right to elect one voting member to each Standing Committee
- b. Each vote shall be represented by one delegate only.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:154 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION [94/11:N32]**

Whereas, each of the local members' delegates duly represents all its individual members; and

Whereas, in order to be effective, committees must apply the same rules as those in effect at General meetings; therefore

Be it resolved to amend as follows Section 2 of the Standing resolution No. 1  
(General Meeting Standing Committees:

- a) The following groups shall have the right to elect a voting member to each of the committees, each caucus or provincial component.
- b) The following groups shall have the right to elect one voting member to each Standing Committee: each constituency group and caucus constituted under the provisions of their respective bylaws.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:155 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION [93/05:N13]**

Trent Central Student Government/McGill Post-Graduate Student Society

Whereas, federal elections are an essential time for groups like the Federation to impact upon public policy, and to gain publicity; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1 - General Meeting Standing Committees, be amended to add an Election Readiness Committee as follows:

An Election Readiness Committee, comprised of the National Chairperson and one member from each provincial component or caucus, shall be struck three years into the federal government's mandate. In the event of a minority government, the committee shall be struck at the first general meeting following the election.

Members of the National Executive may not serve as provincial members of the Election Readiness Committee; and

Be it further resolved that the Election Readiness Committee receive a minimum level of funding at \$15 000 during an election year.

Galinger (Trent Central Student Government) said it would have been helpful to have had an election readiness committee on Ontario to work on the provincial election.

Crowley (McGill Post-Graduate Student Society) said the Federation can garner a great deal of publicity by mobilising during a federal election and should always be ready to undertake that work. He said he supported the motion but proposed that the amount of money allocated to the Committee be reduced to \$10,000.00.

The Speaker declared the amendment friendly.

A delegate from Camosun College Student Society said the Campaigns Committee is currently responsible for doing the work outlined in the proposal. He thought the proposal would create too much duplication.

Lavigne (Local 83) spoke against the motion. He said that the political terrain changes so rapidly in the arena of federal politics that a strategy developed 18 months before the election could be out-of-date at the time of the actual election. He said he thought that the good work of the committee may wind up being wasted. He said the emphasis should be organising at the local level on an ongoing basis so that the membership is ready when an election is called.

Galinger (Trent Central Student Government) said the motion was not proposing to duplicate the work of the Campaigns Committee, but rather to focus on a specific aspect of campaigns and relieve the Campaigns Committee of that work at election time.

Gardiner (British Columbia Chairperson) said that if the motion was going to be adopted, then the adjective "Federal" should be added into the wording of the motion.

The suggestion was adopted as a friendly amendment.

Harter (City Centre Student Association) spoke against the motion. He said the motion placed far too high a priority—especially monetarily—on an election readiness committee. He said the Campaigns Committee was asked to develop plans for a variety of campaigns for a cost of only \$19,000.00. He said the motion also implied that the Federation did not do lobby work on a day to day basis, but only made a concerted effort once every three to five years. He said he did not want to allocate \$10,000.00 to what could turn out to be an "election readiness debating committee".

**95/05:155 DEFEATED**

**95/05:156 MOTION TO AFFIRM POLICY [94/11:N76]**

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation shall ensure that the agenda of the programs committee be clearly annotated, outlining the issues under each program which needs to be discussed. In addition, the services report on activities shall include a section under each program reviewed, which identifies and briefly explains areas to be discussed in programs committee, and identifies questions or issues which will help focus discussion in programs committee.

**DEFEATED due to lack of a mover and seconder**

**95/05:157 MOTION TO AFFIRM POLICY [94/11:N77 moved below as is]**

Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants/Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation shall ensure that all plenary sessions be conducted in equal parts French and English, and the speaker shall alternate between languages every hour.

**95/05:158 MOTION**

North Island Student Association/Laurentian Students' General Assembly

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:157 be moved as a Standing Resolution.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:157 CARRIED unanimously**

A first nation delegate said it was the last dinner of the general meeting and that the food had been outstanding for the entire general meeting. He said it was an first nations' tradition to thank those who prepared the meals. Delegates responded enthusiastically.

6.01 pm—the meeting recessed for dinner.

7.37 pm—the meeting reconvened.

Réal Déquier a facilitator for the Francophone Students Constituency Group introduced motion 95/05:151, said the Francophone Students Constituency Group wanted the appropriate standing resolution to reflect the practice within the Francophone Constituency Group. He said that that voting within the Francophone Students



Constituency Group had always been one vote per student association. He said the Francophone Students Constituency Group

**95/05:159 MOTION TO REPLACE**

Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants/Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:151 be replaced with the following:

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 10 section 6 be amended to read:

...within meetings of the Francophone Students Constituency Group the voting will be one vote per student association.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:151 REPLACED**

**Report of the Francophone Students Constituency Group**

**95/05:160 MOTION.**

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

Be it resolved that the resolutions in the report of the Francophone Students Constituency Group be adopted omnibus.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:161 DIRECTIVE**

Association étudiante de l'université de Moncton à Shippagan/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants

Be it resolved that the Federation maintain contacts with the Regroupement des associations étudiantes post-secondaires canadiennes-françaises (RAEDSCF).

Be it further resolved that the Federation send the National Chairperson and the Francophones Students Commissioner to this year's RAEPSCF's general meeting this year.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:162 DIRECTIVE**

Association étudiante de l'université de Moncton à Shippagan/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants

Be it resolved that Daniel Lagacé be ratified as the National Executive Francophone Representative/Francophone Students Commissioner.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:163 DIRECTIVE**

Association étudiante de l'université de Moncton à Shippagan/Mount Royal Student Association

Be it resolved that during the decision making process on important issues at the National Executive level, the Francophone Students National Executive Representative be allowed to consult the members of the constituency group.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:164      DIRECTIVE**

Mount Royal Student Association/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface  
Association des étudiantes et étudiants

Be it resolved that the Federation establish links, in consultation with the Alberta Provincial Component, with l'Association étudiante de la faculté Saint-Jean at the University of Alberta.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:165      MOTION**

Trent Central Student Government/Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students

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

**CARRIED**

The Speaker said motion 95/05:134 was outstanding.

**95/05:166      MOTION TO AMEND**

McGill Post-Graduate Student Society/Guelph Central Student Association

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:134 be amended to read as follows:

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Membership, 2.a) iii. D. be amended to read as follows:

Member local associations that deliberately fail to deliver their fees by the Spring Equinox of each year shall be assessed a 10% late penalty per annum.

Harter (City Centre Student Association) said he still opposed the motion. He said that the National Executive cannot guarantee that the provision will not be used unfairly against member locals at colleges and institutes. He thought that this concern should be reflected in the new wording.

**95/05:167      MOTION TO AMEND**

City Centre Student Association/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following sentence be added to the wording proposed in motion 95/05:166:

The nature of fee collection for colleges and institutes will be taken into consideration when making the assessment.

**CARRIED**

A delegate spoke against the motion. She said it would be unlikely that the provision could be enforced and said it is difficult to get delinquent locals to pay that which is required let alone, more than that which is required.

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students spoke against the motion. He agreed with the previous speaker's point. He said that 10% of a member local's fees can translate into a very significant sum of money. He thought it would

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create an incentive for the locals to fight their obligation to remit their fees rather than encourage them to pay. He said he agreed with the City Centre Student Association delegate regarding the subjective interpretation of the word "deliberate." He also said a better way to penalize delinquent locals is to remove their right to vote at national general meetings.

**95/05:168      MOTION TO AMEND**

McGill Post-Graduate Student Society/Guelph Graduate Student Association

Be it resolved that the words "per annum" be struck from the wording proposed in motion 95/05:166; and

Be it further resolved that motion 95/05:134 be amended to read as follows:

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, membership 2) a. iii) d. be amended to read as follows:

The Federation will charge a 10% late penalty on those member associations that deliberately fail to remit their fees by one month after Spring Equinox, subject to a letter being sent to inform delinquent member associations at Spring Equinox of their delinquency.

Crowley said the intention behind the amendment was provide an opportunity for dilatory member locals to put their house in order before a late penalty is imposed. He said MOST locals pay their fees on a timely basis. He said the letter would be a mechanism to discourage locals from investing Federation fees and therefore from profiting from withholding them.

**95/05:168      DEFEATED**

**95/05:134      DEFEATED**

**Report of the National Education and Student Rights Committee**

Temelini introduced the report. He thanked the committee members for their excellent participation.

**94/11:143      MOTION TO AMEND POLICY      [the motion was moved as amended]**

Marine Institute Students' Union/Mount Royal Student Association

Whereas Unemployment Insurance and Canada Employment and Immigration Centre sponsored students are 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 supports the creation of additional spaces for students receiving public sponsorship when federal and provincial governments purchase spaces in College and University programs if and only if this "purchase" does not result in the reduction of existing spaces for non-sponsored students.

**95/05:169 MOTION TO AMEND**

City Centre Student Association/Malaspina Students' Union

Be it resolved that the following sentence be deleted from the policy proposed in motion 94/11:143:

...if and only if this "purchase" does not result in the reduction of existing spaces for non-sponsored students.

Harter (City Centre Student Association) motivated the amendment. He said the intent of the amendment was to de-emphasize the differences between sponsored and non-sponsored students. He said that the motion implied a bias in favour of "non-sponsored" students, and the Colleges and Institutes Caucus had recommended that portion of the motion be deleted precisely because the members wanted to be sure that there was no possibility of bias in the motion. He said the Federation's position very clear without the last phrase but by keeping it the motion risks perpetuating a difference in the status of sponsored and non-sponsored students.

North Island spoke against the motion. She said the final phrase was critical to the Federation's position.

**95/05:170 MOTION TO AMEND**

North Island Student Association/Capilano Students' Society

Be it resolved that amending motion 95/05:169 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the words "if and only if" be replaced by the word "when" in the policy proposed in motion 94/11:143.

**DEFEATED**

Clarke (National Executive) said that in certain places in Canada portions of classrooms are actually purchased by provincial and federal governments, applicants actually apply for these positions and are actually placed in these seats. He said that the sponsored seats are paid on a daily basis and generate more revenue for the institutions in question than tuition. He said administrations are implicitly encouraged to displace non-sponsored students with sponsored students in order to increase their operating revenue.

**95/05:169 CARRIED**

A delegate spoke against the motion. He said that the Federation supports many new seats being created as part of an accessible post-secondary education system, not just new seats for sponsored students. He said the Federation should not oppose the government when it tries to purchase seats for sponsorship.

A delegate from Local 9 spoke in favour of the motion. She said that as an aboriginal student, she said it was unlikely that she and her brothers would have been able to pursue post-secondary education had seats not been purchased for herself and her siblings.

**94/11:143 CARRIED**

**95/05:171 MOTION**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the recommendations of the National Education and Student Rights Committee be adopted omnibus, with the following exceptions: motion 94/11:163; motion 94/11:144; motion 94/11:170; motion 94/11:173; and NEC 08.

**CARRIED**

94/11:65

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Lakehead University Student Union/Emily Carr Students' Union

Be it resolved that the following policy under Student Aid be amended to read as follows:

The Federation recognizes that students with disabilities face systemic inequities. Therefore, the Federation supports a national grants programme that ensures access and that fully funds students with disabilities for all additional expenses associated with the pursuit of their studies.

**CARRIED omnibus**

94/11:68

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

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 MULTICULTURALISM:

The Federation supports an immigration policy that further strengthens the multicultural nature of the Canadian Society.

The Federation denounces all government proposals and legislation and political party positions that undermine Canada's multicultural identity.

**CARRIED omnibus**

95/05:172

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [95/05:N01]**

Lethbridge Students' Union/Simon Fraser Student Society

Whereas the existing method of identifying Federation support for boycotts is cumbersome; and

Whereas boycotts are effective only if members are aware of them;

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

The Federation will maintain an unfair practice list titled: Unfair Practices that contains all current Federation policy boycotts.

This list will include a brief explanation of the boycott, and will be updated and sent to all member locals after each general meeting.

**CARRIED omnibus**

95/05:173

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [95/05:NO2]**

Lethbridge Students' Union/Simon Fraser Student Society

Whereas Famous Players Theatres has locked out its Alberta projectionists (members of IATSE, International Association of Theatre and Service Employees); and

Whereas Famous Players Theatres is demanding wage roll-backs of up to 67%; and

Whereas Alberta may prove as a testing ground for labour disputes in constituencies without replacement worker legislation;

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following policy statement under the heading, "Unfair Practice":

The Federation supports a boycott of Famous Players Theatres.

**CARRIED**

**94/11:152     MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Trent Central Student Government/University of Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that policy (93/05:244) under the heading "International Issues" be amended to read as follows:

The Federation supports recognition of rape as a war crime.

**CARRIED     omnibus**

**94/11:169     MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY**

Camosun Student Society/University of Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that the following policy (93/05:250) under the heading "International Issues" be reaffirmed as amended:

The Federation shall participate in the boycott of Pepsico and Coca-Cola and all their subsidiaries.

**CARRIED     omnibus**

**94/11:153     MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Camosun Student Society/University of Regina 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.

**CARRIED     omnibus**

**94/11:154     MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Camosun Student Society/University of Regina Students' Union

Be it resolved that the following statement (90/10:16) under the heading "Accessibility" be deleted:

The Federation adheres to the following definitions of quality and accessibility:

Be it further resolved that the subsection entitled "Quality" be deleted; and

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, communicate 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 up to date 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 assistants, and staff who are fairly and adequately recompensed for their work;
5. access to democratic processes and the right to appeal as defined in the 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.

**CARRIED    omnibus**

**93/05:177**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Acadia Student Union/Simon Fraser Student Society

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.

