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# DRAFT OPENING PLENARY MINUTES

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## CALL TO ORDER—Wednesday, November 21, 2001

14:42 – the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Ian Boyko.

### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local 73	City Centre Students' Union	Present
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 76	King Edward Students' Union	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Association	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Present
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Present
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Present by proxy
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Present
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 90	Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association	Absent
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present by proxy
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul's University Students' Association	Absent
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present by proxy
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Absent
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Absent
Local 83	Concordia Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Absent

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Local 64	Acadia University Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Present
Local 11	University of King's College Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Absent
Local 07	Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Absent
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Present
Local 36	Grenfell College Student Union	Present
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Present
Local 35	Memorial University Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	Present

Boyko declared that quorum had been achieved.

## 2. WELCOMING REMARKS

National Chairperson Boyko welcomed delegates to the twentieth annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students. He said that in 1980, student leaders from students' unions across Canada met to discuss the most pressing concern for the student movement at the time: the need for a cohesive, strong national student organisation. He said that to avoid the pitfalls of the past, it was recognised that the organisation had to be founded on six structural principles: the movement had to be national in scope, with congruent infrastructures in each province to mirror the constitutional responsibilities for post secondary education. He said that it would operate like a campus students' union by offering services and advocacy. He said that it would have a commitment to democracy and stability by being referendum-based. He said that the new organisation would recognize all students' unions as equal, bestowing one vote per union. He said that the organisation would be bilingual. He said that finally, the new organisation would make solidarity a core principle, uniting students from colleges, university graduate, and university undergraduate unions.

Boyko said that a year later at Carleton University, the Canadian Federation of Students was born. He said that over the next few years, the movement to build a system of post-secondary education that could be accessible to students from all backgrounds began to flourish. He said that as the membership swelled, so too did the breadth of the organisation. He said that by 1990, the Federation's membership numbered almost 400,000 strong and student services had expanded to include the Studentsaver card, the national student health network and the Student Work Abroad program. He said that and the travel company, Travel CUTS was one of the fastest growing student-owned travel agencies in the world. He said that politically, the movement had become a lobbying and mobilising force, nationally recognised amongst politicians, the public and the media. He said that by the 1990s, the Canadian Federation of Students was listed in the top 10 largest Canadian organisations.

Boyko said that one of the modern student movement's crowning achievements occurred in 1995, following the social policy review by the newly elected Chretien Liberals. He said that in opposition to the plan coupling funding cuts with the regressive income contingent loan repayment schemes, the Federation mobilised over 100,000 students and concerned community members to resist the attack on affordability and access. He said that as a direct result, income contingent loans had not been introduced in Canada and many other stakeholders and policy-makers rejected the idea as counterproductive.

Boyko said that media work, research, lobbying, organising, and coalition work continued throughout the 1990s and by 2000 the Federation had achieved tuition fee freezes in four provinces—BC, Manitoba, Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador. He said that following the Access 2000 mobilisation, a freeze was announced in Prince Edward Island and a ten per cent reduction was implemented for Locals 35 and 36 in Newfoundland and Labrador. He said that campaign victories were bolstered by the addition of yet another service in form of the common handbook project.

Boyko said that 20 years of solidarity was a fitting motto for the Federation's achievements. He said that the Federation's strength was in its solidarity; in the previous five years, 16 students' unions had joined or rejoined the organisation. He said that as a result the collective voice was much louder and stronger.

Boyko said that recent events had demonstrated that the challenges ahead would be as demanding as ever. He said the fight for an accessible system of post-secondary education had taken on an international dimension in recent years. He said that under the banner of "Trade in Services", the for-profit education industry made it its mission to weaken the public "monopoly" over higher education to the undemocratic rule of the World Trade Organisation. He said that the Canadian Federation of Students had been at the forefront of the fight to protect public colleges and universities from these attacks. He said that virtually every credible group in the post-secondary education sector was combating the GATS in some form or another.

Boyko said that in the preceding 18 months, the federal government had proceeded with a regime of reckless tax cuts that had undermined its fiscal capacity to adequately fund core social programs. He said that the political landscape since September 11 had been focused on the so-called "security" agenda that would presumably keep new social spending to a minimum. He said that, in addition, there appeared to be a period of slowed economic growth approaching. He said that in the Federation's presentation during the pre-budget consultations, the representatives stressed that the tax cuts had to be abandoned in the face of the new economic forecast. He said that post-secondary education and retraining would be key components of an economic recovery, and the current plans of the federal government did not yet reflect this reality. He said that, instead, it appeared that at the first sight of turbulent times, the federal government would rely on social policy that would emphasise economic disparities between the most disadvantaged Canadians and the most privileged. He said that the student movement was passionately rooted in the belief that public social programs could act to lessen social and economic divisions, and true political leadership was exercised by guaranteeing, not limiting, universal access.

He said that the May 2001 general meeting resolved to focus the next campaign on the most significant barrier to universal access: user fees. He said that in a cultural sleight of hand, user fees for education were labelled tuition fees, as if they were somehow different from any other user-pay system. He said that the clear fact was that they were not. He said that user fees created a wholly unnecessary financial qualification for citizens who desired an education. He said that the prohibitive cost of an education in Canada was the direct result of years of cutbacks from the federal government, and consequently most provinces. He said that the average undergraduate arts tuition fee was now almost \$3,500, and much higher for deregulated programs. He said that despite the many recent victories for the Federation in terms of winning freezes and reductions, user fees remained a significant problem for students from middle and lower socio-economic backgrounds.

