

Annotated Plenary Agenda

16th National Annual General Meeting - Canadian Federation of Students

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Opening Plenary

1. Attendance Roll Call

Brad Lavigne, National Chairperson, will call the roll of the membership to determine that quorum, the minimum number of member locals required to conduct business, is present.

2. Ratification of Plenary Speaker

The National Executive is recommending that Anne McGrath be ratified by the membership as Plenary Speaker.

Anne has a long history of involvement with the Federation. She was a member of the National Union Students' Central Committee during the era in which the Federation was formed. She was also a delegate at the founding meeting of the Federation. She was Plenary Speaker at the May 1995 national general meeting in St. Boniface, Manitoba, the November 1996 national general meeting in Ottawa and the May 1997 national general meeting in St. John's, Newfoundland. Anne currently works at the Calgary office of Oxfam Canada.

3. Announcement of Proxies

The Plenary Speaker will announce all recognised proxies that conform with *Bylaw II, 7. b.- Proxy Votes*.

4. Adoption of Plenary Agenda

Plenary will review the agenda proposed by the National Executive. Any changes or additions to the agenda may be made at this time.

5. Adoption of General Meeting Block Agenda

The plenary will review the agenda proposed by the National Executive. Any changes or additions to the agenda may be made at this time.

6. Consideration of Applications for Full Membership

The following student associations have applied for full membership in the Federation since the previous general meeting:

- University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

The plenary will consider this application at this time as per *Bylaw I, 2 - Full Membership*.

Indian Federated College

7. Consideration of Applications for Extension of Prospective Membership

As part of a working agreement entered into between the Federation and the Newfoundland-Labrador Component, the National Executive agreed to recommend to plenary the extension of prospective membership of member locals which had yet to hold full membership votes.

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The National Executive recommends that prospective membership be extended to the end of opening plenary of the May 1998 national general meeting for the following member locals:

- Cabot College Student Association;
- Labrador College Student Association;
- Westviking College Student Association; and
- Eastern College Student Association.

The National Executive is recommending that prospective membership for the following student unions be extended as per *Bylaw I, 2. b, ix - Prospective Membership*:

- Student Association of George Brown College; and
- Haileybury School of Mines Students' Administrative Council.

The plenary will consider the requests for extension of prospective membership at this time.

8. Presentation by Staff Relations Officer

Jennifer Story, Staff Relations Officer, will make a brief presentation on the Collective Agreement between the Federation and the bargaining unit as it pertains to the rights and responsibilities of staff of the Federation.

9. Introduction of Harassment Advisors

At this time, the Harassment Advisors, Tara Connolly and Florence Loh, will present a brief orientation to the Federation harassment policy.

The harassment policy is contained in the policy manual.

10. Presentation from *Transgendered Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Constituency Group

The *Transgendered, Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Constituency Group has sometimes been referred to as the invisible minority. In order to bring out the issues, history and purposes of the constituency group it has been customary since the May 1993 national general meeting to allocate a brief amount of time during opening plenary for a presentation.

11. Report of the National Executive

As per *Bylaw V 2f*, the National Executive will present a report to plenary detailing the work of the Federation undertaken since the previous general meeting.

12. National Executive Question and Answer Period

The plenary will have the opportunity to ask the National Executive questions on the contents of its report and other activities undertaken since the previous general meeting.

13. Striking of General Meeting Committees

At this time, plenary shall strike the following general meeting plenary sub-committees:

- National Education and Student Rights Committee;
- Budget Committee;
- Campaigns and Government Relations Committee; and
- Organisational Development Committee.

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14. Motions Referred to Opening Plenary

As per *Standing Resolution 1, 6 - Distribution and Presentation of Outstanding Reports* plenary will consider motions having been referred to opening plenary.

15. Referral of Motions Served With Due Notice

The plenary will review motions having been served with due notice. Plenary will consider the recommendations made by the National Executive on course of action to be taken with each motion.

16. Other Business

17. Recess

Closing Plenary

18. Attendance Roll Call

The Plenary Speaker will call the roll of the membership to determine that quorum, the minimum number of member locals required to conduct business, is present.

19. Business Arising from Opening Plenary

Business carried forward from opening plenary will be dealt with at this time.

20. Adoption of the May 1997 General Meeting Minutes

The plenary will consider the minutes of the May 1997 National Semi-Annual General Meeting.

21. Consideration of Reports

Reports of general meeting committees, caucuses and constituency groups will be considered by plenary in the order in which they are available.

22. Other Business

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Section I

**Motions Tabled or Served from May 1997
National Education & Student Rights Committee Report**

Motions for Consideration

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Section I

The motions for consideration contained in Section I are those which were served or tabled from the National Education and Student Rights Committee Report from the previous national general meeting. The Committee's recommendation precedes each motion and below each motion is the National Executive's recommendation for action.

MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN OPENING PLENARY

Policy Proposal on the Commercialisation on Campuses

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion:

97/05:061 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 62/ Local 7

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy Manual be amended to include a heading entitled Commercialisation;

Be it further resolved that the section on Commercialisation include the following:

The Federation opposes the commercialisation of university and college campuses ~~and the exploitation of students as consumers, as a means of generating revenue for post-secondary institutions.~~ This includes but is not limited to:

- the selling of space on university campuses for corporate advertising;
- advertising within educational materials;
- ~~(- exclusive contracts for goods and services (i.e. food, retail outlets, banking); and)~~
- donor recognition when it is used as a form of advertising.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Policy Proposal on Tenure of University Faculty

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion with the subsequent amendment (97/05:251):

97/05:132 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 83/ s7

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy Manual be amended to include:

The Federation supports tenure in universities, where tenure ensures:

- academic freedom;
- job security;
- a fair peer review system;
- protection against personal malice or forms of coercion; and
- continuity of quality long-term projects to develop knowledge and understanding.

And where tenured professors are bound by standards, negotiated by administrators, academic staff, and elected student representatives, with reference to national standards for:

- ethical and legal conduct;

- university-wide teaching and supervision standards; and
- evaluation and review procedures.

The Federation supports tenure review and promotion systems that recognise:

- principles of non-discrimination;
- academic contribution;
- university, ^{and} community contribution;
- excellence in teaching;
- high quality supervision and mentoring; and
- the need for student representation on decision making bodies.

The Federation supports the development of a tenure system which takes into account and remedies systemic barriers for marginalised groups.

97/05:251

MOTION TO AMEND

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society/⁸⁹Local 47

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 97/05:132 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the Issues Policy Manual be amended to include:

The Federation supports tenure in universities, where tenure ensures:

- academic freedom;
- job security;
- a fair peer review system;
- protection against personal malice or forms of coercion; and
- continuity of quality long-term projects to develop knowledge and understanding.

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- university, ^{and} community contribution;
- excellence in teaching;
- high quality supervision and mentoring;
- the need for student representation on decision making bodies; and,
- work promoting social and economic justice.

The Federation supports the development of a tenure system which takes into account and remedies systemic barriers for marginalised groups."

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Policy Proposal on Privatisation of Post-Secondary Education

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion:

97/05:134

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 7/Local 86

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy Manual be amended to include:

The Federation supports publicly funded and administered education. We therefore oppose any and all forms of privatised education, including, but not limited to:

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- removal of public funding from universities and colleges; the trend toward general deregulation of fees; full cost-recovery programs financed by tuition fee increases and/or private interests; privatisation of existing public programs and institutions; opening of new private accredited post-secondary institutions, replacement of public funds for research with private funds and the resulting loss of public accountability; and
- transfer of institutional facilities and services to private ownership and/or management.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Policy Proposal to Oppose Mondex

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion with the subsequent amendment (97/05:254):

97/05:142 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 54/Local 7

Whereas Mondex and other forms of commercially owned electronic cash systems are invasions on the privacy of its users; and

Whereas Mondex and other forms of commercially owned electronic cash systems are targeting young people, particularly university and college students;

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy Manual be amended to include:

The Federation opposes the promotion/use of Mondex and other forms of commercially owned electronic cash.

97/05:254 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 7

Be it resolved that the wording in the proposed policy statement in Motion 97/05:134 be amended to read:

✓ "Be it resolved that the policy Commercialisation in the Issues Policy Manual be amended to include:

The Federation recognises that Mondex and other forms of commercially owned electronic cash systems are invasions on the privacy of its users; and that Mondex and other forms of commercially owned electronic cash systems will further impose user fees on financial transactions; and that Mondex and other forms of commercially owned electronic cash systems are targeting young people, particularly university and college students;

Therefore the Federation opposes the promotion and use of Mondex and other forms of commercially owned electronic cash."

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Post-Secondary Education - Programme Review Mechanisms

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motions with the subsequent amendment (97/05:256):

✓ **96/11:210**

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 79/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the establishment of institution-generated, transparent, and relevant program review mechanisms, and opposes the use of standardised "Quality Indicators" across post-secondary institutions for the purpose of reducing funding or accessibility.

✓ **97/05:256**

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 11/Local 83

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy statement proposed in Motion-96/11:210 be amended to read as follows:

Performance Indicators

The Federation:

- recognises that reduced funding to post-secondary education *has been used as an excuse by govt's* is forcing ~~governments and~~ institutions to comparatively evaluate programs and institutions according to standardised quality or performance indicators;
- opposes indicators which do not recognise the diversity of programs, pedagogical techniques, and the general social climate of institutions; and
- recognises that such indicators should not be used to allocate funding ~~(equitably)~~, or to reduce accessibility to unique institutions and programs.

The Committee recommends that the following motion be ruled redundant upon consideration of 97/05:256:

✓ **97/05:017**

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 7/Local 31

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy statement proposed in Motion-96/05:210 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation opposes the use of standardised "quality indicators" across post-secondary institutions for the purpose of reducing funding or accessibility.

The National Executive recommends that these motions be considered in Opening Plenary.

Council of Ministers of Education Canada

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion with the subsequent amendment (97/05:258):

96/05:205

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 36/Local 09

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the establishment of formal, at least annual public meetings of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, and calls for increased funding of the Council by provincial and territorial governments.

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97/05:258

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Local 79

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy statement proposed in Motion-96/05:205 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the following policies in the Issues policy manual be deleted:

Federal Ministry for Higher Education, the Higher Education Agreement and Post-secondary Education and replaced with the following;

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

A. The Federation supports the creation of a federal department of Post-secondary Education and Research to co-ordinate:

- funding;
- national grants program;
- student summer employment programs;
- admission of international students (with the department of Immigration);
- collection of statistics pertaining to post-secondary education; and,
- collection of data on science and technology.

The department of Post-secondary Education and Research would be accountable, with the provinces and territories, for the shared funding of the operation of universities and colleges. The department would be headed by a federal Minister for Post-secondary Education and Research. The Minister would be obliged to present an annual report to the House of Commons and the Advisory Council on Post-secondary Education, detailing federal, provincial and territorial educational expenditures. The Minister would be responsible for ensuring a level of accessibility and quality of post-secondary education system as encompassed by the principles outlined in the Federation's preamble and in the Federation's Declaration of Students' Rights.

B. The Federation supports the creation of a Post-Secondary Education Agreement, between the Council of Ministers of Education and the federal department of Post-Secondary Education and Research, which would:

- delineate the respective mandates of the federal and provincial/territorial governments;
- establish standards based on Pan-Canadian Principles;
- establish mechanisms to enforce the Principles;
- outline funding formulas.

The Federation encourages the provincial/territorial governments to establish their own legislation with respect to the standards.