**DEFEATED    omnibus**

**95/05:174**

**MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N47]**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation supports the creation of a Universal Declaration of Student and Academic Rights

**CARRIED    omnibus**

**95/05:175**

**MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N48]**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation, recognizing post-secondary education as an aboriginal and treaty right, supports the rights of aboriginal students to:

1. access to funding that ensures the opportunity to participate in, and complete, a quality post-secondary education;

2. an education which reflects the lifestyle and needs of aboriginal communities; and
3. the recognition and utilization of aboriginal languages as an option for college and university language requirements.

**CARRIED    omnibus**

**95/05:176    MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N49]**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation supports First Nations Students initiatives to hold a National First Students gathering.

**DEFEATED    omnibus**

**95/05:177    MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N50]**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation strongly encourages the Federal government to adopt a Post-Secondary Education Act that encompasses the principles outlined in the Federation Preamble and in the Federation's Declaration of Students' Rights.

**CARRIED    omnibus**

**95/05:178    MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N51]**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation supports the establishment, by the Federal government, of a standing National Advisory Council on Post-Secondary Education which would include representation from the Federation.

**CARRIED    omnibus**

**95/05:179    MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N52]**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation supports the democratisation of the governing boards of post-secondary institutions and supports the right of representatives of students' associations to participate in the decision making process. The Federation believes that Colleges and Universities exist to serve students. Therefore, the Federation supports increasing voting representation of students in governance to fifty percent.

**CARRIED    omnibus**

**95/05:180    MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N53]**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:



The Federation condemns any actions, be they military, economic or political, which may serve to compromise or destroy any nation sovereignty, and supports the action of any country if said actions are for the betterment of the way of life of the people of that country.

**REDUNDANT omnibus**

- 95/05:181 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N54]**  
Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society  
Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:  
The Federation supports the efforts of the "Students Support Mozambique" organisation to improve conditions for students in South Africa.

**DEFEATED omnibus**

- 95/05:182 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N55]**  
Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society  
Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:  
The Federation is strongly opposed to forcing international students to pay a fee in order to obtain a work permit.

**CARRIED omnibus**

- 95/05:183 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N56]**  
Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society  
Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:  
The Federation encourages member local associations to try to integrate the national campaigns of the Federation with those of l'Association nationale des des étudiantes et étudiants du Québec (ANEEQ), wherever possible.

**DEFEATED omnibus**

- 95/05:184 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N57]**  
Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society  
Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:  
The Federation opposes any government proposals for consumption taxes since such taxes are regressive and detrimental to post-secondary students.

**CARRIED omnibus**

- 95/05:185 MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [95/05:N58]**  
Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society  
Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:  
The Federation opposes any "rebate percentage" of a consumption tax, such as the Goods and Services Tax, which fails to recognize the actual costs incurred by individual universities and colleges.

**CARRIED omnibus**

- 95/05:186 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY NEC-01**

**Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Student Association/Local 5**

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

In budgetary issues the Federation upholds the following principles:

1. A commitment to full employment. Fostering the creation of jobs and the prevention of job losses should be the number one economic concern of government, with the reduction of youth unemployment given special attention.
2. A more equitable distribution of income and wealth. This can be achieved through a fairer tax system and more effort and resources put into the eradication of poverty and inequality, especially among children, single parent families, visible minorities, the working poor, single employable males, people with disabilities, Aboriginal peoples and immigrants.
3. Economic equality between men and women. All individuals and families must be treated equally, including same-sex and non-traditional families.
4. The protection and enhancement of basic labour rights. The rights of collective bargaining, organising, workplace safety, job security, and other essential rights of workers that have been eroded in Canada, especially in the public sector, must be restored and strengthened.
5. Safeguarding and improving of the environment. This goal must be given a greater priority, both nationally and internationally.
6. Policies proposed to help Canadians should not exploit or take advantage of people in other countries.
7. The crucial and constructive role of public services must be recognized, and steps taken to protect and enhance these services.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:187 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY NEC-02**  
**Local 5/Local 71**

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the annual creation of an alternative Federal Budget.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:188 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY NEC-03**  
**Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Student Association/Local 71**

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes Bill C-76 and the creation of the block funding scheme called the Canada Health and Social Transfer for the following reasons:

- a. the undermining of national standards and social programs
- b. the reduction of funding to post-secondary education and social programs.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:189**

**DIRECTIVE NEC-04**

Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Student Association/Local 71

Be it resolved that the Federation not compete with stakeholders from other sectors affected by the Canada Health and Social Transfer.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:190**

**DIRECTIVE NEC-05**

Malaspina Students' Union/Local 7

Be it resolved that the Federation work in solidarity with organizations from other sectors affected by the Canada Health and Social Transfer to oppose the implementation of Bill C-76.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:191**

**DIRECTIVE NEC-06**

Local 9/Local 7

Be it resolved that the following research be undertaken:

1. the impact of Bill C-76 on graduate studies in Canada
2. the implications of the structural changes which have taken place in the federal granting councils' methods of funding graduate research
3. the supervision of graduate students in Canadian universities
4. the demographic profile of graduate students in Canada. Such research would include but not be limited to: income, work status, family status and research activities.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:192**

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY NEC-07**

Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design/Local 71

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the creation of an employment strategy which includes but is not limited to the following initiatives:

1. employment sabbaticals
2. job sharing of any kind
3. benefits for part-time employment
4. the mobility of vested pensions
5. the recognition that workforce participation involves continuing education programs paid for by the employer

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:193**

**DIRECTIVE NEC-09**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society

Whereas the alternative budget put out by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and CHOICES realistically address post-secondary education concerns; and

Whereas this budget is consistent with the Federation's principles;

Be it resolved that the 1995 Alternative Budget be actively promoted by the Federation.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:194 DIRECTIVE NEC-10**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following research be undertaken:

The evolution of student debt-load in all provinces and territories since 1990.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:195 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY NEC-11**

Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Student Association /Capilano Student Society

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes any private or corporate donation that calls into question the decision making autonomy of post-secondary institutions. The Federation opposes the use of these donations as a replacement for public funding.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:196 DIRECTIVE NEC-12**

McGill Post-Graduate Student Society/Capilano Student Society

Be it resolved that a letter be written to *Chatelaine* Magazine expressing the Federation's opposition and disappointment in regards to their naming Peggy Witte, President of Royal Oak Mines, "Woman of the Year."

**CARRIED omnibus**

**94/11:144 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Emily Carr Students' Union/Mount Royal Student Association

Whereas students attending private institutions often receive large loans through the Canada 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 programmes 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 moneys for private institutions.

A delegate from the Simon Fraser Student Society asked why the committee had recommended defeat.

Temelini said the committee had appreciated the spirit of the motion but recommended that it be defeated until better wording could be developed. He said that a number of universities in Canada are privately chartered. He said McGill University and Dalhousie University, for example, were privately chartered, and therefore not technically a public institution. He said such universities are private institutions that are publicly funded. He said the public funding actually ensures access. He said if the intent of the motion was to promote the "public-isation" of private institutions the committee was in agreement.

He said the concern was that the motion actually said that the government should stop funding institutions like McGill and Dalhousie. He said the committee did not have time to develop effective wording.

**94/11:144 DEFEATED**

**94/11:170 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 71/Local 9

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 and patriarchal society which discriminates against the working class, the working poor, the unemployed, and women 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.

**95/05:197 MOTION TO AMEND**

University of Winnipeg Student Association/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants

Be it resolved that the policy proposed in motion 94/11:170 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation recognizes that Canada is a classist and patriarchal society which discriminates against the following groups, but is not limited to those groups: the working class, the working poor, the unemployed, and women.

A delegate from Simon Fraser Student Society said she was opposed to the motion because it diluted the meaning of the term 'class'. She said that class is about socio-economic position in society regardless of race, gender, etc. She said that this policy represented the only policy which refers explicitly to class. She encouraged delegates to move other motions regarding other marginalised groups if they so desired.

A delegate from Local 72 spoke against the motion. He said the Federation already had policy on constituency groups' particular barriers to accessible post-secondary education. He said it is important for the Federation to have at least one clear policy on class.

**95/05:197 WITHDRAWN**

**95/05:198 MOTION TO AMEND**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Laurentian Students General Society

Be it resolved that the policy wording in motion 94/11:170 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation recognizes that Canada is a classist society which discriminates against the working class, the working poor, and all the unemployed 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.

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said that patriarchy is an element of classism. He also said that when one speaks of "working poor" who else

but single mothers come to mind. He said that when one considers class, do we not also think of women. He said that if the policy cites women, then the policy should also cite other constituency groups. He said the point is that within the concept of class are women, people of colour, people with disabilities, lesbian, gay and bisexual people and so on.

Harter said he opposed including the word "all" before the word unemployed. He did not want the motion to refer to unemployed bankers or stock brokers. He said stating "all" unemployed was contrary to a class analysis.

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said he it was important to include reference to all the under classes, including the unemployed. He said he disagreed with the definition of class put forward by the previous speaker.

Harter asked for an apology from the delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students for suggesting that his definition was limited. He said he had lived on the streets for many years and considered himself to be working class and said it was inappropriate for someone else to explain the issue of class to him.

A delegate from Emily Carr Students' Union asked the Speaker to wrap up the debate as it was an esoteric ideological debate requiring too high a level of theoretical understanding.

**95/05:199      MOTION TO REPLACE**

Simon Fraser Student Society/

Be it resolved that the following motion replace motion 95/05:198:

Be it resolved that the policy wording in motion 94/11:170 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. An accessible education should allow the individual student to chose the education of their choice.

**95/05:199      CARRIED**

**94/05:170      CARRIED**

9.05 pm—the meeting recessed.

9.13 pm—the meeting reconvened.

**95/05:200      MOTION**

Emily Carr Students Union/Trent Central Student Government

Be it resolved that plenary be extended until 10:30 pm.

**CARRIED**

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students noted his concern that the report of the Organizational Development Committee was not yet available.

**94/11:173      MOTION TO AMEND POLICY HEADING**

McMaster Student Union/

Be it resolved that the following policy (92/11:89) under the heading "Accessibility" be deleted:

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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.

**DEFEATED**

95/05:201

**DIRECTIVE NEC 08** [moved as is below]  
Local 71/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the following research be undertaken:

An estimation of the probably consequences of the effects of the Canada Health and Social Transfer on:

1. small universities
2. colleges and institutes
3. women
4. part-time and mature students
5. artists
6. students of colour
7. international students
8. aboriginal students
9. students with special needs
10. working class
11. working poor

**CARRIED**

Temelini concluded by saying he hoped that, as a result of its decision to name Peggy Witte—President of Royal Oak Mines—as "Woman of the Year", Chatelaine Magazine would be boycotted by all Federation members.

95/05:202

**MOTION**

Malaspina Students' Union/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that the report of the National Education and Student Rights Committee be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**Report of the Aboriginal Students Constituency Group**

95/05:203

**MOTION**

Malaspina Students' Union/University of Victoria Students' Society

Be it resolved that the recommendations of the Aboriginal Students' Constituency Group be adopted omnibus.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:204 DIRECTIVE AB01**

Malaspina Students' Union/University of Victoria Students' Society  
Be it resolved that Renee Shilling be ratified as Aboriginal Students Representative on the National Executive for the 1995 -96 term.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:205 DIRECTIVE AB02**

Malaspina Students' Union/University of Victoria Students' Society  
Be it resolved that Mansell Griffin be ratified as Aboriginal Students Commissioner.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:206 DIRECTIVE AB03**

Malaspina Students' Union/University of Victoria Students' Society  
Be it resolved that the National Executive Aboriginal Students Representative be directed to run a campaign entitled "Get Involved."

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:207 DIRECTIVE AB04**

Malaspina Students' Union/University of Victoria Students' Society  
Whereas the Aboriginal Students Constituency Group supports a unified student movement in Canada; and  
Whereas approximately ninety (90) percent of the colleges and universities in Canada have aboriginal student associations; and  
Whereas there are many aboriginal students enrolled in First Nations institutions which are currently not members of the Canadian Federation of Students; and  
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students will benefit from expanding its membership; and  
Be it resolved that the National Executive Aboriginal Students Representative be directed to contact Aboriginal student associations and aboriginal institutions and encourage them to take up prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students; and  
Be it further resolved that this membership drive be funded through the National Executive expenses.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:208 DIRECTIVE AB05**

Malaspina Students' Union/University of Victoria Students' Society  
Whereas aboriginal students are under represented in Post Secondary Institutions in Canada; and  
Whereas aboriginal students are under represented by Student Associations; and



Whereas aboriginal students are under represented within the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Whereas this is unacceptable; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to include aboriginal students in their delegations for the annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, to be held in the fall of 1995.

**CARRIED omnibus**

**95/05:209 MOTION**

Capilano Student Society/Concordia Graduate Student Association

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

**CARRIED**

Kemper (Emily Carr Students' Union) read a statement into the minutes. She apologized for the manner in which she expressed her observation that the results of a number of votes had been identical and her desire to move on to the next item of business.

**Report of the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group**

Parson (University of Winnipeg Students' Association) presented an oral report. He said the goals of the Group were: to create mechanisms for greater communication among students with disabilities on campuses across Canada, exploring mechanisms to ensure more students with disabilities get involved at the local, provincial and national levels of the Federation. He said the group had identified strategies to realise the goals included: the creation of students with disabilities constituency group e-mail list serve, liaise with the National Educational Association of Disabled Students.

**95/05:210 DIRECTIVE**

University of Winnipeg Students Association/Malaspina Students' Union

Be it resolved that Preston Parsons and Caroline Barsolotti be ratified as the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group Co-commissioners for 1995-96.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:211 DIRECTIVE**

University of Winnipeg Students Association/Lakehead University Students' Union

Whereas the National Executive response to the question regarding access to university by disabled students was inadequate at best; and

Whereas this inadequate response may arise from a lack of identification with these students;

Be it resolved that at the November general meeting each National Executive be required to spend the entire second day of the conference from first waking up in the morning to going to bed at night in a wheelchair.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:212 I MOTION**

Trent Central Student Government/Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Student Association

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

**CARRIED**

**Report of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Constituency Group Report**

Salemy and Miniely introduced the report. He noted that Richard Hansen was not an in-coming Co-commissioner as it appears in the report. Lee-Anne Clarke noted that her name had been spelled incorrectly in the report. She also noted that the high school student in British Columbia who had been disciplined was suspended, not expelled for wearing a skirt.

