

CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

18th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students
Wednesday, November 24 - Sunday, November 28, 1999

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1. MOTIONS DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE

a. Proposal to Support Striking Canadian Auto Workers Union at Molson's Breweries

99/11:CMF-01 MOTION

Local 24/Local 75

Whereas the Federation is a strong supporter of workers' rights and fair treatment for working people; and

Whereas the members of Canadian Auto Workers Local 306 has provided Molson's Breweries with dedicated service for many years; and

Whereas Molson's Breweries enjoyed a \$170 million profit last year and has received national awards for the quality and efficiency it enjoys derived from the labour of members of the Canadian Auto Workers Local 306; and

Whereas the Federation is outraged that Molson's breweries has decided, with little notice to close its Barrie Plant and offer virtually no transfer employment opportunities for the members of Canadian Auto Workers Local 306;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Auto Workers -Canada's campaign to boycott Molson's products be endorsed;

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Be it further resolved that a press release be issued from the Ottawa office as soon as possible after the November 1999 national general meeting;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to respect the boycott; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the current occupation of the Barrie, Ontario plant.

b. Proposal to Support Oxfam International *Education Now* Campaign

99/11:CMP-02 MOTION

Local 44/Local 46

Whereas the Federation supports the principle of fully accessible public education for every citizen of the world; and

Whereas everyday 125 million primary school age children are not in school, most of them girls; and

Whereas another 150 million children start primary school but withdraw before they have completed four years of education, the vast majority before they have acquired basic literacy skills; and

Whereas one in four adults in the developing world – 872 million people – are unable to read or write, with numbers growing daily; therefore

Be it resolved that Oxfam International's *Education Now* campaign be endorsed;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to:

- write letters to Oxfam Canada expressing this endorsement;
- write letters to the federal government urging it to pursue policies and government actions that will ensure that the international community (Canada included) honours its many promises of education for all;
- individually endorse the *Education Now* campaign and write similar letters to Oxfam Canada and the federal government; and
- write letters to each of its coalition partners to encourage them to endorse the *Education Now* campaign.

c. Proposal to Endorse the Red Ribbon Campaign

99/11:CMP-03 MOTION

Local 24/Local 75

Whereas the contraction of Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus (HIV) and the consequent Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has been categorised as a disability since 1987; and

Whereas November 22 to December 1 is designated as AIDS Education Week; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Red Ribbon Campaign be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the campaign at the local level.

d. Proposal to Endorse the Campaign to Free Leonard Peltier

99/11:CMP-04 MOTION

Local 44/Local 61

Whereas Leonard Peltier has been wrongfully imprisoned for over 20 years in the United States; and

Whereas there is a international campaign seeking executive clemency from the President of the United States for Peltier; therefore

Be it resolved the campaign to Free Leonard Peltier be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to join the campaign.

e. Proposal to Oppose the World Trade Organisation

99/11:CMP-05 MOTION

Local 44/Local 79

Be it resolved that the Millennium round of World Trade Organisation negotiations be opposed.

f. Proposal to Seek Exemptions for Social Programmes in Existing Trade Agreements

99/11:CMP-06 MOTION

Local 11/Local 46

Be it resolved that the federal government be lobbied to seek an exemption for publicly funded social programmes within existing trade agreements.

g. Proposal to Endorse the World March of Women 2000 Campaign

99/11:CMP-07 MOTION

Local 24/Local 46

Be it resolved that the World March of Women 2000 campaign be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to actively participate in events in Canada.

h. Proposal to Endorse Child Care Campaign

99/11:CMP-08 MOTION

Local 46/Local 26

Be it resolved that the national childcare campaign be endorsed;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to actively participate in the campaign; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to complete and return the post cards before December 15, 1999.

i. Proposal to Produce Research on Differential Tuition Fees

99/11:CMP-09 MOTION

Local 46/Local 45

Be it resolved that a research fact sheet be produced and disseminated on social and economic effects of differential tuition fees for international students.

j. Proposal to Endorse a Food Bank Campaign

99/11:CMP-10 MOTION

Local 44/Local 45

Be it resolved that a postcard campaign alerting the federal government of their failure to uphold their responsibility to provide basic necessities, such as food, to post-secondary students and other members of the community;