C. The Federation supports the creation of Pan-Canadian Principles, which would ensure a high quality, publicly funded and publicly administered, fully accessible, comprehensive and portable system of post-secondary education in Canada. The Federation defines the above term as follows:

Public Administration: A Post-Secondary Education system that is nationally planned and governed on a not for profit basis;

Accessibility: Post-Secondary Education would be available to all individuals with the capacity and desire to be educated and/or acquire skills, irrespective of their background; post-secondary institutions would be free of all user fees. A system of national grants would be available to students in need;

Comprehensiveness: A public education system designed to ensure a complete range of options; university, community colleges, professional and vocational training, distance education and continuing and adult education;

Transferability: Credits acquired would be transferable between all institutions in the country; all barriers between different types of institutions and provinces would be eliminated. This would not involve the complete standardisation of curricula;

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Mobility: All residency requirements for eligibility for student grants and awards would be eliminated.

Funding of post-secondary education for the province of Québec must be subject to

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The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Funding

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:085 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 31/Local 23

Be it resolved that the Funding section of the policy manual be amended to include:

The Federation agrees with the recommendations, regarding education, by the 1986 Federal New Democratic Party Task Force on Youth, calling for:

- stable funding for post-secondary education through negotiated federal - provincial financing agreements;
- funding increases which cover the real cost of maintaining accessible, quality education in Canada.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Proposal to Change Name of the Higher Education Agreement

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:140 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 23/Local 68

Whereas most of the membership refer to college and university education as post-secondary education and not higher education; and

Whereas in most official federal and provincial government documentation, the term 'post-secondary education' is used to describe college university education; and

Whereas most media outlets use 'post-secondary education' to describe college and university education; and

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy 'Higher Education Agreement' be amended to read 'Post-Secondary Education Agreement,' and

Be it further resolved that all references to the Agreement be amended accordingly.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Employment - Working Conditions

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion with the subsequent amendment (97/05:264):

96/05:198 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

West Viking College Students' Association /Local 09

Be it resolved that the policy listed in the Policy Manual under Employment be amended to include:

The Federation supports working conditions which provide adequate time for people to pursue activities apart from working in the labour market.

97/05:264 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05 /Local 83

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 96/05:198 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that. the policy listed in the Policy Manual under Employment be amended to include:

The Federation recognises that the demands of modern employment are placing high levels of stress on individuals, families and communities. The Federation supports working conditions which provide adequate time and income for people to pursue activities apart from working in the labour force." *such as part secondary ed. if they desire*

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Taxation - Support for Minimum Corporate Tax

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion with the subsequent amendment (97/05:266):

96/11:023 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

West Viking College Students' Association/Local 09

Be it resolved that the policy on Taxation in the Policy manual be amended to include:

The Federation supports a minimum corporate federal income tax of 3%.

97/05:029 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Local 87

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 96/11:023 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the policy on Taxation in the Policy manual be amended to include:

The Federation supports a minimum corporate federal income tax rate, set at half the of the corporate income tax rate, as described in the Alternative Federal Budget."

97/05:266 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Local 07

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 96/11:023 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the policy on Taxation in the Policy manual be amended to include:

The Federation supports a mandatory minimum corporate federal income tax.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Human Rights - Opposition to Business Relations of Countries with Poor Human Rights Records

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

96/05:229 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 07/West Viking Students' Association

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

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The Federation opposes the creation of business links with countries with poor Human Rights and Social Justice records, while at the same time supporting movements for freedom and equality.

97/05:032

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Labrador College Student Union

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 96/05:229 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes the creation of business links with governments and multinational corporations operating within countries with poor human rights and social justice practices, while at the same time supporting movements for freedom and equality."

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The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Use of the Word "art" as a Cover for Hate Provoking Materials

The Committee recommends that the following motion be referred to the National Executive:

96/11:033

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 07/Local 36

Whereas hate literature, material that provokes violence, and other materials have nevertheless been produced in the name of art, and

Whereas this practice is contrary to the spirit of social justice, and

Whereas the production of such materials has become an argument for the censorship of all art which promotes healthy debate; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes any use of the word "art" as an excuse to promote or provoke hate, violence, discrimination or oppression against individuals or groups.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Support for Accessible Transportation Service

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion with the subsequent amendment (97/05:270):

96/05:248

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 76/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports a public accessible transportation service for people with disabilities that parallels existing public transportation.

97/05:038

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 56/Local 8

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 96/05:248 be amended to read:

"The Federation supports accessible, public transportation systems, providing equivalent service to existing public transportation systems, for people with disabilities."

lack of clarity in wording.

defeated

referred back to committee

97/05:270

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 44/Local 34

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 97/05:038 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the policy on Students with Disabilities in the Issues policy manual be repealed and replaced with the following:

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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

The Federation:

1. declares that all students with disabilities have the right to equal access, equal treatment, and freedom from discrimination in post-secondary institutions; and
2. supports accessible, ^{+ therefore free} public transportation systems for people with disabilities which provide services equivalent to existing public transportation systems; and
3. supports publicly funded home care for people with disabilities, which provides a stable working relationship between the caregiver and the person with disability."

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Support for Publicly Funded Home Care

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

96/05:149

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 76/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports publicly funded home care for people with disabilities that provides a stable working relationship between the attendant and the person with disability.

97/05:041

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 11 /Local 23

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 96/05:249 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports publicly funded home care for people with disabilities, which provides a stable working relationship between the caregiver and the person with disability."

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion with the subsequent amendment (97/05:273):

97/05:043

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 61/Local 05

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the recommendations of the Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples.

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97/05:273

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 83/Local 71

Be it resolved that the existing sub-section on Aboriginal Students in the Issues Policy Section of the Policy Manual be repealed and replaced with:

Declaration of Aboriginal Students' Rights

Preamble

*1. right to full economic
reparation for historical
exploitation + genocide
of aboriginal peoples.
included.*

- A. The Federation recognises and fully supports Aboriginal Peoples' inherent rights and titles, including:
1. the right to self-government, and all of its cultural and spiritual forms;
 2. the right to self-determination;
 3. the right to hold and adhere to the results of referenda on self-determination, and in other areas;
 4. the right to self-administered services including health care, education, child welfare and justice;
 5. the right to self-identification as Aboriginal, Inuit, and Metis;
 6. the right to recognition of Aboriginal Languages as official languages of Canada;
 7. the Federal Government's fulfilment of its fiduciary responsibility to treaty and Aboriginal Peoples;

The Federation supports the administration of public and social programs and services to Aboriginal Peoples through a bilateral or trilateral government-band consultation process.

- B. In support of this policy, the Federation:
1. supports the efforts of Aboriginal People in Canada to obtain justice through recognition by the Canadian government of these rights, and through a just settlement of claims;
 2. supports the right of self-organisation at the institutional, provincial and federal levels;
 3. supports the right to use and maintain cultural and spiritual forms of Aboriginal self-government within student associations, including the Federation;
 4. opposes any efforts or actions taken by governments, individuals or groups which undermines these rights.

Aboriginal Education

The Federation supports:

- Aboriginal control of Aboriginal post-secondary education:
- school courses in Aboriginal Studies, including language, history, and culture; *and technology*
- hiring and training of more Aboriginal teachers, instructors and professors;
- inclusion of Aboriginal parents, elders and educators in education of Aboriginal children;
- special support programs, with adequate government funding, for Aboriginal students, such as counselling, substance abuse education, remedial education and retention programs;
- Aboriginal language instruction for pre-school through post-secondary education;
- resolution of federal, provincial and territorial conflicts over jurisdiction over education;
- recognition by the federal government of its responsibility to fund Aboriginal education;
- training of Aboriginal adults for teaching, para-professional and administrative positions in education;
- prompt acknowledgement by all governments that education is a core area for the exercise of Aboriginal self-government;
- access to Aboriginal resource centres and student services administered by and for Aboriginal People;
- March 22 as an annual National Day of Recognition of all of these Aboriginal Student Rights, and Aboriginal Students' continuing struggle to have their aboriginal and treaty rights to education honoured.

Participation and retention of Aboriginal Students

In order to realise the goal of adequate participation, retention and graduation of Aboriginal students in public post-secondary institutions, the Federation supports the introduction, encouragement and enhancement of the following:

- a welcoming environment for Aboriginal students;
- Aboriginal content and perspectives in course offerings across disciplines;
- Aboriginal studies and programs included in institutions' core budgets and programs;
- Aboriginal appointments to Boards of Governors;
- Aboriginal councils to advise administrators;
- active recruitment of Aboriginal students;
- admission policies that encourage access by Aboriginal applicants;
- meeting spaces for Aboriginal students;
- Aboriginal student unions;
- recruitment of Aboriginal faculty;
- support services with Aboriginal counselling for academic and personal counselling;
- cross-cultural sensitivity training for all members of the university or college community.

Aboriginal Control of Aboriginal Education

In order to realise the goal of Aboriginal controlled education systems, the Federation supports the following rights:

- legislation to facilitate self-starting initiatives by Aboriginal nations and their communities in education;
- mandating of Aboriginal-endorsed volunteer organisations to fulfil educational needs in urban and non-reserve areas until Aboriginal governments are established;
- provision of planning, capital, start-up, and operational funding mechanisms negotiated between Aboriginal governments and provincial, federal and territorial governments;
- establishment and improvement of community learning centres where required, and as determined as a priority by the community;
- fulfilment of obligations pursuant to both treaties and modern agreements with respect to education;
- additional resources allocated to mitigate the impact of the increased costs of shifting to a new policy environment in post-secondary education;
- additional resources to meet the anticipated higher level of demand for post-secondary education services.

Funding of Aboriginal-controlled Aboriginal education

The Canadian Federation of Students recognises that the Federal Government must meet its fiduciary responsibility to treaty and Aboriginal students, and that current government funding and social policy mechanisms do not adequately address the needs of Aboriginal students.

The Federation supports the notion that the cost of education for Aboriginal post-secondary students has been "pre-paid" through all resources generated from unceded lands.

Portability and Accreditation

In order to realise the goal of portability, and to legitimise Aboriginal-controlled Aboriginal Education in the eyes of the post-secondary sector, the government, and the public, the Federation supports the establishment of regional boards and/or a Canada-wide board whose mandate would be:

- establishment of standards for accreditation;
- negotiation of mutual recognition of credits between Aboriginal and provincial and territorial institutions;
- establishment of working relationships with mainstream accreditation bodies;
- the pursuit of other objectives related to the common interests of Aboriginal institutions.

Aboriginal Language Education

In order to realise the goal of Aboriginal-controlled Aboriginal Language Education, the Federation supports the following:

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- assignment of priority of Aboriginal language education in provincial and territorial education systems to complement and support language preservation efforts;
- first- or second- language instruction or immersion programs where desired;
- recognition of language competence for second-language academic credit whether acquired within or without the classroom;
- involvement of elders and fluent Aboriginal language speakers in programs to enhance Aboriginal language acquisition and fluency;
- development of instruction materials;
- encouragement and reward of language teaching as a career path;
- encouragement and reward of language research in lexical elaboration, structural analysis and cultural contexts as professional and academic specialisation.

Aboriginal-controlled Training and Adult Learning

In order to realise the goal of adequate Aboriginal-controlled, integrated delivery of adult learning, training programs, basic education and upgrading, the Federation supports the following:

- Governmental collaboration at all levels with Aboriginal governments and organisations;
- agreements to delegate responsibility for delivery of training to Aboriginal governments, their mandated educational authorities, or Aboriginal-endorsed volunteer organisations;
- adaptation of program design, admission criteria, language of instruction, and integral allocation of funding by Aboriginal delivery agents, to accommodate Aboriginal cultural and community needs;
- multi-year block funding to enable Aboriginal governments, during the transition to self-government, to assume primary responsibility for funding allocation to Aboriginal and Aboriginal-designed programs.