He said that the Federation had proven that the student movement was something to believe in, and the growth in membership demonstrated that. He said that the Federation had proven to the public that student debt and poor accessibility were issues that affect society in a profoundly negative way. He said that the Federation had also created an appetite in the mainstream and campus media for the fight to defend public education. He said that when Statistics Canada released its results for 2000-2001 tuition fees, the Federation was inundated with media attention from across the country, achieving 35 broadcast hits to put student issues at the forefront of public consciousness. He said that all of those factors meant one thing: the funding crisis in post-secondary education was a high profile issue, and it was because students had spoken with one voice.

Boyko said that no substantive and progressive change in higher education was ever achieved by accident. He said that students were in competition with a private education industry that could outspend the Federation 1000 times over, so students must mobilise through the democratic mandate that the movement has been given. He said that the Federation had won a number of critical victories, but only because of a sustained effort of dedicated students from coast to coast.

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

National Chairperson Boyko said that the National Executive was recommending that Guy Caron be ratified as the plenary speaker. He said that Caron had chaired previous Federation plenary sessions and was familiar with the workings of the Federation. He said that Caron had been an active member of the Federation during the 1990s, including serving as the National Chairperson for the 1994-1995 and 1995-1996 terms.

#### **2001/11:001 MOTION**

Local 01/Local 61

Be it resolved that Guy Caron be ratified as the plenary speaker for the November 2001 annual national general meeting.

#### **CARRIED**

Plenary Speaker Caron said that it was an honour to chair the Federation's general meeting during its 20th anniversary. He encouraged delegates to familiarise themselves with Standing Resolution 2 and the guide to Robert's Rules.

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

Plenary Speaker Caron announced that:

- Local 20-Nipissing Students' Association had designated Local 30-Laurentian Students' General Association as its proxy for the closing plenary (Appendix 1); and

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- Local 89-University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society had designated Local 44-University of Victoria Students' Society as its proxy for opening plenary (Appendix 2).

**5. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA**

**2001/11:002 MOTION**

Local 44/Local 18

Be it resolved that the agenda for the plenary be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

**2001/11:003 MOTION**

Local 11/Local 73

Be it resolved that the agenda for the general meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**7. ADOPTION OF THE MAY 2001 NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Plenary Speaker Caron said that the general meeting minutes were prepared but had not yet been distributed. He said that the minutes would be distributed during the meeting.

**2001/11:004 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 76/Local 32

Be it resolved that item 7, Adoption of the May 2001 National General Meeting Minutes be postponed until the closing plenary.

**CARRIED**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association**

National Chairperson Boyko said that in October 2001 the council of the Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association voted to apply for prospective membership in the Federation. He said that approximately 900 students attend the College, located in Calgary. He said that, in accordance with Bylaw I-4.b., the National Executive had reviewed the application for prospective membership and was recommending that the Association be accepted as a prospective member of the Federation.

**2001/11:005 MOTION**

Local 33/Local 07

Be it resolved that Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association's application for prospective membership be accepted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. INTRODUCTION OF ANTI-HARASSMENT ADVISOR**

Anti-Harassment Advisor Tara Connolly said that the Federation endeavoured to maintain and foster an environment free of harassment and intimidation at its national general meetings. She said that delegates should review the anti-harassment policy that was contained in the general meeting binders. She said that if a delegate were to experience harassment at the general meeting, the individual would have recourse through the Federation's harassment grievance policy. She said that under this policy the Federation employs an anti-harassment advisor who is available on a 24-hour basis to assist delegates.

**10. PRESENTATION BY STAFF RELATIONS OFFICER**

National Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne said that the employees of the Federation were unionised with the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1281. She said that a collective agreement governed the

relationship between the Federation and its employees. She said that the collective agreement provided employees the right to attend and participate in all meetings of the Federation with the exception of meetings of the employer relating to discipline, discharge and collective agreement bargaining. She said that the inclusion of the Federation's staff was very important to the health of the organisation because they provided history and context to many of the issues being considered at the meeting.

## **11. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS**

Plenary Speaker Caron explained that in accordance with Standing Resolution 1.1 the following subcommittees were being struck at the general meeting:

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

Caron said that the terms of reference for the sub-committees were listed in Standing Resolution 1. He said that the National Executive had prepared agendas for each sub-committee that included the motions that had been submitted for consideration at the meeting.

### **2001/11:006 MOTION**

Local 35/Local 75

Be it resolved that the standing plenary sub-committee agendas be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **12. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS**

### **a. Introduction of Chief Returning Officers**

Plenary Speaker Caron said that as per Bylaw 6, Article 7, the National Executive had appointed Federation employees Christine Bourque and Ashkon Hashemi as the electoral officers for the meeting.

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

Electoral Officer Hashemi said that elections would be held for the following National Executive positions for the 2002-2003 term:

- National Chairperson
- National Deputy Chairperson
- National Treasurer

Hashemi said that one of the at-large positions on the Travel CUTS would also be elected at the meeting. He said that the position was for a two-year term. He said that delegates should refer to Bylaw V and Standing Resolution 19 for more information about the specific positions and responsibilities. He said that Bylaw VI described the election procedures.

Electoral Officer Bourque reviewed the election timelines.

## **13. TRAVEL CUTS PRESENTATION**

Travel CUTS President Rod Hurd provided an overview of the travel industry since the event (of 9/11).

## **14. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE**

Plenary Speaker Caron said that in accordance with the Federation's Bylaws, all proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Policy Manual had to have been submitted to the national office not less than six weeks in advance of the national general meeting. He said that the majority of motions should be referred to plenary sub-committees for review and a recommendation. He said that the National Executive had reviewed the motions and made suggestions regarding to which subcommittees the motions should be referred. He said that some motions would require a seconder.