Be it further resolved that up to \$1,500 be allocated toward printing costs on this campaign.

k. Motion to Oppose Police Brutality

99/11:CMP-11 MOTION

Local 91/Local

Be it resolved that the Montreal Urban Community Police be condemned for its attacks on free speech, free assembly and their repression of political activities;

Be it further resolved that all members locals be encouraged to send letters to the Montreal Urban Community Police and to Montreal City Hall officials, condemning the actions of the Montreal Urban Community Police; and

Be it further resolved that all member locals be encouraged to send letters of support to Local 91, the students at Comité d'action politique à l'université du Québec à Montréal, and the students and faculty at Université du Québec à Montréal.

I. Proposal to Oppose Income Contingent Loan Repayment Schemes

99/11:CMP-12 MOTION

Local 30/Local 18

Be it resolved that income contingent loan repayment schemes for employment insurance training programmes be opposed, in conjunction with the Canadian Labour Congress.

m. Proposal to Organise Tour of Striking Mexican Students

99/11:CMP-13 MOTION

Local 30/Local 45

Whereas Mexican students are currently striking for access to higher education and against the pressures of globalisation; therefore

Be it resolved that a cross Canada tour of at least one Autonomous University of Mexico student be organised in January 2000 on a cost recovery basis;

Be further it resolved that member locals be encouraged to host speaking engagements on their campus, respecting any time and travel constraints;

Be it further resolved that member locals raise money to offset the costs of the tour; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to raise money for the Mexican student strike.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposal to Extend the Tuition Fee Freeze in Québec

99/11:CMP-14 MOTION

Local 79/Local 23

Be it resolved that the Access 2000 campaign include effort to extend the tuition fee freeze in Québec to all non-Québec residents.

b. Proposal to Oppose Differential Tuition Fees

99/11:CMP-15 MOTION

Local 79/Local 45

Whereas post-secondary education should be publicly provided and therefore accessible to all; and

Whereas any proposed differential tuition fees based on programme or discipline should be opposed; and

Whereas differential fees discourage students from lower socio-economic backgrounds from striving to enter into competitive programmes that also have a higher price tag; and

Whereas differential fees are based on the assumption of high wage earning upon graduation which is not guaranteed because;

- some students are bound to fail or for some reason will not complete each programme and their expenditures would not be recouped;
- of changing market forces and employment patterns in different specialities; and
- the proposed fees preclude the option that some students would choose to practice in under-served and impoverished areas/communities and be willing to share their expertise;

Whereas the schedule of differential tuition also favours high student debt loads and in fact encourages student debt; therefore

Be it resolved that efforts be undertaken to oppose differential tuition fees which are based on discipline, programme or province of origin or special characteristics in Canadian post-secondary institutions.

4. REVIEW OF 1999-2000 CAMPAIGN STRATEGY

99/11:CMP-16 MOTION

Local 24/Local 37

Be it resolved that the 1999-2000 National Campaign Strategy be amended to include the following:

"- member locals will be encouraged to have media events at the same time as the media events including the national launch of the petitions in January, to announce local Access 2000 actions beginning February 2, 2000."

99/11:CMP-17 MOTION

Local 89/Local 37

Be it resolved that the 1999-2000 National Campaign Strategy be amended to include the following:

"- member locals undertaking student strike, shall be encouraged to extend their strikes beyond February 2, 2000."

99/11:CMP-18 MOTION

Local 01/Local 68

Be it resolved that the 1999-2000 National Campaign Strategy be amended to include the following:

"- materials highlighting the debate between tax cuts and social spending be produced for distribution at member locals between February 2, 2000 and the release of the federal budget shall be developed."

99/11:CMP-19 MOTION

Local 24/Local 45

Be it resolved that the 1999-2000 National Campaign Strategy be amended to include the following:

"member locals shall be encouraged to hold follow-up on the Access 2000 campaign on their campuses using the following mechanisms to highlight Access 2000 victories:

- press releases, media kits;
- thank you letters to coalition partners;
- posters/advertisements etc. to thank the campus/community; and
- victory party."