Aboriginal Students Issues

The Federation recognises and supports the following as inherent aboriginal and treaty rights of Aboriginal post-secondary students:

- access to funding that ensures the opportunity to participate in, and complete, a quality post-secondary education;
- recognition of Aboriginal Languages for post-secondary entrance requirements;
- an education which reflects the lifestyle and needs of aboriginal communities;
- recognition of aboriginal languages as an option for college and university language course requirements;
- universal access to culturally appropriate, quality native content courses;
- promotion of understanding and respect for aboriginal cultures, languages, spirituality, and history in the Canadian post-secondary education system;

and recognises these rights as constitutionally entrenched in section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:045 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 05/Local 44

Be it resolved that the following policy, based on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, be adopted:

The Federation supports aboriginal control of education.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:047 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 57/Local 86

Be it resolved that the following policy, based on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, be adopted:

The Federation supports school courses in Aboriginal studies, including history, language and culture.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:049 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 57/Local 44

Be it resolved that the following policy, based on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, be adopted:

The Federation supports training and hiring of more Aboriginal teachers, instructors and professors.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

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Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:051 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 05/Local 44

Be it resolved that the following policy, based on recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, be adopted:

The Federation supports the inclusion of Aboriginal parents, elders and educators in the education of Aboriginal children.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:053 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 44/Local 57

Be it resolved that the following policy, based on recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, be adopted:

The Federation supports special support programs for Aboriginal students, for example, counselling, substance abuse education, remedial education and retention programs.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:055 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 86/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following policy, based on recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, be adopted:

The Federation support funding of support services for Aboriginal students in post-secondary institutions.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:057 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 44/Local 57

Be it resolved that the following policy, based on recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, be adopted:

The Federation supports Aboriginal language instruction from pre-school to post-secondary education.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:059 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 44/Local 57

Be it resolved that the following policy, based on recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, be adopted:

The Federation supports the resolution of federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictional conflicts over responsibilities, or recognition by the federal government of its funding responsibility for education.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:061 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 86/Local 05

Be it resolved that the following policy, based on recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, be adopted:

The Federation supports training Aboriginal adults for teaching, para-professional and administrative positions in education.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Royal Commission Report on Aboriginal Peoples

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:063 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 44/Local 86

Be it resolved that the following policy, based on recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, be adopted:

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The Federation recognises that federal, provincial and territorial government should act promptly to acknowledge that education is a core area for the exercise of Aboriginal self-government.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Aboriginal Experiences Reflected in Curricula

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

96/05:160 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 61 /Local 44

Be it resolved that item 7 in the Policy Manual under Curricula be amended to read as follows:

- ✓
7. The development of curricula which addresses the experiences and contributions of aboriginal Peoples.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Policy Proposal on Support for Aboriginal Institutions

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

96/05:162 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 61/Local 44

Be it resolved that the policy listed in the Policy Manual under Post-Secondary Education be amended to include:

✓ The Federation supports the creation of Aboriginal post-secondary institutions.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Policy Proposal on Aboriginal Education

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

97/05:067 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 44/Local 57

Be it resolved that the following policy, based on recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, be adopted:

✓ The Federation recognises that federal, provincial and territorial governments collaborate with Aboriginal governments, organisations or education authorities, as appropriate, to support the development of Aboriginal controlled education systems by:

- a. introducing, adapting or ensuring the flexible application of legislation to facilitate self-starting initiatives by Aboriginal nations and their communities in the field of education;
- b. mandating voluntary organisations that are endorsed by substantial numbers of Aboriginal People to act in the field of education in urban and non-reserve areas where numbers warrant until such time as Aboriginal governments are established; and
- c. providing funding commensurate with the responsibilities assumed by Aboriginal nations and their communities, or voluntary organisations, given the requirements of institutional and program development, costs of serving small or dispersed communities, and special needs accruing from the past failures of education services.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Federal Budget - Aboriginal Treaty Rights

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

96/05:161 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 61/Local 44

Be it resolved that policy listed in the Policy Manual under Federal Budgetary Issues include:

- a fiduciary commitment to fulfilling all aboriginal and treaty rights.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Canada Health and Social Transfer & Aboriginal Rights

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion:

96/05:159 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 61/Local 44

Be it resolved that the policy listed in the Policy Manual under Canada Health and Social Transfer be amended to include:

- c. the infringement on aboriginal rights to exercise jurisdiction over education healthcare and social services.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Human Rights - Opposition to Brutality of Canadian Military and Police

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion with the subsequent amendment (97/05:290):

96/05:216 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 54/Local 76

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation is opposed to brutality in both Canadian policing and military actions.

97/05:290 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 11

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 96/05:216 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted ~~(as proposed for)~~

The Federation is opposed to ~~(brutality in)~~ both Canadian policing and military actions both nationally and internationally including, but not limited, to actions officially classified as "peace keeping".

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

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Standardisation of Harassment Procedure within Institutions

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion as amended:

96/05:135 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 72/Local 68

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policies Section:

✓
The Federation supports and encourages the standardisation of harassment complainant procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to: confidentiality of the complainant; a response period that is respectful of students' schedules and work load; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation and position of influence.

Be it further resolved that the Federation support the creation of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are fully funded by administration to serve the needs of all students, especially the needs of Students of Colour, Students with Disabilities, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students and Aboriginal Students.

97/05:072 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Local 44

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy proposal in Motion 96/05:135 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policies Section:

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The Federation supports and encourages the development of common elements of harassment complainant procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to: confidentiality of the complainant; a response period that is respectful of students' schedules and work load; ~~and~~ the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation and position of influence. *+ therefore the need for an advocacy procedure and/or maintenance of for the complainant.*

The Federation supports the creation of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are autonomous (and fully funded by administration) to serve the needs of all students, especially the needs of Students of Colour, Students with Disabilities, Gay, Lesbian, ~~and~~ Bisexual ~~and~~ Transgendered ~~and~~ Students, ~~and~~ Aboriginal Students. *"and women students"*

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Right to Self-determination for Québec and First Nations

The Committee recommends that the following motion be referred to the National Executive:

96/05:166 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 83/Local 86

✓
Whereas the right to self-determination is a principle of international law; and

Whereas the Federation has policy supporting the right to self-determination for Canada's First Nations; and

Whereas the Federal government of Canada has refused to recognise the right of self-determination and self-government of Canada's First Nations; and

Whereas the Federal government has announced that it supports lawyer Guy Bertrand's appeal to the courts to prevent the People of Québec from holding a democratic referendum on self-determination; and

Whereas the implications of Bertrand's appeal is that it will set a legal precedent which allow the Canadian government to deny the legitimacy of any democratically held vote by

either the People of Québec or the First Nations People of Canada to self-determination;
and

Whereas some Canadians who oppose the democratic right to self-determination are suggesting the use of military force as a means of preventing Québec from pursuing its democratic right to self-determination; and

Whereas military force has already been used by the Canadian government against First Nations Peoples of Canada over self-government; therefore

Be it resolved that the threatened use of force against Québec and First Nations People of Canada on the issue of self-determination be condemned;

Be it further resolved that the Federal government's support of Bertrand's appeal to the Québec Superior Court be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the right of the People of Québec and the First Nations People of Canada to self-determination and recognises the right and legitimacy of the First Nations People of Québec to hold referenda on self-determination.

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97/05:074

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 85/Local 05

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy proposal in Motion 96/05:166 be amended to read:

The Federation supports the right and legitimacy of the First Nations People of Canada and citizens of Québec to self-determination and recognises the right and legitimacy of the First Nations People of Québec to hold referenda on self-determination, and of the First Nations People of Québec to exercise the results of the referenda.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

Policy Statement on Accessibility

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion with the subsequent amendment (97/05:294):

97/05:079

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 31/Local 23

Be it resolved that the policy on Accessibility be repealed and replaced with the following:

ACCESSIBILITY

An accessible education is one which is open to all applicants who wish to attend a post-secondary institution. The federation recognises that the class-stratified nature of Canadian society has worked to discriminate against the majority of Canadians in their attempts to obtain a quality post-secondary education. An accessible education should allow the individual student to choose the education of their choice.

The Federation supports:

1. the elimination of all financial barriers to a post-secondary education;
2. the elimination of tuition and other incidental user fees;
3. the elimination of differential fees;
4. the right of students to receive a post-secondary education in the official language of their choice: French, English, and Aboriginal languages;
5. the right of students to attend the post-secondary institution of their choice, without additional financial burden;

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6. the elimination of all other social and cultural barriers including, but not limited to, race, colour, sex, language, religion, sexual orientation, gender, political affiliation, or family status;
7. the removal of all conditions which might prevent disabled students from attending post-secondary institutions;
8. the universal provision of free, quality child care;
9. the elimination of unnecessary impediments to program portability;
10. the elimination of barriers to accessibility resulting from geography;
11. the elimination of enrolment quotas; and
12. the implementation of a guaranteed minimum income for all students.

97/05:294

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 84/Local 83

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 97/05:079 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the policy on Accessibility be repealed and replaced with the following:

ACCESSIBILITY

An accessible education is one which is open to all applicants who wish to attend a post-secondary institution. The federation recognises that the class-stratified nature of Canadian society has worked to discriminate against the majority of Canadians in their attempts to obtain a quality post-secondary education. An accessible education should allow the individual student to pursue the education of their choice.

The Federation supports:

1. the elimination of all financial barriers to a post-secondary education;
2. the elimination of tuition and other incidental user fees;
3. the elimination of differential fees;
4. the right of students to receive a post-secondary education in the official language of their choice: French, English, and Aboriginal languages;
5. the right of students to attend the post-secondary institution of their choice, without additional financial burden;
6. the elimination of all other social and cultural barriers including, but not limited to, race, colour, sex, language, religion, sexual orientation, gender, political affiliation, or family status; ~~social/economic background~~ *class*;
7. the removal of all conditions which might prevent disabled students from attending post-secondary institutions;
8. the universal provision of free, quality child care; *+ course*
9. the elimination of unnecessary impediments to program portability;
10. the elimination of barriers to accessibility resulting from geography;
11. the elimination of enrolment quotas; and
12. the implementation of a guaranteed minimum income for all students."

The National Executive recommends that this motion be considered in Opening Plenary.

