

## **PLENARY AGENDA**

37<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students  
Thursday, May 18 to Sunday, May 21, 2000

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### **Opening Plenary - 15:00, Wednesday, May 18**

#### **1. Attendance Roll Call**

A roll call of the membership will be taken to determine that quorum – the minimum number of member locals required to conduct business – is present.

#### **2. Welcoming Remarks and Guest Speaker**

National Chairperson Michael Conlon will provide welcoming remarks for the meeting. In addition, the Federation is pleased to welcome Neil Brooks, a Professor of Law at Osgoode Hall, York University as a guest speaker. Brooks will offer an analysis of the recent Federal Budget focusing on the heavy emphasis on tax cuts.

#### **3. Ratification of Plenary Speaker**

The National Executive is recommending that Rick Smith be ratified as the Plenary Speaker. Rick has a long history of involvement with the Federation. He served as the National Graduate Council Chairperson for two terms from 1993 to 1995. Rick has chaired Federation national general meetings on three previous occasions.

#### **4. Announcement of Proxies**

The Plenary Speaker will announce all proxies that conform to Bylaw II, Section 7 b., Proxy Votes.

#### **5. Adoption of Plenary Agenda**

The plenary will consider the plenary agenda prepared by the National Executive. Changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

#### **6. Adoption of National General Meeting Agenda**

The plenary will consider the general meeting agenda prepared by the National Executive. Changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

#### **7. Adoption of the November 1999 National General Meeting Minutes**

The plenary will consider the minutes of the November 1999 national general meeting.

#### **8. Consideration of Membership Applications**

- a. *Prospective membership - Cape Breton*
- b. Applications for Full Membership

As per Bylaw I, Section 4 c., the plenary will consider at this time an application for full membership from Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students.

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### **☞ Applications for Extension of Prospective Membership**

As per Bylaw I, Section 2 the plenary will consider a proposal to extend the prospective membership of the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association.

## **9. Introduction of Harassment Advisor**

The Federation strives to create an environment at its national general meetings that is free of harassment. At each national general meeting the Federation employs a harassment advisor who is available on a 24 hour basis to assist delegates.

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

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

Joey Hansen, Staff Relations Officer for the Federation, 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 at national general meetings.

## **11. Adoption of Standing Plenary Sub-Committee Agendas**

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 plenary will consider the plenary sub-committee agendas prepared by the National Executive. Changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

## **12. Preparation for Elections**

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

In accordance with Bylaw 6.7, the National Executive has appointed Pam Frache, Ontario Component Campaigns and Government Relations Coordinator, and Ashkon Hashemi, Ontario Component Internal Coordinator, as the Chief Returning Officers for the elections to be conducted at this meeting.

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

The Chief Returning Officers will provide an overview of the election schedule and procedures at this time.

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

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

As per Standing Resolution 1.6, Distribution and Presentation of Outstanding Reports, the plenary will consider motions prior to the adjournment of the previous national general meeting.

**b. New Motions**

The plenary will consider motions having been served with due notice. The National Executive will make a recommendation on the course of action to be taken with each motion that the plenary considers.

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

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

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.

**15. Other Business**

**16. Recess**

**Closing Plenary – 14:00, Sunday, May 21**

**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 Budget Committee Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**7. Presentation of the Electoral Committee Report**

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

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

a. Caucuses

b. Constituency Groups

**9. Other Business**

**10. Adjournment**



# **Motions for Consideration**

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## 1. MOTIONS SERVED NOTICE AT THE PREVIOUS NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING

This section contains motions that were submitted at the previous national general meeting for consideration at the May 2000 national general meeting.