99/11:CMP-20 MOTION

Local 01/Local 68

Be it resolved that the 1999-2000 National Campaign Strategy be amended to include the following:

"member locals shall be encouraged to hold mass Access 2000 meetings the day after the release of the federal budget to analyse its content and plan further local actions."

99/11:CMP-21 MOTION

Local 01/Local 68

Be it resolved that the 1999-2000 National Campaign Strategy be amended to include the following:

"member locals shall be encouraged to use the release of provincial budgets as an opportunity to analyse the effects of the federal budget on provincial education budgets."

99/11:CMP-22 MOTION

Local 72/Local 08

Be it resolved that the 1999-2000 National Campaign Strategy be amended to include the following:

- "- a campaign against the renewal of the risk-sharing agreements with for-profit banks to deliver the Canada Student Loan Programme be conducted in the lead-up to the expiry of the current agreement in July 2000 shall be developed.
- the campaign shall include a lobby for the removal of banks from the Canada Student Loan Programme to be replaced with public loans for a public education system."

99/11: CMP-23 MOTION

Local 86/Local 08

Be it resolved that the 1999-2000 National Campaign Strategy be amended to include the following Supporting Component:

Supporting Component

Sexuality: No Absolutes Campaign

Context

Discrimination based on sexuality and the vilification of various sexual practices in our society is a continuing problem. Sexual practice does not define individual identity, yet the two are continually and erroneously conflated resulting in situations such as the discriminatory Canadian Blood Services (CBS) questionnaire. Sexuality is a spectrum, rather than a dichotomy; the complexity of these issues requires a medium, which generates further dialogue and awareness.

Campaign Goals

The goals of the campaign:

- Increase awareness and dialogue about the fluid nature of sexuality.
- Expose the ramifications of denying human rights based on sexual practices and varied lifestyles.
- Support the questioning of self-identity and examination of personal views and assumptions.

Implementation

Provincial and territorial components shall be encouraged to implement the campaign, adaptable to cultural realities.

Research

The Federation will produce and distribute materials, including pamphlets, background/media kits, and posters.

Membership Mobilisation

Member locals shall receive a background and media kit explaining the nature and intent of this campaign.

Member locals are encouraged to:

- Distribute campaign materials on campus and to consider using this campaign as a launching pad for their awareness work (e.g.: tables, forums, speakers series, etc.);
- Implement these activities in coalition with other campus and community organisations, such as Women's Centres, peer groups, academic departments, Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere (EGALE) and queer student groups or services.

National Awareness and Media Strategy

The Federation will produce and distribute materials before the May 2000 Semi-Annual General Meeting. These materials shall include media kits for members outlining the goals, parameters and context of the campaign.

Coalition Work

This campaign focuses on issues which affect a spectrum of people; member locals are encouraged to work in coalition with agencies whose mandates encompass issues of sexuality and/or gender (e.g.: Women's Centres, peer groups, academic departments, EGALÉ) and queer student groups or services."

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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Jaimie McEvoy & Jim O' Rourke

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1. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM THE OPENING PLENARY

a. Proposal to Eliminate the Use of "National"

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N05):

99/11:N05 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS, STANDING RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY

Local 91/Local 82

Whereas the Canadian state rules over many nations including but not limited to several First Nations, the nation of Québec and a primarily English-speaking Canadian nation;
and

Whereas the Federation's use of the term "national" to describe its executive, its committees, its staff et cetera, implies the existence of only one single and indivisible national unit called "Canada"; therefore

Be it resolved that with the exception of Standing Resolutions #17 and #18 which must be discussed by the National Aboriginal Caucus and the National Graduate Council, the term "national" be replaced in all bylaws, standing resolution, issues policy and operational policy with the term "federal"; and

Be it further resolved that the extensive consultation procedure required as per Bylaw XV be undertaken at the provincial and federal levels with the aim of amending the preamble of the policy manual so that its terminology will be consistent with that of its Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, Issues policy and Operational policy.

b. Proposal to Amend Federation Membership Fees

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N06):

99/11:N06 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 91/Local 82

Whereas high school and Collèges d'enseignement générale et professionnel students have much less disposable income than college and university students;

