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CALL TO ORDER—Wednesday, November 26, 1997

19:44 — the 16th annual national general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students was called to order by National Chairperson Brad Lavigne.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Camosun College Student Society	-Local 75	present
Capilano Students' Union	-Local 05	present
City Centre Students' Association	-Local 73	present
College of New Caledonia	-Local 13	present
College of the Rockies Student Association	-Local 86	present
Douglas College Student Society	-Local 18	absent
Emily Carr College of Art and Design Students' Union	-Local 33	present
King Edward Students' Association	-Local 76	absent
Kwantlen College Students' Association	-Local 26	absent
Malaspina Students' Union	-Local 61	present
Native Education Centre Students' Association	-Local 57	present
North Island Students' Association	-Local 72	present
North West Community College Students' Association	-Local 66	absent
Selkirk College Student Society	-Local 04	absent
Simon Fraser Student Society	-Local 23	present
University of Victoria Student Society	-Local 44	present
University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	prospective member	present
Brandon University Students' Union	-Local 37	absent
Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	-Local 38	absent
University of Winnipeg Students' Association	-Local 08	present
Cabot College Student Association	prospective member	present
Eastern College Student Association	prospective member	present
Central Newfoundland Regional College Students' Association	-Local 87	present
Labrador College Students' Association	prospective member	present
Marine Institute Students Union	-Local 45	present
Memorial University Council of the Students' Union	-Local 35	present
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Students' Union	-Local 36	present
Westviking Student Association	prospective member	present
Acadia University Students' Union	-Local 64	absent
Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de l'Université Saint-Anne	-Local 69	absent
Mount Saint-Vincent University Students' Union	-Local 34	present
Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	-Local 07	present
University of King's College Society of Students' Union	-Local 11	present
Algoma University Students' Association	-Local 82	present
Carleton University Students' Association	-Local 01	present
Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	-Local 78	absent
George Brown College Students' Association	prospective member	absent
Lakehead University Student Union	-Local 32	present
Laurentian University Students' General Association	-Local 30	present
Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	-Local 88	present
McMaster University Students' Union	-Local 14	present
Nipissing University Student Union	-Local 20	present
Northern College Haileybury Students' Association	prospective member	absent
Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	-Local 25	absent
Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	-Local 24	present

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Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l'université Saint-Paul/

Saint Paul's University Students' Association	-Local 85	absent
Trent Central Student Association	-Local 71	present
University of Guelph Central Student Association	-Local 54	present
University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	-Local 62	present
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	-Local 19	present
University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	-Local 47	present
University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	-Local 48	present
Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	-Local 56	absent
York Federation of Students	-Local 68	present
York University Graduate Students' Association	-Local 84	present
Holland College Student Union	-Local 43	absent
University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	-Local 70	absent
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	-Local 31	present
Concordia Graduate Students' Union/		
L'Association des étudiantes et étudiants de deuxième et troisième		
cycles de l'Université Concordia	-Local 83	present
McGill Post-Graduate Students' Society	-Local 79	present
University of Regina Students' Union	-Local 09	present

Lavigne declared quorum to have been achieved.

2. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

Lavigne said that the National Executive was recommending that Anne McGrath be ratified as plenary Speaker. He said that McGrath had previous involvement in the Federation and was experienced at chairing plenary sessions.

97/11:001

MOTION

Local 19/Local 14

Be it resolved that Anne McGrath be ratified as plenary speaker for the November 1997 annual national general meeting.

CARRIED

McGrath said that it was a pleasure to be back at a general meeting. She said that information about the national general meeting was contained in the general meeting binders and the staff and National Executive were available to assist delegates. She said that the plenary is the highest decision making body of the Federation and it is important that the plenary sessions operate efficiently and with the highest degree of cooperation as possible. She said that the Federation uses Robert's Rules of Order with some modifications which are located in the Standing Resolutions and the Bylaws. She said that the Rules of Order are to permit the majority to accomplish its purpose within a reasonable amount of time only after allowing the minority a reasonable amount of time to express its views on the issue. She said that her role is to apply and to interpret the Rules to accomplish those goals. She said that one of her responsibilities is to keep things as simple as possible for the assembly. She said that the use of dilatory or improper motions obstructs plenary. She said that it is the responsibility of the membership to ensure that plenary runs smoothly and she would rule delegates out of order if she is convinced that members are using the Rules of Order to obstruct the session. She said that there are usually three speakers for and against a motion. She said that there is a gender parity speakers list and an order of speakers which she will maintain as per the Standing Resolutions.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

McGrath announced the following proxies: Central Newfoundland Regional College Students' Association to Memorial Council of the Students' Union, Local 35 for closing plenary; Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Council of the Students Union to Cabot College Students' Association for closing plenary; Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne to Laurentian University Students' General Association,

Local 30; King Edward Student Association to City Centre Students' Association; College of the Rockies Students' Association to the Malaspina Students' Union.

4. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

97/11:002 MOTION

Local 75/Local 08

Be it resolved that the November 1997 general meeting plenary agenda be adopted with the following amendment:

10 b. Ratification of Chief Returning Officers and Opening of Nominations; and

Be it further resolved that items 11 and 12 on the November 1997 national general meeting plenary agenda be postponed to closing plenary.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING BLOCK AGENDA

97/11:003 MOTION

Local 61/Local 20

Be it resolved that 16th annual national general meeting block agenda be adopted as presented.

A delegate from Local 54 Lana Rabkin said that the Operational Policy on workshops specifically refers to a workshop discussing systemic discrimination at the semi-annual general meeting. She said that she attended the semi-annual national general meeting and in her opinion this workshop was not held. She said that she assumed this workshop would be held at this meeting and she asked why it was not the case.

Lavigne said that at the semi-annual meeting a workshop was held and if it did not meet certain expectations or needs it was unfortunate and the National Executive would strive to ensure those concerns were addressed before the semi-annual general meeting in 1998.

Rabkin said that to compensate for this oversight, intentional or unintentional, she expected a workshop to be held at the current general meeting. She said that if the Federation wishes to retain its commitment to anti-oppression then it should practice it at general meetings. She said that she would be interested in amending the block agenda but it would mean cancelling speakers and attempting to find a trained facilitator to conduct the workshop which at this stage is impossible. She said that she was opposed to accepting the block agenda because it does not reflect Federation policy or the spirit of Federation policy.

