

## Plenary Procedure

17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting - Canadian Federation of Students

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### PLENARY PROCEDURE AT A GLANCE

To do this:	You say this:	May you interrupt speaker?	Must you be seconded?	Is the motion debatable?	Is the motion amendable?	What vote is required?
<i>Object to Procedure</i>	<b>Point of Order</b>	Yes	No	No	No	No vote required, chair rules
<i>Request information</i>	<b>Point of Information</b>	Yes, if urgent	No	No	No	No vote required
<i>Object to Personal Affront</i>	<b>Point of Privilege</b>	Yes	No	No	No	No vote required, chair rules
<i>Ask for a noting of all votes cast</i>	<b>I call for a Roll Call Vote</b>	No	No	No	No	No vote required, chair rules
<i>Object to consideration of some improper manner</i>	<b>I object to consideration of this question</b>	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 Majority
<i>Take up a matter previously tabled</i>	<b>I move we take from the table...</b>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
<i>Consider something already disposed of</i>	<b>I move we now (or later) reconsider...</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes (if original motion was)	No	Majority
<i>Consider something out of its scheduled order</i>	<b>I move we suspend the rules and consider...</b>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 majority
<i>Vote on ruling of the chair</i>	<b>I challenge the chair on...</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
<i>Adjourn the meeting</i>	<b>I move that we adjourn</b>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
<i>Recess the meeting</i>	<b>I move that we recess until...</b>	No	Yes	Only to time	No	Majority
<i>Suspend further discussion of a motion</i>	<b>I move that we table..</b>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
<i>End Debate</i>	<b>I call the question</b>	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 Majority
<i>Postpone consideration</i>	<b>I move we table</b>	No	Yes	Only to time	Yes	Majority
<i>Have something studied further</i>	<b>I move to refer this to...</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
<i>Amend a motion</i>	<b>I move to amend this motion by...</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

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# PLENARY AGENDA

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## Opening Plenary

### 1. Attendance Roll Call

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

### 2. Welcoming Remarks

National Chairperson Elizabeth Carlyle will provide welcoming remarks for the meeting.

### 3. Ratification of Plenary Speaker

The National Executive is recommending that Sylvia Soufi be ratified as the Plenary Speaker. Sylvia has a long history of involvement with the Federation. She served as the Ontario Representative on the National Executive for the 1987-88 year. From fall 1989 to fall 1991 she worked as a Researcher in the National Office. Sylvia has chaired Federation national general meetings on three previous occasions.

### 4. Announcement of Proxies

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

### 5. Adoption of Plenary Agenda

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

### 6. Adoption of General Meeting Agenda

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

### 7. Adoption of the May 1998 General Meeting Minutes

The plenary will consider the minutes of the May 1998 national general meeting.

### 8. Consideration of Membership Applications

#### a. Applications for Prospective Membership

Applications for prospective membership have been received from:

- Dalhousie University Association of Graduate Students; and
- Glendon College Students' Association.

The plenary will consider the applications at this time.

#### b. Applications for Extensions of Prospective Membership

As per Bylaw I, 2. b, ix - Prospective Membership, the plenary will consider any requests for extensions of prospective membership at this time.

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### **9. Presentation by Staff Relations Officer**

Jennifer Story, Staff Relations Officer, will make a brief presentation on the collective agreement between the Federation and its employees as it pertains to the rights and responsibilities of the employees. She will also introduce the staff members.

### **10. Introduction of Harassment Advisors**

At this time, the Harassment Advisors Tara Connolly and Florence Loh will provide a brief orientation to the Federation's harassment policy which is contained in the policy manual.

### **11. Review of Standing Sub-Committees of Plenary**

As per Standing Resolution 1.1, the following sub-committees of the plenary are automatically struck:

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

The composition and role of the sub-committees will be explained at this time.

### **12. Preparation for National Executive Elections**

#### **a. Introduction of Chief Returning Officer(s)**

As per Bylaw 6.7, the National Executive has appointed Ashkan Hashemi, Ontario Component Researcher, and Kemlin Nembhard, Manitoba Fieldworker, as the Chief Returning Officers for the election.

#### **b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures**

### **13. Consideration of Motions Served With Due Notice**

#### **a. Motions Postponed or Referred by the Previous General Meeting**

As per *Standing Resolution 1.6 - Distribution and Presentation of Outstanding Reports*, the plenary will consider motions having been referred to opening plenary.