### a. Proposal Concerning Aboriginal Caucus General Meetings

#### 1999/11:OD-09 MOTION TO AMEND THE 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.

### b. Proposal to Amend the Timing of Elections for the Aboriginal Caucus Chairperson and Aboriginal Representative on the National Executive

#### 1999/11:OD-10 MOTION TO AMEND THE 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.

### c. Proposal for Notice Requirement for Aboriginal Caucus Meetings

#### 1999/11:OD-11 MOTION TO AMEND THE 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.

### d. Proposal to Require Reports from the Aboriginal Nat'l Executive Representative

#### 1999/11:OD-12 MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 75/Local 26

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17, Section 7 d., be amended to include:

- viii. Present a written report at every meeting to the National Executive.

## 2. MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

This section contains motions which have been submitted with due notice, for consideration at the May 2000 national general meeting, by member local associations. They will require a seconder in the opening plenary.

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### **Proposal to Concerning Prospective Membership**

#### **2000/05:N01 MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS**

Local 76/

Whereas the current wording in the Bylaws pertaining to prospective membership is unclear and somewhat contradictory; therefore

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

##### **b. Prospective Membership**

General Description: Prospective membership is a trial membership of limited duration.

- i. A local student association is eligible to apply for prospective membership if it has passed a motion of its executive, council or equivalent representative body to apply for prospective membership in the Federation and its applicable provincial component.
- ii. A local student association's application for prospective membership, once accepted by the Federation, shall constitute a binding contract to pay prospective membership fees, as described in Section 2 b-iii, and conduct a full membership referendum, as described in Section 2 b-v.
- iii. The fee for prospective membership in the Federation shall be five per cent (5%) of the regular Federation membership fee, notwithstanding that the fee may be reduced or waived by a majority vote of a national general meeting or the National Executive.
- iv. A prospective member association shall have full voting rights in Federation national general meetings, but shall not be permitted to designate a proxy to vote on its behalf, and shall have the same access to Federation resources and materials, except the International Student Identity Card, that a full member has.
- v. A prospective member association must hold a referendum on full membership in the Federation, in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw, within five (5) months following its acceptance as a prospective member unless an extension is granted by the National Executive of the Federation;
- vi. In the event that the majority of those voting in the referendum support full membership in the Federation, full membership will be granted at the subsequent national general meeting, at which point prospective membership shall cease;
- vii. In the event that the majority of those voting in the referendum oppose full membership in the Federation, prospective membership will immediately cease.
- viii. In the event that the referendum fails to achieve quorum, prospective membership will be automatically extended and another referendum on full membership will be held within the subsequent six (6) months in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw.
- ix. In the event that a prospective member fails to conduct a referendum on full membership as required by this Bylaw, the Federation shall have the option to either cancel or extend, by majority vote of a national general meeting, the prospective membership until a referendum on full membership is conducted.

### **3. MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

This section contains motions which are submitted with due notice, for consideration at the May 2000 national general meeting, by the National Executive. They will require a mover and seconder in the opening plenary.

#### **a. Proposal Concerning Voting By Proxy**

#### **2000/05:N02 MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS & STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Whereas "proxy" is neither a verb nor something one gives; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, Section 7 b, be amended to read:

##### **b. Voting by Proxy**

A voting member may appoint another member to act as its proxy for all or portions of any national general meeting, subject to the following restrictions:

- i. A voting member that wishes to appoint a proxy must adopt a motion of its executive, council or other equivalent representative body stating the member appointed to serve as its proxy.
- ii. Written notice, that is signed by a representative of the voting member appointing the proxy and includes the text of the motion described in Section b-i, must be delivered to



the National Chairperson of the Federation prior to the commencement of the opening plenary of the general meeting.

- iii. A voting member may serve as proxy for no more than three other members at any national general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 2, Plenary Rules and Procedures be amended to include the following:

**9. Announcement of Proxies**

All appointments of proxies will be announced immediately after the first roll call at the commencement of the opening plenary of the general meeting.

**b. Proposal Concerning Submission of De-Federation Petition**

**2000/05:N03 MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS**

Whereas the current wording in Bylaw I, Section 3 pertaining to the submission of the petition to de-federate does not clearly indicate when the petition should be submitted; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 3 a-iii, be amended to read:

- iii. The individual members of the Federation collectively belonging to a member local association will have sole authority to initiate a de-Federation referendum, as described in Article 7 of this Bylaw, by submitting to the National Executive of the Federation a petition, signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the association, calling for the referendum.