### **a. Motions Postponed from Previous National General Meeting**

Plenary Speaker Caron said that section a. of the Motions for Consideration package contained motions that were postponed at the previous national general meeting.

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

**2001/11:007 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

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.

**2001/11:008 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local 01

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:007 be amended to read;

"Be it resolved that a campaign be developed to oppose the G-8 Summit in Kananaskis 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."

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:009 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 45

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:007 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:007 REFERRED**

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

**2001/11:010 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.

**2001/11:011 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 45

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:010 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:010 REFERRED**

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

**2001/11:012 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.

**2001/11:013 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 45

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:012 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:012 REFERRED**

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

Plenary Speaker Caron said that section b. of the Motions for Consideration package contained motions that had been submitted with due notice at the meeting by member local associations.

**i. Proposal to Conduct Research**

**2001/11:014 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 18

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.

**2001/11:015 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 45

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:014 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:014 REFERRED**

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

**2001/11:016 MOTION**

Local 78/Local 23

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

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.

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**2001/11:017 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 45

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:016 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:016 REFERRED**

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

**2001/11:018 MOTION**

Local 78/Local 36

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*:

**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 members, or academic researcher's academic freedom.

**2001/11:019 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 45

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:018 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:018 REFERRED**

**c. Motions Submitted By Provincial Components**

Plenary Speaker Caron said that the motions contained in section c. of the Motions for Consideration package had been submitted by the Newfoundland-Labrador Component,

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

**2001/11:020 MOTION**

Local 37/Local 46

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.

**2001/11:021 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 45

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:020 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:020 REFERRED**

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

**2001/11:022 MOTION**

Local 32/Local 26

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.

**2001/11:023 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 45

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:022 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:022 REFERRED**

**d. Motion Submitted by Federation Caucus**

Plenary Speaker Caron said that the following motion had been submitted with due notice by the Federation's National Graduate Council. He said that the motion would require a mover and a seconder.

**2001/11:024 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 46

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.

**2001/11:025 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 45

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:024 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:024 REFERRED**

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**15. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

National Chairperson Boyko gave a presentation of the National Executive Report. It was explained that delegates would have an opportunity to pose questions during closing plenary.

**16. OTHER BUSINESS**

**2001/11:026 MOTION**

Local 05/Local 13

Whereas Bill C-36 will result in a loss of civil liberties for Canadian citizens; and

Whereas Bill C-36 may infringe on the rights of students and others to campaign and mobilise; therefore

Be it resolved that Bill C-36 be opposed;

Be it further resolved that research about the Bill be undertaken; and

Be it further resolved that the Bill be distributed to member locals.

**2001/11:027 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:026 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:026 REFERRED**

**17. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A series of announcements concerning meeting logistics were made.

**18. RECESS**

**2001/11:028 MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 24/Local 76

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until 2:00pm, Saturday, November 24, 2001.

**CARRIED**

17:57 – the meeting recessed.



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### CALL TO ORDER—Saturday, November 24, 2001

14:38 – the meeting was called to order by Plenary Speaker Guy Caron.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local 73	City Centre Students' Union	Present
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 76	King Edward Students' Union	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Association	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Present
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Present
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Present by proxy
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Present
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 90	Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association	Absent
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present by proxy
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul's University Students' Association	Absent
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Absent
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Absent
Local 83	Concordia Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Absent
Local 64	Acadia University Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Present

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Local 11 University of King's College Students' Union	Present
Local 34 Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Absent
Local 07 Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local 63 Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 70 University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Absent
Local 31 University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Present
Local 36 Grenfell College Student Union	Present
Local 45 Marine Institute Students' Union	Present
Local 35 Memorial University Students' Union	Present
Local 46 College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	Present

Plenary Speaker Caron declared quorum to have been achieved.

**2. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Local 5 delegate Amanda Camley thanked the National Executive for their work over the previous six months. She noted that the May 2001 national general meeting had resolved that no corporate logos would be included on the Studentsaver/membership card. She said that the 2001-2002 card featured an Avis logo. She asked why the logo had been included on the 2001-2002 card.

National Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne said that the Avis logo did not appear on the card however the name of the company did. She said that the company had agreed to offer a discount however in order to receive the discount a student needed to provide the car rental outlet with a code. She said that it was easier to include the code on the card along with the company name rather than require that students carry the discount booklet with them.

Local 24 delegate Alex Lisman asked why the campaigns section of the report did not include information about the two per cent cap on tuition fees that was recently implemented in Ontario.

Graduate Students' Representative Joel Duff said that it was merely an omission.

Local 48 delegate Liam McCarthy said that the May 2001 national general meeting resolved to purchase flags. He asked what the status of motion was.

National Chairperson Boyko said that the same meeting resolved to re-design the Federation's logo. He said that it was the intention to include the Federation's logo on the flags so it was understood that the flags would not be produced until the logo had been revised.

**2001/11:029 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 44

Be it resolved that the report of the National Executive be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**3. CONSIDERATION OF CAUCUS AND CONSTITUENCY REPORTS**

**a. Caucuses**

**National Graduate Caucus**

National Graduate Caucus Chairperson Jesse Greener said that the caucus was proceeding with the development of the "Whistleblower" campaign. He said that the campaign would complement the "Public Research: No Strings Attached" campaign that had been implemented prior. He said that the "Whistleblower" campaign recognised researchers who had resisted corporate influence over their research.

