



## **AGENDA**

### **Opening Plenary**

November 2001 National General Meeting

#### **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**

National Chairperson Ian Boyko will provide welcoming remarks for the meeting.

#### **3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER**

The National Executive is recommending that Guy Caron be ratified as the Plenary Speaker. Guy has a long history of involvement with the Federation. Guy was active in the Federation for a number of years as a member of the National Executive, including one year as National Chairperson.

#### **4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES**

The Plenary Speaker will announce the appointment of 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 NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

##### **a. November 2000 National General Meeting Minutes**

The plenary will consider the minutes of the November 2000 national general meeting.

##### **b. May 2001 National General Meeting Minutes**

The plenary will consider the minutes of the May 2001 national general meeting.

#### **8. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

##### **Applications for Prospective Membership**

In accordance with Bylaw I, Section 4 c., the plenary will consider at this time an application for prospective membership from Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association.

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**9. INTRODUCTION OF ANTI-HARASSMENT ADVISOR FOR THE GENERAL MEETING**

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 an anti-harassment advisor who is available on a 24-hour basis to assist delegates.

At this time, the Anti-Harassment Advisor will provide a brief orientation to the Federation's harassment policy as described in the policy manual.

**10. PRESENTATION BY THE FEDERATION'S STAFF RELATIONS OFFICER**

Jess Turk-Browne, Federation Staff Relations Officer, will make a brief presentation on the collective agreement between the Federation and its employees as it pertains to the rights and responsibilities of the employees 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 agendas may be proposed at this time.

**12. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS**

**a. Introduction of Electoral Officers**

In accordance with Bylaw 6.7, the National Executive has appointed Christine Bourque, Ontario Fieldworker, and Ashkon Hashemi, Ontario Internal Coordinator, as the Electoral Officers for the elections to be conducted at this meeting.

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

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

**13. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE**

The plenary will consider motions having been served with due notice.

**a. Motions Served Notice at the Previous National General Meeting**

This section contains motions that were served notice at the previous national general meeting for consideration at the November 2001 national general meeting.

**i. Proposal to Oppose the 2002 Group of 8 Summit in Ottawa**

**2001/11:N01 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 44

Whereas the Group of 8 (G-8) Summit will take place next year in Canada; and

Whereas the G-8 countries, with the exception of Russia, are the countries whose governments are active advocates of global trade liberalisation; and

Whereas trade liberalisation represents a clear threat to public post-secondary education; therefore

*Campaign*

Be it resolved that a campaign be developed to oppose the G-8 Summit in Ottawa in 2002 which includes membership mobilisation;

Be it further resolved that a fact sheet on the G-8 Summit and other related issues be developed and distributed; and

Be it further resolved that ongoing research into the G-8 Summit and other related issues be undertaken.

**ii. Proposal to Include Information about Elections in General Meeting Notices**

**2001/11:N02 MOTION**

Local 48/Local 23

Whereas the Federation should continually seek to improve its democratic structures; and

Whereas the Federation strives to attract many candidates from diverse backgrounds; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, Section 4., be amended to include:

- c. The Notice will include all positions that are to be elected at the general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI be amended to include a subsection titled:

**Notice of Elections for National Executive Positions**

1. Information to be posted to member locals that includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. rate of remuneration
  - b. outline of duties and responsibilities
  - c. outline travel obligations and/or necessary relocation.

**iii. Proposal to Amend Policy on the Declaration of Aboriginal Students' Rights**

**2001/11:N03 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 23/Local 75

Be it resolved that the words "The Federation supports" in the Declaration of Aboriginal Students' Rights be replaced with "The Federation supports and encourages"; and

Be it resolved that the following be added to the "Aboriginal Education" section of the Declaration of Aboriginal Students' Rights:

- use of traditional knowledge within educational institutions and the values of traditional knowledge to all people;
- Aboriginal student involvement in the hiring of Aboriginal staff and faculty;
- human Rights of Aboriginal Peoples working and involved in any educational institutes;
- culturally relevant events, ceremonies and rituals at educational institutes; and
- representation by Aboriginal students on students' union governing boards and committees.

**b. Motions Submitted by Member Local Associations**

This section contains motions that have been submitted with due notice for consideration at the November 2001 national general meeting by member local associations. Some will require a seconder in the opening plenary.

