

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE AGENDA**

19<sup>th</sup> Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students  
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### **Committee Coordinators**

British Columbia Representative  
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Jaimie McEvoy  
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### **Committee Staff**

National Discount Coordinator

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## **1. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS**

### **a. Ratification of the Committee Chair(s)**

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### **b. Review of the Committee Agenda**

### **c. Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference**

Committee members should be familiar with the responsibilities of the Budget Committee as established in the Federation's Standing Resolutions. Standing Resolution 1, Section 3 (c), *Budget Committee* states that:

The **Budget Committee** shall:

- i. develop a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year for submission to the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting;
- ii. review and recommend budget adjustments for the remainder of the fiscal year to the closing plenary of the annual general meeting;
- iii. assess the availability of funds for proposed projects and/or purchases, including donations; and
- iv. undertake long-term financial planning for the Federation.

## **2. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS AND ISSUES**

### **a. Review of 2000-2001 Budget and Year-to-date Statements**

The Committee will review the current year's budget and the comparative year-to-date statements of revenue and expenditures.

### **b. Overview of Current Financial Realities/Pressures (In-camera)**

### **c. Review of Fee Collection Issues**

The Committee will discuss various membership fee collection issues within the Federation.

## **3. REVISION OF 2000-2001 BUDGET**

The Committee will review the 2000-2001 budget and propose amendments to the closing plenary.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**



# CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

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## Committee Coordinators

National Chairperson  
National Deputy Chairperson

Michael Conlon  
Jen Anthony

## Committee Staff

Campaigns and Government Relations Coordinator - Ontario  
Government Relations Coordinator

Pam Frache  
Michael Temelini

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### c. Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference

Committee members should be familiar with the responsibilities of the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee as established in the Federation's Standing Resolutions. Standing Resolution 1, Section 3 (a) *Campaigns and Government Relations Committee* states that:

The Campaigns and Government Relations Committee shall:

- i. assess the recent and ongoing national campaigns of the Federation;
- ii. recommend to closing plenary at the semi-annual general meeting a campaigns strategy which includes but is not limited to goals of the strategy;
- iii. implementation of the strategy shall include:
  - research and information compilation to be undertaken
  - contact with government
  - membership mobilisation
  - media strategy
  - coalition work; and
- iv. review and recommend adjustments to the campaign strategy for the remainder of the academic year to the closing plenary of the annual general meeting.

## 2. REVIEW OF THE 2000-2001 CAMPAIGN STRATEGY

### a. Review of 2000-2001 Campaign Strategy

An update on the implementation of the 2000-2001 campaign strategy to-date will be provided.

- i. Federal Election
  - Province-by-province Account of Work To-date
  - Account of Work To-date Nationally
- ii. Campaign Against Private Post-Secondary Education
- iii. Keep the Public in Post-Secondary Education
- iv. Campaign Against Corporate Rule in Post-Secondary Education
- v. Challenge to the 10-Year Ban on Student Loan Bankruptcy
- vi. World March of Women

### b. Preparation for the Remainder of the Year

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**3. PRESENTATION ON FREE TRADE AREA OF THE AMERICAS/GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES**

In April, 2001, Québec City will host the third Summit of the Americas. The Summit, which has previously met in Miami (1994) and Santiago (1998) will bring together 34 of 35 heads of states of North, South and Central America and the Caribbean (Cuba is excluded), as well as big business leaders, technocrats and corporate media. The main goal of the Summit will be to discuss and implement the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), which is the extension of NAFTA to the entire hemisphere by no later than 2005.

**4. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY**

The following motions will likely be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee by the Opening Plenary:

**a. Proposal to Support the Canadian University Press Innovation Fund**

**2000/11:N06 MOTION**

Local 08/

Whereas the student press is frequently unable to undertake innovative and radical activities because of financial constraints; and

Whereas Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian University Press support student democracy, freedom of expression, freedom of the press and would like to see more radical and innovative activities within the student press; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to create a 25¢ per student per year levy to be dedicated to the Canadian University Press Innovation Fund.