**95/05:212 MOTION**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Trent Central Student Government

Be it resolved that the recommendations of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Constituency Group be adopted omnibus.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:213 DIRECTIVE LGB01**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Trent Central Student Government

Be it resolved that all members be encouraged to send letters to Minister of Justice Allan Rock and local MP's, encouraging them to support the extension of common-law partnership benefits to same-sex partners.

**95/05:214 DIRECTIVE LGB02**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Trent Central Student Government

Be it resolved that all member locals be encouraged to circulate petitions calling for the inclusion of "sexual orientation" in Bill C-41 (Hate Crimes Legislation) and in the Canadian Human Rights Act.

**95/05:215 DIRECTIVE LGB03**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Trent Central Student Government

Be it resolved that a campaign be implemented to expand the definition of family, in an attempt to promote all sizes and kinds of families, include same-sex partnerships.

**95/05:216 DIRECTIVE LGB04**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Trent Central Student Government

Whereas the Federation recognizes this expulsion to be a violation of human rights motivated by homophobia, and;

Whereas the Federation believes that students should have the access to education regardless of sexual orientation, therefore;

Be it resolved that the National Executive and any other sympathizers be directed to don skirts or dresses in solidarity with this student and in support of gender-defiant dressing; and

Be it further resolved that this directive remain in effect for Closing Plenary, or any portion thereof, on the day of May 30, 1995.

**95/05:217 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY LGB05**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Trent Central Student Government

The Federation defines family as any individual or group of individuals who choose/s to name himself/herself/themselves as "family."

**95/05:218 DIRECTIVE LGB06**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Trent Central Student Government

Be it resolved that the Federation register the Federation as an institutional member of EGALÉ (Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere)

**95/05:219 DIRECTIVE LGB07**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Trent Central Student Government

Whereas sexual orientation (gays, lesbians, and bisexuals) constitutes an identifiable group within society; and

Whereas these groups experience harassment, discrimination, physical violence, verbal abuse, threats to life, limb and security, and degradation due to their membership in this group; and

Whereas current governmental hate crimes legislation does not recognize sexual orientation; and

Whereas legislation is currently before the government to include sexual orientation in the definition of hate crimes; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Bill C-41– with the inclusion of sexual orientation—be supported.

Be it further resolved that the following petition, be circulated:

**PETITION**

We the undersigned support the inclusion of sexual orientation of Bill C-41.

Name (please print)	Address	Signature
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**95/05:220 DIRECTIVE LGB08**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Trent Central Student Government

Whereas legislation is currently before members of parliament to ammend the Human Rights Act to include sexual orintation; and

Whereas without this inclusion, persons of differing sexual orientation are not afforded the same protection under the law as heterosexual persons; therfore,

Be it resolved that the inclusion of sexual orientation in the Human Rights Act be supported; and

Be it further resolved that the following petition be circulated:

**PETITION**

We the undersigned support the inclusion of sexual orientation in the Human Rights Act.

Name (please print)	Address	Signature
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**95/05:221 MOTION [not in report]**

Emily Carr Students' Union/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface  
Association des étudiantes et étudiants

Be it resolved that Patrice Miniely and Mohammed Salemy be ratified as the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Constituency Group Co-commissioners for the 1995-96 term.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:222**

**MOTION**

Trent Central Student Government/McGill Post-Graduate Student Society

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

**CARRIED**

**Report of the Part-Time and Mature Students Constituency Group**

**95/05:223**

**MOTION**

Guelph Graduate Student Association/Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet

Be it resolved that Jennifer Bricker be ratified as the Part-time and Mature Students Constituency Group Commissioner.

**CARRIED**

**Report of the Organizational Development Committee**

Lavigne (Concordia Graduate Student Association) presented the report on behalf of the committee.

**95/05:224**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/11:N01]**

Concordia Graduate Student Association/

Be it resolved that the following change be inserted in Bylaw 1 between Section 2iii) and iv) of Canadian Federation of Students Bylaws:

Member locals of the Canadian Federation of Students must also be member locals of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services;  
and

Be it further resolved that all subsequent sections of the Canadian Federation of Students Bylaw 1 Section 2 be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that the following change be inserted in Bylaw 1 Section 2 between subsection iii) and iv) of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services bylaws:

Member locals of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services must also be member locals of the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Be it further resolved that all subsequent subsections of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services Bylaw 1 Section 2 be renumbered accordingly.

Lavigne said the committee was concerned that by adopting the proposed bylaw amendment, it would be prejudicing the outcome of the legal opinion regarding membership in the Federations under the current wording.

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**95/05:225**

**MOTION TO REFER**

Concordia Graduate Student Association/Trent Central Student Government

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:224 be referred to the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:226**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS 95/05:N04**

Concordia Graduate Student Association/

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1 - Membership; 2.a) Types of Voting Membership Status; iii), be amended to read:

- iii) The ~~national~~ fees for the Federation shall be \$3.00 per semester or \$6.00 per year, plus the appropriate provincial component fee per local association individual member. The fee shall be allocated as follows:
  - a) \$2.25, per semester, or \$4.50 per academic year, per local association individual member to the Canadian Federation of Students, pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association;
  - b) \$.75, per semester, or \$1.50 per academic year, per local association individual member to the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association;
  - c) the applicable provincial component fee.

Beginning in 1995, the Federation membership fee shall increase on August 1 each year by the rate of increase in the National Consumer Price Index during the previous twelve months.

**DEFEATED**

**93/05:42I**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [moved as amended below]**

University of Victoria Student Society/North Island Student Association

Be it resolved that By-law I - Membership, Section 2 A(iii), be amended to read:

- iii) The fees for full member local associations shall be:
  - \$3.00 per semester, or \$6.00 per academic year, per local association individual member of the Canadian Federation of Students/Canadian Federation of Students-Services, prorated as per the policy of the member local association; and
  - the applicable provincial component fee;
  - Beginning in 1995, the Federation membership fee shall increase on August 1 each year by the rate of increase in the National Consumer Price Index during the previous twelve months.

**CARRIED**

**93/05:41**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

University of Victoria Student Society/North Island Student Association

Whereas, the dual incorporation of the Federations - the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services - is confusing and facilitates misconceptions externally and internally; and

Whereas, the amalgamation of the Federations would eliminate repetitive bureaucracy and standardize operating procedures; and

Whereas, the amalgamation of the Federations would consolidate the finances simplifying the budgeting process and enabling the efficient allocation of resources;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-Services be dissolved; and

Be it further resolved that all the assets of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services be transferred to the Canadian Federation of Students.

**95/05:227**

**MOTION TO REPLACE**

Concordia Graduate Student Association/Malaspina Students' Union

Be it resolved that motion 93/05:41 be replaced by the following directive:

Be it resolved that one of the two legal entities- the Canadian Federation of Students or the Canadian Federation of Students-Services - be dissolved and its assets be transferred to the remaining legal entity prior to the next General Meeting;

Be it further resolved that all required legal and/or contractual obligations be carried out including but not limited to the Canada Corporations Act;

Be it further resolved that the name used externally and internally be Canadian Federation of Students.

Lavigne said the committee recommended the substitute motion for the following reasons. He said that first reason is that it made very little difference which legal entity was wrapped up and assets transferred. He said the National Executive was being given the authority to dissolve a legal entity and transfer its assets. He said it would be up to the National Executive to assess which legal entity would be the most appropriate legal entity to be wrapped up. He said it could be that it is best to wind up the Canadian Federation of Students and transfer all its assets to the Canadian Federation of Students-Services.

Temelini spoke in favour of the motion. He said it had taken his five years of involvement within the Federation to fully comprehend how the organisation worked. He said the confusion that is exacerbated as a result of there being two legal entities but one and the same membership diminishes the democracy within the organisation. He said having two entities promotes gross unaccountability, and runs contrary to the vision set out at the founding national general meeting of the Federation—a vision for one national student federation that offers a variety of services such as lobbying, student discounts, speakers, campaigns, and research. He said if members agree that a clear, accessible democratic structure maximizes participation within the organisation, then they should support the motion. He said that in practice, the Federation is one organisation and the legal structure should reflect that reality. He said that despite the naysayers predicting dire consequences for the organisation, the only effect winding up one legal structure will have is to eliminate an obstacle to participation and democracy within the organisation. He said all that will remain will be one legal entity which owns and operates a travel company. He said he would be honoured to be a participant at

the national general meeting where the Federation realised the founding vision set out in 1981.

**95/05:228 MOTION**

Emily Carr Students' Union/

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:227 be put to a vote.

**CARRIED**

A roll call vote was requested for motion 95/05:227.

University of Lethbridge Students' Union	abstain
Camosun College Student Society	in favour
Capilano Students' Union	in favour
City Centre Student' Association	in favour
Emily Carr Students' Union	in favour
King Edward Students' Association	in favour
Malaspina Students' Union	in favour
Native Education Centre Students' Association	in favour
North Island Students' Association	in favour
Simon Fraser Student Society	in favour
University of Victoria Student Society	in favour
Association des étudiantes et étudiants du collège universitaire de St. Boniface	in favour
University of Winnipeg Students' Association	in favour
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet	abstain
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université St. Anne	in favour
Mount St. Vincent University Students' Union	in favour
Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	in favour
University of King's College Society of Students' Union	in favour
University of Guelph Central Student Association	in favour
University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	in favour
Lakehead University Students' Union	in favour
Laurentian University Students' General Association	in favour
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	in favour
Trent Central Student Government	in favour
University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	in favour
Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	in favour
Concordia Graduate Students' Association	in favour
McGill University Post-Graduate Student Society	in favour
University of Regina Students' Union	in favour

**95/05:227 CARRIED [27, 0, 2]**

Galinger (Local 71) stood on a point of privilege. He said he was proud to be present on such a momentous occasion.

A member of the Organisational Development Committee asked Salemy to motivate the rationale for the following motion:

**95/05:228 MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS [95/05:N14]**

Emily Carr Students' Union/University of Victoria Students' Society

Be it resolved that By-law V - National Executive, Section 1 B, of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be amended to include:

xv) Student of Colour Commissioner; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be amended to include:

Section 9: Duties and Powers of the Students of Colour Commissioner.

The Students of Colour Commissioner shall perform all duties and such powers as set out in Standing Resolution #8; and

Be it further resolved that all subsequent sections of By-law V of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that By-law VI, Section 3 of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be amended to include:

Section 3: Procedures for Election of National Executive Members

E. Procedure for the Election of the Students of Colour Commissioner

The election for the Student of Colour Commissioner shall be as set out in Standing Resolution #8; and

Be it further resolved that By-law VI, Section 4 of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be amended to include:

E. Term of Office for the Students of Colour Commissioner

The Term of Office for the Students of Colour Commissioner shall be as set out in Standing Resolution #8.

Salemy said the motion would establish a Students of Colour representative of the National Executive.

Clarke (National Executive) stood on a point of order. He said he was concerned that the delegates who chose to leave the meeting were not present to debate the motion.

10.10pm—the meeting recessed.

10.16 pm—the meeting reconvened.

**95/05:229 MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

McGill Post-Graduate Student Society/Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:227 be reconsidered.

Crowley (McGill Post-Graduate Student Society) said he had had an amendment to make but that the question had been called before he had a chance to make his point.



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A delegate from Capilano Student Society said she wanted to know whether the motion to wind up would result in any job losses for Toronto office staff.

The Speaker said the question would be answered after the motion to reconsider had been resolved.

Clarke (National Executive) said he thought the decision had been premature. He said some member locals chose to leave the meeting, but if they were informed they might wish to join the meeting and debate the motion.

Galinger (Local 71) said that the delegates who left the meeting should have been present during the committees discussions therefore should have been aware that this motion would arise. He said they had chosen to leave, and that the Federation could not be constantly postponing decisions until every member local deigns to be present.

Salamy stood on a point of order. He asked the Speaker for a ruling on whether it was in order for a member of the assembly to stand on a point of order and then move other motions when a motion was currently on the floor. He said that the winding up motion is important, but motion 95/05:228 is important, especially for Students of Colour.

The Speaker ruled that the previous motion was out of order and asked Salamy to motivate motion 95/05:228.

**95/05:229 OUT OF ORDER**

Salamy said that the Students of Colour Constituency Group has been supporting this motion for a number of meetings. He said the motion has been in the Organisational Development Committee report but because that report often does not make it to plenary floor, the motion has not yet been considered. He said that students of colour comprise of over 25% of the student population. He said that students of colour are therefore significant players in the student movement. He said that in British Columbia the percentage is higher: 30%. He said that racism must be challenged both inside and outside the Federation. He said it is important that the students of colour perspective is presented on all of the Federation's day to day affairs. He also said that some of those who oppose creating the seat on the National Executive believe the position will simply entrench another so-called left-wing vote on the National Executive. He said others oppose the motion because they do not want to create the potential for a so-called right-wing position. The point he said was that the students of colour have the right to vote in any manner they deem necessary to represent the students of colour perspective.

**95/05:228 CARRIED**

10.35 pm—the meeting recessed.

**CALL TO ORDER - Tuesday, May 30, 1995**

9.27am—the meeting reconvened.

**95/05:230 MOTION**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/

Be it resolved that the Draft November National General Meeting Minutes be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Harter (City Centre Student Association) asked that OD 8 be considered next.