**c. Proposal Concerning Provincial Component Membership Fees**

**2000/05:N04 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Whereas the work of the Federation, including the implementation of campaigns, membership development work and the coordination of programmes, requires adequate resources; and

Whereas it is necessary to have a minimum provincial membership fee to conduct the work of the Federation; and

Whereas the Standing Resolutions currently do not include provisions for a provincial fee in Alberta; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 31, Saskatchewan Component Fee, be renamed "Provincial Component Fees" and amended to include the following:

**Alberta Component**

The provincial component fee for full member locals in Alberta shall be \$1.00 per student per semester, or \$2.00 per academic year, per local association individual member, pro-rated as per the practice of the local association with respect to the pro-ration of its membership fee.

The provincial component fee shall be allocated for work within the Alberta Component including, but not limited to, membership development, organisational development, campaigns and government relations, and communications. In the event that internal provincial structures do not exist, any expenditures of component funds will be undertaken in consultation with the Alberta representative on the National Executive.

**d. Proposal to Endorse Canadian Demands for World March of Women**

**2000/05:N05 MOTION**

Whereas the Federation has endorsed the World March of Women 2000 and is a member of the steering committee for the Canadian coordinating committee; and

Whereas these demands will be presented to the Federal government and the United Nations in October 2000 as the culmination of a year of international organising around women's inequality and systemic discrimination; therefore

Be it resolved that the list of Canadian demands for the World March of Women 2000 be endorsed.

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### **e. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Human Rights**

#### **2000/05:N06 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Be it resolved that the "International Issues" and the "Rights" policies excluding those under "Workers' Rights", in the "Related Student Issues" section of the Policy Manual, be repealed;

Be it further resolved that the following policies be adopted:

##### **HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Federation declares the following to be undeniable and equal rights of all people everywhere, in accordance with the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

1. the right to the basic necessities of a healthy life, including but not limited to food, water, shelter and medical care;
2. the right to freedom, security and life free from fear and violence;
3. the right to dignity and respect for individual traditions and beliefs;
4. the right to freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly;
5. the right to freely take part in government, either directly or through directly, democratically elected representative, elected through a system of universal suffrage;
6. the right to an adequate income in safe and just working condition, or through social security mechanisms, and the right to own property;
7. the right to an adequate standard of living, including time for rest and leisure;
8. the right to accessible, quality education;
9. the right of access to and quality in any services that may be required due to individual circumstances (e.g. childcare, sign language interpretation, et cetera);
10. the right to protection under the law, including the right to effective remedies, the right to a fair and public trial, and the presumption of innocence until proven guilty;
11. the right to freedom from arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence.

The Federation consequently opposes any and all regimes that fail to provide for these basic human rights, and opposes the provision of Canadian bilateral aid to such regimes. In particular, the Federation condemns the use of arbitrary detainment, intimidation and violence in suppression of these rights.

Be it further resolved that the following policy be adopted under the heading "Peace":

The Federation acknowledges that atrocities often occur during wars, and supports efforts to recognise that certain acts are not acceptable under any circumstances. In particular, the Federation supports recognition of rape as a war crime.

### **f. Proposal to Amend the Policy on Student Aid**

#### **2000/05:N07 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Be it resolved that the "Student Aid" policy be repealed and replaced with the following:

##### **STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

##### **1. General Policy**

The Federation supports:

- a. student financial assistance programmes being universally and equitably accessible to full-time and part-time students;
- b. student financial assistance programs that are adequate to the needs of all students, including provision for the extra expenses incurred by students with dependants, and by students with disabilities and/or special needs; and
- c. the public provision of accessible and thorough information on all aspects of student financial assistance programs.