*Radical democratic participation
by students & workers
1. The full democratisation
of campuses
referred to
etc.*

*discrimination on the
basis of*

MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION & STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Policy Proposal on Incidental Fees

97/11:N01 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 5/Local 84

Be it resolved that the section of the Issues Policy manual entitled Tuition be amended with a new heading, User/tuition fees;

Be it further resolved that the following policy be adopted under User/tuition fees:

The Federation opposes incidental fees imposed by post-secondary institutions for the purpose of raising institutional revenue; and fees incurred on a per-course basis which cannot be used in the calculation of ancillary fees for student loan programs.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Canada Council

97/11:N02 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 5/Local 84

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the heading Research Councils as a sub-section:

CANADA COUNCIL

The Federation recognises that certain similarities exist between artistic, cultural, and scholarly explorations in post-secondary institutions. It further recognises that currently, most explorations and research undertaken in Art programs in post-secondary institutions falls between the cracks in terms of funding from the National Councils, in that there is a gap between then mandates of the Canada Council and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. The Federation:

1. supports recognition by government of Canada Council as a funding body eligible for matched funding in the way that the other research granting councils are eligible; and
2. supports broadening of the mandates of the Canada council and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, to include of all artistic and cultural explorations and research in Post-Secondary institutions.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Research in the Arts and Cultural Sector

97/11:N03 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 5/Local 84

Be it resolved that the Issues policy manual be amended to include a section entitled Research in the Arts and Cultural Sector;

Be it further resolved that the following policy be adopted under the heading Research in the Arts and Cultural Sector:

RESEARCH IN THE ARTS AND CULTURAL SECTOR

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The Federation defines research in the Visual Arts, Craft & Design, Art History, and Art Education, as involving intellectual explorations that help to bridge theory and practice and address a wide audience. A broad variety of traditional and innovative research methods result in works of art, scholarly books and articles, exhibitions, catalogues and other formats. Such research, whether pure or applied, enhances understanding of the visual real while offering new cultural meanings, challenges and knowledge.

The Federation recognizes artistic and cultural exploration as research as fundamental to the creation and sustenance of Canadian identity as distinct from those of other countries. As well, recognizes culture as central to the identities of individual Canadians.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on the Declaration of Student Rights

97/11:N04 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 5/Local 84

Be it resolved that the Declaration of Student Rights, The Right To Justice in the Educational Community, be amended to include:

17. actively support their college or university faculty and staff union actions (e.g. respecting picket lines) without academic, financial or any other form of disciplinary sanction.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Tuition Fees

97/11:N05 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 5/Local 84

Be it resolved that Tuition policy be amended to read as follows:

Tuition Fees-Preamble

The Canadian Federation of Students considers tuition a user fee. Federation Accessibility policy states that user fees are a barrier to access. The Federation opposes:

1. the use of tuition fees by institutions as a solution to the problem of underfunding;
2. tuition fee increases to offset costs of bursary programs funded by institutions;
3. incidental fees imposed by institutions for the purpose of increasing revenue.

The Federation therefore calls for an immediate tuition freeze, followed by the progressive elimination all financial barriers to post-secondary education.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Quality

97/11:N06 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 5/Local 84

Be it resolved that the Quality policy be amended to read as follows:

Quality-Preamble

The Federation supports programs which:

- are constantly developed and reviewed both by way of internal reviews and external reviews;
- have built-in flexibility;
- encompass depth of educational experience by providing basic theory and general skills, and advanced theory and specific skills, which are characterised by challenging course material;
- encompass breadth of education by encouraging and making possible cross-over between disciplines;
- incorporate a high degree of choice and freedom in educational experience
- incorporate universal access for students to the classes they want;
- minimise both academic and financial costs to students.

Delivery/Contact Hours/Contact Time

The Federation supports programs which:

- provide delivery in a variety of styles appropriate to course material, as determined by faculty in consultation with students;
- include implicit recognition that different delivery styles and course content require differing qualities and amounts of contact time;
- include implicit recognition that contact time between instructors and students has a direct effect on the quality of education;
- include implicit recognition that contact hours do not simply consist of class meeting time, but can include instructor/student ratio, number of hours the class meets, and out of class contact availability;
- provide contact by way of instructor/student ratios, contact hours, and out of class availability of a nature and amount determined by faculty in consultation with students;
- provide faculty-student ratios which enable students to receive adequate personal attention in each course.

Equipment and Academic Support

The Federation supports the provision of:

- access to up to date research facilities and equipment;
- equipment and facilities which are adequate and reasonably accessible to any student who wishes to use them, regardless of current enrolment in pertinent classes;
- accessibility and quantity of workspaces determined in consultation with faculty, support staff, and students.
- adequate work, studio, lab, and storage space, as determined by individual student need and practise.

Instruction

The Federation supports instruction within programs which:

- is adequately recompensed through wages to instructors, teaching assistants, and/or staff;
- varies as appropriate between courses and programs;
- maintains appropriate grading systems, determined by faculty in consultation with students;
- maintains an appropriate balance of full and part-time instructors;
- recognises that part-time instructors bring an element of additional richness and diversity to a course of study; however, they should not be hired at the expense of full-time instructors tenured

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- does not include graduate student teaching assistantships which take the place of regular teaching faculty, but rather provide graduate students with experiences they both want and need within their programs;
- includes an entrenched preservation of academic freedom;
- includes an entrenched availability of professional upgrading and development;
- includes maintenance of a climate conducive to full participation by all students;
- recognises that students face a number of different barriers to quality education, and that Aboriginal students, women, students of colour, students with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and Transgendered students face systemic barriers above and beyond their considerable financial barriers;
- is conducted in such a manner as to allow all students to feel free to speak and to ask for the kind of education they want and need, without fear of reprisal or discrimination by faculty or fellow students;
- recognises that diversity of student body is an element essential to the educational experience;
- recognises the responsibility of the administration and the board of governors to ensure a diverse student, staff, and faculty population.

Non-Academic

The Federation recognises that quality in education is related to the availability of certain non-teachable services, including, but not limited to:

- adequate common social areas, in both size and quality of service;
- accessible affordable good quality food service;
- accessible affordable supplies;
- presence on site of an ombudsperson, or other accessible confidential counselling service;
- health services;
- accessible information systems, information and communication;
- adequate distribution of information on decisions and implementation timelines;
- representation and input in all decision-making, including implementation;
- accessible child care;
- adequate and accessible harassment and grievance processes and the right to appeal;
- a suitable and safe physical plant.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Sexual Orientation

97/11:N07 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 5/Local 84

Be it resolved that the Sexual Orientation policy be amended to read as follows:

Preamble

The Federation shall, from time to time, in support of this policy, engage in various campaigns to work for equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered students.

Discrimination

The Federation supports the inclusion of sexual orientation as prohibited grounds for discrimination in organisations, businesses, and governments; and in all areas of academic life. The Federation therefore:

1. opposes discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered faculty, including denial of tenure on the basis of sexual orientation;
2. urges post-secondary institution administrations to work with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered students, faculty and staff to provide anti-homophobia workshops;

3. recognises March 14th as a Day Without Hate.

Declaration of Student Rights:

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Students

The Federation declares that all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered students have the right to:

1. live freely and openly as full and equal participants in society;
2. equal access to, equal treatment in, and freedom from harassment in all aspects of post-secondary education, employment, provision of public services, and housing;
3. organise on campus, regardless of sexual orientation, in a manner consistent with self-determined principles as opposed to externally imposed principles, and with equal access to funding, space, facilities and resources on campuses;
4. access to programs and curricula dealing with, and including fair and honest treatment of, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered content, such as history, sociology, culture, sexuality, psychology, politics, and legal status;
5. organisation, celebration and observation of Pink Triangle Day every February 14th, International Pride Day, and any other events which promote a sense of identity and community;
6. access to resources which assist in the healthy development of a positive individual, community, and societal self-image, including professional services provided by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered professionals, or professionals specialising in the provision of services to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered clients, in a receptive and positive environment;
7. legal recognition of same sex relationships including marriage and its associated benefits in the eyes of the law and society, including custody or adoption of children on an equal basis with heterosexual people.

Homophobia

- C. The Federation opposes homophobic violence, which it recognises as a hate crime. Homophobia creates a climate which fosters homophobic violence, compounded and intensified in the case of People of Colour, People with Disabilities, Aboriginal People and other traditionally and historically marginalised people. Homophobia therefore creates an environment on campuses which presents a barrier to access.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on International Issues

97/11:N08 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 5/Local 84

Be it resolved that the policy on International Issues in the Issues Policy Manual be repealed; and

Be it further resolved that the following policy be adopted under the heading, International Issues:

The absence of social justice and human rights is recognised by the Federation as a barrier to education, and to the quality of life all citizens of any country deserve. As well, the Federation recognises certain conditions are necessary in order to achieve those rights.

A. The Federation:

1. recognises the right of students and peoples to social justice and human rights;
2. recognises the right of students and peoples to organise and educate themselves in the pursuit of economic and social justice;

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3. opposes any violent or non-violent suppression or oppression by governmental or military action, of student organisations, demonstrations, assemblies or protests;
 4. opposes any violent or non-violent suppression or oppression by governmental or military action, of citizens in their pursuit of economic and social justice;
 5. opposes any violent or non-violent suppression or oppression by governmental or military action, of the freedom of expression and academic freedom of students or citizens engaged in creative, academic or artistic endeavours;
 6. supports the recognition of rape as a war crime.
- B. In support of these policies, the Federation shall, from time to time, support and/or participate in campaigns against products and companies selling products to, conducting business in, and/or making use of labour forces in countries which transgress the above policies, including, but no limited to, trade sanctions, boycotts, and publicity campaigns

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on International Students Issues

97/11:N09 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 5/Local 84

Be it resolved that the policy on International Students Issues in the Issues Policy Manual be repealed; and

Be it further resolved that the following policy be adopted under the heading, International Students Issues:

The Federation recognises the contribution international students make to Canadian society, through cultural exchanges, sharing of knowledge, and establishing International links which are beneficial to both individuals and institutions, as well as the economic contribution they make while in Canada.

A. The Federation declares that international students, at all levels of study, have the right to:

1. Fair and understandable guidelines for study in Canada;
2. Full and equal access to:
 - affordable education, without user fees, without the added cost of differential user fees;
 - health care, child care, and public services while in Canada;
 - employment, employment services, and affordable housing while in Canada;
 - representation on local student organisations;
 - financial aid and scholarships.
3. Obtain, if they choose, and if necessary, temporary work permits, with no fees or other conditions attached to them, to financially enable them to continue their studies in Canada and to gain valuable work experience for a period of time after attaining a degree or diploma;
4. Obtain, if they choose, student visas, with no fees or other conditions attached to them, lasting for the duration of their studies in Canada;
5. Extend their stay in Canada to ensure their safety if the political climate in their home country is such that their safety would be jeopardised upon their return.

B. To support these policies, the Federation:

1. Recognises November 17th as International Students' Day;
2. Encourages acknowledgement and protection, by governments and institutions, of the contributions, both academic and economic, made by international students while in Canada;

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3. Opposes governmental and institutional policies which identify and promote the recruitment of International Students as a method for increasing revenues through the application of differential user fees;
4. Supports the establishment of such mechanisms as International Student centres and International Student counselling services to facilitate the cultural exchange experienced by International Students;
5. Supports the development of a national network of International Student centres in Canada.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Section II

**Motions Tabled or Served from Previous
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Section II

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MOTIONS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION & STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Policy Proposal on Ownership and Control of Intellectual Works

96/11:099 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 19/Local 47

Whereas the ability to publish, research topics and time constraints on research are adversely affected by direct private sector funding of research projects; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the establishment of strict protocols to deal with ownership of research materials, control of project design, enforcement of contracts and intellectual works.

BIFRT grad students where applicable be fully included in those protocols...