Greener said that the caucus had allocated resources to conduct research on province-specific barriers to access to graduate studies. He said that money had also been set aside to return to the Federation's general budget.

Greener said that the caucus' annual general meeting would be held in Calgary in March.

**National Aboriginal Students' Caucus**

National Aboriginal Caucus Chairperson Mark Solomon thanked the delegates who attended the caucus meetings. He said that Aboriginal Students' Representative Anthony Nelson and he had visited a number of students' unions in order to promote the work of the Federation and the Caucus. He said that the Aboriginal Caucus general meeting would be held the first week of March in Ottawa. He encouraged member locals to send delegates.

National Executive Representative Anthony Nelson thanked member locals for initiating measures to involve Aboriginal students at the local, provincial and national levels of the students' movement.

**b. Constituency Groups**

**Student Artists' Constituency Group**

Local 33 delegate Jason O'Brien said that the Student Artists' Constituency Group discussed the possibility of submitting logo designs and making design recommendations for the common handbook.

BC National Executive Representative Anita Zaenker said that a number of design companies had been invited to bid on the contract to re-design the Federation's logo. She said that the invitation to submit proposals have also been sent to member locals. She encouraged member locals to distribute the request for qualifications to student artists at the respective institutions.

**Students' of Colour Constituency Group**

Students' of Colour Representative Rob Mealey said that the group had re-affirmed its commitment to developing the "Get Involved" campaign. He said that the campaign had been developed at a previous general meeting and was intended to encourage students to get involved with their local students' union. He said that if students of colour ran for elected positions at the local level it was logical to assume they would also get involved at the national and provincial levels.

Mealey said that the members of the constituency group were proud to be present at the meeting celebrating the Federation's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Students' with Disabilities Constituency Group**

Local 76 delegate Ravi Coughlan said that the members of the group would be developing a survey that would focus on accessibility issues at various campuses and to determine the availability of testing for students with disabilities.

**Francophone Students' Constituency Group**

Ontario Chairperson Joel Duff said that the members of the group discussed the proposed closure of the College du Grand Lacs. He said that the students and faculty currently at the College would be forced to travel to another college in northern Ontario which would completely disrupt their academic careers. He said that a motion had been developed supporting the legal challenge that had been launched to prevent the closure of the College.

Duff said that the members of the group were disappointed to learn that Francophone Students' Representative on the National Executive Marie Lynne Laliberte had resigned because of academic commitments. He said that Local 78 delegate Corina Crawley had been elected as the Representative for the remainder of the 2001-2002 term.

**International Students' Constituency Group**

Local 48 delegate Zdanek Vopat said that the members of the group developed three motions that were included in the Organisational Development Committee report. He said that one of the motions was to establish an international students' listserv. He said that the second motion proposed that the introduction of identity cards for international students be opposed. He said that the third motion encouraged member locals to include an international student representative on their local councils or boards and encouraged member locals to include an international student in their delegation to Federation general meetings.

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Students' Constituency Group**

Local 54 delegate Dave Hauch said that the members of the group discussed academic freedom as a result of keynote speaker David Noble's comments earlier in the week. He said that academic freedom should not be used to discriminate against marginalized groups.

Local 32 delegate Joelle Perras said that member locals should make efforts to include marginalized groups when organising for February 6. She said that the members of the group also discussed developing a campaign promoting the acceptance and inclusion of lesbians, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. She said that the campaign would be entitled "Positive Space".

**Mature and Part Time Students' Constituency Group**

Local 44 delegate Sarah Webb reported that she had been elected as the constituency group commissioner.

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**Women's Constituency Group**

Women's Representative Jaime Matten said that the members of the group developed three motions. She said that the first motion was to conduct research on the impact of deregulated and rising tuition fees on women. She said that the second motion encouraged member locals to become members of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women. She said that the final motion was regarding women's participation in the sciences.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2001/11:030 MOTION**

Local 1/Local 73

Be it resolved that the revised 2000-2001 Final Draft Budget be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Travel CUTS Board Chairperson Joey Hansen said that some concerns had been expressed in the Budget Committee that the travel company was experiencing difficulty because of the use of hijacked planes in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the United States Pentagon on September 11. He said that the company had experienced similar difficulties in the past and it had responded well to challenges. He said that although short-term changes had been required, the long term plans and targets for the company were still intact. He said that there were a number of delegates who indicated a desire to assist the company. He said that the Travel CUTS staff had endured a very difficult period over the previous couple of months and it would be great if delegates could visit their closest CUTS office and thank the staff for their contribution to the company. He said that it would also be useful to speak with the local Travel CUTS office manager and explore ways to promote Travel CUTS on campus. He said that the Federation member locals should make an extra effort to work closely with the CUTS offices on campus or in the area.

**2001/11:031 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 11

Be it resolved that the Budget Committee report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF THE NAT'L EDUCATION AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Graduate Students' Representative Joel Duff said that the following corrections should be made to the Committee attendance list:

**Caucus Representatives**

Caucus of College and Institute Associations  
Caucus of Large Institute Associations  
National Aboriginal Caucus  
Caucus of Small University Associations

Lisa McLeod  
Mason Kealey and Kirk Wiseman  
Doug Wilson  
Heather Keung

**Component Representatives**

Manitoba Component  
Newfoundland and Labrador

Larissa Ashdown  
Hans Rollman and Liam Walsh

**Constituency Group Representatives**

Student Artists' Constituency Group  
Francophone Students' Constituency Group

Dan Buck and Geneva Guerin  
Meeghan Gavin

He said that Lee Doyle and Ursula Muldoe were not members of the Committee. He apologised for the mistakes that were contained in the attendance list. He said that the original list had been misplaced and the Committee facilitators had attempted to recreate it.