**95/05:231 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS OD8 [as amended below]**

**Local 73/Local 38**

Whereas classism permeates all aspects of society and restricts and controls the role that working class/working poor people can play in society; and

Whereas socio-economic is placed a majority of the wealth in the hands of the minority of the populace; and

Whereas the exploitation of all working class/working poor has benefited the middle and upper classes to the disadvantages of the worker class and the middle and upper classes have benefited from an unequal system of wealth distribution; and

Whereas access to post-secondary education is still inaccessible to the majority of working class/working poor students and what access is gained is through great financial hardship; and

Whereas the representation of the upper and middle classes in society and within the Federation has been far out of proportion with their actual numbers resulting in severe power imbalances between the upper classes and the working class and the working poor; and

Whereas working class/working poor people need to represent themselves and are traditionally marginalised in society and are marginalised within the Federation as participation in student unions is more difficult for the working class/working poor because of requirements for maintaining loans, threat of timely completion, the need for full and part-time jobs, parental responsibilities and lack of adequate remuneration; and

Whereas socio-economic injustice must be addressed; therefore

Be it resolved that the following standing resolution be created:

**STANDING RESOLUTION #15-WORKING CLASS/WORKING POOR STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP**

The following shall be the goals, the membership and general constitutional provisions of the Working Class/Working Poor Students Constituency Group formulated in accordance with Bylaw VIII.

The constituency group shall be funded as determined in the annual budget of the Federation approved by the membership at each semi-annual meeting:

**1. Name**

The organisation shall be known as the Working Class/Working Poor Students Constituency Group.

**2. Objectives**

The objectives of the constituency group shall be:

- a) to promote the principles and purposes of the Federation;
- b) to promote communication and cooperation between working class/working poor student groups in post-secondary institutions across Canada;
- c) to provide a forum for Working Class/working poor students to meet and discuss class issues, exchange information,

experiences and share ideas regarding issues facing working class/working poor students;

- d) to facilitate communication between working class/working poor and other students, and to work in solidarity and cooperation with other Federation constituency groups;
- e) to create awareness of the working class issues and advocate destruction of classist structures within the Federation and at College and at university campuses;
- f) to fight against overt and institutionalised classism that permeates post-secondary institutions; and
- g) to organise a cohesive resistance to all structures that perpetuate the exploitation, degradation and dehumanisation of working class/working poor students.

3. Membership

Membership of the constituency group shall include all working class/working poor members of the Federation who are delegates at a General Meeting of the Federation and choose to be members.

4. Rights of Members

All members of the constituency group are entitled to:

- a) attend any caucus or committee and speak to any matter or motion that may arise;
- b) vote at any caucus or committee meeting;
- c) nominate any member to be one of the working class/working poor co-commissioners.

5. Rights of Non-members

Working Class/Working Poor students who are present at the constituency group but are not members of the Federation have all the rights afforded to members except the right to vote in committee meetings.

6. Meetings of the Constituency Group

**Meetings of the Constituency Group may take place at a general meeting of the Federation at which members of the Constituency Group are present. Meetings of the constituency group shall take place by word of mouth and/or in print.**

7. Working Class/Working Poor Students Commissioner

**Duties of the Commissioner shall be:** to facilitate the implementation of campaigns and lobbying decided upon by the constituency group. The commissioner shall act as a spokesperson of the Working Class/Working Poor constituency group on National Issues. The Commissioner shall prepare brief semi-annual reports including information about campaigns, activities and goals pertaining to the constituency to be sent to local working class/ working poor student organisations and

member associations. The Commissioner shall also facilitate communication with non-members.

**8. Constitutional provisions**

Should any clause of this constitution contradict or conflict with the Constitution of the Federation, the latter shall prevail. This constitution shall only be repealed or amended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the voting member associations present at a general meeting of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that all following standing resolutions be renumbered accordingly.

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said this standing resolution was a long time coming and strongly urged delegates to support the motion.

It was clarified that members of this constituency group would be self-defined.

**95/05:231 CARRIED**

**95/05:232 MOTION**

Trent Central Student Government/University of Winnipeg Student Association

Be it resolved that the recommendations of the Organisational Development Committee be adopted omnibus with the following exceptions: motion 94/05:N06; motion 94/05:N13; motion 94/05:168; and motion 95/05:N12.

It was explained that the committee recommended the defeat of motion 95/05:N06 because it was impossible to implement without infringing on the local autonomous processes of each member local.

**95/05:232 CARRIED**

**95/05:233 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/11:N02]**

York Federation of Students/

Be it resolved that Bylaw, Section 2 sub-section iii, sub-section c be amended to read:

**c) the applicable provincial component fee.**

Member association 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 members associations have adopted the new membership fees, the issue of fee increases shall be reviewed at the May 1994 General Meeting.

Beginning in 1995, the Federation membership fee shall increase on August 1st each year by the rate of increase in the National Consumer Price Index during the previous twelve months; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw XV, Section 4 be deleted.

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:234 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [95/05:N05]**

University of Prince Edward Island Students' Union/

Be it resolved that Bylaw, Section 2 sub-section iii, sub-section c) be amended to delete:

Beginning in 1995, the Federation membership fee shall increase on August 1st each year by the rate of increase in the National Consumer Price Index during the previous twelve months.

**DEFEATED**

- 95/05:235      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS    [94/05:N09]**  
Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Student Association/University of Winnipeg Student Association  
Be it resolved that Bylaw XV, Section 4 A, be deleted; and  
Be it further resolved that all subsequent sections of Bylaw XV be renumbered accordingly.

**CARRIED**

- 93/05:42ii      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**  
University of Victoria Student Society/North Island Student Association  
Be it resolved that By-law XIII - Head Office be amended to read:  
The Head Offices of the Federation will be in the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, and the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario and at such locations as may be determined from time to time by the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

- 95/05:236      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS    [94/05:N10]**  
University of Victoria Students' Society/McGill Post-Graduate Student Society  
Whereas, several member locals have had invalid withdrawal referenda which they have deemed valid; and  
Whereas, the Federation should retain the right to deem a referendum invalid; therefore  
Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 2 A(iv), be amended to read:  
A full member association may withdraw from the Federation only if:  
a) Its individual members have voted to withdraw from the Federation through a referendum subject to the following rules and procedures:  
i) Notice of withdrawal referendum must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than six (6) months prior to any referendum voting including advance polls;  
ii) Notice of withdrawal referendum must include the exact dates of the referendum, times of voting, and location of voting stations;  
iii) In the case of a withdrawal referendum incorporating a mail-out component, the exact date of the referendum shall be the date that the ballots are mailed to the individual members;

- iv) Quorum for a withdrawal referendum shall be that of the member local association or five percent (5%) of the individual members of the member local association, whichever is higher.
- b) The referendum results must be accepted by the national plenary. Such acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**DEFEATED**

**93/05:39**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

University of Victoria Students' Society/McGill Post-Graduate Student Society

Be it resolved that By-law I, Section 2 A(iv), be deleted; and

Be it further resolved that the following section be added to By-law I -  
Membership:

**Section 6: Vote on Defederating**

The individual members of the Federation belonging to a member local association may vote on whether to defederate, subject to the following rules and procedures:

**A. Notice**

- i) Notice of a vote on defederating must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than six (6) months prior to the vote.
- ii) Notice of the vote must include the exact dates and times of voting.
- iii) Failure to adhere to the notice provisions in Article A.i) and ii) shall invalidate the results of the vote.

**B. Campaigning**

- i) There shall be no less than two (2) weeks of campaigning immediately preceding the voting.
- ii) Only individual members of the member local association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of other Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.

**C. Voting**

- i) Voting will be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the member local association.
- ii) There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting.
- iii) In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting.

**D. Quorum**

Quorum for the vote shall be that of the member local association or five percent (5%) of the individual members of the local association, whichever is higher.

**E. Administering the Campaign and Voting**

The vote shall be overseen by a committee comprised of two (2) members appointed by the Federation and two (2) members appointed by member local association.

The committee shall be responsible for:

- i) deciding the number and location of polling stations;
- ii) approving all materials to be distributed during the campaign;
- iii) deciding the ballot question;
- iv) overseeing the ballot;
- v) counting ballots;
- vi) adjudicating all appeals; and
- vii) establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

In the event of a committee deadlock an independent Ombudsperson, unanimously retained to make the final ruling, as pertaining to the decisions of the committee.

**DEFEATED**

**93/05:238**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants/

Be it resolved that By-law I, ~~Section 6~~, be amended to read: include:

- ~~A. Upon a member local having passed a referendum to defederate from the Federation, the deratification vote shall take place at the opening plenary of the next Semi-Annual General Meeting and will take effect on June 30 of that year.~~

**Section 6: Procedure for the Ratification of the Withdrawal Referendum**

- A. Within 90 days of the receipt of a letter from a member local association notifying the Federation of its withdrawal from the Federation, the National Executive will examine the notification to determine whether it is in order, and will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the application.
- B. At the opening plenary of the next general meeting of the Federation, ratification of the withdrawal shall be put to a vote.
- C. The withdrawal shall take effect on June 30 following the ratification of the withdrawal.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:237**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/11:N03]**

York Federation of Students/

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, Section 2 be amended to read:

2. Semi-Annual General Meetings

The Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation will be held between ~~April 30 and May 31~~ June 30 and July 31 of each year.

**DEFEATED**

95/05:238

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [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.

**DEFEATED**

95/05:239

**MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION [95/05:N06]**

Alberta Component/

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following standing resolution:

**STANDING RESOLUTION #30 - REPRESENTATION**

Each delegate attending a general meeting of the Federation must be authorized by the member local to represent that member local.



**DEFEATED**

**95/05:240 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION [94/05:N61]**

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following Standing Resolution:

**STANDING RESOLUTION # - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall include the following:

- a. skills development
- b. Federation issues
- c. round-table ideas sharing sessions on the following:
  - campaigns
  - local issues
  - programmes
- d. constituency group round-tables, at the beginning and end of the meeting
- e. a forum with leading representatives of the major federal parties
- f. a lobby day session
- g. workshops, as outlined in the workshop session of the policy manual
- h. a closing plenary, to include the following:
  - annual business items, as outlined in Bylaw II.1.B.
  - a National Executive Report question and answer session

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:241 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION [94/05:N62]**

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following Standing Resolution:

**STANDING RESOLUTION # - SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Semi-Annual General Meeting shall be six days in duration. The agenda of the Semi-Annual General Meeting shall include the following:

- a. Opening Plenary, to include the following:
  - i)referral of motions
  - ii)an open forum on provincial and national reports
- b. constituency group round-tables, at the beginning and end of the meeting
- c. day-long committee meetings open to all delegates on the following topics, to begin with committee of the whole to outline major areas of discussion, followed by the establishment of working groups on each major area, and to conclude with an end of day wrap-up session:
  - i)campaigns

- ii)programmes
- iii)policy
- iv)membership development and communications
- d. in addition, the following standing committees shall be struck, and shall run concurrently with the day-long committees:
  - i)budget committee
  - ii)organizational development committee
  - iii)membership on the standing committees shall consist of one representative from each of the following: each provincial caucus, each common interest caucus, each constituency group, the National Graduate Council
- e. Closing Plenary, to include the following:
  - i)motions referred from Opening Plenary
  - ii)motions from committee

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:242**

**DIRECTIVE [95/05:N08]**

McGill Post-Graduate Student Society/McMaster Students' Union

Be it resolved that an optional orientation session be held on the first day of each general meeting for new delegates.

Be it further resolved that the session include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Roberts Rules of Order
2. Federation decision making structures
3. Federation harassment policy
4. policy review

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:243**

**DIRECTIVE [95/05:N09]**

Emily Carr Students' Union/Mount St. Vincent Student Union

Whereas, constituency groups have traditionally not been provided with enough time to meet; and

Whereas, we are tired of being added as an afterthought to the agenda and forced to meet while everyone else sleeps in; and

Be it resolved that the National Executive schedule at least six (6) hours of meeting time during national general meetings in different time slots throughout the agenda for constituency groups.

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:244**

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLCY**

Trent Central Student Government/University of Winnipeg Student Association

The Federation shall ensure that at least four hours of meeting time in varying time slots, during national general meetings be scheduled for constituency groups to meet.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:245     DIRECTIVE [95/05:N10]**

Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants/

Be it resolved that the National Executive ~~make the necessary~~ investigate arrangements for consecutive translation services at all committees during General Meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students (-Services).

**CARRIED**

**95/05:246     MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94/11:N83]**

Wilfred Laurier Graduate Student Association/McGill Post-Graduate Student Society

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation will ensure that any and all organisations that wish to distribute any and all of their literature, which is pertinent to students and in accordance with the Canadian Law, may do so without censorship. The method of distribution shall be as follows:

1. all organizations will set up tables in the same area;
2. this area will be designated by the Federation; and
3. literature will be displayed in the designated area.

Delegates may pick up the literature if they wish, providing that none of the literature displayed in the designated area discriminates against any women or men, or advocates the restriction of personal freedom of any women or men as determined by plenary.

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:247     DIRECTIVE [95/05:N13]**

Lakehead University Students' Union/Emily Carr Students' Union

Be it resolved that options for addressing concerns of adequate constituency representation on the National Executive be investigated.

Be it further resolved that a full day constituency group round table meeting to address issues of concern for constituency groups be held one day prior to the November 1995 General Meeting. Expenses for the one day round table will be incurred under the "General Meeting" budget line. All delegates of the General Meeting will be eligible to participate in discussion at the round table. Items for the agenda can include, but are not limited to:

- composition of the National Executive, National Executive constituency group reps;
- constituency groups structures;
- constituency group campaigns;
- Federation decision-making structures;
- ~~progress on the investigation of options be reported on at the May 1995 General Meeting.~~

**CARRIED**

**95/05:248      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS    [94/11:N17]**

Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants/Trent Central Student Government

Whereas, Canada is a multicultural country; and

Whereas, the Federation has the following function:

to represent, promote and defend the common interests of  
Canadian post-secondary students

(Statement of purpose-Canadian Federation of Students/Canadian Federation of Students-Services); and

Whereas, the students of colour must face problems which are specific to them and which affect them at the time when they must enter post-secondary studies; and

Whereas, it is essential that students' of colour opinions and expectations be heard during the course of National Executive meetings; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of the Constituency Groups cannot fully represent in an equitable manner such opinions and expectations on account of the great diversity of groups being represented; therefore

Be it resolved that subsection 1) b) of Bylaw V be completed as follows:

xiii) Students of Colour Commissioner; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V be amended to read:

10. Responsibilities and powers of the Students of Colour  
Commissioner:

The Students' of Colour Commissioner shall carry out all tasks  
listed in Standing resolution No. 8; and

Be it further resolved that the remainder of the policies renumbered as appropriate.