**b. Proposal to Support the National Campus Radio Association Innovation Fund**

**2000/11:N07 MOTION**

Local 08/

Whereas campus radio stations are frequently unable to undertake innovative and radical activities because of financial constraints; and

Whereas Canadian Federation of Students and National Campus Radio Association support student democracy, freedom of expression, freedom of the media and would like to see more radical and innovative activities within campus radio; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to create a 25¢ per student per year levy to be dedicated to the National Campus Radio Association Innovation Fund.

**c. Proposal to Undertake a Campaign Against Ancillary Fees**

**2000/11:N11 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 94

Whereas the Federation supports a policy of zero tuition for Canadian and international students; and

Whereas the introduction of unaccountable ancillary and administrative fees, which represent a disguised form of increased tuition fees, and which are not subject to provincial legislation; and

Whereas the fact that students are forced to pay up to \$1507 in ancillary fees to cash-hungry Canadian university and college administrations constitutes a significant financial burden; and

Whereas, among other additional fees, various universities and colleges are now charging students a fee to receive copies of official transcripts required as proof for various student activities or employment opportunities; and

Whereas ancillary and administrative fees are often negotiated behind closed administration doors to be voted upon by Boards of Governors, and thus are not subject to public or student consultations; therefore

Be it resolved that a campaign be conducted, in conjunction with the Federation's long term goal of achieving zero tuition, which highlights the significant financial barrier that the imposition of ancillary fees represent in determining the affordability of post-secondary education;

Be it further resolved that information fact sheet raising awareness of the dangers of ancillary and administrative fees and other hidden increases to the cost of post-secondary education be compiled and distributed to member locals; and

Be it further resolved that coalition partners, such as the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), be approached to launch a joint public awareness campaign around hidden tuition increases and other hidden costs of education.

**d. Proposal to Support Anti-FTAA Organising**

2000/11:N13

**MOTION**

Local 79/Local 01

Whereas "the Federation opposes the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement and its extension to Mexico which may have detrimental effects on students regarding, but not limited to, a decrease in federal government transfer payments, equalization [sic] payments, government-funded research and development, job training programs and student employment" (CFS Issues Policy Nov. 1991); and

Whereas the Summit of the Americas will be convened in Québec City in April 2001, with the express purpose of negotiating the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA); and

Whereas the mandate of the FTAA encompasses non-trade issues such as 'democracy', 'poverty', 'drug control', and 'education'; and

Whereas the ideology of the FTAA focuses on capital movement and growth to the point of subordinating social and environmental concerns to profit motives; and

Whereas the FTAA represents a specific form of international integration that has been created and imposed by concentrated political and economic power, which is called 'economic globalisation'; and

Whereas free trade undermines national governments' legal and policy provisions for social programs such as health care and education; therefore

Be it resolved that the upcoming demonstrations against the Free Trade Area of the Americas culminating in an alternative 'People's Summit of the Americas' be supported; and

Be it further resolved that the participation of members be encouraged through the distribution of information materials and other avenues of support.

*support the*

*amendment:*

*CFS hire a francophone lawyer to organise for anti-FTAA...*

**e. Proposal to Oppose Discrimination Based on Personal Beliefs or Affiliation**

2000/11:N14

**MOTION**

Local 79/Local 01

Whereas the Federation has Standing Resolutions that discourage discrimination on the basis of race, social class, religion, gender and sexual orientation; and

Whereas the Federation, on the basis of its comprehensive non-discriminatory policy should also discourage discrimination on the basis of personal beliefs of political affiliation; and

Whereas membership of the Federation implicitly reflects the social diversity amongst Canadian university and college students; and

Whereas the Federation actively works with existing coalition and union partners on various campaigns and initiatives; and

Whereas the official slogan of the Federation is 'strength in numbers'; therefore

Be it resolved that discrimination against individuals on the basis of their political persuasion and/or affiliation with groups be opposed.