##### **2. Student Grants**

The Federation believes that student aid should be provided through a full and adequate system of grants. The Federation opposes inadequate substitutes for such a system, including but not limited to:

- a. privately-funded savings plans for post-secondary education, such as registered education savings plans; and
- b. merit-based scholarship programmes.

### 3. Student Loans

**Preamble:** Insofar as the federal and provincial governments have chosen to provide student financial assistance in the form of loans rather than grants, the Federation supports the following policies on student loans.

**Policy:** The Federation believes that any student loan program should be:

- a. publicly administered; and
- b. publicly financed and guaranteed.

**Policy:** The Federation supports:

- a. an interest relief program for those with insufficient financial means, that is available at any time up to the retirement of their debt;
- b. a debt remission program for student loans that is based on the total amount of debt incurred federally and provincially;
- c. a debt remission program for student loans that does not include any penalties based on academic performances or time restrictions;
- d. designation of all publicly-funded institutions as eligible to participate in student loan programmes, regardless of factors such as loan default rate of graduates; and
- e. zero interest on student loans.

**Policy:** The Federation opposes:

- a. any generation of profits from student loan programs;
- b. administrative fees on student loans;
- c. any measures that penalise student debt holders, due to disruption of classes resulting from labour disputes;
- d. the imposition of measures that serve to restrict access to, or eligibility for, student loans programs, on any basis other than need; and
- e. publicly funded student loans being made available to students at private institutions.

Be it further resolved that the following sentence be removed from the "Funding Education" section of the policy manual:

"The Federation opposes the promotion of privately funded educational savings plans for post-secondary education such as the Registered Education Savings Plan."

Be it further resolved that the following sentence be removed from the "Funding Education" section of the policy manual:

"The Federation opposes the use of merit-based scholarship programs, such as the Millennium Scholarship Fund to replace a full and adequate system of national grants."

### **g. Proposal to Amend Policy on Income Contingent Repayment Plans**

**2000/05:N08**

#### **MOTION**

Be it resolved that the Income Contingent Repayment Plan policy be repealed and replaced with the following:

#### **INCOME CONTINGENT LOAN REPAYMENT**

**Preamble:** Income Contingent Loan Repayment schemes were devised as a funding mechanism by economist Milton Freeman in the 1950s. This name is used for a wide variety of schemes whereby the level of monthly payments on a loan varies with the income of the debtor. Although on the surface these are attractive schemes that enable people to make payments according to their means, in practice the schemes are quite regressive. The longer the repayment period on the loan is, the more interest accumulates over that time, so people with lower incomes end up paying more in total than those with higher incomes pay, on a loan of the same value. People with low incomes may also be buried under their debt for many years under these schemes. Because the varying loan payment levels are seen as making repayment of a loan more manageable for students after graduation, the schemes are invariably introduced in conjunction with or as a prelude to increases in the levels of tuition and other user fees that result in higher debt upon graduation. This makes the schemes a tool for shifting the costs of education from the society to the individual.

**Policy:** The Federation opposes income contingent student loan repayment schemes.

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### **4. MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY FEDERATION CAUCUSES**

#### **National Graduate Caucus**

This section contains motions which are submitted with due notice, for consideration at the May 2000 national general meeting, by the National Graduate Caucus. They will require a mover and seconder in the opening plenary.

##### **a. Proposal to Amend Policy on Authorship**

#### **2000/05:N09 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Be it resolved that the policy under the heading 'Authorship' in the Federation's Policy Manual be amended to read:

##### **AUTHORSHIP**

**Preamble:** Creators have come to enjoy particular rights and responsibilities with respect to their intellectual and creative works, including but not limited to:

- the right to academic and public recognition of contributions as creator(s), including but not limited to authorship and citation;
- the right to choose when and how to publish/present intellectual and creative works, including a student's right to the unrestricted fulfilment of academic requirements;
- the right to fair financial compensation where financial compensation can be reasonably expected;
- the right to use and enjoy the intellectual and/or creative work;
- the responsibility to recognise both the immediate and future social implications of their work;
- the responsibility to recognise the broader social context in which intellectual and creative works are created;
- the responsibility to recognise the public contribution to the creation of intellectual and creative works and the public's right to benefit from those works in a timely fashion;
- the responsibility to conduct research in an ethical fashion; and
- the responsibility to inform the participant(s) of any potential consequences of their participation in the research, where applicable and appropriate.