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

recognized as partners is corresponding rights

Policy Proposal on Technology

96/11:100 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 47/Local 19

Be it resolved that following policy be adopted:

The Federation opposes the use of technology as a cost-cutting measure to replace current pedagogical methods including classroom and student-teacher interaction.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Tuition Fees

96/11:101 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 47/Local 19

Be it resolved that following policy be adopted:

In support of its call for the progressive elimination of all financial barriers to post-secondary education, the Federation opposes the elimination of a graduate tuition-fee structure which includes reduced post-program or subsequent fees.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal to Oppose the Closing of the Montfort Hospital

97/11:N10 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 79/Local 83

Whereas Ottawa's Montfort Hospital is the only Francophone hospital in Ontario; and
Whereas the Francophone population of Ontario is made up of approximately 460,000 people; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario is threatening to close Montfort Hospital; therefore
Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading "Rights of Linguistic Minorities" be amended as follows:

The Federation supports the "S.O.S. Montfort" group to help counter the closing of the only Francophone hospital in Ontario.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Linguistic Minorities Rights

97/11:N11 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 79/Local 83

Be it resolved that following policy under the heading "Linguistic Minorities Rights" be adopted:

The Federation opposes declarations made by some Canadian municipalities in favour of the use of English only.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Linguistic Minorities Rights

97/11:N12 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 79/Local 83

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading "Linguistic Minority Rights" be amended:

The Federation opposes all funding cuts to services for Francophone minorities.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

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Policy Proposal on Linguistic Minorities Rights

97/11:N13 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 79/Local 83

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading "Linguistic Minority Rights" be amended:

The Federation supports accessibility to post-secondary education for Francophone students enrolled in Anglophone institutions, such as the right to submit their dissertations, theses, and written assignments in French.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Tenure of Faculty

97/11:N14 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 07/Local 11

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy manual be amended to include the following:

The Federation opposes the denial of ^{tenure being denied} tenure based solely on work promoting social and economic justice.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

*re-serve
this for May
incorporated into
tenure policy*

*out of
order?*

Policy Proposal on Governance of Post-Secondary Institutions

97/11:N15 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local /Local

Be it resolved that the policy under the heading Governance of Post-Secondary Institutions be amended to read:

The Federation supports governing boards of post-secondary institutions becoming representative of the communities served by these institutions, to include increased numbers of women, aboriginal people, people of colour, lesbian, gay and bisexual persons, people with disabilities, mature and part time students, faculty and student representatives or appointees.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

MOTIONS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Federation Documents - Format

97/11:N16 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 83/Local 36

Be it resolved that the following policy, titled "Federation Documents-Format" in the Operations Policy Section of the Policy Manual, be amended to read as follows:

The corresponding pages of the English and French versions of the Constitution and Bylaws, the Policy Manual and Standing Resolutions shall be formatted in column style.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

defeat.

*NO!
(lengthy
probs.)
etc.)*

Section III

**Motions Served with Due Notice for Consideration at
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Section III

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MOTIONS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION & STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Policy Proposal on Accessibility

97/11:N17 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 79/Local

Be it resolved that the policy under the heading Accessibility in the Issues policy manual be amended to include:

6. The abolition of differential fees for visa and out-of-province students.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Solidarity and Support of Workers' Strikes

97/11:N18 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 54/Local 68

Be it resolved that the Issues policy manual be amended to include the following:

SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT OF WORKERS' STRIKES

As disrupting production is workers' strongest weapon against the neo-liberal offensive, the Federation recognises that job actions such as work slow downs/stoppages or wildcat strikes, are a fundamental part of the struggle for socio-economic justice.

The Federation also recognises the common interest that makes students and workers inherent political allies. As such, the Federation supports in principle and by default, worker decisions to make their demands in the form of a strike, be it legal or illegal.

In the event of a strike, on a campus or otherwise, this support will include, but not be limited to: picket support, direct solidarity actions, education, publicity and financial support, from all appropriate levels of the Federation.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Poverty

97/11:N19 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 34/Local 11

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy manual be amended to include the following:

Poverty

The Federation believes that conditions of poverty have an effect on access to education, and on the quality of education while in the system. Therefore the Federation recognises the political responsibility of students to keep personal poverty in perspective, recognising personal privilege while also working against poverty in general.

A. Minimum Income Levels

The Federation recognises that the current levels of various forms assistance has led to a need for combining two or more sources of assistance in order to survive. The Federation believes it should not be necessary to combine forms of assistance, and calls for increased levels of assistance in all forms.

The Federation:

- Recognises that fiscal decisions by governments which convert public debt into private debt and poverty, comprise a debt trap which widens the gap between Canadians living in poverty and those living in comfort;
- Recognises a minimum income level for individuals based on rates from the National Council on Welfare;
- Supports the use of National Council on Welfare low-income cut-off rates to establish levels of assistance and to determine the effectiveness of programs; and
- Supports the development of criteria based on National Council on Welfare low-income cut-off rates to determine a minimum income level for members of constituencies such as students, sole-support parents, and other situations with additional expenses associated with them.

B. The Common Experiences of Poverty

The Federation recognises that similar perceptions exist of those on social assistance and those on student assistance, such as the perception that they are "receiving a handout," and the opinion that they are bad money managers with too much time on their hands. In addition, regressive aspects of the social assistance and unemployment insurance programs are echoed in the student loan program: the clawback of assistance based on employment income earned while receiving assistance is present in all three programs. Therefore, in solidarity with individuals receiving all forms of government assistance, the Federation:

- Opposes the stereotype of those on forms of assistance as lazy or inferior;
- Opposes the claw back of assistance based on earnings while receiving assistance through government social programs; and
- Opposes the deliberate setting of assistance at levels well below the low-income cut off rates determined by the National Council on Welfare.

C. Student Poverty and Student Health

The Federation:

- Recognises the cycle of poverty and stress which lead which lead to ill health and more stress;
- Recognises access to health services as an essential aspect of quality education;
- Supports full, free and accessible health and support services provided by the institution, including counselling services; and
- Recognises professional and quality peer support services, while essential, do not eliminate the need for professional services.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Free Trade

97/11:N20 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Be it resolved that Issues Policy, Free Trade, be amended to read as follows:

Free trade agreements promote unrestricted trade in goods, services and investments between sovereign nations. Free trade agreements serve corporate rather than social

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objectives and will contribute to such things as: the privatisation of post-secondary education and other social programs; reduction of the role of governments and public services; unsustainable growth; human rights abuses; the oppression of women through the deregulation of job standards; and the loss of jobs in Canada.

The Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement came into effect on January 1, 1989.

The North American Free Trade Agreement between Canada, the United States and Mexico, took effect January 1, 1994.

Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, initiated in 1989, is comprised of Asia Pacific member countries including Canada, the United States and Mexico. The goal of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation is to create a free trade zone in the Asia Pacific by 2020. Unlike the Canada-United States Trade Agreement and North American Free Trade Agreement, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation was not designed to negotiate a legally binding agreement, but as individual action plans between members. These can be introduced on a piece meal basis without legislative approval, and therefore without public consultation or discussion.

The Multilateral Agreement on Investment was initiated in 1995 by the member countries of the Organisation for economic Cooperation and Development as a set of rules governing trade and investment. The Multilateral Agreement on Investment removes barriers to the global mobility of capital and allows trans-national corporations and other powerful investors the unfettered right to buy, sell and relocate at their discretion.

The Federation supports the immediate abrogation of the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Federation opposes Canada's participation in Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation and the Multilateral Agreement on Investment.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Tuition Fees

97/11:N21 MOTION

Local 14/Local

Whereas tuition fees should not represent a barrier to the accessibility of post secondary education; and

Whereas a zero tuition policy would lead to abuses in the post-secondary education system; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt a policy endorsing the implementation of a nominal tuition fee for post-secondary institutions in Canada.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

Policy Proposal on Tuition Fees

97/11:N22 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 14/Local

Be it resolved that the Federation remove all references to its support of the abolition of tuition fees for post-secondary education in the Issues Policy.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

MOTIONS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Affiliated Provincial Student Organisations

97/11:N23 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Whereas the Bylaws of the Federation make no reference to "affiliated provincial student organisations"; and

Where it is unclear what is meant by "affiliated provincial student organisations" in Standing Resolution #2; therefore

Be it resolved that all references to "affiliated provincial student organisations" in Standing Resolution #2 be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

housekeeping ✓

International Union of Students

97/11:N24 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local

Be it resolved that the Federation revoke its IUS membership.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

reaffirm commitment as vehicle for fighting neo-liberalism

recommend NO, ppd to May.

Programmes - International Student Identity Cards

97/11:N25 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 79/Local

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

International Student Identity Cards

The International Student Identity Card shall be provided free for all members who are ~~concurrent with~~ concurrent national and provincial fees. Members who do not pay concurrent national and provincial fees must pay the full market price for the International Student Identity Card.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

defeat in the a.m. problematic

being a member of provincial and national org. CDI increase? Attempted? Refers!

Programmes - Canadian Programming Service

97/11:N26 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Whereas the Canadian Programming Service no longer exists, and

Whereas, for all intents and purposes, the Canadian Federation of Students-Services no longer exists; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy, listed under "Programmes" in the Operations section of the Policy Manual, be revoked:

Canadian Programming Service

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✓ *housekeeping*
Member student associations utilising the Canadian Programming Service will receive a fifty dollar (\$50) discount per booking.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Programmes - National Student Health Network

97/11:N27 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 79/Local

Be it resolved that the policy in the Operations policy manual under the heading Programs: Health Plan be amended to include the following:

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defeat. yes.
The Federation's goal is to provide member locals with an opportunity to join a National Student Health Network. The National Student Health Network is based on the idea that a communal pooling of resources in one common plan will allow students from across the country to help each other acquire the highest quality health and dental care at the lowest price.

The National Student Health Network shall:

- consist of a plan that is common to all member locals; and
- provide students with a wide range of benefits; and
- be provided at the lowest prices possible; and
- be such that member locals may accept or reject certain detachable features of the plan.

The Federation shall not recruit member locals for any health or dental plan that is not part of the common networked plan.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Programmes - National Student Health Network

97/11:N28 DIRECTIVE

Local 79/Local

Be it resolved that the National Executive undertake the following:

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yes?
defeat.
- negotiate with the broker a common health and dental plan, with some detachable features so that member locals can customise their plans; and
 - ensure that member locals who are currently part of the National Student Health Network are satisfied with the common plan and easily substitute their plans with the National Student Health Network plan; and
 - stop recruiting member locals for the National Student Health Network until the common plan is negotiated.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Programmes - National Student Health Network

97/11:N29 MOTION

✓ *yes*
(no worse than other)
Be it resolved that the Federation maintain its relationship with Liberty Health.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Hiring Procedure for Staff - CFS-S

97/11:N30 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, for all intents and purposes, the Canadian Federation of Students-Services no longer exists; therefore

Be it resolved that the Standing Resolution #31, Hiring Procedure for Staff of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, be repealed; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #32, Remuneration of Staff of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, be repealed.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Recapitalisation

97/11:N31 MOTION

Local 35/Local

Be it resolved that the Federation re-capitalise at 100% for the 1997-98 budget year under Standing Resolution #30.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Tax Agreement with Travel CUTS

97/11:N32 MOTION

Local 35/Local

Where the Federation is opposed in principle to corporations evading their taxes through loopholes;

Be it resolved that the current tax agreement with Travel CUTS be dissolved and a new one be put in place.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Annual Report

97/11:N33 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy Manual be amended to include:

The Annual Report shall be distributed at the Fall annual national general meeting.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

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National Executive Report

97/11:N34 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local

Be it resolved that the Standing Resolutions be amended to include:

Whereas the at-large officers work in Ottawa away from the majority of members; and

Whereas the leadership of Federation members changes during the Federation's executive term of office; and

Whereas the National Executive does not make minutes available until the next national general meeting;

Be it resolved that ~~an~~ ^a mid-year National Executive Report be produced and distributed to the membership before the Annual and Semi-Annual national general meetings; and

Be it further resolved that this Report include, but not be limited to:

- a report of campaign activities and the goals achieved;
- an identification of membership issues and how they are being dealt with;
- a breakdown of current budget status (ie. Actuals as compared to the budget)
- an overview of decisions made at National Executive meetings;
- an identification of goals and priorities for the remainder of the term of office; and
- any other information pertinent to members.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

National Executive Report

97/11:N35 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #30 be amended to read:

The National Executive Report shall contain, but not be limited to, information on:

- a) Federation membership issues;
- b) Federation finances;
- c) Travel CUTS finances;
- d) Federation programmes;
- e) Federation campaigns;
- f) Federation internal affairs;
- g) Federation international work;
- h) Social justice and anti-oppression work; and
- i) Coalition building.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Federation Spokespersons

97/11:N36 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 79/Local

Be it resolved that the following policy be included in the Operations policy manual:

Federation Spokespersons

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*Defeat.
No.*

The Federation recognises that any member may speak on behalf of the Federation, as long as Federation policy and campaign strategies are accurately and consistently represented. Non-members, such as staff persons, shall not, in any case, be charged with the duties of representing Federation views.