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

**2001/11:012 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.

**CARRIED**

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

Graduate Students' Representative Duff said that the Committee had engaged in a lengthy debate about academic freedom and ethical and professional standards. He said that the Committee had developed an amendment however the spirit of the original motion had been retained. He said that the policy manual included a policy on the Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship so the Committee had integrated the existing policy with the proposed policy.

Duff said that academic freedom should be limited only by the extent to which it impedes on other peoples' freedoms. He said that spreading hate would be an example of academic freedom being used irresponsibly and unethically. He said that the notion of supporting nationally and democratically established ethical and professional standards would imply that members of the research and academic communities would have input into the development of the standards. He said that the standards would be professional in that they would be domain specific. He said that it would be inappropriate to develop generic standards that would apply to all disciplines.

**2001/11:018 MOTION**

Local 78/Local 18

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*:

**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
- and be openly critical.

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

**2001/11:032 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 32/Local 92

Be it resolved that the policy titled *Academic Freedom*, proposed in Motion 2001/11:018, be replaced with the following:

**Academic Freedom**

**Preamble**

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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 be openly critical, express without fear of reprisal, their views through research, teaching and discussion, to do so in accordance with nationally and democratically established ethical and professional standards.

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

The Federation supports a respectful attitude towards others and the right of all people to express their views and opinions in a safe environment as academic freedom. The Federation opposes academic freedom where it is used to discriminate against others.

The Federation opposes all policies of the federal and provincial governments designed to increase private sector control in any area of post-secondary education.

and

**The Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship**

**Preamble**

The Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship is an organization composed of mainly academics which claim to advocate for academic freedom and scholarship.

The Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship condemns organized dissent thus limiting universal academic freedom.

The Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship actively opposes the implementation of harassment and equity policies on the grounds that these policies violate the rights of scholars to academic freedom.

The Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship actively interferes with the movement to break down social and cultural barriers in post-secondary education. In particular, it opposes the creation of, and moves to dismantle programs with these goals in mind. In doing so, the Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship plays an active role in blocking the move towards an inclusive and accessible post-secondary system.

The oppressive and reactionary views of the Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship are in direct violation of the fundamental guiding principles of the Federation and of its vision for post-secondary education.

**Policy**

The Federation opposes the Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship.

**2001/11:033 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 47/Local 25

Be it resolved that the policy listed under *Academic Freedom*, proposed in Motion 2001/11:032, be amended to read:

**"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:

- be openly critical;
- express without fear of reprisal, their views through research, teaching and discussion.

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

The Federation supports a respectful attitude towards others and the right of all people to express their views and opinions in a safe environment as academic freedom. The Federation opposes academic freedom where it is used to discriminate against others.

The Federation opposes all policies of the federal and provincial governments designed to increase private sector control in any area of post-secondary education."

A Local 47 delegate said that the clause was debated at length in the committee. She said that the clause restricted academic freedom and could be used to silence someone from exercising her academic freedom even if she was doing so in accordance with other policies. She said that the Federation had policy that clearly stated that the organisation was opposed to academic freedom being used to discriminate against others. She said that national and democratically established standards could present a limitation.

Local 33 delegate Lisa MacLeod said that the amendment would make the policy more timeless.

Local 94 delegate Sasha Maicher said that the idea of ethical standards was nebulous and difficult to determine.

Local 26 delegate Mason Kealey said that he was opposed to removing a clause that clearly stated the limitations of academic freedom.

Duff said that the removal of the clause that identified the restrictions to academic freedom would essentially eliminate the means by which to assess any violation. He said that it was true that standards evolve over time and if the Federation's policy was no longer timely, it would be revisited.

**2001/11:033 ROLL CALL VOTE**

Local 75 Camosun College Student Society	In favour
Local 05 Capilano Students' Union	In favour
Local 73 City Centre Students' Union	In favour
Local 18 Douglas Students' Union	Opposed
Local 33 Emily Carr Students' Union	In favour
Local 76 King Edward Students' Union	In favour
Local 26 Kwantlen Student Association	Opposed
Local 61 Malaspina Students' Union	Opposed
Local 13 College of New Caledonia Student Association	In favour
Local 72 North Island Students' Association	Opposed
Local 66 Northwest Community College Students' Association	Opposed
Local 86 College of the Rockies Students' Union	Opposed
Local 04 Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23 Simon Fraser Students' Society	Opposed
Local 89 University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	In favour
Local 44 University of Victoria Students' Society	In favour
Local 21 University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Opposed
Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	In favour
Local 09 University of Regina Students' Union	In favour
Local 90 Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association	Absent
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Local 01 Carleton University Students' Association	In favour
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Local 54 University of Guelph Central Student Association	Opposed
Local 62 University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Opposed
Local 32 Lakehead University Student Union	Opposed
Local 30 Laurentian University Students' General Association	In favour
Local 88 Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Opposed
Local 20 Nipissing University Student Union	In favour
Local 25 Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	In favour
Local 94 University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	In favour
Local 27 Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	In favour

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Local 19 University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Opposed
Local 71 Trent Central Student Association	Opposed
Local 47 University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	In favour
Local 56 Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	In favour
Local 48 University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Abstain
Local 68 York Federation of Students	Absent
Local 84 York University Graduate Students' Association	In favour
Local 91 Concordia Student Union	In favour
Local 83 Concordia Graduate Students' Union	Opposed
Local 79 Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Absent
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Local 36 Grenfell College Student Union	Opposed
Local 45 Marine Institute Students Union	Opposed
Local 35 Memorial University Students' Union	Opposed
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**2001/11:033 DEFEATED (24-24-3)**

**2001/11:032 CARRIED**

**2001/11:018 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**c. Proposal to Investigate Practices of Federal Student Work Experience Program**

**2001/11:034 MOTION**

Local 26/Local 72

Be it resolved that the possible discriminatory practices in the Federal Student Work Experience Program be investigated.