**Policy:** The Federation recognises that the creation of intellectual and creative works is a result of the initiative, inspiration and work of groups or individuals within a broad social context.

**Policy:** The Federation recognises the right of students to authorship and ownership of their works produced in the course of their academic study.

**Policy:** The Federation recognises that students and research assistants are entitled to recognition in proportion to their contribution to research, including but not limited to subsequent papers and materials resulting from such research.

**Policy:** The Federation calls upon all post-secondary institutions conducting research to adopt policy on authorship that:

- requires all researchers to adhere to appropriate standards of intellectual honesty in the written or spoken presentation of their work and at all times acknowledge in an appropriate manner the contribution made by other researchers to their work; and
- recognises that financial remuneration or use of equipment or space does not constitute a basis for attribution of authorship.

##### **b. Proposal to Amend Policy on World Trade Agreements**

#### **2000/05:N10 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Be it resolved that the policy listed under the heading "Free Trade" in the Federation's Policy Manual be removed and replaced with the following:

##### **WORLD TRADE AGREEMENTS**

**Preamble:** Initiatives such as the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (effective January 1, 1989), the North American Free Trade Agreement between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico (effective January 1, 1994), Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (begun in 1989), and the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (defeated in 1998) imperil Canada's public education sector. The Canadian government has put Canada's education sector on the agenda of the World Trade Organisation under the auspices of GATS - the General Agreement on Trade in Services. Under the GATS agreement, countries must grant "national treatment" rights to foreign corporations, including the right to "set up a commercial presence in the export market." If education is included in the GATS agreement, the prior rights of transnational

education corporations will be established in the World Trade Organisation. This will result in such consequences as:

- the privatisation of post-secondary education and other social programmes;
- reduction of the role of governments and public services;
- unsustainable economic growth;
- human rights abuses;
- oppression through the deregulation of job standards;
- the loss of jobs in Canada;
- environmental degradation and exploitation of resources; and
- erosion of cultural industries.

**Policy:** The Federation calls for:

1. the immediate abrogation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and of the North American Free Trade Agreement;
2. Canada's withdrawal from Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation and from any future negotiations of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment;
3. reduction of the power of the World Trade Organisation and a review of the World Trade Organisation's impact on development, democracy, environmental rights, education, health, human rights, labour rights, and cultural industries;
4. cessation of the services negotiations in the World Trade Organisation under their current mandate; and
5. the exclusion from any world trade agreements of areas of life that should not be traded on the open market, including but not limited to culture, heritage, the arts, education and health.

**c. Proposal to Amend Policy on Research and Development**

**2000/05:N11      MOTION TO REPEAL POLICY**

Whereas there are several of policies on the research and development in the Policy Manual that are redundant; therefore

Be it resolved that the following three policies listed under the heading "Research and Development" in the Federation's Policy Manual be repealed:

The Federation believes that the pursuit of basic research is the "raison d'être" of university-based research, and opposes the link between the availability of research funding and applied research on Canadian campuses.

The Federation opposes weapons-directed research and calls for a ban of such research on Canadian campuses.

The Federation believes the Federal government should bear primary responsibility for funding research and development at post-secondary institutions.

**2000/05:N12      MOTION TO REPEAL POLICY**

Be it resolved that the following policy listed under the heading "Research and Development" in the Federation's Issues Policy Manual be repealed:

The Federation demands of the Federal government that:

1. the gross expenditures on research and development amount to 2.5% of the Gross National Product by the year 2000; and
2. the base budgets of research granting councils be doubled immediately and thereafter indexed to 1.5 times the rate of real growth in the Gross National Product.