**DEFEATED**

**92/11:231      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS    [92.11.231]**

Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants/

~~Be it resolved that the Federation create a francophone representative on the National Executive with full participation rights but with no vote; and~~

~~Be it further resolved that the Federation include Chair of the Constituency Commission on the National Executive with full participation rights but with no vote.~~

Be it resolved that Bylaw V - National Executive, Section 1: Composition, Sub-section B, be amended to add the following:

xiii) Francophone Students Representative

~~xiv) Chair of Constituency Commission~~

**CARRIED**

**93/05:236      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS    [93.05.236]**

Trent Central Student Government/Emily Carr Student Union

Be it resolved that By-law V - National Executive, be amended to read:

Section 9: Duties and Powers of the Francophone National Executive Representative

The Francophone National Executive Representative shall perform all duties as established in Standing Resolution #10.

~~Section 10: Duties and Powers of the Constituency Commission National Executive Representative~~

~~The Constituency Commission National Executive Representative shall perform all duties as established in Standing Resolution #15; and~~

Be it further resolved that the remainder of the policy be numbered accordingly.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:249**

**MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS [94/05:N26]**

University of New Brunswick Fredericton Student Union/Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du centre universitaire de Saint-Louis-Maillet

Whereas, CFS-New Brunswick is the student organization of Canada's only officially bilingual province; and

Whereas, the membership of CFS-New Brunswick is made up of approximately one half francophone institutions and one half anglophone institutions; and

Whereas, the budget of CFS-New Brunswick is small; and

Whereas, CFS-New Brunswick bears the cost of all its own translation; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

**STANDING RESOLUTION #25 - NEW BRUNSWICK COMPONENT**

The New Brunswick Component shall receive ~~extra~~ funding for translation purposes through ~~an ongoing~~ an annual component allocation of \$3,000;

Be it further resolved that subsequent Standing Resolutions be renumbered.

**DEFEATED**

**92/11:231**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [92.11.231]**

Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants/

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

Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

**PROCEDURE FOR PURCHASING SHARES IN TRAVEL CUTS**

The amount of the annual purchase of Travel Cuts' shares by the Federation shall be made within parameters set by plenary.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:251**

**DIRECTIVE [94/05:N21]**

Trent Central Student Government/University of Winnipeg Student Association

Whereas Alberta is the most under represented province within the federation;  
and

Whereas there are 27 student associations in Alberta, comprising 120,000 students, eligible for membership in the Federation; and

Whereas the Alberta Component Association's agreement with the Canadian Federation of Students stipulates a dedicated field worker for the province,

~~Be it resolved that the Federation fill the position of Fieldworker - Alberta forthwith.~~

~~Be it further resolved that the Federation strike a hiring committee to fill the position forthwith.~~

**Be it resolved that the Federation reaffirm its commitment to fieldwork in the province of Alberta.**

**Be it further resolved that the National Executive be directed to begin developing strategies, in consultation with the Alberta component for allocation of resources to actively pursue membership development in the province of Alberta.**

**Be it further resolved that the Alberta component be encouraged to explore implementation of a provincial levy.**

**CARRIED**

**95/05:252**

**DIRECTIVE [94/05:N47]**

University of Victoria Students' Society/McGill Post-Graduate Student Society

Whereas, the National Executive has recently initiated the process of refilling the Alberta Fieldworker position, which has been vacant for the past year; and

Whereas, there are only three member local associations in Alberta; and

Whereas, additional fieldworking is required in British Columbia; therefore

**Be it resolved that negotiations to amend the job description of the Alberta Fieldworker be initiated by the National Executive for the purpose of:**

**-changing the name of the position from "Alberta Fieldworker" to "Alberta-British Columbia Fieldworker"; and**

**-expanding the duties to include regular fieldworking in British Columbia.**

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:253**

**MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS [94/05:N28]**

Emily Carr Students' Union/Simon Fraser Student Society

Whereas, in the absence of a master agreement with the staff of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, there is no formal hiring process established; and

Whereas, there have been inconsistencies in the manner in which vacancies have been filled and new staff positions in the Canadian Federation of Students-Services have been created; and

Whereas, the National Executive has no formal input in the filling of staff vacancies and creation of new staff positions for the Canadian Federation of Students-Services as it does for the Canadian Federation of Students; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

**HIRING PROCEDURE**

Vacancies in staff positions within the Canadian Federation of Students-Services will be filled in accordance with the following:

- a. a hiring committee, with equal representation of members of the National Executive and staff of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, will be struck for all ~~permanent~~ staff positions in the Canadian Federation of Students-Services;
- b. **all decisions of the hiring committee struck for permanent** staff positions shall be subject to ratification by the National Executive; and
- c. ~~the Executive Director and/or designate(s) shall hire all temporary staff, subject to the ratification of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.~~

**CARRIED**

95/05:254

**MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS [94/05:N29I]**

University of Winnipeg Student Association/ University of Victoria Students' Society

Whereas, in the absence of a master agreement with the staff of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, there is no formal process for setting or negotiating the salaries of the staff of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services; and

Whereas, there have been inconsistencies in the manner in which salaries have been set or negotiated; and

Whereas, the National Executive has no formal input in the setting or negotiating of salaries for Canadian Federation of Students-Services' staff; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

**RENUMERATION OF CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS-SERVICES STAFF**

Remuneration of Canadian Federation of Students-Services staff will be set in accordance with the following:

- a. remuneration of new ~~permanent~~ employees will be negotiated by the applicable hiring committee and shall be subject to the ratification of the National Executive;

- b. ~~Adjustments to the remuneration of permanent staff, other than the Executive Director, will be negotiated by the Executive Director and shall be subject to the ratification of the National Executive;~~
- c. Remuneration of the Executive Director shall be set by the National Executive following completion of a performance review; and
- d. ~~Remuneration of temporary staff will be negotiated by the Executive Director and shall be subject to the approval of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.~~

**CARRIED**

**95/05:255**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [95/05:N26]**

Lakehead University Student Union/Marine Institute Students' Union

Be it resolved that the following bylaw amendment be adopted:

Bylaw 6, section 6, be amended to include:

- d) communicate the nationally coordinated activities of the Federation to member locals in their respective provinces.

**DEFEATED**

**95/05:256**

**MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS [OD.1]**

Local 32/University of Winnipeg Student Association

Be it resolved that STANDING RESOLUTION #20: TRAVEL CUTS BOARD MEMBERS be amended to add:

Section 1: Federation representation on the Travel CUTS Board

The National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, National Treasurer and two at-large members elected by the plenary, shall be the Federation representatives on the Travel CUTS Board of Directors. The two at-large members will be elected by the membership at the Fall General Meeting.

Section 2: Eligibility for Nominees for the at-large Travel CUTS board members

- a) A nominee for the Travel CUTS board must have been an individual of the Federation within the previous six (6) months, or an 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 a member of the National Executive, or a Travel CUTS Board member at the general member in which the election is being conducted.
- c) In addition to subsection a) and b), at least one of the successful candidates must be a woman. In the event that a woman does not run for the position, the seat shall not remain vacant.



**Section 3: Responsibilities of At-large Travel CUTS members**

At the opening plenary of each National General Meeting, the At-large members of the Travel CUTS Board shall jointly submit a report outlining:

- a) their activities over the previous six(6) months;
- b) any major decisions taken by the Travel CUTS Board;
- c) other important information regarding Travel CUTS.

**Section 4: Term of Office for At-large Members of the Travel CUTS Board**

Term of office for At-large members of the Travel CUTS Board will be two years in length.

**Section 5: Election of At-large Members of the Travel CUTS Board of Directors**

- a) Each at-large member of the Travel CUTS Board will be elected by the membership at the Fall GM.
- b) Procedure for election of each At-large member of the Travel CUTS Board shall be conducted as per Bylaw VI, Section 3a of the Federation's Bylaws.
- c) Election of At-large members of the Travel CUTS Board shall be staggered such that one member shall be elected at each Fall National General Meeting, thereby creating a one year overlap in term of office.

**Section 6: Replacement of At-large Travel CUTS Board Members**

In the event of a vacancy in the position of an At-large Travel CUTS Board member, 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. A by-election for the position shall be conducted at the subsequent National General Meeting.

**Section 7: Removal from office**

An At-large member of the Travel CUTS Board may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote at a National General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:257 NOTICE MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [OD.2]**  
Local 44/Local 79

Be it resolved that Bylaw IX, Section 3 be amended to include:

**Canadian Federation of Aboriginal Students (CFAS)**

**CARRIED**

**95/05:258 DIRECTIVE [OD.3]**  
Local 8/Local 79

Whereas the Federation has a responsibility to provide a suitable working environment for its staff and executive;

Whereas the Federation has a responsibility to operate in accordance with environmental sustainability;

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to commission a full environmental audit of its Toronto and Ottawa offices and of all the Programmes of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:259 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [OD.4]**  
Local 8/Local 75

Whereas the Federation consumes vast quantities of paper in preparation for General Meetings and other business; and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Federation to behave in an environmentally responsible fashion;

Be it resolved that the Federation use recycled non-chlorine bleached paper for at least half of the photocopied materials distributed at General Meeting.

Be it further resolved that the Federation make double-sided copies whenever possible.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:260 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [OD.5]**  
Local 32/Local 71

Be it resolved that the policy under the heading **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** be amended as follows:

All notices of motion for new by-laws or by-law amendments shall refer specifically to the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:261 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [OD.6]**  
Local 32/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following bylaw amendment be adopted:

Upon the winding up of the Federation, all assets of the Federation will be left to another non-profit organisation promoting the interests of students in Canada at the national level, **which has policies, aims and goals congruent with those of the Federation.**

**CARRIED**

**95/05:262 NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [OD.7]**  
Local 65/Local 73

Whereas there is no policy section with regards to environmental issues; and

Whereas the health of the world's environment is a fragile thing; and

Whereas non-recyclable waste is a major contributor to environmental damage; and

Whereas this is our world, and it is our responsibility to take care of it;

Be it resolved that a new section of operating policy be created to be entitled:

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.**

**CARRIED**

**95/05:263 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS [OD.8]**

Local 73/Local 38

Whereas classism permeates all aspects of society and restricts and controls the role that working class/working poor people can play in society; and

Whereas socio-economic is placed a majority of the wealth in the hands of the minority of the populace; and

Whereas the exploitation of all working class/working poor has benefited the middle and upper classes to the disadvantages of the worker class and the middle and upper classes have benefited from an unequal system of wealth distribution; and

Whereas access to post-secondary education is still inaccessible to the majority of working class/working poor students and what access is gained is through great financial hardship; and

Whereas the representation of the upper and middle classes in society and within the Federation has been far out of proportion with their actual numbers resulting in severe power imbalances between the upper classes and the working class and the working poor; and

Whereas working class/working poor people need to represent themselves and are traditionally marginalised in society and are marginalised within the Federation as participation in student unions is more difficult for the working class/working poor because of requirements for maintaining loans, threat of timely completion, the need for full and part-time jobs, parental responsibilities and lack of adequate remuneration; and

Whereas socio-economic injustice must be addressed; therefore

Be it resolved that the following standing resolution be created:

**STANDING RESOLUTION #15-WORKING CLASS/WORKING POOR STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP**

The following shall be the goals, the membership and general constitutional provisions of the Working Class/Working Poor Students Constituency Group formulated in accordance with Bylaw VIII.

The constituency group shall be funded as determined in the annual budget of the Federation approved by the membership at each semi-annual meeting:

**1. Name**

The organisation shall be known as the Working Class/Working Poor Students Constituency Group.

**2. Objectives**

The objectives of the constituency group shall be:

- a) to promote the principles and purposes of the Federation;
- b) to promote communication and cooperation between working class/working poor student groups in post-secondary institutions across Canada;
- c) to provide a forum for Working Class/working poor students to meet and discuss class issues, exchange information,

experiences and share ideas regarding issues facing working class/working poor students;

d) to facilitate communication between working class/working poor and other students, and to work in solidarity and cooperation with other Federation constituency groups;

e) to create awareness of the working class issues and advocate destruction of classist structures within the Federation and at College and at university campuses;

f) to fight against overt and institutionalised classism that permeates post-secondary institutions;

g) to organise a cohesive resistance to all structures that perpetuate the exploitation, degradation and dehumanisation of working class/working poor students;

**3. Membership**

Membership of the constituency group shall include all working class/working poor members of the Federation who are delegates at a General Meeting of the Federation and choose to be members.

**4. Rights of Members**

All members of the constituency group are entitled to:

a) attend any caucus or committee and speak to any matter or motion that may arise;

b) vote at any caucus or committee meeting;

c) nominate any member to be one of the working class/working poor co-commissioners.

**5. Rights of Non-members**

Working Class/Working Poor students who are present at the constituency group but are not members of the Federation have all the rights afforded to members except the right to vote in committee meetings.

**6. Duties of the Commissioner shall be:**

The Working Class/Working Poor Students Commissioner shall facilitate the implementation of campaigns and lobbying decided upon by the constituency group. The commissioner shall act as a spokesperson of the Working Class/Working Poor constituency group on National Issues. The Commissioner shall prepare brief semi-annual reports including information about campaigns, activities and goals pertaining to the constituency to be sent to local working class/ working poor student organisations and member associations. The Commissioner shall also facilitate communication with non-members.