Lavigne said that the motion of the floor was whether or not to accept the block agenda. He said that there could be a discussion during the National Executive Question and Answer Period or in Organisational Development Committee which discusses the Bylaws and Operational Policies. He said that the definition workshop could be refined in the committee.

97/11:003 CARRIED

6. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

Lavigne said that in October the membership at the University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society held a referendum amongst the membership to apply for full membership in the Federation. He said that the results were 76% in favour of applying for full membership. He said that the National Executive, as per the Bylaws, has reviewed the application and is recommending that the application be accepted and that the Students' Society become Local 89 of the Federation. He said that there are approximately 2 000 graduate students at the University of Victoria.

97/11:004 MOTION

Local 61/Local 76

Be it resolved that the application for membership by the University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society be accepted.

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CARRIED

Lavigne said that the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association was originally part of the University of Regina and the students studying at the college were members of Local 09. He said that the college was granted institutional autonomy but the students' association is still a member of the Federation. He said that they have been members and are still collecting membership dues but the Federation has not yet given them a local number. He said that the National Executive has reviewed the situation and is recommending to plenary that the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association be recognised as Local 90. He said that approximately 1 600 students are members of the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association.

97/11:005 MOTION

Local 01/Local 09

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association be recognised as members of the Federation.

CARRIED

**7. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSION OF PROSPECTIVE
MEMBERSHIP**

97/11:006 MOTION

Local 86/Local 35

Be it resolved that the application by Cabot College Student Association for an extension of prospective membership to the end of opening plenary at the 1998 semi-annual national general meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

97/11:007 MOTION

Local 86/Local 35

Be it resolved that the application by Labrador College Student Association for an extension of prospective membership to the end of opening plenary at the 1997 annual national general meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

97/11:008 MOTION

Local 86/Local 35

Be it resolved that the application by Westviking College Student Association for an extension of prospective membership to the end of opening plenary at the 1998 semi-annual national general meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

97/11:09 MOTION

Local 86/Local 35

Be it resolved that the application by Eastern College Student Association for an extension of prospective membership to the end of opening plenary at the 1998 semi-annual national general meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

97/11:010 MOTION

Local 05/Local 19

Be it resolved that the application by the Northern College Haileybury Students' Association for an extension of prospective membership to the end of opening plenary at the 1998 semi-annual national general meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

97/11:011

MOTION

Local 05/Local 19

Be it resolved that the application by the Student Association of George Brown College for an extension of prospective membership to the end of opening plenary at the 1998 semi-annual national general meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

8. PRESENTATION BY STAFF RELATIONS OFFICER

Story said that she is the Staff Relations Officer and is the contact person in dealings with the staff on a formal level. She said that if delegates have any concerns about staff levels, participation or performance at the national general meeting they should address the concerns to the Staff Relations Officer. She said that the Collective Agreement, which is an agreement between the staff and the Federation as represented by the National Executive governs her role. She said that full participation rights are given to staff and protected by the Collective Agreement. She said that staff have the right to speak in plenary and in committees. She said that staff provide the history, context and continuity the membership requires to make informed decisions. She said that the Collective Agreement is a public document and delegates have the right to access it.

Story then introduced the staff complement.

9. INTRODUCTION OF HARASSMENT ADVISORS

Story said that the harassment policy is contained in the Policy Manual and the Federation hires harassment advisors to be on site at the national general meetings. She encouraged delegates to read the harassment policy and familiarise themselves with it. She said that two harassment advisors will be on call throughout the entire general meeting and are available 24 hours a day. She said that both Florence Loh and Tara Connolly have excellent experience in harassment issues. She said that returning delegates would be familiar with Tara who has acted as harassment advisor at a number of general meetings.

Connolly said that she has experience with crisis-line work and shelter work in addition to her previous experience as a harassment advisor at Federation meetings. She said that the role of the advisors is to help anyone negotiate their way through the harassment complaint process if they chose to access it. She said that there are other aspects to the work, including functioning as a peer listener. She said that it gives delegates an opportunity to vent productively in a confidential setting in an effort to clarify the issue. She said that the intense atmosphere may overwhelm delegates and the advisors are present to advise on ways to handle this stress.

Florence Loh said that she had experience with the crisis line and crisis intervention and the immigrant community in Ottawa. She said that she is available any time and delegates should be comfortable approaching her.

Connolly said that national general meetings are a different world. She said that the quality of interactions can change once delegates arrive at the meetings. She said that delegates attend the meeting to pursue a political agenda and to express the views of the local and personal opinions. She said that within this context delegates should examine their goals and what is achievable and their limitations. She said that there are successes and failures which are defined by the individual delegates. She said that she is not in a position to define the successes or failures. She said that debates can disintegrate into personal attacks. She said that it should not happen at the meeting if delegates think before speaking. She said that the personal is political and everyone should remember that attacking an idea can also be interpreted as attacking a core belief. She said that delegates should take responsibility for challenging ideas and recognise the potential impact it may have upon others. She said that challenging is a catalyst for change. She said that delegates should remember that they give a message without saying anything through body language. She said that silence is also a message.

She said that delegates should recognise language barriers and the comfort it affords to speak in their first language. She said that delegates should allow others the opportunity to collect their thoughts and express them without becoming impatient. She said that it is also important to recognise that the interpretation is not the voice of the person but an interpretation. She said that it is important to avoid making assumptions because they label and restrict people and they force people into the uncomfortable position of having to deal with another's disappointment. She said that feedback is given directly, through comments or indirectly through an alteration in behaviour or position. She said that framing comments with "I" is crucial because it is not as accusatory. She encouraged delegates to reflect upon formalised and informalised power and privileges. She said that interacting and exchanging with so many people is a great responsibility and people should treat it as such.

10. PRESENTATION FROM *TRANSGENDERED, LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL CONSTITUENCY GROUP

McGrath said that the group would give their presentation during closing plenary.

10b. RATIFICATION OF CHIEF RETURNING OFFICERS AND OPENING OF NOMINATIONS

97/11:012 MOTION

Local 44/Local 08

Be it resolved that Kemlin Nembhard and Joe Byrne be ratified as the chief returning officers.

CARRIED

Nembhard said that delegates should familiarise themselves with Bylaw VI which outlines the election procedure. She said that the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Interim Treasurer, Treasurer and one Travel CUTS Board member positions will be elected at this national general meeting. She said that she and Byrne have nomination forms. She said that nominations close at 19:00 Friday, November 28, 1997. She said that an All Candidates Meeting will be held that same evening. She said that voting will take place Sunday, November 30 at 9:00. She said that every local must be in the room to vote with the voting card and if a delegation is not in the room they will not be able to vote.