At the same time, the Federation elects representatives to sit on national and provincial executives and to chair components, constituency groups and caucuses. Because these representatives are held accountable by the membership for their public discourse they shall be the primary spokespersons of the Federation. The Federation's elected officials shall ensure that all of the Federation's relations with governments, and materials for the press are consistent with Federation policy and campaign material.

*Staff couldn't
present at Fed
to member locals
or anyone else--*

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Attendance at Meetings of the National Executive

97/11:N37 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Be it resolved that the following be added to Article 5 of Bylaw VI:

- h. A member of the National Executive who, without authorisation of the National Executive, is absent from two (2) consecutive, regularly-scheduled meetings of the National Executive shall be deemed to have resigned her position on the National Executive.

*✓
Yes.*

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

National Executive

97/11:N38 MOTION

Local 35/Local

Be it resolved that all National Executive members be at least part time students during their term of office.

*defeat.
no.*

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Calling of National Executive Meetings

97/11:N39 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw v, Article 12 be amended to read:

- e. Meetings of the Executive may be formally called, upon written request of quorum, by any member of the National Executive.

*adopt
no.*

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*too expensive,
too much
planning.*

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Federation Budget

97/11:N40 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Whereas the Policy Manual includes the following policy listed under "Health Plan" in the Operations section of the Manual:

The Federation's health plan, the National Student Health Network, shall be operated on a not-for-profit basis.

Whereas the exact same policy is listed under "Budget" in the Operations section of the Policy Manual; and

Whereas the "Budget" subsection of the Operations section of the Policy Manual includes no other policies; therefore

Be it resolved that "Budget" subsection of the Operations section of the Policy Manual be revoked.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to

✓
housekeeping

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Allocation of Plenary Time

Each committee, constituency group, and the National Graduate Caucus shall be allocated a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive and uninterrupted minutes of time in all general meeting closing plenary sessions to present its report and motions, provided that the report and motions were submitted by the deadline for translation.

Whereas the Policy Manual includes the following policy listed under "General Meetings" in the Operations section of the Manual:

Affirmative Action

Each constituency group and Caucus shall be allocated a minimum of fifteen consecutive and uninterrupted minutes of time in all general meeting closing plenary sessions for the purpose of presenting its report and motions, provided that the report and motions has been submitted by the translation deadline.

Whereas this redundancy serves only to make the Standing Resolutions and Policy Manual longer and more confusing; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policies, listed under "General Meetings" in the Operations section of the Policy Manual, be revoked:

Affirmative Action

Each constituency group and Caucus shall be allocated a minimum of fifteen consecutive and uninterrupted minutes of time in all general meeting closing plenary sessions for the purpose of presenting its report and motions, provided that the report and motions has been submitted by the translation deadline.

Be it further resolved that the procedure "Allocation of Plenary Time" in Standing Resolution #2 be amended to read as follows:

Allocation of Plenary Time

Each committee, constituency group, the Aboriginal Caucus and the National Graduate Caucus shall be allocated a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive and uninterrupted minutes of time in all national general meeting closing plenary sessions to present its report and motions, provided that the report and motions were submitted by the deadline established for translation.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings - National Executive Responsibilities

97/11:N44 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Whereas the following policy is one of two listed under "National Executive" in the Operations section of the Policy Manual:

National Executive

The National Executive representative assigned to a general meeting committee shall be responsible for preparing the agenda for that committee, and developing proposals in the portfolio for the consideration of the committee.

Whereas there are often two or three National Executive members 'assigned' to a committee; and

Whereas the exact meaning of "developing proposals in the portfolio for the consideration of the committee" is unclear; and

Whereas preparing general meeting committee agendas is but one of a multitude of tasks which must be undertaken in preparation for a national general meeting; and

✓
*housekeeping
see N62.*

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Whereas the Federation does not have policy establishing how that multitude of other tasks will be accomplished; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be revoked:

National Executive

The National Executive representative assigned to a general meeting committee shall be responsible for preparing the agenda for that committee, and developing proposals in the portfolio for the consideration of the committee.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings - Guests and Observers

97/11:N45

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that an amendment to the Standing Resolutions be made outlining the process the national executive extends invitations to guests and observers to national general meetings.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings - Delegates

97/11:N46

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 9/Local

Be it resolved that Bylaw 11 be amended to include Section 10 - "Delegates to National General Meetings"; and

Be it further resolved that the following be placed under the heading:

- a. An individual is considered to be eligible for delegate status at a national general meeting only if she meets one of the following two criteria:
 - i. Has attended a post-secondary institution for credit within the four months prior to the national general meeting; or
 - ii. Is an elected representative to the student government of a member local or prospective member local at the time of that meeting.

Any individual not meeting one of these qualifications is not considered eligible to represent a member local or a prospective member at a general meeting, and is only eligible to attend as an observer.

- b. Members elected to the National Executive are not eligible to attend a national general meeting with delegate status.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings - Workshops

97/11:N47

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that a Standing Resolution on Workshops at General meetings be adopted, and

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Be it further resolved that the Standing Resolution on workshops at general meetings read as follows:

be amended to include

Time Allotted at National General meetings

- a. At the Semi-Annual General meeting of the Federation, a minimum of six hours of time shall be allotted for workshops, forums, panel discussions, and speakers to include at least two hours of constituency based workshops;
- b. At the Annual General meeting of the Federation, a minimum of four hours of time shall be allotted for workshops, forums, panel discussions, and speakers to include at least one hour of constituency based workshops. Efforts shall be made to integrate consideration of constituency group issues into the workshops.

which addresses issues of oppression, racism, sexism, and social justice

adopt probably (wording)

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings - Anti-Oppression Workshop

97/11:N48 MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that the Federation hold 'Anti-Oppression' workshops, to be facilitated by a qualified outside individual/group, before the beginning of opening plenary at every Semi-Annual General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the attendance of this workshop in its entirety be mandatory for all voting and non-voting delegates; and

Be it further resolved that a delegates failure to attend this workshop result in the suspension of speaking and voting privileges for the duration of the meeting.

I like it but bad timing; draconian (workshop, etc.)

to defeat is PP'd NO! no recommendation

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings - Location

97/11:N49 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 7/Local

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, General Meetings, Section 5, Location of General Meetings, section a, be amended to read as follows:

- a. each general meeting of the Federation will be held in the greater Ottawa/Hull/Nepean area;

Be it further resolved that Section b be deleted

travel pool!

Ontario Fed!?

defeat NO!

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings - Travel and Accommodation Costs for Provincial Staff

97/11:N50 MOTION

Local 35/Local

Be it resolved that components pay the travel and accommodation costs for all their staff attending national general meetings; and

Be it further resolved that per diems for provincial staff be paid out of the national budget.

inequity for components who don't pay their staff doing national work.

out of order Ro. (violates competency agreements)

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The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings - Standing Committee Members

97/11:N51 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1, General Meeting Standing Committees be amended as follows:

2. The following groups shall have the right to elect one voting member to each Standing Committee: each provincial caucus component, constituency group, and caucus constituted under the provisions of the respective Bylaws. The voting member elected to a committee shall not be a National Executive member nor a national or provincial staff member.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings - Standing Committee Chairperson

97/11:N52 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1, General Meeting Standing Committees be amended as follows:

4. Committee Chairperson
- As their first order of business at a national general meeting, each national general meeting committee shall elect a chairperson from within its membership. The Committee Chairperson shall not be a National Executive member nor a national or provincial staff member.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings- Speaking Priority in Standing Committees

97/11:N53 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1, General Meeting Standing Committees, be amended to include:

7. Speaking Priority at General Meeting Standing Committee Meetings
- At meetings of General Meeting Standing Committees the speaking priority shall be as follows:
- First Priority shall be given to voting members of the Standing Committee; and
 - Second Priority shall be given to members of the National Executive; and
 - Third Priority shall be given to national staff.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings- Standing Committee Recording Secretary

97/11:N54 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1, General Meeting Standing Committees be amended as follows:

8. Committee Recording Secretary

As their second order of business at a national general meeting, each national general meeting committee shall elect a Recording Secretary from within its membership. The Committee Recording Secretary shall not be a National Executive member nor a national or provincial staff person.

defect - maybe, sorta -

staff are fine, much work in transcription, maybe have this as an option?

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Bilingualism Committee

97/11:N55 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Whereas the Bilingualism Committee was re-named the Bilingualism Forum and restructured in 1996 and, therefore, is no longer a standing committee; and

Whereas Standing Resolution #34, Bilingualism Forum, establishes the terms of reference, meeting parameters and reporting responsibilities for the Forum; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policies, listed under "General Meetings" in the Operations section of the Policy Manual, be revoked:

Bilingualism

The Bilingualism Committee shall study the progress and work of the National Executive Sub-committee on Bilingualism.

The Bilingualism Committee shall meet at each general meeting at a different time than other Federation standing committees.

✓ housekeeping

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Bilingualism Committee

97/11:N56 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Whereas Standing Resolution #23, Bilingualism Sub-committee of the National Executive, includes several references to the "Standing Committee on Bilingualism" at national general meetings; and

Whereas the standing national general meeting Bilingualism Committee was re-named the Bilingualism Forum and restructured in 1996 and, therefore, is no longer a standing committee; and

Whereas the composition of the Bilingualism Sub-committee of the National Executive, described in Standing Resolution #23, includes "One staff person from the Toronto office of the Federation"; and

Whereas the "Toronto office" is a reference to the head office of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services; and

Whereas the mandate of the Bilingualism Sub-Committee of the National Executive, described in Standing Resolution #23, includes the requirement that the Sub-committee

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"make bi-annual, written reports to the membership on the status of bilingualism within the Canadian Federation of Students-Services"; and

Whereas, for all intents and purposes, the Canadian Federation of Students-Services no longer exists; therefore

Be it resolved that all references to "Standing Committee on Bilingualism" be replaced with "Bilingualism Forum" in Standing Resolution #23; and

Be it further resolved that the following be deleted from the "Composition" section of Standing Resolution #23:

- e) One staff person from the Toronto office of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that the following be deleted from the "Mandate" section of Standing Resolution #23:

- a) make bi-annual, written reports to the membership on the status of bilingualism within the Canadian Federation of Students-Services;

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Bilingualism Committee

97/11:N57

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY

Whereas the following procedure is included in Standing Resolution #2, General Meeting Plenary Rules and Procedures:

Bilingualism in Plenary Sessions

All plenary sessions shall be conducted in equal parts French and English, and the plenary Speaker shall alternate between each language every hour.