**8. Constitutional provisions**

Should any clause of this constitution contradict or conflict with the Constitution of the Federation, the latter shall prevail. This constitution shall only be repealed or amended by a vote of at

least two-thirds of the voting member associations present at a general meeting of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that all following standing resolutions be renumbered accordingly.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:264**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/05:N06]**

Concordia Graduate Student Association/Emily Carr Students' Union

Whereas, the Federation employs a delegate voting system rather than holding national referenda votes on Policy and By-law questions; and

Whereas, the delegate voting system is considered sufficient for deciding all other Policy and Bylaw questions; and

Whereas, it would be both contradictory and impractical to undertake a nation-wide referendum of all individual members in order to amend the membership fee; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 3 A(i), be amended to read:

**Only individuals members of the Federation have the right to make decisions through referendum on all questions of withdrawal from full membership in the Federation. Increase in full membership fees currently being paid by them shall require ratification by two-thirds of the member locals through referendum or duly enacted motion of the student council.**

**95/05:265**

**MOTION TO TABLE**

City Centre Student Association/Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students

Be it resolved that motion 95/05:264 be tabled until after the receipt of the Budget Committee Report.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:266**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/05:N13]**

University of Regina Students' Union/Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Student Association

Whereas, the Federation is a partnership of students' associations; and

Whereas, it should be the rules of the partnership which govern how a students' association joins and leaves the partnership; and

Whereas, the existing rules of the partnership (The Federation's Bylaws) do not fully and adequately establish how a students' association leaves the partnership; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 2 A(iv), be deleted; and

Be it further resolved that the following section be added to ByLaw I - Membership:

**Section 6: Vote on De-Federating**

The individual members of the Federation belonging to a member local association may vote on whether to de-federate, subject to the following rules and procedures:

a. Notice

i. Notice of a vote on de-federating must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than six (6) months prior to the vote.

ii. Notice of the vote must include the exact dates and times of voting.

iii. **In the case of a withdrawal referendum incorporating a mail-out component, the exact date of the referendum shall be the date that the ballots are mailed to the individual members;**

iv. Failure to adhere to the notice provisions in article A i), ii) and iii) shall invalidate the results of the vote.

b. Campaigning

i. There shall be no less than two (2) weeks of campaigning immediately preceding the voting during which time classes are in session.

ii. Only individual members of the member local association and representatives, representatives of the Federation and representatives of other Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.

c. Voting

i. Voting will be conducted at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the member local association or a mailout ballot.

ii. There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting.

iii. In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting.

d. Quorum

Quorum for the vote shall be that of the member local association or five percent (5%) of the individual members of the local association, whichever is higher.

e. Administering the Campaign and Voting

The vote shall be overseen by a committee comprised of two (2) members appointed by the Federation and two (2) members appointed by the member local association. The committee shall be responsible for:

i. **deciding the manner of voting, be that by referendum, general meeting or a mail-out ballot.**

ii. deciding the number and location of polling stations;

iii. approving all materials to be distributed during the campaign;

- iv. deciding the ballot question;
  - v. overseeing the voting;
  - vi. counting ballots;
  - vii. adjudicating all appeals; and,
  - viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.
- f. **Advance Remittance of Outstanding Membership Fees**  
In addition to Articles A to E, in order for a de-federation referendum to proceed, a member local association must remit all outstanding Federation fees not less than six (6) weeks prior to the date of the referendum.

**95/05:267**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/Laurentian Students' General Assembly

Be it resolved that the following article, g) be added to the bylaw amendment in motion 95/05:266:

g) **Minimum Period Between De-Federating Votes**

In addition to articles a) through f) in order for a de-federation referendum to take place the member local may not hold a de-federation referendum within the previous twenty-four (24) months.

The delegate from Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students said that most points regarding such an amendment had been made. He said that the executive of the Ryerson Students' Union had just conducted a de-federation referendum in the spring of 1995. He said the membership voted decisively to maintain their membership in the Federation. He said the local executive was completely disregarding the wishes of the membership and had served notice that yet another de-federation vote will be conducted in 1996. He said such actions were clearly dilatory, and should be addressed.

A delegate spoke against the motion, and said that because some colleges and institutes have membership that turns on a frequent basis, the amendment would unduly restrict their ability to decide on Federation membership.

A delegate also spoke against the motion, although she agreed with the spirit of the motion. She said the initiative should come from the local and not be imposed by the Federation.

A delegate from Malaspina supported the motion and said that membership in the Federation also involves responsibility to the students across the country with whom the local federates. She said it is undemocratic for one member local to hold frequent referenda since it wastes the collective resources of the Federation.

**95/05:267**

**CARRIED**

**Noted opposed: Capilano Student Society; North Island Student Association; Camosun Student Society; and City Centre Student Association; and University of Regina Students' Union**

**95/05:266**

**CARRIED**

**95/05:89**

**WITHDRAWN**

**94/05:168 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Acadia Student Union/Guelph Central Student Association

Whereas, simultaneous translation is better than consecutive translation; and

Whereas, Canadian Federation of Students has reduced the number of general meeting committees from 11 to 3 in Halifax in 1993; and

Whereas, the Federation is allegedly bilingual; and

Whereas, consecutive translation is virtually impossible to carry out in committees; and

Whereas, it is physically easier to have simultaneous translation in Federation committees; therefore

Be it resolved that the 5th paragraph of the policy entitled GENERAL MEETINGS - BILINGUALISM (November 1992, 92.11.56), be amended as follows:

Simultaneous translation will be provided for all plenaries, speakers, **large group** orientation sessions and **all committee meetings**. Consecutive translation will be available **upon request** at **all committees, provincial components, regional and common interest caucuses**, and constituency groups.

A delegate said that one principle, the resolution is excellent. However, she felt that it was necessary to consider the motion pending the report of the Budget Committee.

**95/05:268 MOTION TO TABLE**

/Simon Fraser Student Society

Be it resolved that motion 94/05:168 be tabled until after the report of the Budget Committee.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:269 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY [95/05:N12]**

Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students/York Graduate Student Association

Be it resolved that:

1. All individuals sitting on the National Executive shall be limited to sitting on the National Executive for no more than two consecutive years representing a time span of no more than four semi-annual general meetings.
2. Section 1 of this motion take effect immediately following the May 1995 Semi-Annual General Meeting.
3. A grandparenting clause be put in effect so that all members of the current National Executive would be excluded from this provision up to may 1995. All National Executive members beginning in May 1995 would be included in this provision for the calculation of two years in office or four semi-annual general meetings.

The mover said the motion was intended to address the concerns of individual members at the Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students. He said most student representatives are in their positions for one or two years. He said that if the motion



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was not adopted, he would like to hear the debate so that he can take the comments back to his local.

Clarke (Simon Fraser Student Society) spoke against the motion. She said the Federation has a democratic process through which people are elected to positions within the Federation. She said that when individuals are put forward for positions, those voting will consider all factors before determining their vote. She said the motion suggests that those who vote within the Federation cannot be trusted to elect the best people for the position. She said the motion also infringes on provincial decision-making processes, noting that provincial National Executive members are elected in accordance with provincial bylaws.

A delegate from Malaspina said the student movement is not plagued by those who stay involved for "too long," but rather the challenge facing the student movement is the distinct lack of continuity. She said it is useful for the Federation to have people who have experience and expertise to bring to the position. She said that people should not be prevented from voting for the candidate of their choice just because that person may have been "involved for too long."

A delegate spoke in favour of the spirit of the motion. He said that one of the concerns raised by those delegates who walked out of the meeting was that they felt some members of the National Executive had been "involved for too long." He said that people should not be able to make a career out of the student movement. He said that because the motion did not reflect that spirit, but rather limited the rights of members to vote for whomever they consider the best candidate, he would speak against the motion.

**95/05:269 DEFEATED**

The delegate for Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students stood on a point of privilege. He said he had to leave and he thanked all national general meeting participants for a "beautiful" meeting. In particular he thanked the Speaker for her patience and wisdom displayed throughout the meeting.

**95/05:270 MOTION**

Camosun Student Society/Lakehead University Student Union

Be it resolved that the report of the Organisational Development Committee be accepted.

**CARRIED**

Lavigne said he was impressed that the Organisational Development Committee Report was completed so quickly and he thanked the delegates for their hard work.

**Report of the Student Artists Constituency Group**

**95/05:270 i MOTION**

Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design/Guelph Central Student Association

Be it resolved that Jan Seibel be ratified as the new Student Artists Constituency Group Commissioner.

**CARRIED**

**Report of the Students of Colour Constituency Group Report**

**95/05:271      MOTION**

University of Lethbridge Stuent Union/Algoma University Students' Association

Be it resolved that the recommendations of the Students of Colour  
Constituency Group be adopted omnibus.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:272      DIRECTIVE SOC-1                      [note amendment in bold]**

University of Lethbridge Stuent Union/Algoma University Students' Association

Whereas establishing barriers for immigrants from countries with a poor  
economic performance, or immigrants from working class and working poor  
backgrounds dicriminates against various groups of people who have been  
until now allowed into Canada based on humanitarian policies; and

Whereas the newly established immigrant head tax would primarily affect the  
admission of people of Colour;

Be it resolved that the imposition of the federal government'st head tax on  
immigrants **and refugees** be opposed.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:273      DIRECTIVE SOC-2**

University of Lethbridge Stuent Union/Algoma University Students' Association

Whereas Canada is a multicultural society;and

Whereas Students of Colour are a major part of all social movements and the  
student movement in particular; and

Whereas the maintenance of equality between the people of color and other  
segments of the society is a crucial task, always promoted by the Federation;  
and

Whereas there has been a major attack against the rights of people of Colour  
in Canada throughout the last two years and Federal Government officials have  
only acted to contribute to this assault;

Be it resolved that the Reform Party and its politics of fear mongering within  
the Canadian society be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that the racist agenda of Canadian mainstream media,  
which perpetuates the myths that are put forward by the propaganda machine  
of the reform party, be condemned.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:274      DIRECTIVE SOC-3**

University of Lethbridge Stuent Union/Algoma University Students' Association

Whereas the freetrade agreement and the general agreement on tariffs has  
consequently linked the Canadian economy, for the time being, with countries  
with a bad human rights record;

Be it resolved that the fight for freedom, democracy and social justice in  
countries with a poor human rights record be supported; and

Be it further resolved that new federal initatives for creating more business  
oppurtunities between Canada and such countries, be opposed.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:275      DIRECTIVE SOC-4**

University of Lethbridge Student Union/Algoma University Students' Association

Whereas the maintenance of a democratic society is in direct link with the diversity of opinions represented through mass media; and

Whereas historically and currently, single corporations have controlled and dominated the various media outlets; and

Whereas manipulating the public opinion through the concentration of media ownership has resulted in a more intolerable public opinion on several different issues including issues of people of Colour and immigrants; and

Be it resolved that the concentration of media ownership in the hands of a few large media corporations be opposed.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:276      DIRECTIVE SOC-5**

University of Lethbridge Student Union/Algoma University Students' Association

Whereas Students of Colour demographically constitute 30% of the student body in Canada,

Whereas Students of Colour have been greatly underrepresented within our local member associations and delegations to Federation General Meetings,

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to facilitate increased in participation by Students of Colour in student politics through, but not limited to, the following measures:

- creating a seat on the boards, councils and executive committees;
- facilitating the formation of Students of Colour collective;
- facilitating a speaker series that would address the issues of Students of Colour;
- facilitating coalition building between Students of Colour groups on campus and other people of Colour groups in the community;
- facilitating contact between Students of Colour groups on member local campus and Students of Colour groups in other campuses; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages provincial components to amend their bylaws and constitutions to include a student of Colour on the component's executive body.

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages local members to bring Students of Colour as part of their delegation to the General Meetings of the Federation, both provincially and Nationally.