*fire.*  
*why? non-discriminatory not established to return*  
*fire; but some diverse social ideas are not tolerated and ought to be eliminated*

*to Nat'l Ed. 5/2/00*

**f. Proposal to Endorse Sierra Youth Coalition Campaign**

*again, why? call it semantics, but being discriminating — and that's what I think one is being when discriminating based on race, social class, sexual orientation, etc. — being a person of colour is significantly different from having a pol. belief. One is irresponsible to not be critical of the latter.*

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**2000/11:N18 MOTION**

Local 44/

Be it resolved that the Sierra Youth Coalition Sustainable Campuses campaign be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to implement the campaign on their campuses.

support?  
redundant

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

# **NATIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE AGENDA**

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## **Committee Coordinators**

Graduate Students' Representative  
Manitoba Representative

Ian Boyko  
Rob Marriott

## **Committee Staff**

Manitoba Organiser  
Ontario Internal Coordinator

Elizabeth Carlyle  
Ashkon Hashemi

## **1. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS**

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### **c. Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference**

Committee members should be familiar with the responsibilities of the National Education and Student Rights Committee as established in the Federation's Standing Resolutions. Standing Resolution 1, Section 3 (b) *National Education and Student Rights Committee*, states that the sub-committee "shall review and make recommendations to closing plenary on proposed amendments to the issues policy of the Federation, as proposed by Committee members and member locals on plenary floor."

## **2. CURRENT POLICY ISSUES DISCUSSION**

### **a. Issues Arising from Election 2000 Federal Party Platforms**

The Committee will review the platforms of the major federal parties with the purpose of revising and developing policy on issues such as tax credits on loan repayment and income-contingent loan repayment.

### **b. Canada Education Savings Grants and Registered Education Savings Plans**

The Federation's Government Relations Officer Michael Temelini will give a short presentation on the document prepared for the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Committee will review a draft policy about Canada Education Savings Grants and Registered Education Savings Plans.

### **c. Course and Teacher Evaluations**

A brief presentation will be delivered on the issues around course and professor evaluations.

### **d. Educational Vouchers**

A brief presentation on the issues surrounding educational vouchers will be delivered to assist the Committee with the development of policy on this topic.

### **e. Key Performance Indicators**

The Committee will be presented with the issues surrounding key performance indicators and will consider developing policy on this topic.

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**3. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY**

The following motion will likely be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee by the opening plenary.

**a. Proposal Concerning Public Evaluations**

**2000/11:N08 MOTION**

Local 08/

Whereas students are frequently looking for honest assessments of different campuses, programs, courses and professors; and

Whereas there is currently very little public information of this nature that is both independent and accessible; therefore

Be it resolved that creation of an online, publicly available, evaluation process that allows students to provide their assessments of, and view other students' assessments of, post-secondary institutions, courses, programs and professors be explored.

*oppose ?*

**4. ADJOURNMENT**



# ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

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## Committee Coordinators

Prince Edward Island Representative  
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B.J. McCarville

~~Leanne Patey~~ Anita Zaenker

## Committee Staff

Organiser - British Columbia  
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Lucy Watson

Christine Bourque

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### c. Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference

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The Organisational Development Committee shall:

- i. review and make recommendations to closing plenary on the national structure of the Federation, including:
  - the National Executive;
  - the national staffing;
  - the national office; and
  - all other national structures of the Federation;
- ii. review and make recommendations to closing plenary on the national programmes of the Federation;
- iii. review the development of the 'profile' of the Federation within member local associations;
- iv. review and make recommendations to closing plenary on the national communication tools of the Federation;
- v. review and make recommendations on development of new members;
- vi. review and make recommendations to the closing plenary on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Resolutions and Operations Policy.

## 2. REVIEW OF FEDERATION PROGRAMMES

### a. International Student Identity Card

An update on the 2000-2001 International Student Identity Card programme will be provided.

### b. National Student Health Network

An update on the status of the Federation's health plan network will be provided.