Whereas Standing Resolution #33 reads as follows:

French and English Plenary Sessions

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.

Whereas the Policy Manual includes the following policy listed under "Bilingualism" in the Operations section of the Manual:

Bilingualism

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

Whereas this redundancy serves only to make the Standing Resolutions and Policy Manual longer and more confusing; therefore

Be it resolved that the Standing Resolution #33 be repealed; and

Be it further resolved that the following policies, listed under "General Meetings" in the Operations section of the Policy Manual, be revoked:

Bilingualism

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

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Membership of Caucuses

97/11:N58 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Whereas the standing committees at national general meetings are, in essence, sub-committees of the plenary, a decision-making structure in which each member local has one vote; and

Whereas the standing committees at national general meetings would be too large and unwieldy if each member local were permitted to have a voting delegate on each committee; and

Whereas, in place of votes on standing committees being extended to each member local, votes have been extended to each caucus, general meeting constituency group and provincial component in order to provide diversity of representation on the standing committees; and

Whereas two of the Federation's caucuses — the Aboriginal Caucus and the National Graduate Caucus — are well-developed organisations which function outside of general meetings; and

Whereas the other three caucuses — the Caucus of College and Institute Associations, the Caucus of Large Institute Associations and the Caucus of Small University Associations — function only at general meetings and exist primarily for the purpose of ensuring diversity of representation on the standing committees; and

Whereas the so-called bylaws of the Caucus of College and Institute Associations, the Caucus of Large Institute Associations and the Caucus of Small University Associations, established in Standing Resolutions #16, #18 and #17, respectively, provide the opportunity for these caucuses to receive budget allocations, establish policy, elect commissioners and maintain national steering committees; and

Whereas several of the caucuses' rights and responsibilities, included in the standing resolutions, are delineated in Bylaw IX, Caucuses; and

Whereas the Federation does not need structures which do not operate in the manner prescribed in the bylaws, standing resolutions and policies of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolutions #16, #17 and #18 be repealed and replaced with the following:

Membership of Caucuses

1. Aboriginal Caucus
The members of the Aboriginal Caucus shall be as described in Standing Resolution #6, Aboriginal Caucus.
2. Caucus of College and Institute Associations
The members of the Caucus of College and Institute Associations shall all be member locals from colleges and institutes.
3. Caucus of Large Institute Associations
The members of the Caucus of Large Institute Associations shall all be member locals with 7,001 or more members.
4. Caucus of Small University Associations
The members of the Caucus of Small University Associations shall all be member locals with 7,999 or less members.
5. National Graduate Caucus
The members of the National Graduate Caucus shall be as described in Standing Resolution #19, National Graduate Caucus.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

ppd
May

BC

yes.

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Constituency Groups and Caucuses

97/11:N59 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Be it resolved that Bylaw VIII, Constituency Groups, be amended to include:

7. Reporting Structure

- a. Commissioners shall make reports to their respective constituency groups.
- b. National Executive Representatives and Commissioners with a vote on the National Executive must be ratified by plenary.
- c. Constituency groups are not otherwise obligated to report to plenary.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw IX, Caucuses, be amended to include:

7. Reporting Structure

- a. Commissioners shall make reports to their respective caucuses; and
- b. National Executive Representatives and Commissioners with a vote on the National Executive must be ratified by plenary; and
- c. Caucuses are not otherwise obligated to report to plenary."

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Components, Constituency Groups and Caucuses - Guidelines

97/11:N60 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that a Standing Resolution #20, Guidelines for Components, Constituency Groups, and Caucuses at general meetings, be adopted as follows:

1. Guidelines for Constituency Groups, Caucuses, and Components

- a. Issues policy motions should be forwarded through representatives on the National Education and Student Rights Committee

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*ppd to May
BAD
wording!
member*

The Federation shall allot at least three and a half hours of meeting time during national general meetings, in varying time slots, for caucuses, components, and constituency groups to meet.

each of?? separate time?? huh??

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Constituency Groups - Allocation of Plenary Time

97/11:N62 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #2, Plenary Rules and Procedures, section 6, Allocation of Plenary Time be amended to read:

*no recommendation
OK
put with
N43.*

Each committee shall be allocated a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive and uninterrupted minutes of time in all general meeting closing plenary sessions to present its report and motions, provided that the report and motions were submitted by the deadline for translation.

Constituency groups and caucuses shall have the right but are not obligated to make reports to plenary.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #2, Plenary Rules and Procedures, section 6, Allocation of Plenary Time, be re-titled Standing Resolution #2, Plenary Rules and Procedures, section 6, Reports in Closing Plenary.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Constituency Groups and Caucuses - Elections

97/11:N63 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that the Standing Resolutions be amended to include:

*adopt
good:*

Constituency group and caucus elections results shall be reported to an Electoral officer appointed at each General Meeting; and, an Electoral report shall be made by the Electoral Officer to Closing Plenary at each General Meeting.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Membership

97/11:N64 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Be it resolved that the following be added to Article 3-a of Bylaw I, Membership:

*adopt.
problematic;
encourages non-quorate
referenda.*

- x. In the event that a prospective member local association's referendum on full membership in the Federation fails to achieve the quorum requirements of the association and the Federation, prospective membership will continue until a quorate referendum is held, notwithstanding that the association and the Federation can mutually agree to terminate the prospective membership.

*may, at the
discretion of plenary
be allowed to*

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

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Membership

97/11:N65 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Be it resolved that Article 3-a-i of Bylaw I, Membership, be amended to read:

- i. The individual members of the Federation collectively belonging to a member local association will have sole authority to make decisions through referendum on all questions of membership in the Federation, subject to the other provisions of this Bylaw.

Be it further resolved that the following be added to Article 3-a:

- ii. The individual members of the Federation collectively belonging to a member local association will have sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members and delivered to the National Executive, a de-federation referendum as described in Article 6 of this Bylaw.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent sections of Article 3-a be renumbered accordingly.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Membership

97/11:N66 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Be it resolved that the following be added to Article 6-aof Bylaw I, Membership:

- iii. No vote on de-federating may be held between:
 - April 15 and September 15; and
 - December 15 and January 15.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent sections of Article 6-a be renumbered accordingly.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Legal Proceedings Against Current and Past Members

97/11:N67 MOTION

Local 35/Local

Whereas the costs of continuing legal proceedings against past and current members of the Federation outweighs any benefits that can be gained in the monetary and public relations sense;

Be it resolved that the Federation cease all legal proceedings against current and past Federation members.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

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Defederation

97/11:N68 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 7/Local

Be it resolved that By-law I, Membership, section 6, Vote on Defederating, subsection a, Notice, be amended to include:

- I. in order to hold a vote on defederating, a petition, held in a manner to ensure that no duplication of signatures occurs, must be signed by at least 15% of the Federation local's membership, to a maximum of 2000 members, and sent to the National office by registered mail on or before the deadline for notice of defederation vote.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent clauses be renumbered in sequence.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*No (see N65).
recommended ruled
redundant
on adoption
of N65.*

Notice Required to Amend Bylaws and Policies

97/11:N69 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Whereas the Federation's Bylaws require that motions to adopt/amend Federation policy be submitted to the National Executive no later than **five weeks** prior to a national general meeting in order for the motions to be considered; and

Whereas the Federation's Bylaws require that motions to amend the Bylaws be submitted to the National Executive no later than **six weeks** prior to a national general meeting in order for the motions to be considered; and

Where the inconsistency between the bylaw and policy deadlines creates confusion; therefore

Be it resolved that reference to "five weeks" be replaced with "six weeks" in Bylaw III, Policy of the Federation.

~~Be it resolved that reference to "six weeks" be replaced with "five weeks" in Bylaw XV, Amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws.~~

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*which?
(yes)
adopt:*

Notice Required to Amend Bylaws and Policies

97/11:N70 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Be it resolved that the Article 1-c of Bylaw III, Policy of the Federation be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*adopt
maybe?*

*interim
policy*

Constitutional Amendments

97/11:N71 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Be it resolved that the following policy, listed under "General Meetings" in the Operations section of the Policy Manual, be revoked:

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Constitutional Amendments

All notices of motion for new bylaws or bylaw amendments shall refer to specifically to the Federation.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Federation Documents

97/11:N72

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local

Be it resolved that the Standing Resolutions be amended to include:

The current Federation constitution, Bylaws and Policy documents shall be provided to member associations and provincial components, free of charge, upon request.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Federation Documents

97/11:N73

MOTION

Local 35/Local

Whereas a current copy of the Federation's Constitution and minutes are important to ongoing full participation in the Federation's activities; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive ensure that the Annual General Meeting minutes and the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Resolutions as amended at the November Annual General Meeting are available before the end of 1997.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Federation Documents

97/11:N74

MOTION

Whereas the Policy Manual includes the following policy listed under "Federation Documents" in the Operations section of the Manual:

Format

The corresponding pages of the English and French versions of the following documents will be printed in a "back-to-back" or other format: Constitution and Bylaws, Policy Manual, Standing Resolutions, Notice of Motions, Minutes and Committee Agendas.

Whereas "Federation Documents" subsection also includes the following policies:

Printed Materials

The Federation opposes the use of profanity on Federation campaign/lobbying materials.

All Federation printed materials shall use gender neutral language and an affirmative action language policy with respect to gender specific pronouns.

Whereas the Policy Manual includes the following policies listed under "Materials of the Federation" in the Operations section of the Manual:

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The Federation will ensure that all materials produced by the Federation and its subsidiaries shall be available in a bilingual format. Correspondence from the Federation and its subsidiaries shall be in the language(s) of the addressee.

The Federation shall not use acronyms in any of its written documents except where previously spelt out in the document.

Whereas the only policy listed under "National Graduate Council" in the Operations section of the Policy Manual reads as follows:

The National Graduate Council shall be granted, upon request, full written translation services from the Federation, but shall be required to furnish a list of priorities of documents to be translated when making the request.

Whereas the Policy Manual includes the following policy listed under "Publications" in the Operations section of the Manual:

The Federation encourages organisations of which the Federation is a member, such as CYNAPS, to produce documents and materials in both French and English. Any document produced by an organisation of which the Federation is a member, and is distributed to members, shall be available in both French and English.

Whereas all of these policies are closely related to one another; therefore

Be it resolved that the policies on documents and publications be consolidated in a single subsection. *entitled "Printed materials"*

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Housekeeping
✓

Printed Materials

97/11:N75 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Whereas the Policy Manual includes the following policies listed under "Environmental Issues" in the Operations section of the Manual:

The Federation shall use recycled non-chlorine bleached paper for all photocopied materials distributed at General Meetings.

The Federation shall make double-sided copies whenever possible.

Whereas the Policy Manual also includes the following policies listed under "Federation Documents" in the Operations section of the Manual:

Printed Materials

All publications, communications or (sic) any other form of written information from the Federation must be printed back-to-back and shall use binding systems that can be removed easily for recycling.

Only non-bleached, de-inked, high grade recycled paper, where available, will be used for materials produced for the Studentsaver programme.

Whereas the Policy Manual also includes the following policies listed under "General Meetings" in the Operations section of the Manual:

Photocopied Materials

The Federation shall use recycled non-chlorine bleached paper for all photocopied materials distributed at General Meetings.