**95/05:277      DIRECTIVE SOC-6**

University of Lethbridge Student Union/Algoma University Students' Association

Whereas Women of Colour are marginalized by both Colour and gender  
Which has resulted in their underrepresentation and continual exclusion in society; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be strongly encouraged to support and facilitate the development of organizations and collectives dealing with issues concerning Women of Colour through, but not limited to, the following measures:

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- creating a seat on the boards, councils and executive for Women of Colour
- facilitating a speaker series that would address the issues of Women of Colour
- facilitating coalition building between Women of Colour collectives on campus and other such groups in the community
- facilitating contacts between Women of Colour collectives on member local campus and Women of Colour groups on other campuses

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to amend their bylaws and constitutions to include a Woman of Colour on the component's executive committee; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to bring Women of Colour as part of their delegation to general meetings of the Federation, both provincially and nationally.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:278**

**MOTION**

Trent Central Student Government/Malaspina Students' Union

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

**CARRIED**

**MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY**

**95/05:279**

**DIRECTIVE [94/11:N50]**

Whereas, plenary sessions are very stressful for both the speaker and the delegates; and

Whereas, it is inadequate to have only one individual doing this job for the entire duration of the GM; and

Whereas, in the event of a challenge to the chair, it is virtually impossible to find an impartial replacement to hear the challenge; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive hire two plenary speakers, both fluently bilingual or one francophone and one anglophone, to alternate on an hourly basis during all plenary sessions.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover or seconder**

**95/05:280**

**MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94/11:N79]**

Simon Fraser Student Society/Laurentian Students' General Assembly

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The National Executive shall ensure that all national executive reports and the opening plenary agenda be presented in written form to the membership on the first day of each General Meeting. Written notification shall be presumed to include alternative media such as cassette and braille as requested by individual delegates.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:281**

**MOTION TO REAFFIRM POLICY [94/11:N75]**

Malaspina Students' Union/University of Winnipeg Student Association

Be it resolved that the following policy be reaffirmed:

The Federation shall ensure that all meetings of the Federation take place in accessible surroundings, and that the implementation of and programming for all meetings ensure access for all individuals, including access for communication, diet, with adequate recognition of health concerns.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:282 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/11:N05]**  
Trent Central Student Government/

Be it resolved that Bylaw V, section 1, be amended to read:

1. Composition
  - a. The following at-large elected by the national plenary:
    - i) National Chairperson
    - ii) National Deputy-Chairperson
    - iii) National Treasurer
  - b. The following representatives elected by its respective provincial components or caucuses;
    - i) ~~Alberta~~ Atlantic Provinces Representative
    - ii) British Columbia Representative
    - iii) ~~Manitoba~~ Representative
    - iv) ~~New Brunswick~~ Representative
    - v) ~~Newfoundland/Labrador~~ Representative
    - vi) ~~Nova Scotia~~ Representative
    - vii) Ontario Representative
    - viii) Prairie Provinces Representative
    - ix) ~~Saskatchewan~~ Quebec Representative
    - x) National Graduate Council Representative
    - xi) Aboriginal Students Representative
    - xii) Women's Commissioner

**DEFEATED due to lack of seconder**

**95/05:283 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS & STANDING RESOLUTION [94/11:N10]**

Whereas, the Federation does not have the financial resources to sustain two full-time Executive; and

Whereas, organizations such as the International Union of Students' (IUS) and Action Canada Network (ACN) do not have a direct bearing on students in Canada; and

Whereas, the membership has not seen many direct benefits to the Federation from having a full-time National Deputy-Chairperson; and

Whereas, there is needless duplication between the positions of National Chairperson and National Deputy-Chairperson; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V - National Executive, Section 1 Composition, subsection a. be amended as follows:

1. Composition

The National Executive will comprised of:

- a. The following at-large positions elected by the national plenary
  - i) National Chairperson
  - ii) National Treasurer; and

Be it further resolved that standing resolution be amended to read:

The National Chairperson, National Treasurer and two at-large members elected by the plenary, shall be the Federation representative on the Travel CUTS Board of Directors. The two at-large members will be elected by the membership at the Fall general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that Standing resolution # 21 - Job Descriptions, subsection Deputy Chairperson be deleted in its entirety; and

Be it further resolved that Standing resolution # 21 - Job Descriptions, subsection Executive Portfolios, section a) subsection iii) be amended to read:

- iii) when called upon by the Chair provide expertise especially when pertaining to her portfolio; and

Be it further resolved that all references to the Deputy Chair in Standing Resolution #22 be deleted; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 5, section 4 be deleted in its entirety; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 6, section 2, Subsection A., Subsection ii) be deleted in its entirety; and

Be it further resolved that all other references to the National Deputy-Chairperson be deleted from the Bylaws and the Standing Resolutions.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:284 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/05:N16]**

Whereas, the creation of positions which do not follow the basic democratic principles of the Federation, such as one member one vote, violates the rights of all members; and

Whereas, the creation of special representative positions without the existence of a special education policy is inherently exclusionary; and

Whereas, the existence of a women's portfolio only increases the "ghettoization" of female students' concerns; therefore

Be it resolved that By Law V - National Executive, section B (xii), be deleted in its entirety; and

Be it further resolved that all other Bylaw references to this position be deleted; and

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

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:285 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS & STANDING RESOLUTIONS [94/11:N11]**

Whereas, the Federation does not have the financial resources to sustain a 17 member board of directors; and

Whereas, the National Executive Representatives should be directly accountable to all of their constituents; and

Whereas, double representation violates the fundamental principles of democracy by which the federation operates; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V, Section 1, subsection b, be amended to read:

B. The following representatives elected by its respective regional caucuses:

- i) British Columbia Representative
- ii) Alberta Representative
- iii) Manitoba Representative
- iv) Saskatchewan Representative
- v) Ontario Representative
- vi) Québec Representative
- vii) New Brunswick Representative
- vii) Prince Edward Island Representative
- ix) Nova Scotia Representative
- x) Newfoundland-Labrador Representative; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #6 - Section 8 be deleted in its entirety; and

Be it further resolved that all subsequent subsections of Standing Resolution #6 be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3 10 - Section 9 be deleted in its entirety; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #15, section 6 be deleted in its entirety; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #19, section 5, subsection a), subsection iii); section 6, subsection b) and c) subsection ii) and section 7, subsection e) be deleted in their entirety; and

Be it further resolved that all remaining sections of Standing Resolution # 19 be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #23, section 2, subsection a) and b) be deleted; and

Be it further resolved that all remaining sections of Standing Resolution #23 be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #23, section 2 subsection c) be amended to read:

Three members of the National Executive assigned to the Standing Committee on Bilingualism; and

Be it further resolved that all other references to the Aboriginal Students Representative, Francophone Students Representative, Women's Constituency Representative, National Graduate Council Representative, and

the Constituency Group Commission Representative be deleted from the Bylaws and the Standing Resolutions.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:286 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/11:N15]**

Be it resolved that Bylaw V section 1 be amended by adding:

No position shall be added to the National Executive which does not have a direct line of accountability through local councils to their individual constituents.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover or seconder**

**95/05:287 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/11:N12]**

Whereas, the National Executive of Canadian Federation of Students & Canadian Federation of Students-Services is composed of students who do not have excessive time available to attend meetings during class time; and  
Whereas, Canadian Federation of Students & Canadian Federation of Students-Services does not have the financial resources necessary to be able to hold the present number of National Executive meetings required; and  
Whereas, the National Executive has consistently spent more than allocated in the budget for its meetings; and

Whereas, under the current National Executive Meeting structure, time is not used as efficiently as it could be; and

Whereas, National Executive Meetings have become too preoccupied with interpersonal conflicts; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V, section 10, subsection a. be amended to read:

The National Executive will meet at least two (2) times and no more than four (4) times between each semi-annual general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the following section be added to Bylaw V:

**13. Alternative decision making structures**

The National Executive will make use of CFS-Net, Conference calls and facsimile to make necessary decisions between National Executive Meetings.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:288 DIRECTIVE [94/11:N49]**

Trent Central Student Government/

Whereas, the National Executive of CFS-(S) is composed of students who do not have excessive time available to attend meetings during class time; and

Whereas, CFS-S does not have the financial resources necessary to be able to hold the present number of National Executive meetings required; and

Whereas, the National Executive has consistently spent more than allocated in the budget for its meetings; and

Whereas, under the current National Executive Meeting structure, time is not used as efficiently as it could be; and



Whereas, National Executive Meetings have become too preoccupied with inter-personal conflicts; therefore

Be it resolved that CFS-Net, Conference calls, and facsimile methods be used in place of actual meetings whenever possible.

**DEFEATED due to lack of seconder**

**95/05:289     DIRECTIVE   [94/11:N47]**

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to develop, and report on, ways to lessen costs and time of National Executive meetings.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:290     MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS[94/05:N25]**

Whereas, the Federation is an inclusive organization and the By-law, as it exists, is preclusive to Aboriginal, Francophone and Anglophobe students; and

Whereas, the Federation exercises extreme fidelity in providing translation and interpretation in French and English, by Standing Resolutions of the Federation, to the membership, through substantial financial expenditures; therefore

Be it resolved that Federation Standing Resolution #21 - Procedure to assess level of bilingualism of candidates nominated to positions of national chair and deputy chair, be deleted in its entirety.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:291     MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS[94/11:N26]**

Be it resolved that subsection B) iv) of Standing Resolution 21 -Job Descriptions - Chairperson be amended to read:

- iv) In cooperation with the vice-chairperson, the chairperson must ensure that every local member receives information that is complete, adequate and up dated every two weeks. This information must be comprised of:
  - A summary of the Federation's activities during the previous two-week period.
  - The important press clippings.
  - A complete list of lobbying and media activities for two following weeks.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:292     MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS[94/11:N27]**

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #21 Job descriptions subsection Chairperson be amended to include:

A.Lobbying Responsibilities

- i) The Chairperson shall ensure that the federal government lobbying is the first and foremost task of the Federation, and shall endeavour to keep Federation efforts focused on this task;

- ii) The Chairperson shall endeavour to meet with each Member of Parliament and Senator at least once every year on educational issues.
- iii) The Chairperson shall maintain an up-to-date file of members' and ministerial assistants, committee chairs, clerks and members, and senior bureaucrats in relevant government departments.
- iv) The Chairperson shall appear before any Parliamentary committee studying issues affecting post-secondary education in Canada
- v) The Chairperson shall send monthly updates to the members updating them on meetings, the status of relevant legislation and committee hearing schedules;
- vi) The Chairperson shall ensure monthly contact with the federal minister responsible for post-secondary education, her parliamentary secretary, opposition party critics, regional caucus chairs and relevant committee chairs;
- vii) The Chairperson shall attend policy conventions of all recognized political parties;
- viii) The Chairperson shall ensure that each member has an up-to-date list of contact numbers for MP's and senators from their province;
- ix) The Chairperson shall co-ordinate regular mailouts to all MP's and Senators on pressing legislation or issues affecting post-secondary education;
- x) The Chairperson shall attend legislative sessions and committee hearings where relevant legislation is being debated, and shall offer all possible assistance to members wishing to support Federation positions;
- xi) The Chairperson shall include in her report to the membership an update of progress in these specific areas;
- xii) The Chairperson shall co-ordinate the participation of National Executive members in these activities, who shall in turn be responsible for getting information and suggested activities to their constituent member locals.

#### **B) MEDIA RELATIONS**

- i) The Chairperson shall ensure that, twice per year, a media kit is furnished to all members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery providing information on the activities of the Federation. Copies of this shall be sent to member locals and provincial organizations for distribution to their local media.
- ii) The Chairperson shall ensure that member locals receive press releases in a timely fashion so that they may circulate it locally;
- iii) The Chairperson shall send regular letters to the editor to newspapers serving each member locals' municipality and to campus media;

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- iv) The Chairperson shall send regular updates to members locals on frequently asked media questions and good responses;
- v) The Chairperson shall maintain an up-to-date list of media contacts and meet regularly with relevant members of the media corps.

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:293 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [94/05:N17]**

Whereas, the role of the Deputy Chairperson as a full-time position is questionable; and

Whereas, the financial resources currently expended on this position could be better used to facilitate a different staffing structure; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V - National Executive, be amended as follows:

Section 4: Duties and Powers of the National Deputy Chairperson

The National Deputy Chairperson shall:

- A. Delete and replace with the following: shall receive an honorarium to compensate for four (4) months summer employment and \$250/month for the remaining eight (8) months in office; and

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

**DEFEATED due to lack of mover and seconder**

**95/05:294 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS [95/05:N27]**

City Centre Student Association/

Whereas, the Federation has adopted a policy on October 20, 1990 directing members of the National Executive to submit full written reports to member local associations within two weeks following a meeting of the National Executive; and

Whereas, the Federation must ensure that Quebec member locals be regularly informed of the activities of the National Executive; therefore

Be it resolved that Federation Standing Resolution #20 - Job Descriptions, Deputy Chairperson, be amended as follows:

- K) Pending the establishment of a Quebec component or of an analogous structure ensuring proper communication between the Federation and Quebec member locals, the Deputy Chairperson shall provide, at least two weeks before a meeting of the National Executive, the Agenda, Minutes, Resolutions, and other material to be considered at the aforementioned meeting to all local member associations from Quebec.

**DEFEATED due to lack of seconder**

**95/05:295 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS & STANDING RESOLUTIONS [94/05:N11  
please note amendments in bold]**

Malaspina Students' Union/Simon Fraser Student Society

Whereas, the financial affairs of the Federation have become increasingly complex and require to be administered on a full-time basis; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V - National Executive, be amended as follows:

Section 5: Duties and Powers of the National Treasurer

The National Treasurer shall:

- a. be a full-time salaried position; and

Be it further resolved that all subsequent sub-sections of Bylaw V, Section 5, be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #20 - Job Descriptions, be amended as follows:

Deputy Chairperson

- d) The Deputy Chairperson, in cooperation with the Treasurer and in consultation with the appropriate staff of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, and provincial representatives, shall ensure that existing **services programmes** are delivered to the membership.

Treasurer

- f) The Treasurer, in cooperation with the Deputy Chair and in consultation with the appropriate staff of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, and provincial representatives, shall ensure that the existing **services programmes** available to the membership are run and delivered in a cost-effective manner.

Harter (City Centre Student Association) spoke against the motion. He said he was not convinced that the resources of Federation were best served by creating a full-time National Treasurer. He was not convinced the Federation could afford the increased cost, and if it could, he said he would prefer to see a more political position created.

Malaspina spoke in favour of the motion. She said the financial workload was substantial. She said given the high expectations for the accountability of the National Treasurer to the membership and the high level of expertise demanded by the membership, she said it would be essential for the position to be full-time.

Lavigne said that the rationale for not referring this motion to the Organisational Development Committee was that it had been recommended by that committee several times. He said this motion, along with many other Organisational Development Committee motions had not been adopted because it never made it to plenary floor.

Temelini said that a National Treasurer was required to ensure accountability. He said most member locals had a full-time treasurer position because it was essential to have a democratically elected person in place to monitor the finances and ensure that financial decisions reflect the political priorities of the membership. He suggested that the references to "services" were replaced by the word "programmes."

The Speaker declared the suggestion to be a friendly amendment.

Harter said he was concerned that a full-time National Treasurer might encompass work of the bargaining unit.

Temelini said that the new elected position would not infringe on the work of the Financial Coordinator in the Ottawa National Office.