Duff said that Local 26 suspected that there could be discriminatory practices that were built into the program based on the program in which students were enrolled.

**2001/11:034 CARRIED**

**2001/11:035 MOTION**

Local 26/Local 89

Be it resolved that the National Education and Student Rights Committee report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**6. PRESENTATION ON NATIONAL STUDENT HEALTH NETWORK**

Former National Treasurer Joey Hansen provided a presentation on the Federation's health plan.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Electoral Officer Hashemi announced that the voted from the election, held earlier in the plenary had been tabulated and that he was ready to announce the results. He said that traditionally the vote count was not released however if member locals wanted the vote count released, the plenary could request it. He said that, otherwise, he would simply announce which candidates had won.

Hashemi said that the results of the elections for positions on the National Executive, for the 2002-2003 year, were as follows:

- Ian Boyko was elected as the National Chairperson;
- James Pratt was elected as the National Deputy Chairperson;
- Jess Turk-Browne was elected as the National Treasurer; and

- Jen Anthony was elected as the Travel CUTS Board Representative.

**2001/11:036 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 92

Be it resolved that the vote count for each position be released.

**DEFEATED**

**a. National Executive Elections**

**i. National Chairperson**

**2001/11:037 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 26

Be it resolved that Ian Boyko be ratified as the National Chairperson for the 2002-2003 term.

**CARRIED**

**ii. National Deputy Chairperson**

**2001/11:038 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 26

Be it resolved that James Pratt be ratified as the National Deputy Chairperson for the 2002-2003 term.

**CARRIED**

**iii. National Treasurer**

**2001/11:039 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 26

Be it resolved that Jess Turk-Browne be ratified as the National Treasurer for the 2002-2003 term.

**CARRIED**

**b. Travel C.U.T.S. Board Elections**

**2001/11:040 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 26

Be it resolved that Jen Anthony be ratified as the Travel C.U.T.S. Board Representative for a two year term commencing in Summer 2002.

**CARRIED**

**c. National Executive By-Elections**

**i. Prince Edward Island Representative**

**2001/11:041 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 26

Be it resolved that Nick Gaudet be ratified as the Prince Edward Island Representative on the National Executive for the remainder of the 2001-2002 term.

**CARRIED**

**ii. Francophone Representative**

**2001/11:042 MOTION**

Local 71/Local 82

Be it resolved that Corina Crawley be ratified as the Francophone Representative on the National Executive for the remainder of the 2001-2002 term.

**CARRIED**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

BC National Executive Representative Anita Zaenker said that the report should be amended to reflect that:

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- Local 26 delegate Paul Browning had been a member of the Committee and shared the BC Component vote with Zahra Habib;
- the National Graduate Caucus Representative on the Committee was Sue Dobson;
- the Francophone Students' constituency group member was Amber Peter; and
- the Students' of Colour constituency group member was Ursula Muldoe.

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

**2001/11:010 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:

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.

**2001/11:043 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:010 be amended to read:

"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:

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

Local 23 delegate Joel Warren said that given that all members of the Federation were students and research was part of everyone's lives. He said that the 15 minutes required to determine the rate of remuneration should not be considered an impediment to transparency. He said that advertising the rate of remuneration was not in the best interests of a progressive movement. He said that monetary incentive was the underlying philosophy of supply side economics that is a cornerstone of the neo-liberal agenda that the Federation battles everyday for social justice. He said that he would not want a candidate who was so unmotivated that she would be unwilling to conduct this minimal amount of research.

Local 48 delegate Liam McArthy said that the rate of remuneration ought to be brought forth because was pertinent information and should be highlighted.

Local 61 delegate Beasley said that the information regarding remuneration was contained in the bylaws. He said that an individual should take the initiative to seek out the information which was contained in the Federation's bylaws just as they would with any other position sought at the local level or any job for which the individual applied.

**2001/11:043 DEFEATED**

Local 48 delegate McArthy said that there had been a dearth of candidates in the elections during the last few years. He said that there were many good people involved in the Federation who should get involved in the organisation as elected representatives. He said that member locals receive a lot of paper and sometimes details get lost.

**2001/11:010 CARRIED**

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

**2001/11:020 MOTION**

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

Be it further resolved that "requiring a simple 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.

**2001/11:044 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 36/Local 45

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:020 be amended to read:

"Be it 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."

**2001/11:045 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 47/Local 32

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:044 be amended to read:

"Be it 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."

Local 47 delegate Dylan Gault said that, unless it is specified in the Federation's bylaws that it is a simple majority that is required, it is possible that the Federation would find itself requiring two-thirds majority for basic, procedural motions.

Local 54 delegate Dave Hauch said that according to Robert's Rules, extending the speaker's list required a simple majority. He said that it is clearly delineated in Robert's Rules which the Federation used as a basis for conducting meetings so it was redundant language and did not need to be included in the Federation's bylaws.

**2001/11:045 CARRIED**

**2001/11:044 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2001/11:020 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

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

**2001/11:022 MOTION**

Local 32/Local 26

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.