13. STRIKING OF THE GENERAL MEETING COMMITTEES

97/11:013 MOTION

Local 61/Local 32

➡ Be it resolved that the following national general meeting committees be struck for the 1997 Annual National General Meeting:

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

CARRIED

14. MOTIONS REFERRED TO OPENING PLENARY

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.

97/11:014

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 44/Local 75

Be it resolved that the proposed policy wording in Motion 97/05:061 be amended to read as follows:

"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. This includes but is not limited to:

- the selling of space on university campuses for corporate advertising;
- advertising within educational materials; and
- donor recognition when it is used as a form of advertising.

A delegate from Local 44, Rob Fleming said that there are language problems with the first section. He said that there are exclusive contracts which do not promote commercialisation. He said that these goods and services are a benefit to the campus community or the students' association.

97/11:014

CARRIED

97/05:061

CARRIED AS AMENDED

97/05:132

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 83/Local 57

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

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Local 89/Local 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.

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;
- 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."

CARRIED

97/05:132

CARRIED AS AMENDED

97/05:134

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 07/Local 86

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

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

- 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.

A delegate from Local 18 Jaimie McEvoy said that the use of the public education system to pay for training that used to be provided to workers by the corporation they worked in is disturbing. He said that the apprenticeship programme is partly private and that there is an element of training that was paid for by the corporation. He said that they have offloaded this bill to the private sector.

97/05:134

CARRIED

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."

CARRIED

97/05:142

CARRIED AS AMENDED

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 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.

97/11:015

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 79/Local 68

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy statement proposed in Motion-97/05:256 be amended to read as follows:

Performance Indicators

The Federation:

- recognises that reduced funding to post-secondary education is forcing 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 or to reduce accessibility to unique institutions and programs.

A delegate from Local 11, Penny McCall-Howard said that she supports the removal of the word government.

A delegate from Local 23 said that she is opposed to the wording because it is the government which evaluate the institutions.

97/11:016 MOTION TO REFER

Local 61/Local 20

Be it resolved that Motion 97/05:210 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

A delegate from Local 18 Jaimie McEvoy said that he is opposed to referring this motion. He said that there are three long resolutions in the package which need to be in the policy manuals to guide the work of the Federation. He said that the motions have been duly considered and discussed. He said that the policies should be in the manuals and corrected at a later date after people have worked with them.

National Executive Representative Anna Kruzynski said that she was opposed to referring the motion. She said that there are a number of motions which must be considered and plenary cannot refer them all back to committee.

A delegate from Local 35 Keith Clarke said that there is some confusion about the motion and if the motion is unclear it should be referred to the committee. He said that the committee can refine the motion and the plenary can consider it at a later date.

A delegate from Local 72 Dan Hoeving said that he is in favour of referring the motion because there have been a number of amendments to the motion and there is confusion.

A delegate from Local 19 said that she is opposed to referring the motion back to the committee. She said that delegates are confused about the process and not the content of the motion.

97/11:016 DEFEATED

97/11:015 CARRIED AS AMENDED

97/11:017 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 11/Local 24

Be it resolved that the proposed policy wording in Motion 97/05:256 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 the government 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 or to reduce accessibility to unique institutions and programs.

A delegate from Local 11 McCall-Howard said that the phrase 'forcing' implies that they do not have a choice and it is obvious that they do.

97/11:017 CARRIED

97/05:256 CARRIED AS AMENDED

96/11:210 CARRIED AS AMENDED

97/05:017 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 7/Local 31

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy statement proposed in Motion-96/11:210 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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

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 be 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;

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 negotiations between Québec and the federal government. Until the agreeable settlement of the Québec/Canada relationship, the establishment of pan-Canadian principles must take into account the uniqueness of Québec as well as the Aboriginal Peoples.

- D) The Federation supports the creation of a National Advisory Council on Post-secondary Education and Research headed by the Minister for Post-secondary Education and Research which would:

- bring together representatives from the education and research communities, with students, constituency group representatives, faculty, support staff, administration and government;
- ensure that higher education, student assistance, and research continue to meet the needs of the community;
- ensure that federal and provincial policies on post-secondary education are harmonised;
- meet regularly with the provincial and territorial Ministers of Advanced Education;
- examine the equity of access to programs and the quality of the education;
- ensure that the pan-Canadian principles are not reduced to a race to the bottom, to the lowest provincial or territorial standard;
- be elected democratically by a group of their peers.

The Federation supports the Council of Ministers of Education Canada and supports increased funding to the Council in order to allow for its equal participation with the federal department of Post-secondary Education and Research.

National Executive Representative and Committee Chairperson Jessica Squires said that the motion calls for the replacement of the Federal Ministry for Higher Education in the policy manual with a policy on post-secondary education. She said that it is a combination of several previously existing policies. She said that it is also an attempt to change the policy to read "post-secondary education" not higher education. She said that the text is based on the *Blueprint for Access: Strategy for Change* and summarizes the Federation's vision for post-secondary education in Canada.

A delegate from Local 68 Becky McFarlane said that she is opposed to the motion. She said that the government cannot deal with issues of post-secondary education. She said that establishing another level of bureaucracy will be completely useless. She said that she is opposed to every and any level of government which deals with post-secondary education.

A delegate from Local 18 McEvoy said that there are several areas which are governed federally and provincially and the Federation is currently lacking a framework to deal with the federal/provincial relationship. He said that the proposed policy offers the same opportunity to hold the government accountable that the Federation attempts to exercise in an arena where decisions are made without public consultation or input. He said that through the Federation's work the public will know what is happening when the federal government consults with the provincial governments. He said that this will prevent the private discussions on income contingent student loan repayment schemes and the attempt to diversify the funding with voucher systems. He said that the Federation needs to have a presence in these negotiations.

97/05:258 CARRIED

96/05:205 CARRIED AS AMENDED

96/05:206 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 9/Local 8

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the establishments, by the Council of Ministers of Education Canada, of a Pan-Canadian Advisory Council of Post-secondary Education which would include representation from the Federation.

RULED REDUNDANT

96/05:207 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 79/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation strongly encourages the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada to sign a Post-secondary Education Agreement that encompasses the principles outlined in the Federation Preamble and in the Federation's Declaration of Students' Rights.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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."

97/11:018

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 01/Local 44

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 97/05:264 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 post-secondary education."