**95/05:296 CARRIED**

**Report of the Travel CUTS Board of Directors**

Patrick Crowley, an at-large member of the Travel CUTS Board of Directors elected by plenary, presented the report. He referred to the written report of the Travel CUTS Board which includes a list of motions adopted by the Board. He said the CUTS point score, as awarded March 31, 1995 was included in the report. He said the maximum point score was 30 and said that CUTS' point score was for the nine month period ending on March 31. He said that the International Association of Travel Agencies (IATA) perform a score rating on a travel company at any time. He said that 15 points is the minimum acceptable, and noted that CUTS has often scored below 15. He said that the score should increase to at least 17 by the end of the fourth quarter, which is CUTS' best season. He said the Board resolved to create a 'strategic planning sub-committee' and that it had only met once since the motion was adopted. He said it had been difficult to allocate the necessary staff resources to undertake the study and consequently the report of the committee was not available as he had initially hoped it would be. He said staff resources had been allocated and expected work to commence within 10 days. He said a report should be available for the November National General Meeting. He noted that an 'ad-hoc committee on CUTS/FEDERATION profile' had been established. He said that José François, the other elected at-large member of the Board, sent his regrets for being unable to attend the general meeting.

Temelini asked for potential timelines for the implementation of the resolutions adopted. He also asked for the position of the Board regarding the winding-up of one Federation legal entity.

Crowley said that in the past, CUTS offices had been opened in order to maximize access to the student market. He said this goal had largely been accomplished and noted that the only places where CUTS offices were not opened were either in locations which would not be financially viable, or where other means existed to reach the same market. He said in that context, the Board had discussed the future of the company, and where to go next. He said that 60% of all CUTS revenue is generated from student sales, and those sales are dependent on student discount agreements negotiated with the airlines. He said the Board's goal was to minimize CUTS' dependence on agreements with airlines. He said that for the past five years, the "brown ticket deals" have generated revenue for both CUTS and the airline, but there was no guarantee that the agreements would be negotiable every year into the future. He said the strategic planning committee would be considering these issues. He said it was imperative to have a proper debate on the level of share recapitalisation, and a report was necessary to facilitate the debate. He said it has been difficult to get access to all necessary information and said it was urgent to have the report ready by the November National general meeting. Regarding the position of the Board on amalgamation, he said the Board was divided between those who had doubts about the financial viability of an amalgamated organisation and those who felt that potential obstacles were not insurmountable.

**95/05:297 MOTION**

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

Be it resolved that the report of the Travel CUTS Board be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**Report of the Budget Committee**

Koenen (National Treasurer) presented the report. She said the membership fee schedule was examined and assessed in terms of enrollment increases and decreases. She said the Federations' budgets were examined to determine how much money was available. She said that the Budget Committee had some difficult decisions to make which included gapping two positions and possibly canceling a national general meeting. She said the committee fully understood the seriousness of such steps given a membership driven organisation such as the Federation. She said the committee rejected increasing delegates fees for general meetings since delegate fee increases make national general meetings inaccessible for some member locals. She said that canceling a general meeting meant making the meeting equally inaccessible for all members, whereas raising delegates fees effected some locals more than others. She said the Budget Committee had a high level of participation and representation, and encouraged the delegates to support the committee's recommendations. She said that the committee had agreed that the figures would be reviewed in November and should the financial situation improve, the priority would be the general meeting and filling the vacant staff positions.

A delegate asked how much money would be saved by cancelling a national general meeting.

Koenen said about \$60,000.00.

**95/05:298 MOTION**

/Laurentian Students General Assembly

Be it resolved that the recommendations of the Budget Committee be adopted omnibus with the exception of Budget-7.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:299 DIRECTIVE [BUDGET-1]**

Post-Graduate Student Society of McGill University/University of Lethbridge Students' Union

Be it resolved that the constituency group discount on delegate fees be set at 35% for the 1995-96 fiscal year.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:300 DIRECTIVE [BUDGET-2]**

University of Victoria Students' Society/Simon Fraser Student Society

Whereas the Canadian Programming Service is a service of the Federation;  
and

Whereas the Canadian Programming Service is not accessible to all member locals, nor is it used by all member locals; and

Whereas a service of the Federation should have the purpose of benefitting its members, either through use or financial return; and

Whereas a service of the Federation should represent the views of the Federation; and

Whereas the Canadian Programming Service does not necessarily promote speakers that represent the views of the Federation; and

Whereas the Canadian Programming Service has not traditionally generated revenue for the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that a study on the viability of the Canadian Programming Service be produced for presentation to the Fall 1995 national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the following information be included:

1. A dollar-by-dollar breakdown of sales in the following categories:
  - a. member local associations;
  - b. non-member local associations; and
  - c. other
2. A list of speakers in the bureau with gross sales figures for each speaker.
3. A long-range plan for the Programming Service to include:
  - a. projected areas of growth in sales by user and by speaker category; and
  - b. projected growth of revenue.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:301**

**DIRECTIVE [BUDGET-3]**

Dalhousie Student Union/York Federation of Students

Be it resolved that a report be prepared on the possible effects of amalgamation on Travel CUTS' International Air Travel Association rating; and

Be it further resolved that the report be prepared and distributed to the member locals within one month following the 1994-95 year-end calculation of the rating.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:302**

**DIRECTIVE [BUDGET-4]**

Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill University/York University  
Graduate Students' Association

Be it resolved that a review of the discount program be undertaken; and

Be it further resolved that a report on the review be presented to the next national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:303**

**DIRECTIVE [BUDGET-5]**

University of Victoria Students' Society/University of Winnipeg Student  
Association

Be it resolved that negotiations be initiated with the CUPE 1281 to transform the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Fieldworker position into a New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island-Nova Scotia Fieldworker position.

**CARRIED**

Be it resolved that Bylaw VII - Provincial Components - Caucuses 2. Current Provincial Components/Caucuses be amended to read:

- f. Canadian Federation of Students - Nova Scotia Component

**CARRIED**

**95/05:312 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [95/05:N18]**

Local 09/Local 30

Be it resolved that all references to 'Caucus' in Bylaw VII be deleted.

**CARRIED**

**92/11:244 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS [95/05:N18]**

Local 79/Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Association des étudiantes et étudiants

Be it resolved that Bylaw III - Policy of the Federation, Section 3: Policy Manual, Sub-section A, be amended to read as follows:

- A. All Federation policy statements will be compiled in a policy manual.
  - i) These will be updated following each semi-annual general meeting using the format currently used to update amendments to Government Statute, the insertion of an addendum with amended wording. Complete renumbering will only occur when the manuals are revised, renumbering on inserted pages will use a decimal system.
  - ii) Complete revision will occur every fourth semi-annual general meeting.
  - iii) Updated versions of the manuals will be available only on request; and

Be it further resolved that a list of all inserts to date be compiled and sent out to all member locals twice per year; before each semi-annual general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive be directed to investigate the process of translation to this new format and either implement the above changes or report back on the progress of that implementation.

Harter noted that a motion calling for the implementation of a binder system for the policy manual and national bylaws had already been adopted.

**92/11:244 WITHDRAWN**

The Speaker asked the will of plenary to remove 94/05:168 from the table.

Galingier (Trent Central Student Government) said the proposed amendments were intended to ensure that provincial components with no Francophone members were not being directed to provide interpretation. He said that the motion represented an affirmation that the Federation supported bilingualism. He said the money must be found to comply with the policy.

A delegate said he understood the difficulties for unilingual delegates participating in committees, but said that members should seriously consider the extremely high costs of simultaneous and consecutive interpretation for all aspects of the national general meeting. He said that other avenues should be explored to provide interpretation



resources for unilingual delegates. He reminded delegates that meetings were only one part of the work of the Federation.

St. Pierre, a representative of the unionised staff, explained that providing interpretation during committee time was not part of the job description of Federation staff.

**95/05:313 MOTION TO AMEND**

Simon Fraser Student Society/

Be it resolved that prior to each national general meeting an assessment is made as to whether the financial resources exist to comply with the policy.

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A delegate said he did not believe that some anglophone members did not fully appreciate the situation that some Francophone students in certain situations. He said there are some words are difficult to interpret for people who are not trained interpreters. He said that as a consequence, Francophones find themselves five minutes behind the discussion. He said they cannot participate in the discussion easily, because by the time they grasp the debate, and formulated their thoughts, the subject or the motion has passed. He said it is very frustrating for Francophones as they are constantly being assimilated, and surrounded by Anglophones. He said Francophones are still a minority and while it may be expensive it would be much more efficient for Francophones to have access to simultaneous interpretation. He said he himself knows enough English that he can get by, but when committees meet late it becomes more exhausting and more of a struggle to keep up. He asked delegates to support the motion despite the costs.

A delegate said she supported the motion and that the crux of the issue was whether the Federation was prepared to provide all of its members the opportunity to participate in the decision making process.

**94/05:168 CARRIED**

Clarke (Simon Fraser Student Society) stood on a point of personal privilege asking why the National Executive was shutting down debate in the organisation, especially with respect to the budget.

Koenen said that in her introduction to the report, she had urged delegates to support the committee's recommendations. She said she did not consider it practical to re-open the figures in the budget on the floor of plenary, since the Budget Committee was designed to go through that process. She said she is more than willing to respond to any questions. She said that when the question on the budget was called, there were no speakers lined up at the microphone to speak. She said she herself did not call the question but rather plenary did. She also said that the National Executive did not vote to move to the question, but the majority of the members voting at the time had voted to move to the question. She said she could not understand why the National Executive was being blamed for shutting down debate. She said it is the plenary that decides how much debate is undertaken and the plenary is free extend the speakers list, or call the question as they see fit. She said regarding the timeliness of the Budget Committee Report, she said that the budget is one of the lengthier reports to produce, translate and photocopy. She said there was little that could be done to hasten translation time and photocopying time. She said she never suggested that people were not allowed to ask questions or debate, rather, she presented the report and had confidence in the recommendations that were made by the committee as a whole.

The Speaker said that when the speakers list is exhausted, the question can be called. She said a vote was taken to call the question and such votes must be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members. The Speaker said she would not entertain any more debate on this issue unless a motion to reconsider were put on the floor.

A delegate stood on a point of order, noting that it was neither the National Executive nor the Speaker who stifled debate but rather the voting members of the plenary. She said if anyone is out of order, it was the plenary.

Harter said he just wanted to know why the National Treasurer did not take more time to present the budget line by line.

Koenen said she would be happy to review the budget line by line. She said that at the time she did not think that the members wanted her to go through the budget line by line. She said she assumed that the members of Budget Committee would report back to those constituencies, caucuses and components that they were representing. She said she is always happy to take questions and would have answered any that were put forward at the time, had any been asked.

Galinger said the Constituency Group Commissioner Chairperson had yet to be ratified.

Clarke (National Executive) said he had hoped to have a question and answer period regarding the membership issues he had outlined earlier.

Crowley said that the McGill Post-Graduate Student Society withdrew motion 95/05:229.

**95/05:314 MOTION**

University of Regina Students' Union/Laurentian

Be it resolved that Preston Parsons and Jan Seibel be ratified as alternating National Executive representatives.

Bollerup (Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design) said she was opposed to the motion because she did not believe that the Constituency Commission had voted in this way. She said that the Constituency Commission had elected someone else as Chairperson. She said that the person who had been elected to the non-voting National Executive representative did not resign but put themselves forward for another voting position on the National Executive.

Salamy said he had been elected as the Constituency Commission National Executive representative but subsequently resigned, and was then elected as the Students of Colour Representative on the National Executive.

A delegate said he opposed the motion because the person in question assumed a position with the intention of resigning in favour of another position.

**95/05:315 MOTION TO AMEND**

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

Be it resolved that Lancefield Morgan be ratified as the Students of Colour Commissioner.

Salamy stood on a point of order. He said it was not appropriate for a delegate who was not a member of the constituency group to propose commissioner.

The Speaker called a short break to resolved the issue.

11.56 am—the meeting recessed.

12.03 pm—the meeting reconvened.

The Speaker said the meeting was scheduled to adjourn and asked if there was agreement in resolving the motion on the floor prior to adjournment.

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**95/05:315 WITHDRAWN**

**95/05:316 MOTION**

Emily Carr Students' Union/University of Winnipeg Student Association

Be it resolved that plenary be extended by 30 minutes.

**CARRIED**

**95/05:314 CARRIED**

**95/05:317 DIRECTIVE**

/Capilano Student Society

Be it resolved that the Federation discuss the divisions in Canadian Federation of Students including addressing differing viewpoints and our relationship to other student organisations;

Be it further resolved that the National Executive report on the outcome of this discussion at the November general meeting.

It was noted that this motion referred to the walkout which had occurred previously. He said he did not support pandering to disruptive behavior. However, he said some of those members who left the meeting were worth pursuing, in order to reconcile some differences.

The Speaker called for further debate several times.

**95/05:317 CARRIED**

Kapoor (University of Regina Students' Union) said that the Students of Colour Constituency Group had reconvened and re-voted on their selection for the National Executive. She said Lancefield Morgan had been elected.

**95/05:318 MOTION**

University of Lethbridge Students' Union /University of Victoria

Be it resolved that Lancefield Morgan be ratified as the Students' of Colour Representative on the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

Gardiner called for a motion of thanks for all those who contributed to a productive, though tumultuous, national general meeting. The following people had their contributions noted: the Speaker; the translators; the interpreters; the minute-takers; the National Executive; the staff; the harassment advisors; the host committee; the caterers; the staff of St. Boniface College; and the general meeting coordinator.

The National Deputy Chairperson made a statement to the plenary. He said the National Executive had repeatedly asked for the trust, faith and support of the membership. He said the National Executive had counted on the membership and the membership did not disappoint the National Executive. He said the tardiness of the National Executive was unacceptable and apologized both personally and on behalf of the National Executive.

The National Chairperson thanked the host committee and all those who helped make the meeting productive. He said the National Executive apologized for lacking professionalism and said there was no point in offering an excuse since no excuse was acceptable. He said it would not happen in the future. He said that the Federation had accomplished much business but much work had yet to be done between now and November. He wished everyone well for the 1995-96 year.

**95/05:319**

**MOTION**

all members/National Executive

Be it resolved that the May 1995 National General Meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED unanimously**

12.20 pm—the meeting adjourned.