Be it further resolved that the following two policies listed under the heading "Research and Development" in the Federation's Policy Manual be repealed:

The Federation believes the Federal government should encourage private sector contributions to a central research and development funding program by incentives such as the matching of private sector grants with federal funds. Funds raised under this program should be equitably distributed to the three granting councils with no stipulation for particular research.

The Federation supports the establishment of a centralised program for funding research and development at post-secondary institutions.

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### **d. Proposal to Amend Policy on Funding Education**

#### **2000/05:N13 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Be it resolved that the first two paragraphs of the policy listed under the heading "Funding Education" and the sub-heading "Private Donations and the Funding of Research and Artistic Endeavours" in the Federation's Policy Manual be amended to read:

The Federation has no inherent objection to private-sector donations, but recognises that both public and private funding sources can exercise undue and undesirable influence over research endeavours. The Federation believes that funding sources should not undermine the academic freedom of researchers. The Federation believes that the federal government should bear primary responsibility for the funding of research and artistic endeavours at post-secondary institutions. The Federation opposes the use of donations as a replacement for public funding, believing that private donations should serve to augment public support for research, and public funding should not serve to subsidise private interests.

In addition to directed donations, the Federation supports the establishment of a central programme for funding research and development at post-secondary institutions, and believes that the federal and provincial governments should ensure that there is equitable and sufficient distribution of public and private funding between disciplines and institutions through such a fund. The Federation believes that a percentage of any directed donation should be apportioned to the central fund.

#### **2000/05:N14 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Be it resolved that the following policy listed under the heading "Funding Education" in the Federation's Policy Manual be placed under the heading "Student Aid":

The Federation opposes the use of merit based scholarship programmes, such as the Millennium Scholarship Fund to replace a full and adequate system of national grants.

Be it further resolved that the policy be amended to read:

The Federation opposes the use of merit-based scholarship programmes to replace a full and adequate system of national grants.

### **e. Proposal to Amend Policy on National Advisory Council on P.S.E. and Research**

#### **2000/05:N15 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Be it resolved that, in the policy listed under the heading "National Advisory Council on Post-Secondary Education and Research" in the Federation's Policy Manual, the phrase "meet the needs of the community" in the second point be amended to read "promote the broader public good."

### **National Aboriginal Caucus**

This section contains motions which are submitted with due notice, for consideration at the May 2000 national general meeting, by the National Aboriginal Caucus. They will require a mover and seconder in the opening plenary.

### **f. Proposal to Convene Annual General Meetings**

#### **2000/05:N16 MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17, Section 4 a, be amended to read:

##### **a. Types of General Meetings**

There are three types of general meetings:

- i. annual general meetings;
- ii. regular general meetings; and
- iii. special general meetings.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 17, Section 4 b, be amended to read:

##### **b. Scheduling of Annual General Meetings**

- i. the Caucus will meet once a year in March;
- ii. the meeting will be held hosted by a member of the Caucus; and
- iii. proposals for the subsequent annual general meeting will be accepted at the annual general meeting.

**g. Proposal to Conduct Teleconference Meetings**

**2000/05:N17      MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17, Section 7 a, be amended to include:

- i. conducting a monthly teleconference meeting;

Be it further resolved that all other items be renumbered accordingly.







May 16, 2000

Michael Conlon, National Chairperson  
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Dear Mr. Conlon,

Please accept this letter of application for an extension of prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.

While the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association fully recognizes its obligation to conduct a referendum in support of full membership with the Canadian Federation of Students, our Association – in view of extraordinary workload and political exigencies – is unable to undertake such a campaign prior to the upcoming 37<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Federation.

Therefore, on behalf of the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association, an extension of prospective membership in the Canadian federation of Students is requested. It is understood that this extension, should it be granted, would expire at the conclusion of opening plenary of the Federation's November 2000 national general meeting.

The University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association eagerly looks forward to furthering its participation in the Federation and hopes to hold a successful vote for full membership in the upcoming year.

In Solidarity,

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