#### **b. New Motions**

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

### **14. Presentation of the Report of the National Executive**

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

**15. National Executive Question and Answer Period**

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

**16. Other Business** *Hurricane Mitch*

**17. Recess**

**Closing Plenary**

**1. Attendance Roll Call**

The Plenary Speaker will call the roll of the membership to determine that quorum is present.

**2. Business Tabled from Opening Plenary**

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

**3. Presentation of the National Education & Student Rights Committee Report**

The National Education & Student Rights Committee will present its report for consideration by the plenary.

**4. Presentation of the Organisational Development Committee Report**

The Organisational Development Committee will present its report for consideration by the plenary.

**5. Presentation of the Campaigns & Government Relations Committee Report**

The Campaigns and Government Relations Committee will present its report for consideration by the plenary.

**6. Presentation of the Budget Committee Report**

The Budget Committee will present its report for consideration by the plenary.

**7. Presentation of Reports by Caucuses and Constituency Groups**

**a. Caucuses**

**b. Constituency Groups**

**8. Other Business**

**9. Adjournment**



# **MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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# Motions for Consideration

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## **Section I**

**Motions Postponed or Referred by  
33<sup>rd</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting**



# Motions for Consideration

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## Section I

The motions for consideration contained in Section I are those which were tabled or referred to the National Executive by the previous national general meeting.

Below each motion is the National Executive's recommendation for action.

### a. National Executive Report

The following motion (97/11:113) and accompanying amendment (98/05:169) were postponed by the previous national general meeting.

#### 97/11:113 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local 44

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #27 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; therefore

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.

#### 98/05:169 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 83/Local 35

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:113 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #27 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; therefore

Be it resolved that the 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
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The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the **Organisational Development Committee** for further consideration.

### **b. Proposal Concerning the Membership of the Students' with Disabilities Constituency Group**

The following motion (98/05:138-b) was postponed by the previous national general meeting.

#### **98/05:138-b MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 71/Local 14

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #9.3 be amended to read:

As there are conditions, either officially recognised or not, that may limit full participation in the post-secondary education environment, members of the Constituency Group shall include all students with disabilities who are delegates of general meetings of the Federation. Subject to ratification by the Constituency Group, the Constituency group may also include students without disabilities who have concerns with students with disabilities issues and concerns.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the **Organisational Development Committee** for further consideration.

### **c. Proposal Concerning the Content of the *Student Traveller* Magazine**

The following motion (95/05:164) was referred to the National Executive by the previous national general meeting.

#### **98/05:164 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 71

Be it resolved that images and text represented in the *Student Traveller* be supplemented with text stating the economic and social realities of the nation presented.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the **Organisational Development Committee** for further consideration.

### **d. Proposal to Restructure Representation on the Travel CUTS Board**

The following motion (96/05:098) and accompanying amendment (98/05:176) were referred to the National Executive by the previous national general meeting.

#### **98/05:098 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS & STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 61/Local 89

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 20, Travel CUTS Board Members, be amended to read:

##### **1. Federation Representation on the Travel CUTS Board**

The National Chairperson, the National Deputy Chairperson, the National Treasurer and two National Executive members selected by the National Executive, shall be the Federation representatives on the Travel CUTS Board of Directors.

Be it further resolved that any references to the at-large members of the Travel CUTS Board of Directors be deleted from the Bylaws, Standing Resolutions and Policy manual.

#### **98/05:176 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that the amended Standing Resolution 20, proposed in Motion 98/05:098, be amended to read:

##### **1. Federation representation on the Travel CUTS Board**

The Federation representatives on the Travel CUTS Boards shall be:

- a) the National Chairperson;

- b) the National Deputy Chairperson;
- c) the National Treasurer; and
- d) two sitting National Executive members selected to sit on the Board by the National Executive."

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the **Organisational Development Committee** for further consideration.

**e. Proposal to Modify the Bilingualism Forum at Nat'l General Meetings**

The following motion (98/05:116) was referred to the National Executive by the previous national general meeting.

**98/05:118 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 1, be amended to read:

**1. Scheduling**

At each semi-annual national general meeting, and at each annual national general meeting, the bilingualism Forum ("Forum") shall be struck.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 3, be amended to read:

**3. Voting**

Each member local shall have one vote on Forum motions.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 4, be amended to read:

**4. Mandate**

The Forum shall:

- a) direct the National Executive Subcommittee on Bilingualism to undertake relevant work.
- b) receive the report from the National Executive Subcommittee on Bilingualism;
- c) submit a written report to the relevant standing subcommittee for consideration which shall include, but not be limited to: a review of progress on the implementation of bilingualism related policy and directives; and recommendations for change to operational and issues policy concerning bilingualism within the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 5, be amended to read;

**5. Chairperson**

As their first order of business at a general meeting, the Forum shall elect a Chairperson from within its membership, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Resolutions of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 30, Article 6 be deleted;

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 30, Article 7 be amended to read:

**6. Distribution and presentation of outstanding reports**

The-Forum reports, if it is not presented in full at a general meeting due to lack of time, natural disaster or other event beyond human control, shall be:

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the **Organisational Development Committee** for further consideration.