The Federation shall make double-sided copies whenever possible.

Whereas, for all intents and purposes, the Canadian Federation of Students-Services no longer exists; therefore

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Be it resolved that the following policy, listed under "Programmes" in the Operations section of the Policy Manual, be revoked:

Printed Materials of Canadian Federation of Students-Services

All printed materials produced by the Canadian Federation of Students-Services must be 100 % recyclable. When possible, post-consumer recyclable paper shall be utilised.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Policy Proposal on Environmental Issues

97/11:N76 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 14/Local

Be it resolved that the following be added to the Operations Policy Manual:

Environmental Issues

The Federation shall make all efforts to reduce paper waste.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Composition of the National Executive

97/11:N77 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw v, Article 1 be amended to read:

The affairs of the Federation will be managed by the Board of Directors, known as the National Executive.

1. Composition

The National Executive will be comprised of:

a. The following at large positions elected by the national plenary:

- i) National Chairperson
- ii) National Deputy Chairperson
- iii) Treasurer

b. The following positions elected by the respective working groups:

- i) Anti-Racist Working Group Representative
- ii) Anti-Queerphobia Working Group Representative
- iii) Anti-Sexism Working Group Representative
- iv) Anti-Poverty Working Group Representative
- v) Anti-Ableism Working Group Representative
- vi) Anti Anti-Semitism Working Group Representative
- vii) Aboriginal/First Nations Working Group Representative
- viii) Francophone Working Group Representative
- ix) Graduate Students Working Group Representative
- x) Zero-Tuition Working Group Representative
- xi) Art, Culture and Technology Working Group Representative
- xii) Childcare and Sole-Support Parents Working Group Representative
- xiii) International Students Working Group Representative
- xiv) Part Time and Mature Students Working Group Representative
- xv) Democracy and Social Justice Working Group Representative
- xvi) Curriculum and Academic Issues Working Group Representative

xvii) Nat'l Student of Colour Working Group Representative

xviii) Quebec Working Group Representative (Not 1st)

[c) Provincial chairs as ex-officio voting members]

housekeeping ✓

recommend to rule of redundant.

defeat
choose a few issues rather than one identity
students of colour have other issues
date rape? working group
general issues?
NRC - represent individuals or issues?
grad - anything that affects student life
problem - my issue
Not like a constituency
GP - Fee levied, rep'n
ongoing spec.
No Caucus too?
add many others?
individuals at locals who delegates on a working group

and caucuses

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

General Meetings - Working Groups

97/11:N78 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw v, Article 6 be amended to read:

6. Duties and Powers of Working Group Representatives

The Working Group Representatives shall:

- a. communicate the views and perspectives of their working group at National Executive meetings.
- b. perform all duties as described in the Representatives job description or as established by a Standing Resolution.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Duties and Powers of the National Executive

97/11:N79 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw v, Articles 7-11 be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Election of Working Group Representatives

97/11:N80 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw vi, Article 3 (b) be amended to read:

- i) Elections for Working Group Representatives shall be as set out in the relevant Standing Resolution.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw vi, Article 3 (c-f) be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

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Anne Gilchrist
interested in ethical business policy (ethical website access)

defeat follows from N77

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Term of Office for Working Group Representatives

97/11:N81 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw vi, Article 4 (b) be amended to read:

- i) The Term of Office for the Working Group Representative shall be as set out in the relevant Standing Resolution.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw vi, Article 4 (c-f) be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*follows from
N77
defeat*

Removal from Office of Working Group Representatives

97/11:N82 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw vi, Article 5 (b) be amended to read:

- i) Any Working Group representative may be removed from office as set out in the relevant Standing Resolution.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw vi, Article 5 (c-e) be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*defeat
follows from
N77*

Vacancy in the Position of Working Group Representative

97/11:N83 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw vi, Article 6 (b) be amended to read:

- i) A vacancy in a Working Group Representative position shall be filled in a manner as set out in the relevant Standing Resolution.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw vi, Article 6 (c-e) be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*defeat
follows from
N77*

Appointment of Representatives to General Meeting Committees

97/11:N84 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw vii, Article 4 (a) be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*defeat
Province can't
appt to cities.*

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Voting in Provincial Component Meetings

97/11:N85 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bvlaw vii, Article 6 be deleted.

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- a. A working group shall have the right automatically to receive a minimum level of funding established by a Standing Resolution.
- ~~b.~~ A working group shall elect/appoint their representatives to the National Executive as set out in the applicable Standing Resolution.
- c. A working group shall have the right to establish autonomously governed internal committees.
- d. A working group may establish policy in its own name provided the policy does not contradict Federation policy.
6. Meetings of Working Groups
Meetings of working groups shall be held during Federation general meetings.
Working Group meetings may also be held between general meetings on an as needed basis.
7. Voting
Policy on voting within Working Groups will be established by the Working Group and become part of the applicable Standing Resolution.

*Who is on
between inter?
How do we contact
them?*

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Caucuses

97/11:N87

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw IX be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*Defeat
Caucuses.*

General Meetings - Standing Committees

97/11:N88 : MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1 Article 1) be amended to read:

1. Standing Committees
At each semi-annual general meeting the following committees shall be struck:
 - a) Budget Committee
 - b) Organisational and Membership Development Committee.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*Defeat
NO.
Doesn't necessarily
follow. Not all
policies/
campaigns
come from a specific
interest gp.*

Nat'l Ed. Campaigns

General Meetings - Standing Committees

97/11:N89

MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1 Article 2) be amended to read:

2. Each Committee shall be allotted not less than three hours at every general meeting and will meet in committee of the whole format before closing plenary.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*defeat
Then how
are reps
elected?*

General Meetings - Submission of Standing Committee Reports

97/11:N90

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1 Article 5 be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

*defeat
No cttee
reports?*

General Meetings - Speaking Priority in Plenary Sessions

97/11:N91

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

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

- a) First Priority
 - i) delegates from full member local associations; and
 - ii) delegates from prospective member local associations
- b) Second Priority *NE*
 - i) Working Group Representatives; and
 - ii) invited guests.
- c) Third Priority
 - i) Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer; and
 - ii) provincial component chairs;
 - ~~iii) chairperson of affiliated provincial student organisation;~~ *??*
 - iv) national and provincial staff; and
 - ~~v) staff of affiliated provincial student organisations.~~
- d) Fourth Priority
 - i) delegates from non-member associations
 - ii) official observers.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

defeat

defeat

have these not delegates?

General Meetings - Allocation of Plenary Time

97/11:N92

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

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Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #2, Article 6 be amended to read:

6. Each Working Group shall be allocated a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive and uninterrupted minutes of time in all general meeting closing plenary sessions to present its report and motions, provided that the report and motions were submitted by the deadline for translation. *if desired; not obliged to report?*

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Constituency Groups, Caucuses and Travel CUTS Board

97/11:N93

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolutions 6-20 be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

National Chairperson - Responsibilities

97/11:N94

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #22, Article A) (i) be amended to read:

- i) Prior to the opening plenary the Chairperson shall hold a brief orientation session for delegates. This will be an informal outline of how general meetings operate, basic plenary rules, the role of working groups, seminars, and workshops, etc. It will also offer an opportunity for delegates to meet and talk with the Chairperson in an informal setting.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

National Chairperson - Responsibilities

97/11:N95

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #22, 'National Chairperson' Article A) (iv) be amended to read:

- iv) The Chairperson shall spend some time with each working group operating at the general meeting.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

National Chairperson

97/11:N96 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #22, 'National Chairperson' Article a (v) and (vi) be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

National Chairperson - Responsibilities

97/11:N97 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #22, 'National Chairperson' Article b (i) be amended to read:

- i) The Chairperson shall be ^a spokesperson of the Federation. As such she will articulate the policies of the Federation to both Federation members and non-members, other concerned organisations, and the media.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

National Treasurer - Responsibilities

97/11:N98 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #22 'National Treasurer', Article B be amended to read:

- B) The Treasurer shall present the budget at the general meeting and shall make themselves available to working groups to answer questions or provide information in regards to financial matters during general meetings.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Working Group Representative

97/11:N99 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that all reference to 'provincial representative' in Standing Resolution #22 'Executive Portfolios' be replaced with 'working group representative'.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

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Working Group Representative - Responsibilities

97/11:N100 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #22 'Executive Portfolios' Article C) be amended to include:

- vi) work with anti-oppression working group representatives to ensure that the General Meeting location is as conducive to fostering a safe environment as possible.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Liaison Portfolio

97/11:N101 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #22 'Liaison Portfolio' be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

Working Group Representative

97/11:N102 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #22 'Executive Portfolios' be amended to include:

E. Coalition Building Portfolio

The Working Group Representative that holds this portfolio position shall do so for a period of time that does not exceed one year and consists of the following:

- i) work with and build alliances between organisations that are committed to social justice and systemic change.
- ii) share information and resources and encourage coalition partners to participate in the work of the Federation.
- iii) work with member locals to build links with coalition partners on the local level.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**MOTIONS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Campaign on Student Debt

97/11:N103 MOTION

Local 35/Local

Whereas the issue of student debt load is an overwhelming economic issue for Canada,
and

Whereas the rise in student bankruptcies has reached epidemic proportions with the
elimination of provincial grants; and

Whereas the high debt load defers any economic benefit to the student; and

Whereas Canada is experiencing record levels of youth unemployment reaching almost
40% in some regions of the country; and

Whereas the real income of individuals and families has fallen over the last two decades;

Be it resolved that a campaign focusing on student debt be the sole campaign issue of
the Federation for the twelve months; and

Be it further resolved that the Campaigns Committee develop a plan which will include but
not be limited to:

- a lobbying strategy targeting MPs, cabinet members, bureaucrats and banks;
appropriate campaign materials;
- an identification of goals and priorities for the campaign;
- any other appropriate and relevant information for the campaign; and

Be it further resolved that research be undertaken that examines the impact of student
loan debt loads on the Canadian economy and on attendance at post-secondary
institutions as part of this campaign; and

Be it further resolved that material be provided to all members and components to carry
out this campaign.

**The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to
the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.**

'Awareness Day' Campaign

97/11:N104 MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that the 'Awareness Day' campaigns be recognised as an ineffective,
problematic and counter productive anti-oppression strategy; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation strike the 'A Day Without Hate' campaign from
the National Campaign Strategy.

**The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to
the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.**

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Electoral Process

97/11:N105 MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

Noted

Be it resolved that the inherent problems of the current electoral process be recognised as an exclusionary and undemocratic mechanism that perpetuates the current power structure.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

Purchase of Advertisements in For-Profit Media Outlets

97/11:N106 MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

Defeat

Be it resolved that no advertisements in for-profit, government, or corporate media outlets be purchased.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

Advertisements in For-Profit Media

97/11:N107 MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

Noted

Be it resolved that the Federation recognise that obtaining increased coverage in for-profit media is by no means an indication that the Federation is increasingly successful at achieving its goals.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

Lobbying

97/11:N108 MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

Noted or Defeat

Be it resolved that the Federation recognise that lobbying is an inept political diversion which lends legitimacy to the power structure under which it occurs and serves to undermine the struggle for accessible, high quality post secondary education and social justice.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

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Lobby Reports

97/11:N109 MOTION

Local 35/Local

Whereas current lobby reports are fundamental to the ongoing process of lobbying across the country;

Be it resolved that lobby reports be filed ^{once every 2 weeks to prov. component chairs.} ~~bi-weekly~~ with all members.

*no
recommendation*

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

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