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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.

**CARRIED**

**d. Proposal to Rename the National Graduate Council**

**2001/11:024 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 46

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.

**CARRIED**

**e. Proposal to Include Terms of Office in Students' Union Directory**

**2001/11:046 MOTION**

Local 26/Local 86

Be it resolved that the Students' Union Directory include space for terms of office of elected officials at each students' union.

**CARRIED**

**f. Proposal to Develop International Students' Listserve**

**2001/11:047 MOTION**

Local 48/Local 05

Whereas international students face structural differences; and

Whereas international students have unique problems that need to be discussed; and

Whereas the Federation promotes cooperation and contact amongst members; therefore

Be it resolved that a listserv for international students be established.

**CARRIED**

**g. Proposal to Involve International Students at Member Locals**

**2001/11:048 MOTION**

Local 48/Local 05

Whereas the Federation promotes equality amongst its members; and

Whereas the Federation promotes diversity and diverse perspectives; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to include international students on their councils or boards; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to include international students in delegations to Federation general meetings.

**CARRIED**

**h. Proposal to Negotiate**

**2001/11:049 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 05

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. Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 1999); and

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

Be it resolved that negotiations be entered into with CUPE 1281 to change the job description of the vacant researcher position in the national office to include a focus on provincial issues; and

Be it further resolved that the second Researcher position be filled by the May 2002 national general meeting.

Local 44 delegate Sarah Webb said that she was opposed to including a date. She said that it limited the possibility of finding the best, most qualified person for the position.

Local 79 delegate Joe Marin said that the date was included because the position had been vacant for a year and it was important to have a target date.

**2001/11:050 MOTION TO DIVIDE**

Local 44/Local 89

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:049 be divided.

Local 44 delegate Webb said that she wanted to consider the two portions of the motion separately.

**2001/11:050 CARRIED**

**2001/11:049-a MOTION**

Local 79/Local 05

Be it resolved that negotiations be entered into with CUPE 1281 to change the job description of the vacant researcher position in the national office to include a focus on provincial issues.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:049-b MOTION**

Local 79/Local 05

Be it resolved that the second Researcher position be filled by the May 2002 national general meeting.

Local 31 delegate Nick Gaudet said that if a date was not included it could take much longer to fill the position than desired.

Local 38 delegate Lonnie Patterson said that she was opposed to including the date. She said that she was unsure if it was a realistic target. She said that the members of the National Executive were very busy and it might not be possible to fill the position by the date noted in the motion.

Local 33 delegate Jim Hoehnle said that if the position was currently vacant it was probably because there were no qualified people to fill the position and stipulating a date would not necessarily result in finding a qualified applicant.

**2001/11:049-b CARRIED**

**i. Proposal for May 2002 Organisational Development Agenda**

**2001/11:051 MOTION**

Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following motion and amendment be included on the Organisational Development agenda for consideration at the May 2002 semi-annual national general meeting:

**MOTION**

Local 84/Local 32

Be it resolved that workshops be developed relating to issues of gender and feminism to be held during women's constituency group meeting time for delegates.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 24/Local 44

Be it resolved that the preceding motion be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that educational workshops be developed relating to issues of gender and feminism and their relevance to male identified member delegates to be scheduled at a time to be determined by the National Executive; and

Be it further resolved that this educational workshop be facilitated by individuals external to the Federation who have experience facilitating workshops on these issues and who have a background in anti-oppression training."

**CARRIED**

**j. Proposal to Consider Alternatives to Current Committee Selection Process**

**2001/11:052 MOTION**

Local 19/Local 79

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Whereas the Federation is committed to full and equitable participation for all delegates in its general meetings;

Whereas at the general meetings, there is a limited amount of time to deal with motions and other issues; and the selection process to plenary sub-committees monopolises caucuses, constituency and component meetings; and

Whereas there are numerous models available for decision making that promotes consensus building; therefore

Be it resolved that the commitment to participation and consensus building when selecting delegates to plenary sub-committees be reaffirmed; and

Be it further resolved that alternatives to the current process of selection to plenary subcommittees be explored and presented to the May 2002 semi-annual national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE**

**MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 09/ Local 38

Be it resolved that Section 5 of Standing Resolution 10 be amended to include:

Francophile members present at a general meeting of the Federation who are not members of the Francophone Constituency Group shall be permitted to attend all meetings of the Constituency Group with full participation rights but not voting rights.

**2001/11:053 MOTION**

Local 72/Local 24

Be it resolved that the Organisational Development Committee report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**9. CONSIDERATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Boyko said that the enthusiasm in the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee had been overwhelming and there had been an incredible confidence and commitment to the Federation's campaigns. He said that the Small University Caucus member on the Committee was Naomi Poorooshasb and the College and Institute Caucus member was Anish Dwivedi.

**a. Proposal to Oppose the 2002 Group of Eight Summit in Ottawa**

**2001/11:007 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

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.

**2001/11:008 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:N01 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a campaign be developed to oppose the G-8 Summit in Kananaskis in June, 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; and

Be it further resolved that the fact sheet and research on the G-8 include an analysis of how G-8 policy affects women and other marginalised groups.”

Local 23 delegate Joel Warren said that trade liberalisation directly effected public education. He said that many Federation members would be participating in the campaign and the Federation should support this work.

**2001/11:008 CARRIED**

**2001/11:007 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**b. Proposal to Conduct Research**

**2001/11:014 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 18

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.