Whereas high school and Collèges d'enseignement générale et professionnel students are not disposed to spend as much on membership dues as college and university students because there are very few user fees associated with studying at these institutions (which makes Federation membership fees appear more burdensome);

Whereas high school and Collèges d'enseignement générale et professionnel students are less likely to benefit from International Student Identity Card discounts because they travel less than college and university students; and

Whereas the current fee structure in Bylaw I constitutes a barrier to bringing high school and Collèges d'enseignement générale et professionnel students into the Federation as full members; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 2 a iii, be amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding Section 2.a.iv of Bylaw I, the fees for full member local associations shall be:

- a. \$3.00 per semester, or \$6.00 per academic year, per local college and university association individual member of the Canadian Federation of Students/Canadian Federation of Students-Services, pro-rated as per the policy of the member locals association;
- b. \$1.50 per semester, or \$3.00 per academic year, per local Collèges d'enseignement générale et professionnel and high school association individual member of the Canadian Federation of Students/Canadian Federation of Students-Services, pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association; and all full member must also pay the applicable provincial component fee.

c. Proposal to Allocate Additional Resources to Strike 2000

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N07):

99/11:N07 MOTION

Local 91/Local 82

Whereas the amount of money currently being spent on what ought to be one of the largest student actions in Canadian history is pitiful and embarrassing; therefore

Be it resolved that \$30,000 in new funding be devoted to the production of campaign materials;

Be it further resolved that \$12,000 be spent on the hiring of two campaign workers on a temporary basis to mobilise for Strike 2000 in the months ahead; therefore

Be it further resolved that \$20,000 be distributed to provincial and local strike funds and legal defence funds; and

Be it further resolved that \$20,000 be put into a transportation fund that can be drawn upon by member locals to rent vans and buses to get protestors and placards together for the first day of the strike.

d. Proposal to Contribute Resources to Access 2000 Organising

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N08):

99/11:N08 MOTION

Local 91/Local 82

Whereas all campaigns on education and education policy have an extremely significant provincial component because provincial governments have primary responsibility for education spending and education policy;

Whereas provincial concerns cannot all be addressed in campaign materials done at the national level; and

Whereas many of the smaller provincial components of the Federation lack the resources needed to provide the provincial-specific campaign materials that are required; therefore

Be it resolved that all of the budget line items for the production and distribution of campaign materials be divided into two equal parts. One half of the money will be for the production and distribution of national campaign materials. The other half of the money will be remitted to the provincial components for the production and distribution of province-specific campaign materials. Money remitted to the provincial components will be divided between the provincial components on the basis of the number of full members in each province.

2. MOTIONS DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE

a. Promotion of International Student Identity Card

99/11:OD-01 MOTION

Local 44/Local 54

Be it resolved that those member locals located in communities with non-member student unions be encouraged to promote the sale of International Student Identity Card to the students belonging to non-member locals.

b. Provincial Involvement

99/11:OD-02 MOTION

Local 44/Local 75

Be it resolved that provincial components be encouraged to include discussions at their provincial general meetings on the development of Federation's discount programmes.

c. Listing of Discounts

99/11:OD-03 MOTION

Local 54/Local 73

Be it resolved that those member locals that publish annual handbooks/day planners, be encouraged to include their local Studentsaver Card discounts in those handbooks/day planners.

d. Studentsaver Insertion

99/11:OD-04 MOTION

Local 73/Local 13

Be it resolved that those member locals that publish annual handbooks/day planners, be encouraged to bind the Studentsaver Card insertion printed by the Federation, into those handbooks/day planners;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to charge the Federation for no more than the actual cost of binding the insertion into their handbooks; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to provide the Federation with information on the quantity and size of insertions that they require by no later than April 30 each year.

f. Advertising in Students' Union Directory

99/11:OD-05 MOTION

Local 18/Local 86

Be it resolved that advertising for the Students' Union Directory be solicited from non-profit coalition partners.

g. Proposal to Sell Shares in Travel CUTS

99/11:OD-06 MOTION

Local 73/Local 54

Be it resolved that the option of creating a class of non-voting shares in Travel CUTS, exclusively for purchase by member locals and provincial components, be investigated.