CARRIED

97/11:019

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 19/ Local 79

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 97/05:264 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 post-secondary education if they so desire."

A delegate from Local 5 Julian Albanese said that the original amendment adding income was intended to indicate that it is the individuals choice.

A delegate from Local 68 John Hodgins said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that it changes the spirit of the original motion. He said that the original motion addresses the need to spend more time out of the labour market. He said that the amendment implies that a balance could be reached between spare time and time in the labour force.

97/11:019

DEFEATED

97/05:264

CARRIED AS AMENDED

96/05:198

CARRIED AS AMENDED

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 96/11:029 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.

National Executive Representative and Acting National Treasurer Jason Stevens said that he was opposed to the amendment and main motion. He said that inherent in the motion is the acceptance that corporations should make money and therefore the profits should be heavily taxed. He said that these types of corporations should not exist and that is the fundamental issue.

A delegate from Local 14 Burke said that it is his understanding that corporations do pay taxes. He said that these corporations should be taxed at a maximum not a minimum.

A delegate from Local 5 Albanese said that the Federation recognises through research that many corporations use tax loop holes to their benefit and to the point where they pay zero tax. He said that the intention of the motion is to prevent corporations from avoiding taxes completely and be required to pay a minimum amount. He said that the reality is that many corporations do not pay any taxes and the Federation should address this situation. He said that obviously the Federation would like to take this further and eliminate these types of corporations but it must also address the current situation.

97/11:020 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 79/Local 68

Be it resolved that the policy statement proposed in Motion 97/05:266 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 corporate federal income tax which taxes the corporations at 100% of their profits.

A delegate from Local 79 Erin Runions said that these motions are ridiculous. She said that Federation should call for taxation at 100% of their profits and it is farcical for the Federation to support a minimum tax.

A delegate from Local 83 Christie Stephenson said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that she agrees it is weak to require a minimum tax but it is problematic to refer to profits. She said that with standard accounting practices it is difficult to gauge that profit.

A delegate from Local 5 Leigh Philips said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that he would love to see the banks nationalised but it is not likely that it will happen in the near future. He said that hopefully a progressive government will be elected who will implement this form of tax.

97/11:020 DEFEATED

A delegate from Local 18 McEvoy said that this motion prevents corporations from avoiding taxes. He said that an income tax is not a profit tax. He said that corporations and individuals pay an income tax regardless of whether a profit is made or not. He said that it is the cost of doing business. He said that his only concern is that it is not a graduated tax which differentiates between how much money the corporation is making so small businesses are not taxed the same way large corporations are taxed. He said that the motion says that all corporations must pay a tax.

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A delegate from Local 79 Runions said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that the motion does not prevent banks or other large corporations from evading taxes. She said that if the Federation wishes to have a policy on the books then it should say something more than this motion.

A delegate from Local 44 Rob Fleming said that Canada is notorious for low contributions from corporations. He said that the motion states that revenues can be increased and should be increased through corporations not working people.

97/05:266 CARRIED

97/05:029 CARRIED AS AMENDED

Stevens said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that the argument that American corporations pay a minimum corporate tax is flawed because the poverty level is incredibly high. He said that he understands the intention to spread wealth out and that should be the policy.

96/11:023 CARRIED AS AMENDED

96/05:229 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 07/West Viking Students' Association

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

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.

Squires said that the committee recommended defeat of the motion because it was deemed impossible to find appropriate wording.

97/11:021 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 09/Local 14

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 government and multinational corporations operating within countries with poor Human Rights and Social Justice practices. The Federation supports movements for freedom and equality in these countries.

A delegate from Local 9 Jessica Peart said that the Federation does oppose these links and supports movements for freedom and equality and this policy should be on the books.

97/11:022 MOTION TO REFER

Local 75/Local

Be it resolved that Motion 96/05:229 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:021 REFERRED

96/05:229 REFERRED

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.

A delegate from Local 33 said that the motion should be defeated. She said that the policy restricts the right to freedom of speech. She said that art is interpreted by the people who view it and artists create work based on life experience. She said that art could be interpreted incorrectly and not be shown or displayed.

A delegate from Local 14 James Pratt said that the policy stinks of censorship. He said that if the Federation starts to define art, it is inviting the same censorship.

A delegate from Local 44 said that the policy reeks of censorship and the Federation does not support censorship. She said that it is important to encourage the free exchange of ideas and it is important to maintain a strong democratic voice.

A delegate from Local 14 Christian said that he has concerns with people creating something that promotes hatred against certain people and then calling it art. He said that the Federation should not support this type of behaviour.

96/11:033 DEFEATED

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.

97/05:270 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 44/Local 34

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 97/05:248 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, 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."

97/11:023 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 8/Local 54

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 97/05:270 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

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2. supports accessible, public transportation systems for people with disabilities which provide services equivalent to and whenever possible integrated into 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."

National Executive Representative Elizabeth Carlyle said that the policy was proposed by the Students' with Disabilities Constituency Group.

97/11:023 CARRIED

97/11:024 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 61

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 97/05:270 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 and therefore free public transportation systems for people with disabilities which, wherever possible are integrated with 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."

CARRIED

97/05:270 CARRIED AS AMENDED

96/05:248 CARRIED AS AMENDED

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."

RULED REDUNDANT

96/05:149 RULED REDUNDANT

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.

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

- 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;
- 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:

- 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.

97/11:025

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 19/Local 11

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement under Aboriginal Education and Aboriginal Students' Issues in Motion 97/05:273 be amended to read:

Aboriginal Education

The Federation supports:

- Aboriginal control of Aboriginal post-secondary education;
- school courses in Aboriginal Studies, including language, history, 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.

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 - 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, history and technology in the Canadian post-secondary education system;
- and recognises these rights as constitutionally entrenched in section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982.

97/11:025

CARRIED

97/11:026

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 88

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement under Declaration of Aboriginal Students Rights in Motion 97/05:273 be amended to read:

Declaration of Aboriginal Students' Rights

Preamble

- A. The Federation recognises and fully supports Aboriginal Peoples' inherent rights and titles, including:
1. the right to full economic reparation for the historical and ongoing exploitation and genocide of Aboriginal peoples;
 2. the right to self-government, and all of its cultural and spiritual forms;
 3. the right to self-determination;
 4. the right to hold and adhere to the results of referenda on self-determination, and in other areas;
 5. the right to self-administered services including health care, education, child welfare and justice;
 6. the right to self-identification as Aboriginal, Inuit, and Metis;
 7. the right to recognition of Aboriginal Languages as official languages of Canada;

8. 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."