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### **f. Proposal to Eliminate National Graduate Council Associate Membership**

The following motion (95/05:126) was referred to the National Executive by the previous national general meeting.

#### **98/05:126 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 89/Local 44

Be it resolved that Section 3b) of Standing Resolution 19, The National Graduate Council, be repealed;

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

Be it further resolved that any references to associate membership in the Bylaws be removed.

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

### **g. Proposal Concerning the Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policy**

The following motion (96/05:135) and the accompanying amendments (97/05:072 & 98/05:017) were referred to the National Executive by the previous national general meeting.

#### **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 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, be supported.

#### **97/05:072 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 5/Local 44

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

"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, 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, Aboriginal students."

#### **98/05:017 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 5/Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/05:072 be amended to read:

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



The Federation supports and encourages the development of common elements of harassment complaint procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to, confidentiality of the complainant; a response period that is respectful of students and staff schedules and work load; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, language, socio-economic class, and position of influence and therefore a need for an advocacy procedure for the complainant.

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

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the **Organisational Development Committee** for further consideration.

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**h. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Poverty**

The following motion (97/11:083) and the accompanying amendment (98/05:048) were referred to the National Executive by the previous national general meeting.

**97/11:083 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 34/Local 11

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**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 of 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 Canadians living in poverty and those living in comfort;
- Recognises a minimum which widens the gap between 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 to ill health and more stress; and
- Recognises access to health services as an essential aspect of quality education; and
- 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.

**98/05:048**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 54/Local 19

Be it resolved that that the policy statement, proposed in Motion 97/11:083, be amended to read as follows:

**POVERTY**

The Federation believes that conditions of poverty have an adverse effect on access to education, and on the quality of education while in the system.

**A. Minimum Income Levels**

The Federation recognises that the current levels of various forms of 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 people living in poverty and those living in comfort;
- calls for 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.

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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 and recognises that widespread poverty is a direct result of our economic system;
- 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.

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- Recognises the need for quality peer support services, which while essential, do not eliminate the need for professional services."

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the **National Education and Student Rights Committee** for further consideration.

**i. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Assessment of Student Need**

The following motion (98/05:070) was postponed by the previous national general meeting.

**98/05:070 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 7/Local 73

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

**Assessment of Student Need**

The Federation believes an accessible education system is one which is open to all applicants who desire to attend a post-secondary institution. An accessible education should allow the individual student to choose the education of her choice. In addition, the Federation supports the elimination of all financial barriers to post-secondary education (refer to Issues Policy: Accessibility ). Post-secondary institutions levy up-front user fees to subsidise operating costs. The Federation fervently opposes any proposals which advocate for tuition fees as a solution to the problem of under-funding. Systemic under-funding has increased the financial burden sustained by students in post-secondary institutions through up-front user fees.

The Federation believes that the government must consider the realistic costs of post-secondary education above and beyond tuition fees and ancillary fees. Furthermore, the Federation believes that student aid line item levels should be adjusted annually to reflect the costs associated with the attainment of a post-secondary education, and that this adjustment should reflect regional differences in the cost of obtaining a post-secondary education (refer to Issues Policy: Student Aid).

Need is defined as circumstances requiring some course of action in times of difficulty or crisis, often described as destitution or poverty in extreme circumstances. The Federation recognises there are varying financial requirements between students pursuing studies in colleges/technical institutes, undergraduate programs, and graduate programs. The Federation also recognises the unique financial needs of students with disabilities and

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international students. Therefore the Federation recognises that it is essential to identify various parameters in determining the financial needs of these different groups.

The following criteria should be included in any assessment of need:

Living Expenses:

- rent/mortgage
- car/transportation
- monthly bills
- food/household/hygiene
- trips home
- clothing
- moving costs

Post-secondary Education:

- up-front user fees (tuition, ancillary, etc.)
- books/program supplies/equipment
- currently held scholarships, stipends, research granting council funding

Research:

- travel/conferences
- publishing
- thesis production costs
- academic subscriptions

Employment:

- full-time versus part-time
- income
- assets

Debt:

- previous student loans
- line of credit
- credit cards

Other:

- disability
- age/mature status/ grad
- dependants

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the **National Education and Student Rights Committee** for further consideration.