h. Proposal to Investigate Possibility of Colléges d'enseignement générale et professionnel Students' Membership

99/11:OD-07 MOTION

Local 1/Local 19

Be it resolved that an investigation into the prospect of Colléges d'enseignement générale et professionnel students being Federation members be undertaken;

Be it further resolved that the Québec Representative on the National Executive be directed to prepare a report on this investigation; and

Be it further resolved that this report be presented at the May 2000 national general meeting.

i. Submission of Member Local Agreements

99/11:OD-08 MOTION

Local 73/Local 75

Be it resolved that a member local agreement template be developed; and

Be it further resolved that the member local agreement template be distributed to provincial offices.

j. Proposals to Amend Standing Resolution #17

99/11:OD-09 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17, section 4 a ii. be amended to read:

ii. general meetings.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 17, section 4 c., be amended to read:

c. Scheduling of Annual General Meetings

i. the annual general meeting will be held between February 28 and March 31 of each year; and

ii. at the annual general meeting, in addition to any other business that may occur, the report of the Caucus Executive will be presented.

99/11:OD-10 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17, Section 6 a., be amended to read:

The Chairperson shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the aboriginal caucus by the members of the caucus.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 17, Section 6 b., be amended to read:
The National Executive Representative shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Aboriginal Caucus by the members of the Caucus.

99/11:OD-11 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17, Section 7 b., be amended to read:
Motions for Federation general meetings shall be received by Caucus members at least six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of the general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution, Section 7 c. be amended to include:
viii. Present a written report at every meeting to the National Executive.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly.

99/11:OD-12 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17, Section 7 b., be amended to read:
Motions for Federation general meetings shall be received by Caucus members at least six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of the general meeting.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Bilingualism Forum Topic

99/11:OD-13 MOTION

Local 5/Local 91

Be it resolved that an overview of the Québec student movement be provided in the Bilingualism Forum at the May 2000 national general meeting.

b. Translation of Documents

99/11:OD-14 MOTION

Local 44/Local 07

Whereas the Federation has many languages; and

Whereas direct translation fails to accommodate particularities of language and culture; therefore

Be it resolved that all literature and materials, translated and/or produced by the Federation be culturally sensitive in their use and presentation of language.

99/11:OD-15 MOTION TO REFER

Local 44/Local 07

Be it resolved that Motion 99/11:OD-14 be referred to the National Executive.

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1. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

a. Proposal to Delete Policy under "Students with Disabilities"

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (99/11:N01):

99/11:N01 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 33/Local 44

Be it resolved that the policy under the heading 'Students with Disabilities' in the Issues Policy Manual be deleted.

b. Proposal to Support Autonomous Aboriginal Student Organisation

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (99/05:011) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-1):

99/05:011 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 34/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the establishment of an autonomous "national" aboriginal student organisation fully independent of the Federation.

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NESR-1 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 86/Local 07

Be it resolved that Motion 99/11:011 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted as the 10th point under the heading Aboriginal Education in the Declaration of Aboriginal Students' Rights:

- the establishment of an autonomous "national" aboriginal student organisation fully independent of the Federation."

c. Policy Proposal on Freedom to Choose Full or Part-Time Status

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (99/11:N02) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-2):

99/11:N02 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 84/Local 94

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Freedom to Choose Full or Part-Time Status

The Federation recognises that the elimination of post-residency fees and the creation of continuous enrolment schemes significantly increase the cost of obtaining post-secondary education.

The Federation condemns any post-secondary institutional policies which have the effect of lowering of taking away a student's freedom to choose full or part-time status.

NESR-2 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that Motion 99/11:N02 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted as the 5th point under the heading User/Tuition Fees:

- any post-secondary institutional policies that have the effect of lowering of taking away a student's freedom to choose full or part-time status."

d. Proposal to Amend the Declaration of Students' Rights

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N03):

99/11:N03 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 44/Local 94

Be it resolved that the Declaration of Students' Rights be repealed and replaced with the following:

The following are declared as undeniable rights of all students globally:

The Right to an Education

The right to an accessible, high quality education that is free of all barriers.