### c. Studentsaver Discount Programme

The Committee will review the 2000-2001 Studentsaver programme materials, distribution and promotion.

**3. REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

The Federation is best described as 'a partnership of students' unions.' Each member local of this partnership pools resources to undertake work at the provincial and national levels. Just as it is the responsibility of each member local to promote the work that is undertaken at the local or campus level, so too is it the responsibility of the member local to promote the work that is undertaken at the provincial and national levels.

Over the years, member locals have developed means to entrench the profile of the work that it undertakes at the provincial and national levels. The Membership Awareness Strategy, first passed at the May 1997 national general meeting, seeks to formalise practises that member locals can undertake to increase the profile of the work they do at the provincial and national level. The Strategy is divided into a preamble and two main components: Raising Awareness Among Elected Officials and Raising Awareness Among Membership on Campus, each with a checklist of reminders for member locals' convenience.

The Committee will review the Membership Awareness Strategy and discuss the implementation of the various recommendations.

**4. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY**

The following motions will likely be referred to the Organisational Development Committee by the opening plenary.

**a. Proposal to Investigate Solicitation of Studentsaver and Handbook Advertising**

**2000/11:N01 MOTION**

Local 61/

Whereas each summer many member locals contact businesses for handbook advertising; and

Whereas many of the same businesses are also contacted to provide discounts to students through the Studentsaver programme; and

Whereas developing a joint marketing Studentsaver/handbook marketing package would likely increase both the number of Studentsaver discounts and advertising revenue for local handbooks; therefore

Be it resolved that the feasibility of joint solicitation of Studentsaver discounts and member locals handbook advertising be investigated.

*Support?*

**b. Proposal to Create an On-Line Textbook Wholesaler**

**2000/11:N02 MOTION**

Local 61/

Whereas many colleges and universities inflate the price of textbooks that their bookstores sell to students; and

Whereas many member locals operate used book sales to ensure that students have a more affordable option to purchase textbooks; and

Whereas these locals would benefit from increased buying power to ensure that locals achieve the cheapest price possible for textbooks; therefore

Be it resolved that the possibility of creating an on-line textbook wholesaler be investigated.

*Support?*

**c. Proposal to Create a Bulk Purchasing Co-operative**

**2000/11:N03 MOTION**

Local 61/

Whereas there are many common supplies such as pens, paper and disks that are purchased by students' unions; and

Whereas there are also common projects, such as handbooks and web sites, that students' unions undertake; and

*Support?*

Whereas the costs of these supplies and projects might be reduced if member locals pooled their purchasing power; therefore

Be it resolved that the possibility of creating a bulk purchasing co-operative be investigated.

**d. Proposal to Develop a Student Housing Co-operative**

**2000/11:N04 MOTION**

Local 61/

*hmmmm...*  
Whereas there is a shortage of affordable housing for students in most communities; therefore

Be it resolved that the possibility of creating a student-housing co-operative be investigated.

**e. Proposal to Explore a Joint Internet Site with Canadian University Press**

**2000/11:N05 MOTION**

Local 08/

*tabled*  
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian University Press support student democracy, freedom of expression and freedom of the press;

Whereas both Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian University Press provide services through the internet that frequently serve similar goals and help similar student bodies; and

Whereas Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian University Press could realise benefits through the pooling and sharing of resources and services; therefore

Be it resolved that the option of combining the Federation's internet site and internet service provider with Canadian University Press be explored.

**f. Proposal to Create Online Database**

**2000/11:N09 MOTION**

Local 08/

*hmmmm...*  
Whereas members of Canadian Federation of Students frequently need access to accurate and relevant statistical information on education and related topics; and

Whereas much of this information is difficult for individuals to obtain; therefore

Be it resolved that the creation of an online database of statistics on education and related topics be explored.

**g. Proposal the Archive the Listserve**

**2000/11:N10 MOTION**

Local 08/

*hmmmm...*  
Whereas Canadian Federation of Students members rely on media releases and other information from the Federation's listserv; and

Whereas it is useful to be able to search through old information and media releases through the listserv; therefore

Be it resolved that the creation of a searchable archive of the contents of the Canadian Federation of Students' listserv be explored.