A delegate from Local 8 said that the policy addresses the Federal government's responsibility to treaty and Aboriginal peoples. He asked if it included non-status native people and the people affected by Bill C-31 who are considered second class citizens among treaty people.

Aboriginal National Executive Representative Penny Kerrigan said that in the Constitution the term Aboriginal peoples includes Inuit, Metis, and status Indians and that is the basis for this policy.

A delegate from Local 86 Joanne Heck said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that the issue is included in the Declaration and this amendment is redundant.

97/11:026: DEFEATED

97/05:273 CARRIED AS AMENDED

Newfoundland and Labrador Chairperson Dale Kirby said that he was in favour of the motion but wanted to caution delegates that the report has been released. He said that there is a potential that the recommendations in the report will be delayed. He said that the Federation should encourage the government to implement the recommendations quickly.

McGrath said that it was a directive to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

97/05:043 CARRIED AS AMENDED

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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:

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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.

RULED REDUNDANT

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:

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".

97/11:027 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 72/Local 57

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:

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

A delegate from Local 68 McFarlane said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that brutality does not need to be defined. She said that by definition the words policing and military define brutality.

A delegate from Local Local 5 Albanese said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that the term excessive force would be defined by the military or the police and they could use the term as a loop hole.

97/11:027 DEFEATED

97/11:028 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 68/Local 79

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:

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

A delegate from Local 72 Hoeving said that the amendment was stating that there should be no policing and that for example murder should remain untried and crime should grow rampant.

A delegate from Local 35 said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that the spirit of the motion was to identify certain incidents that have occurred and to state opposition. He said that the amendment is not in the same spirit as the original motion.

A delegate from Local 79 Runions said that she was in favour of the amendment. She said that the police and the military are brutal and are predicated on brutality therefore the Federation should be opposed to them.

A delegate from Local 14 Christian said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that he strongly disagrees with declaring all Canadian peacekeeping overseas brutal. He said that with a few exceptions he is proud of the work the peacekeepers do overseas.

A delegate from Local 9 Brown said that upon reflection of previous peacekeeping actions they have not been based on any concept of freedom, justice or equality. She said that they have been about protecting the needs of the elite that run the country. She said that the motion does not state that the Federation is opposed to justice but that the Federation is opposed to using the police and the military as forms of justice. She said that she supports forms of community and restorative justice which the motion does not condemn.

97/11:028 DEFEATED

97/05:290 CARRIED AS AMENDED

96/05:216 CARRIED 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:

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.

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 students and Aboriginal students."

97/11:029 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 19/Local 30

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy proposal in Motion 96/05:072 be amended to read:

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

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.

The Federation supports the creation and or maintenance 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, transgendered, gay, lesbian and bisexual students, Aboriginal students and women students."

CARRIED

97/11:030

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 68

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy proposal in Motion 96/05:072 be amended to read:

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

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 and therefore the need for an advocacy procedure for the complainant.

The Federation supports the creation and or maintenance of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are autonomous to serve the needs of all students, especially the needs of students of colour, students with disabilities, transgendered, gay, lesbian and bisexual students, Aboriginal students and women students."

97/11:031

MOTION TO DIVIDE

Local /Local

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:030 be divided.

CARRIED

97/11:032

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 68

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy proposal in Motion 96/05:072 be amended to read:

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

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.

The Federation supports the creation and or maintenance of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are autonomous to serve the needs of all students, especially the needs of students of colour, students with disabilities, transgendered, gay, lesbian and bisexual students, Aboriginal students and women students."

A delegate from Local 79 said that she was concerned that students would be required to pay for services the administration should be paying for.

A delegate from Local 09 Brown said that she was in favour of the amendment. She said that it was an extension of the move to support and maintain fully autonomous student unions.

A delegate from Local 19 said that it is extremely important that administrations continue to fund equity offices and that the burden not be placed on students. She said that a student advocate position is very different from an equity office. She said that it is acceptable for student unions to fund an avocate position which will help student navigate the academic world.

A delegate from Local 5 Mark O'Neill said that there were a number of issues which have arisen recently in British Columbia, particularly harassment at Simon Fraser University. He said that it would be important for these motions to be discussed more fully at the committee level.

97/11:033 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 68

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy proposal in Motion 96/05:072 be amended to read:

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

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 and therefore the need for an advocacy procedure for the complainant.

The Federation supports the creation and or maintenance 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, transgendered, gay, lesbian and bisexual students, Aboriginal students and women students."

97/11:034 MOTION TO REFER

Local /Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:032 and 97/11:033 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:032 REFERRED

97/11:033 REFERRED

96/05:135 REFERRED

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.

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.

97/11:035

MOTION TO REFER

Local 79/Local 86

Be it resolved that Motions 97/05:074 and 96/05:166 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/05:074

REFERRED

96/05:166

REFERRED

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;
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;
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."

97/11:036

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 97/05:294 be amended to include:

1. the full democratisation of campuses;

Be it further resolved that the remaining items be renumbered accordingly.

A delegate from Local 14 Greg Kaufman asked for an explanation of full democratisation. He said that in his interpretation of the term he supports it but is unsure how it fits in with accessibility.

A delegate from Local 54 Tom Keefer said that proper access is unattainable without full control. He said that the concept behind democracy has to include something beyond formal political democracy and beyond a few token seats on institutions' governing bodies.

A delegate from Local 18 McEvoy said that he was not opposed to the democratisation of campuses but he is opposed to the motion. He said that when policy is drafted in vague terms it can easily lead to varied interpretations. He said that it should be more specific. He said that the National Education and Student Rights Committee should have a discussion about the democratisation of campuses.

A delegate from Local 9 Peart said that there is only one definition of democracy, something ruled by the people for the people. She said in this case it would be an institution ruled by the students for the students.

A delegate from Local 35 said that he is unsure how the democratisation of campuses relates to the focus of the motion, accessibility. He said that the motion should be discussed in National Education and Student Rights Committee. He said that the amendment is confusing and should not be because accessibility is a fundamental policy of the Federation.

A delegate from Local 54 Rabkin said that achieving free tuition fees would not necessarily mean the campus was accessible. She said that the institutions would remain inaccessible to some people. She said that

delegates should consider the way decisions are made on campuses. She said that although people would not have to pay anything to attend post-secondary institutions the historic structures are inherently inaccessible.