### **j. Proposal to Amend Curricula Policy**

The following motion (98/05:078) was referred to the National Executive by the previous national general meeting.

#### **98/05:078 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 83/ Local 79

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

8. The development of curricula which address the experiences of linguistic minorities.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the **National Education and Student Rights Committee** for further consideration.

**k. Proposal to Amend Minority Language Rights Policy**

The following motion (98/05:080) was referred to the National Executive by the previous national general meeting.

**98/05:080 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 83/ Local 79

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading "Minority Language Rights" be deleted:

The Federation believes that discussion concerning issues of francophone Canadians residing outside of Québec should take place independently of discussion of issues concerning anglophones residing in Québec.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the **National Education and Student Rights Committee** for further consideration.

**l. Proposal to Adopt Boycott Policy**

The following motion (98/05:082) was referred to the National Executive by the previous national general meeting.

**98/05:082 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 7/ **90**

Whereas the Federation recognises the legitimacy and effectiveness of participating in boycotts of corporations, institutions, political jurisdictions and/or individuals to protest unjust policies and/or practices; and

Whereas the Federation currently has policies to participate in boycotts which have been discontinued; and

Whereas it makes little sense to maintain policies on boycotts which are no longer in effect; and

Whereas it would be more rational to adopt a general statement on boycotts than adopt policies for each individual boycott; and

Whereas the Federation requires a process for participating and ending its participation in a boycott, therefore

Be it resolved that Issues Policy "Unfair Practices" be deleted;

Be it further resolved that the following Issue Policy under the title "Sexual Orientation" be deleted;

The Federation will endeavour to participate in the boycott of the state of Colorado.

Be it further resolved that the following Issues Policy be adopted;

**Boycotts**

**Preamble**

The Federation recognises the legitimacy and effectiveness of boycotts to protest unjust policies and/or practices of corporations, institutions, political jurisdictions and individuals.

**Participation**

The Federation encourages members to boycott the goods and services of corporations, institutions, political jurisdictions and individuals which have discriminatory policies and/or are engaged in discriminatory practices, including but not limited to;

- violations of fundamental human rights
- unfair treatment and oppression of workers or citizenry.

The National Executive recommends that this motion be referred to the **National Education and Student Rights Committee** for further consideration.



## **Section II**

**New Motions**





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**Section II**

Section II contains motions which are newly submitted, with due notice, for consideration at this general meeting. Included below each motion is the National Executive's recommendation for action.

**a. Proposal to Remove References to Executive Director**

The following motion has been submitted by the National Executive. A mover and seconder will be established in the opening plenary.

**98/11:N01 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Whereas Bylaw XII, Seal, Documents, and Records, includes references to the position of Executive Director; and

Whereas the position of Executive Director was eliminated in 1995; therefore

Be it resolved that Subsection 2-b of Bylaw XII, Seal, Documents, and Records, be amended to read as follows:

- a. Deeds, transfers, licences, contracts, and engagements on behalf of the Federation will be signed by two Officers of the Federation and, where required, have the seal of the Federation affixed.

Be it further resolved that all other references to "Executive Director" in Bylaw XII, Seal, Documents, and Records, be removed.

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

**b. Proposal Concerning the Location of National General Meetings**

The following motion has been submitted by the National Executive. A mover and seconder will be established in the opening plenary.

**98/11:N02 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, General Meetings, Section 5, Location of General Meetings, Subsection 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 Subsection b. be deleted.

The National Executive recommends that it be referred to the **Organisational Development Committee**.

**c. Proposal to Amend Annual Report Policy**

**98/11:N03 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 7/

Be it resolved that Operational Policy, Federation Documents, Annual Report be amended to read as follows:

An annual report outlining the work and finances of the Federation will be produced following each fiscal year. This report shall be distributed to each member local student association in attendance at the Federation's Annual general meeting. A copy of the annual report shall be mailed to each member local not in attendance at the meeting no later than four weeks following the meeting.

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

**d. Proposal to Amend Taxation Policy**

The following motion has been submitted by the National Executive. A mover and seconder will be established in the opening plenary.

**98/11:N04 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

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

"The Federation believes that academic awards in the form of scholarships, grants and bursaries should be made exempt from federal and provincial income tax."

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

**e. Proposal for a Public Inquiry on Sexism and Racism**

**98/11:N05 MOTION**

Local 79/

Be it resolved that a public inquiry be held to address the issues of sexism and racism within the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that recommendations from this inquiry be presented at the 1999 semi-annual national general meeting.