**h. Proposal Concerning Federation Staffing Structure**

**2000/11:N12 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 91

*oppose?*  
Whereas the compilation and dissemination of research is a fundamental prerogative of the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation presently employs one full-time researcher in the national office whose tasks, given the size of the organisation and the diversity of member locals, are considerable; and

Whereas the conduct of research in Canada often requires a hybrid-based approach in order to fully comprehend issues that "can only be addressed at the provincial level, specifically where budgetary and policy considerations are concerned". (Doherty-Delorme, Denise and Shaker, Erica. Missing Pieces. CCPA, 1999); and

Whereas a comprehensive national research office would compliment much of the research taking place, where feasible, within provincial components; therefore

Be it resolved that federal-provincial congruency be obtained in research by creating two full-time staff positions, of National Issues Researcher and Provincial Issues Researcher, to supersede the present one full-time researcher; and

Be it further resolved that the Provincial Issues Researcher endeavour to disseminate monthly provincial-specific fact sheets to member locals and component offices to compliment research undertaken locally.

**i. Proposal Concerning Federation Communications**

**2000/11:N15 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 94

Whereas the compilation and dissemination of information is a fundamental prerogative of the Federation; and

Whereas membership advisories serve as a tool for raising membership awareness, and sharing research and information concerning membership and National Executive activities; and

Whereas membership advisories are a prime conduit in articulating the concerns of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the membership advisory be prioritised as an integral tool for communicating with, and informing, member locals;

Be it further resolved that research fact sheets be produced in conjunction with all Federation research initiatives; and

Be it further resolved that membership advisories and fact sheets be distributed in the form of fax, email and on the Federation's website.

*fabled*

**j. Proposal Concerning Access to Canadian University Press Newswire**

**2000/11:N16 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 94

Whereas the Federation supports the Statement of Principles of Canadian University Press (CUP); and

Whereas communication is a powerful tool for member locals; and

Whereas CUP provides a central arena for communicating news and information regarding students issues amongst Canadian universities; and

Whereas the Federation and its campaigns are often the topic of new items or articles which are communicated to CUP members, and that would consequentially serve as an invaluable tool for Federation member locals across the country as well; and

Whereas access to the CUP wire is difficult for many locals because they do not have a newspaper on campus and therefore, do not have access to the CUP wire; therefore

Be it resolved that the establishment of easier access for member locals to information available on the Canadian University Press wire that pertains the Federation campaigns or issues of local interest be pursued; and

Be it further resolved that "current event style" news be disseminated to all member locals, where appropriate, within a reasonable and timely fashion for usage in Federation campaigns.

*fabled*

**k. Proposal Concerning Sustainability**

**2000/11:N17 MOTION**

Local 44/

*Support?*

Whereas sustainability takes into account three interdependent elements: the environment, the economy and the social system and involves recognising and taking responsibility for the current and future impacts on both human activity and the environment, on local and global scales; and

Whereas Canadian Federation of Students recognises that we have the responsibility and ability to conduct our affairs in an environmental, social and ethical fashion; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation is committed to ensuring that the issues of sustainability are a primary component of our operations and campaign strategies.

**l. Proposal Concerning National Executive Member Term Limits**

**2000/11:N19 MOTION**

Local 75/

*Support?*

Whereas it is understood that a significant amount of time is necessary to learn the effective operation of a national executive position; and

Whereas in order to provide new ideas and goals, a fresh drive, and to ensure the executive stays current with student concerns, there is a need to refresh the executive; and

Whereas to ensure the continued success of the Canadian Federation of Students, new leaders must be continually trained; and

Whereas encouragement for participation of all members at all levels of the Canadian Federation of Students provides greater diversity and better representation; and

Whereas many locals have limits on consecutive terms; therefore

Be it resolved that any individual be limited to three consecutive terms on the national executive.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