97/11:037 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local

Be it resolved that Motion 97/05:294 be amended to include:

"1. radical, democratic participation and control by students and campus workers; and

Be it further resolved that the remaining items be renumbered accordingly."

CARRIED

A delegate from Local 18 McEvoy said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that there is no evidence that democracy as a voting mechanism does anything more to protect people's rights than any other form of governance does. He said that he cannot endorse a system of governance that does not specifically include requirements to respect the human rights of those who are in the minority on campus. He said that the parameters for how this form of democracy will work should be established. He said that defining a system of governance without defining the rights of the people who will be under the system is flawed. He said that democratic decisions made by students and workers does not automatically lead to a better system of government.

A delegate from Local 54 Rabkin said that she does not use the word democracy in the amendment to mean a voting procedure or a system of government. She said that it defines a way of participating on campuses and what it would mean to be a student. She said that when students enter classrooms or meetings they are entering an undemocratic structure. She said that the amendment is intended to address who are the legitimate stakeholders on campuses. She said that it is not about governance but about who develops the rules and who has a legitimate voice on campus.

97/11:036 DEFEATED

97/11:038 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 5/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion 97/05:294 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 discrimination on the basis of 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."

British Columbia Chairperson Maura Parte said that there were several delegates who wished to present an emergency resolution in support of the students who were arrested at protest at the University of British Columbia. She said that there was some urgency because there were some students who were still being detained.

McGrath said that the motion could be considered immediately following the motion on the floor.

97/11:038 CARRIED

97/05:294 CARRIED AS AMENDED

97/11:039 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 11/Local 24

Be it resolved that items 6 and 9 in Motion 97/05:079 be amended as follows:

- "6. the elimination of all other social and cultural barriers including, but not limited to discrimination on the basis of race, colour, sex, language, religion, sexual orientation, gender, political affiliation, social and economic background, or family status;
9. the elimination of unnecessary impediments to program and course portability;"

CARRIED

97/11:040 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 9/Local 11

Be it resolved that item 6 Motion 97/05:079 be amended as follows:

- "6. the elimination of all other social, cultural barriers including, but not limited to discrimination on the basis of race, colour, sex, language, religion, sexual orientation, gender, political affiliation, social and economic class, or family status;

CARRIED

97/11:041 MOTION TO REFER

Local 11/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion 97/05:079 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

A delegate from Local 68 McFarlane said that the motion should be sent to the committee. She said that the motion is about students and workers having control over the institutions. She said that policy needs to be developed on the the democratisation of campuses and the debate should begin in the committee in conjunction with the original motion.

97/11:041 CARRIED

97/05:079 REFERRED

British Columbia Chairperson Parte said that there were several newspaper articles and statements issued by students at the University of British Columbia. She said that this information would be available for delegates.

97/11:042 MOTION

Local 35/Local 44

Whereas dozens of students and other individuals have been arrested leading up to and during the activities surrounding the 1997 APEC Leaders Summit; and

Whereas students and other individuals were arrested for such non violent means of expression including organising peaceful protest, using removable media ie. chalk which can be removed and was used to express their concerns or using walkie talkies or megaphones during the protest; and

Whereas excessive force and brutality were employed in the course of these arrests;

Whereas the fundamental rights of freedom of association and expression and the right to legal counsel upon arrest were violated; and

Whereas the conditions for release from jail for many who were arrested included a provision to not participate and or be found in attendance at any public demo or rally that is gathered together for the sole purpose of demonstrating against APEC or any nation participating in the APEC conference; and

Whereas the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were not only providing security but were carrying out the Canadian government's political agenda of preventing protest and ensuring that the leaders of APEC countries attending the summit would be unable to hear or see the protest; therefore

Be it resolved that the arrest and treatment students and other individuals engaging in peaceful forms of protest arrested leading up to and during the activities surrounding the 1997 APEC Leaders Summit be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that the call for the release of individuals who are still being detained immediately without charge and that all other charges be dropped; and

Be it further resolved that work be undertaken in co-operation with other organisations that are planning legal action to support the rights of students and other individuals arrested while engaging in peaceful forms of protest leading up to and during the 1997 APEC Leaders Summit; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters of support to those students and other individuals who were arrested for engaging in peaceful forms of protest; and

Be it further resolved that coalition partners be asked to engage in similar activities.

A delegate from Local 79 Runions said that she was in favour of the motion. She said that earlier some delegates had applauded the efforts of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. She said that delegates should take into account the most recent events at the University of British Columbia when voting on similar motions.

A delegate from Local 14 Christian said that there were barriers in place and the students knocked over the barriers. He said that the police have a responsibility to protect international leaders when they are visiting Canada. He said that regardless whether delegates agree or disagree with the protestors' motives the police have a duty. He said that in the Charter there are limitations to people's rights to expression if they endanger someone else. He said that there were not enough facts to vote on this issue.

97/11:042 CARRIED

Local 14 noted in opposition.

97/05:043 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/Local 61

Be it resolved that the recommendations of the National Executive be accepted omnibus.

CARRIED

A delegate from Local 23 Joey Hansen said that Local 23 would serve as the mover or seconder for those motions without movers or seconders so the motions could be debated. He said that if the motions did not have a mover or seconder they would die on plenary floor and would not be discussed at the remainder of the general meeting.

97/11:044 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY (97/11:N01)

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.

97/11:045 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:044 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:044 REFERRED

97/11:046 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.

97/11:047 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:046 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:046 REFERRED

97/11:048 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

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 an 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.

97/11:049 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:048 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:048

REFERRED

97/11:050

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.

97/11:051

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:050 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:050

REFERRED

97/11:052

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.

97/11:053

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:052 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:052

REFERRED

97/11:054

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;
- 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.

97/11:055

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:054 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:054

REFERRED

97/11:056

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.

97/11:057

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:056 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:056

REFERRED

97/11:058

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;
 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 not limited to, trade sanctions, boycotts, and publicity campaigns

97/11:059 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:058 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:058 REFERRED

97/11:060 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;
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.

97/11:061 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:060 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:060

REFERRED

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.

97/11:062

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 96/11:099 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

96/11:099

REFERRED

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.

97/11:063

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 96/11:100 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

96/11:100

REFERRED

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.

97/11:064

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 96/11:101 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

96/11:101

REFERRED

97/11:065

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.

97/11:066 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:065 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:065 REFERRED

97/11:067 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.

97/11:068 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:067 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:067 REFERRED

97/11:069 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.