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

**f. Proposal Concerning Membership Development in Québec**

The following motion has been submitted by the Québec Component Executive. A mover and seconder will be established in the opening plenary.

**98/11:N06 MOTION**

Whereas negotiations between the Québec component and le Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation (MDE) only commenced in October 1998 and MDE locals are just starting to discuss the issue;

Whereas the MDE executive wants to organise a provincial merger before moving towards full membership in the Federation;

Whereas the Federation understands the urgency of unifying the progressive student movement in Québec;

Whereas it will already be difficult to successfully campaign for membership at the provincial level, and trying to get immediate congruency and full membership in the Federation could jeopardise the process;

Whereas it would be premature to reach a definitive agreement between the Federation and MDE at the 1998 annual national general meeting;

Whereas a reasonable deadline to complete the negotiations and reach a permanent agreement has to be established; therefore

Be it resolved that negotiations be entered into with le Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation (MDE) and the CFS-Québec component, with the following goals:

1. to facilitate the membership of MDE members in the Québec component of the Canadian Federation of Students 1998-99;
2. to encourage MDE locals to apply for prospective membership in 1998-99;
3. to prepare a second round of negotiations, leading to full congruency, or another permanent agreement between the Québec component and the CFS, by May 2000.

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Be it further resolved that a report on the negotiation process be submitted including related notices of motion, to the May 1999 general meeting.

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

**g. Proposal to Allocate Funds to Anti-Poverty, Anti-Sexism & Anti-Racism Groups**

**98/11:N07 MOTION**

Local 5/ Local 54

Be it resolved that a contribution of \$50 000 be made on an annual basis to anti-poverty, anti-racism, anti-sexism groups which are independent of the Federation.

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

**h. Proposal to Assign Responsibility for the Allocation of Funds to Anti-Poverty, Anti-Sexism & Anti-Racism Groups**

**98/11:N08 MOTION**

Local 5/ Local 54

Be it resolved that the Students' of Colour constituency group, the Women's constituency group, and the Anti-Poverty working group (to be created), be empowered to make all decisions related to the transfer of the annual sum to the anti-poverty, anti-racism, anti-sexism groups independent of the Federation.

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

**i. Proposal to Adopt Anti-Violence Policy**

**98/11:N09 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 5/ Local 54

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation considers violence against minorities (including but not limited to, aboriginal peoples, persons of colour, francophones) as an expression of racism which cannot be tolerated in any context. Further, the Federation will work to confront, challenge and abolish any structures that perpetuate racist violence.

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

**j. Proposal to Allocate Funds to a National Aboriginal Student Organisation**

**98/11:N10 MOTION**

Local 5/ Local 54

Whereas the Federation recognizes and fully supports Aboriginal peoples' inherent rights and titles including the right to self government and all of its cultural and spiritual forms, and the right to self administered services; therefore

Be it resolved that an annual allocation of \$200,000 be set aside for the purposes of the establishment of an autonomous "national" aboriginal student organization fully independent of the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that the Aboriginal Caucus of the Federation be the sole authority in making all decisions related to the transfer of the annual \$200,000 allocation to an autonomous "national" aboriginal student organization fully independent of the Federation.

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

**k. Proposal to Create Anti-Poverty Working Group**

**98/11:N11 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 5/ Local 54

Be it resolved that the following standing resolution be adopted:

**ANTI-POVERTY WORKING GROUP**

1. Name

The working group shall be called the Anti-Poverty Working Group.

2. Objectives

To be determined at each general meeting.

3. Membership

A majority of the members of such a working group must be anti-poverty activists who identify as being poor and themselves cannot afford a post-secondary education.

4. Meetings

Meetings of the group shall be held at each general meeting of the Federation

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

**l. Consideration of Impeachment Proceedings**

**98/11:N12 MOTION**

Local 5/

Whereas the Federation "supports the introduction, the encouragement, and enhancement of...a welcoming environment for aboriginal students"; and

Whereas the Federation "opposes patriarchy and gender oppression...[and]opposes sexism"; and

Whereas the Federation states that women students have the right to "an educational environment free of advertisements, entertainment programming, and/or materials which promote violence against women, sexual stereotyping and/or discrimination"; and

Whereas Federation activities are part of the Canadian educational environment; and

Whereas Bylaw 6.5 a states the National Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote at a national general meeting or by mail out vote; therefore

Be it resolved that a vote be taken at Opening Plenary to remove the National Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer from office.

*to Closing Plenary*