The Right to Organise

The right to incorporate unions free of the institution's administration including the right to have fees collected and remitted by the administration when properly authorised by the student organisation, the right to participate in political actions without fear of recrimination, and the rights to sufficient on-campus office space free of charge.

The Right to Employment

All students have the right to employment at a fair and equitable wage including the right to equal pay for work of equal value, the right to education leave with job security, and the right to be paid for labour which is performed as part of their studies.

The Right to Justice in Educational Community

All students have the right to participate as full voting members in all levels of all academic decision making bodies, to be informed of the evaluation procedures and criteria to redress all grievances, to copyright to all original work produced by the students, to participate in the

formulation of objective course and instructor evaluations, to transfer credits of equal status from one post-secondary institution to another regardless of province or territory, and to a safe and healthy environment free of harassment.

The Rights of Cultural and Linguistic Minorities

Cultural and linguistic minority student groups have the right to immersion programmes in their native languages and one of the official languages, to have their language(s) taught at post-secondary institutions, and to have programmes, clubs, and organisations specific to cultural and linguistic minorities.

The Right to Services

All students are entitled to fundamental services including the right: to affordable housing; to free, accessible, quality child care facilities; to adequate health, dental, and counselling services; to control of their own body; to safe, reliable, birth control and family planning information; to free, accessible public transportation; and the right to take part in the development and management of student services.

e. Policy Proposal on Governance of Post-Secondary Institutions

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N04):

99/11:N04 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 91/Local 94

Whereas the Federation currently has policy calling for the democratisation of the governing structure of post-secondary education institutions;

Whereas most student do not know that the governance structures of their institutions are and have no idea what democratising them would mean; and

Whereas public outreach on this issue will be facilitated by a policy that is easy to understand and make intuitive sense; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Governance of Post-Secondary Institutions

Representatives in the governing structures of post-secondary institutions should be elected by the students and workers in their respective communities in the following ratios: 1/3 students, 1/3 professors and 1/3 support staff.

f. Policy Proposal on Aboriginal Student Issues

The Committee recommends the defeat of the following motion (99/11:N10):

99/11:N10 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Aboriginal Student Issues

The Federation denounces the federal funding policy entitled the Post-Secondary Student Support Programme. The Federation views this document as a governmental social policy that is sexist, racist, inaccessible and exclusionary.

The Federation supports the creation and maintenance of Aboriginal resource centres and Aboriginal student services, that are by, and for, Aboriginal people.

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g. Policy Proposal on Civil Liberties and Human Rights

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (99/11:N11) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-3):

99/11:N11 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Civil Liberties and Human Rights

The Federation supports Amnesty International and other campaigns and organisations whose mandate is to fight for the release of political prisoners.

NESR-3 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 75/Local 13

Be it resolved that Motion 99/11:N13 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted as the 7th paragraph under International Issues:

The Federation supports Amnesty International and other campaigns and organisations whose mandate is to fight for the release of political prisoners. In particular, the Federation recognizes Leonard Peltier as a political prisoner and demands that the Canadian Government seek his return to Canada for a legitimate extradition hearing. The Federation further supports his right to new trial in the United States including the call for an investigation into the Peltier case."

h. Policy Proposal on College Issues

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N12):

99/11:N12 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

College Issues

The Federation recognises the value of private sector training as a complement to post-secondary education, however strongly opposes it as a replacement for training in colleges.

i. Policy Proposal on Democracy in Post-Secondary Education

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N13):

99/11:N13 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Democracy in Post-Secondary Education

The Federation supports member associations working towards assuming complete control of the electoral process that elects students to committees at all levels in post-secondary institutions.

j. Proposal to Adopt Economic Policy

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N14):

99/11:N14 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Economic Policy

The Federation opposes military funding for research that has military use as its only practical purpose.

k. Policy Proposal on Francophone Issues

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N15):

99/11:N15 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Francophone Issues

The Federation supports the establishment of infrastructures which foster quality education in Francophone colleges.

l. Policy Proposal on Housing

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N16):

99/11:N16 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Housing

The Federation strongly opposes discriminatory zoning by-laws which limit student access to housing and municipal lodging by-laws whose measures do not clearly reflect the reality of student housing preconditions.