97/11:070 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:069 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:069 REFERRED

97/11:071 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.

97/11:072 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:071 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:071 REFERRED

97/11:073 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 based solely on work promoting social and economic justice.

97/11:074 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:073 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:073 REFERRED

97/11:075 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.

97/11:076 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:075 be referred to National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:075 REFERRED

97/11:077 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.

97/11:078 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:077 be referred to the Organisational Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:077 REFERRED

97/11:079 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 79/Local 23

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.

97/11:080

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:079 be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:079

REFERRED

97/11:081

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.

97/11:082

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:081 be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:081

REFERRED

97/11:083

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.

97/11:084

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:083 be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:083

REFERRED

97/11:085

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 23/Local 33

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 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.

97/11:086

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:085 be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:085

REFERRED

97/11:087

MOTION

Local 14/Local 23

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.

97/11:088

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:087 be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:087

REFERRED

97/11:089

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 14/Local 23

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.

97/11:090

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:089 be referred to the National Education & Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:089 REFERRED

97/11:091 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 23/Local 33

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.

97/11:092 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:092 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:091 REFERRED

97/11:093 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local 23

Be it resolved that the Federation revoke its IUS membership.

97/11:094 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:094 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:093 REFERRED

97/11:095 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 79/Local 23

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 congruent with national and provincial fees. Members who do not pay congruent national and provincial fees must pay the full market price for the International Student Identity Card.

97/11:096 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:095 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:095 REFERRED

97/11:097 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

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

Canadian Programming Service

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

97/11:098

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:097 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:097

REFERRED

97/11:099

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 79/Local 23

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

The Federation's goals 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.

97/11:100

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:099 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:099 ~

REFERRED

97/11:101

MOTION

Local 79/Local 23

Be it resolved that the National Executive undertake the following:

- 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.

97/11:102

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:101 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:101 REFERRED

97/11:103 MOTION

Local 23/Local 33

Be it resolved that the Federation maintain its relationship with Liberty Health.

97/11:104 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:103 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:103 REFERRED

97/11:105 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 23/Local 33

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.

97/11:106 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:105 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:105 REFERRED

97/11:107 MOTION

Local 35/Local 23

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

97/11:108 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:107 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:107 REFERRED

97/11:109 MOTION

Local 35/Local 23

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.

97/11:110 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:109 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:109 REFERRED

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97/11:111 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 23/ Local 33

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.

97/11:112 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:111 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:111 REFERRED

97/11:113 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local 23

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 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.

97/11:114 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:113 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:113 REFERRED

97/11:115 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.

97/11:116 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:115 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:115 REFERRED

97/11:117 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 79/Local 23

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

Federation Spokespersons

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 representative 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.

97/11:118 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:117 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:117 REFERRED

97/11:119 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.

97/11:120 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:119 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:119 REFERRED

97/11:121 MOTION

Local 35/Local 23

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

97/11:122 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:121 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:121 REFERRED

97/11:123 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.

97/11:124 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:123 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:123 REFERRED

97/11:125 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 23/ Local 33

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.

97/11:126 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:125 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:125 REFERRED

97/11:127 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS, STANDING RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY MANUAL

Local 7/Local 23

Be it resolved that the official French translation of the name of the Canadian Federation of Students be "La Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants;"

Be it further resolved that all references to the name in the Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Policy Manuals of the Federation be amended accordingly.

97/11:128 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:127 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:127 REFERRED

97/11:129 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 23/ Local 33

Whereas "noon of the day preceding the final plenary" is earlier than the translation deadline for any recent national general meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the rule included in Standing Resolution #2 be repealed:

Translation of New Business Motions

Any motion to be considered under 'New Business' during the closing plenary must be submitted for translation by noon of the day preceding the final plenary.

97/11:130

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:129 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:129

REFERRED

97/11:131

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY

Local 23/ Local 33

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

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.

97/11:132

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:131 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:131

REFERRED

97/11:133

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 23/ Local 33

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

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.

97/11:134

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:133 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:133

REFERRED

97/11:135

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 23/ Local 33

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.

97/11:136

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:135 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:135

REFERRED

97/11:137

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 9/Local 23

Be it resolved that Bylaw II 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 locals or a prospective member as 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.

97/11:138

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:137 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:137

REFERRED

97/11:139

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that a Standing Resolution on Workshops at General meetings be adopted, and
Be it further resolved that the Standing Resolution on workshops at general meetings read as follows:

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.

97/11:140

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:139 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:139

REFERRED

97/11:141

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.

97/11:142

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:141 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:141 REFERRED

97/11:143 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 7/Local 23

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.

97/11:144 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:143 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:143 REFERRED

97/11:145 MOTION

Local 35/Local 23

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.

97/11:146 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:145 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:145 REFERRED

97/11:147 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local 23

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.

97/11:148 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:147 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:147 REFERRED

97/11:149 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local 23

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.

97/11:150 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:149 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:149 REFERRED

97/11:151 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:

- a) First Priority shall be given to voting members of the Standing Committee; and
- b) Second Priority shall be given to members of the National Executive; and
- c) Third Priority shall be given to national staff.

97/11:152 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:151 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:151 REFERRED

97/11:153 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local 23

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.

97/11:154 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:153 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:153 REFERRED

97/11:N55 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 23/ Local 33

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.

97/11:156

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:155 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:155

REFERRED

97/11:157

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 23/ Local 33

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 "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;

97/11:158

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:157 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:157

REFERRED

97/11:159

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY

Local 23/ Local 33

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.

97/11:160

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:159 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:159

REFERRED

97/11:161

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 23/ Local 33

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.

97/11:162

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:161 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:161

REFERRED

97/11:163

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."

97/11:164

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:163 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:163

REFERRED

97/11:165

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 23/ Local 33

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.
 - b. Operating Policy, Bylaw motions, and Standing Resolution motions should be forwarded through representatives on the Organisational Development Committee.
 - c. Any motion with a financial aspect, such as research and campaign directives, should be forwarded to the Campaigns and Budget committees. Any motion to amend Operating Policy or Directives to examine internal structures will almost certainly have a financial aspect, and therefore should also be forwarded to budget.
 - d. Directives to conduct research to back up policy should be forwarded through the National Education and Student Rights Committee.
2. These guidelines shall be distributed and introduced by the groups' facilitators at each general meeting.

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

97/11:166

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:165 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:165

REFERRED

97/11:167

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy on Constituency Groups be amended to read:

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.