**i. Proposal to Conduct Research**

**2001/11:N04 MOTION**

Local 24/

Be it resolved that extensive and detailed research on the economic benefits of comprehensive funding for post-secondary education be undertaken;

Be it further resolved that the research examine the impact of funding on both the Canadian and global economies; and

Be it further resolved that this research be distributed widely to student leaders across the country.

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**ii. Proposal Encouraging Participation in Romanow Commission**

**2001/11:N05 MOTION**

Local 78/ *23*

Whereas Canada's health care system is currently publicly funded and delivered, guaranteeing universal access to medical services; and

*Component*

Whereas the future of the public health care system in Canada will be largely determined by the outcome of the ongoing Romanow Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to participate in the Romanow Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada to demand that the Canadian health care system remain publicly funded and administered.

**iii. Proposal to Amend Policy about Academic Freedom**

**2001/11:N06 MOTION**

Local 78/

Be it resolved that the policy titled *Academic Freedom* be renamed *Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship*; and

Be it further resolved that the following policy be adopted under the heading *Academic Freedom*:

*Nat. Ed*

**Preamble**

The intrusion of proprietary interests into the classroom and research environments places pressure on public institutions of higher education to alter their mission in order to secure and/or retain funding from private and government sources.

Insufficient government operating and research grants cause public institutions to become dependant on private sector funds and therefore private sector goals. Matched funding initiatives such as the Canada Foundation for Innovation are direct measures to bind publicly funded projects to the goals of private industry.

Examples of the negative implications of restricted academic freedom include: researchers critical of industry, university, or government practices having positions threatened; courses and research not considered economically relevant being under-funded or eliminated; and, in general, the democratic voice of dissent becoming increasingly silenced.

For colleges and universities to remain true to their mission to pursue knowledge for its own sake and "to promote, through teaching and research, the principles of freedom and justice, of human dignity and solidarity" (UNESCO international conference, 1950), the tenets of academic freedom must be held as indispensable.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the right of students, teaching faculty members, and academic researchers in all fora to exercise academic freedom.

The Federation believes Academic Freedom includes, but is not limited to:

The right of members of the academic community – scholars, teachers, and students – to: conduct, publish, and promote academic work that meets nationally established ethical and professional standards; engage in teaching and discussion; and be openly critical.

The Federation is opposed to any agreement or contract that infringes upon a student's, teaching faculty member's, or academic researcher's academic freedom.

**c. Motions Submitted by Provincial Components**

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This section contains motions that have been submitted, with due notice by the Newfoundland-Labrador Component, for consideration at the November 2001 national general meeting. They will require a mover and seconder in the opening plenary.

**i. Proposal to Amend Standing Resolution 2**

**2001/11:N07 MOTION**

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 2, Section 1.a. be repealed.

Be it further resolved that "requiring a simply majority" be repealed in Section 2.a. of Standing Resolution 2.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 2, Section 3, be amended to read:

- a. **First Priority**  
delegates from member local associations
- b. **Second Priority**  
National Executive members, provincial component representatives and caucus representatives.
- c. **Third Priority**  
national and provincial staff of the Federation

Be it further resolved that 'translation devices' be changed to 'interpretation devices' in Standing Resolution 2, Section 7.a.

**ii. Proposal to Amend Standing Resolution 3**

**2001/11:N08 MOTION**

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 3, Section 2.a., be amended to read:

- a) delegates from member local associations

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3, Section 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., 2.e., and 2.h., be repealed.

Be it further resolved that the following be added to Standing Resolution 3, Section 2.:

- d) representatives of Federation caucuses,
- e) guests who have been invited to participate in the general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3, Section 2, be renumbered accordingly.

**d. Motions Submitted by Federation Caucuses**

The following motion has been submitted with due notice by the Federation's National Graduate Council for consideration at the November 2001 national general meeting. This motion will require a mover and a seconder in the opening plenary.

**Proposal to Rename the National Graduate Council**

**2001/11:N09 MOTION**

Be it resolved that all references to "National Graduate Council" be changed to "National Graduate Caucus" in the Federation's Bylaws, Standing Resolutions and Policy.

**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.

Delegates 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**