m. Policy Proposal on International Issues

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N17):

99/11:N17 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

International Issues

- i. The Federation condemns all forms of apartheid, and supports all students in their struggle for democracy and a free and just society;
- ii. The Federation condemns any actions of torture afflicted upon students and any attempt to infringe their human rights in China and elsewhere;
- iii. The Federation condemns the illegal military government in Burma and enjoins all parties to discontinue any association with that government;
- iv. The Federation recognises that rights of self-governance for the people of East Timor and strongly condemns the continuing repression of student and other East Timorese by the Indonesian government.

n. Policy Proposal on International Students' Issues

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (99/11:N18) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-4):

99/11:N18 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

International Students' Issues

The Federation supports the right of international students to be employed in post-secondary institutions, including student government organisations and that this right be upheld.

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NESR-4 MOTION TO AMEND

Local92/Local 47

Be it resolved that Motion 99/11:N18 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted as point 3 and 4 under Section A 2 under the heading International Students:

- employment, including, but not limited to, on-campus employment while in Canada;
- employment services and affordable housing while in Canada;

o. Policy Proposal on Labour and Working Conditions

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (99/11:N19) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-5):

99/11:N19 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Labour and Working Conditions

The Federation supports policies, procedures and implementation strategies that promote equal pay for work of equal value.

The Federation supports the concept of paid educational leave as outlined in the relevant Canadian Labour Congress policy.

NESR-5 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 08/Local 07

Be it resolved that the policy, proposed in Motion 99/11:N19, be amended to read:

The Federation supports policies, procedures and implementation strategies that promote equal pay for work of equal value.

The Federation supports the concept of paid educational leave to be provided in federal employment benefits.

The Federation supports creation of employer funded paid educational leave.

Be further resolved that the policy be adopted under the heading Employment in the Policy manual.

p. Policy Proposal on Transgendered, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues

The Committee recommends the defeat of the following motion (99/11:N20):

99/11:N20 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Transgendered, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues

The Federation reaffirms support for the inclusion of same-sex couples within the legal definition of "family" and calls for the extension of all benefits including the right to adopt to same sex couples.

The Federation supports the right of same sex couples to adopt their partner's children. The Federation believes that both parents should have equal rights, obligations and responsibilities to their children.

q. Policy Proposal on Media

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (99/11:N21):

99/11:N21 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Media

The Federation supports the autonomy of campus radio stations from administrative and student union control in so far as they comply with the national community radio associations and the Canadian Radio and Television-Telecommunications Commission guidelines.

r. Policy Proposal on Part-Time and Mature Students

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (99/11:N22) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-6):

99/11:N22 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Part-Time and Mature Students

The Federation shall work to advance the right of universal accessibility to teaching materials and faculty for distance education students.

NESR-6 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 75/Local 07

Be it resolved that Motion 99/11:N22 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the proposed following policy be adopted as point 10 under the heading Accessibility:

- universal accessibility to teaching materials and faculty for distance education students."

s. Policy Proposal on Services

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (99/11:N23) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-7):

99/11:N23 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Services

The Federation supports the establishments of accessible and affordable municipal and inter-municipal transportation services.

NESR-7 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 75/Local 86

Be it resolved that the policy, proposed in Motion 99/11:N23, be amended to read as follows:

Public Transportation

The Federation supports the establishment of accessible and affordable municipal and inter-municipal public transportation services for all post-secondary students regardless of age and status.

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t. Policy Proposal on Women's Issues

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (99/11:N24):

99/11:N24 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Women's Issues

The Federation call for an end to the vocational streaming of students, according to gender, at high school and post-secondary education levels.

The Federation supports, in principle that, as a condition of their broadcast licenses, both corporate and community radio stations and broadcast networks must comply with the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) Task Force on Sex Stereotyping recommendations and guidelines.

The Federation supports the maintenance and establishment of Women's, Gender and Queer Studies programmes and courses on university and college campuses.

2. MOTIONS DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE

NESR-8 MOTION

Local 75/Local26

Be it resolved that a policy on International Issues that does not refer to specific countries or regimes be developed.