97/11:168

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:167 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:167

REFERRED

97/11:169

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 23/ Local 33

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

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.

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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.

97/11:170 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:169 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:169 REFERRED

97/11:171 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 23/ Local 33

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

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.

97/11:172 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:171 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:171 REFERRED

97/11:173 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 23/ Local 33

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

- 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.

97/11:174 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:173 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:173 REFERRED

97/11:175 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 23/ Local 33

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.

97/11:176 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:175 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:175 REFERRED

97/11:177 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that the following be added to Article 6-a of 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.

97/11:178 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:177 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:177 REFERRED

97/11:179 MOTION

Local 35/Local 23

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.

97/11:180 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:179 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:179 REFERRED

97/11:181 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 7/Local 23

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.

97/11:182 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:181 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:181 REFERRED

97/11:183

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 23/ Local 33

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.

or

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

97/11:184

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:183 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:183

REFERRED

97/11:185

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 23/ Local 33

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

97/11:186

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:185 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:185

REFERRED

97/11:187

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 23/ Local 33

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

Constitutional Amendments

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

97/11:188

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:187 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:187

REFERRED

97/11:189

MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local 23

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.

97/11:190 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:189 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:189 REFERRED

97/11:191 MOTION

Local 35/Local 23

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.

97/11:192 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:191 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:191 REFERRED

97/11:193 MOTION

Local 23/ Local 33

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:

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.

97/11:194

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:193 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:193

REFERRED

97/11:195

MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 23/ Local 33

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

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.

97/11:196

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:195 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:195 REFERRED

97/11:197 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 14/Local 23

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.

97/11:198 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:197 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:197 REFERRED

97/11:199 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

97/11:200 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:199 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:199 REFERRED

97/11:201 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

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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.

97/11:202 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:201 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:201 REFERRED

97/11:203 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

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

97/11:204 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:203 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:203 REFERRED

97/11:205 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.

97/11:206 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:205 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:205 REFERRED

97/11:207 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.

97/11:208 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:207 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:207 REFERRED

97/11:209

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.

97/11:210

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:209 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:209

REFERRED

97/11:211

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.

97/11:212

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:211 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:211

REFERRED

97/11:213

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

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

97/11:214

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:213 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:213

REFERRED

97/11:215

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

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

97/11:216

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:215 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:215

REFERRED

97/11:217

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw viii be repealed and replaced with the following:

ANTI-OPPRESSION AND EDUCATION, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIETY WORKING GROUPS

1. General Description

An Anti-Oppression Working Group shall be comprised of individual delegates attending Federation General Meetings who share a commitment to the issues/goals set out by the committee (recognised by the national plenary), except as provided for by the relevant Standing Resolution.

2. Establishment of Anti-Oppression Working Groups and Education, Democracy, and Society Working Groups

An Anti-Oppression or Education, Democracy, and Society Working Group may be established subject to the following procedure:

- a. application at the beginning of opening plenary by any member local;
- b. upon receipt of an application by a prospective working group, opening plenary can vote (by a majority) to strike the working group, which will then become active at the same general meeting;
- c. a working group must, as a stated goal, support the statement of purpose of the Federation.

3. Current Anti-Oppression Working Groups

- Anti-Racist Working Group
- Anti-Queerphobia Working Group
- Anti-Sexism Working Group
- Anti-Poverty Working Group
- Anti-Ableism Working Group
- Anti Anti-Semitism Working Group
- Aboriginal/First Nations Working Group
- Francophone Working Group

4. Current Education, Democracy and Society Working Groups

- Zero Tuition Working Group
- Graduate Students Working Group
- Art, Culture, and Technology Working Group
- Child Care and Sole Support Parents Working Group
- International Students Working Group
- Part Time and Mature Students Working Group
- Democracy and Social Justice Working Group
- Curriculum and Academic Issues Working Group

5. Working Group Rights

- 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.

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:217 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:217 REFERRED

97/11:219 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Bylaw IX be deleted.

97/11:220 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:219 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:219 REFERRED

97/11:221 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.

97/11:222 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:221 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:221 REFERRED

97/11:223 MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

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

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

97/11:224 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:223 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:223 REFERRED

97/11:225 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

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

97/11:226 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:225 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:225 REFERRED

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97/11:227 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
 - 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.

97/11:228 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:227 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:227 REFERRED

97/11:229 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

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.

97/11:230 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:229 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:229 REFERRED

97/11:231 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

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

97/11:232 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:231 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:231 REFERRED

97/11:233 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.

97/11:234 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:233 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:233 REFERRED

97/11:235 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.

97/11:236 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:235 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:235 REFERRED

97/11:237 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.

97/11:238 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:237 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:237 REFERRED

97/11:239 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 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.

97/11:240 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:239 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:239 REFERRED

97/11:241 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

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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.

97/11:242 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:241 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:241 REFERRED

97/11:242 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'.

97/11:243 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:242 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:242 REFERRED

97/11:244 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.

97/11:245 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:244 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:245 REFERRED

97/11:247 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 68/Local 54

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

97/11:248 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:247 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:247 REFERRED

97/11:249 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.

97/11:250

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:249 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:249

REFERRED

97/11:251

MOTION

Local 35/Local 23

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.

97/11:252

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:251 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:251

REFERRED

97/11:253

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.

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97/11:254 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:253 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:253 REFERRED

97/11:255 MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

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.

97/11:256 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:255 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:255 REFERRED

97/11:257 MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

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

97/11:258 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:257 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:257 REFERRED

97/11:259 MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

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.

97/11:260 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:259 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:259 REFERRED

97/11:261 MOTION

Local 68/Local 54

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.

97/11:262 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:261 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:261 REFERRED

97/11:263 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 bi-weekly with all members.

97/11:264 MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/ Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:263 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:263 REFERRED

Story said that the tee-shirts which were made for the January 28th Day of Action would be distributed to delegates as they left the plenary room.

Lavigne said that the delegates had dealt with a back log that has been carried over for the last couple of general meetings. He said that it is outstanding to get caught up on this work. He said that although it is boring or frustrating at times, the student movement has put its stamp on policy. He said that delegates should be pleased with the work they have done. He encouraged delegates to socialise with each other and reminded delegates that the entire meeting is a harassment free zone and no harassment will be tolerated.

97/11:265 MOTION TO RECESS

Local 62/Local 61

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until Saturday November 29, 1997.

CARRIED

23:40 — the meeting recessed.