**2001/11:054 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 86/Local 35

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:014 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that research on the economic benefits of comprehensive public funding for post-secondary education be compiled;

Be it further resolved that a fact sheet on these benefits be produced; and

Be it further resolved that this research be distributed to member locals.”

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:054 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

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

**2001/11:016 MOTION**

Local 78/Local

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

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.

**2001/11:055 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 78/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 2001/11:016 be amended to read:

“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 be wholly publicly funded and administered; and

Be it further resolved that a formal submission to the Romanow Commission outlining the concerns of students in Canada be made.”

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:016 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**d. Proposal to Oppose Bill C-36 Anti-Terrorism Legislation**

**2001/11:026 MOTION**

Local 05/ Local 13

Whereas Bill C-36 will result in a loss of civil liberties for Canadian citizens; and

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Whereas Bill C-36 may infringe on the rights of students and others to campaign and mobilise; therefore

Be it resolved that Bill C-36 be opposed;

Be it further resolved that research about the Bill be undertaken;

Be it further resolved that the Bill be distributed to member locals; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to participate in a letter writing campaign immediately.

**2001/11:056 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 54/ Local 32

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:026 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Bill C-36 be opposed;

Be it further resolved that research about the Bill be undertaken and distributed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to participate in a letter writing campaign immediately."

**2001/11:057 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 26/Local 05

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:056 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Bill C-36 and Bill C-42 be opposed;

Be it further resolved that research about the Bill be undertaken and distributed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to participate in a letter writing campaign immediately."

Local 26 delegate Paul Browning said that it was announced the previous day that a new bill was being introduced. He said that Bill C-42 would allow the Canadian government define any area in Canada a military zone for up to one year.

**2001/11:057 CARRIED**

**2001/11:056 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2001/11:026 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**a. Proposal to Produce Placards**

**2001/11:058 MOTION**

Local 32/Local 18

Be it resolved that the production of placards with the messages "Freeze Tuition Fees" and "Reduce Tuition Fees" be investigated.

**CARRIED**

**b. Proposal to Produce Biweekly Campaign Updates**

**2001/11:059 MOTION**

Local 32/Local 18

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to send regular updates on February 6 organising efforts to the national office; and

Be it further resolved that biweekly updates on February 6 organising efforts be produced and distributed to member locals via the Federation listserv.

**CARRIED**

**c. Proposal to Endorse the Boycott of Delta Hotels**

**2001/11:060 MOTION**

Local 86/Local 24

Whereas Delta Hotels is currently involved in the development of the Sun Peaks Resort in British Columbia; and

Whereas the site for the Sun Peaks Resort is located on the traditional territory of the Secwepemc Nation and is part of a land claim dispute; and

Whereas the decision of Delta Hotels to proceed with the development without concern for the Secwepemc people and their traditional land has resulted in the forced removal and arrests of individuals protesting the development; and

Whereas the Secwepemc people are trying to preserve their way of life and protect their land from becoming a tourist attraction; and

Whereas the Assembly of First Nations has called for the boycott of Delta Hotels; therefore  
Be it resolved that the boycott of Delta Hotels be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to endorse and participate in the boycott of Delta Hotels.

**CARRIED**

**d. Proposal to Support Free Disability Testing**

**2001/11:061 MOTION**

Local 66/Local 32

Whereas the financial costs of testing for many disabilities are not covered by most provincial health plans; and

Whereas these expenses are prohibitive and act as a barrier for students with disabilities; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter in support of free disability testing that may have an impact on students' access to post-secondary education be sent to the Minister of Health;

Be it further resolved that this letter be distributed to member locals; and

Be it further resolved that all member locals be encouraged to use the letter as a template to write similar letters to provincial health ministers.

**CARRIED**

**e. Proposal to Compile Research on Anti-Discrimination Initiatives**

**2001/11:062 MOTION**

Local 83/Local 32

Whereas the Federation discourages discrimination on the basis of race, social class, religion, gender and sexual orientation; and

Whereas the Federation also discourages discrimination on the basis of personal beliefs or political affiliation; and

Whereas the Federation often compiles and disseminates information to member locals; therefore

Be it resolved that research on member local initiatives that actively discourage discrimination and that promote respect for diversity be compiled and distributed to member locals.

**2001/11:063 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 83/Local 79

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:062 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that research on member local initiatives that actively discourage discrimination and that promote respect for diversity be compiled and distributed to member locals;

Be it further resolved that the details requested from each member local be standardised to include the context, strategy and reaction to their initiatives; and

Be it further resolved that this compilation be distributed to member locals in the form of a hard copy document."

Local 91 delegate Geneva Guerin said that the motion needed to be strengthened and it was better to be specific in motions about what type of work needed to be undertaken.

**2001/11:063 CARRIED**

**2001/11:062 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**f. Proposal to Support Falun Gong Human Rights**

**2001/11:064 MOTION**

Local 54/Local 01

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Whereas Falun Gong is a peaceful practice for body, mind and spirit, promoting "truthfulness, compassion and tolerance";

Whereas the Chinese Authority has consistently persecuted, imprisoned, tortured and engaged in mass murder of Falun Gong practitioners over the last two years;

Whereas the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, the Chinese Authority violates both the Chinese constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, signed by China at the UN;

Whereas the Chinese Embassy and consulate officials extend and promote the persecution of Falun Gong practices in Canada; and

Whereas 36 international citizens, including Ryerson student Zenor Dolnyckyj, were arrested while engaged in a peaceful demonstration in support of the Falun Gong in Tiananmen Square; therefore

Be it resolved that the release of all Falun Gong practitioners detained or imprisoned in China, including the 36 international citizens be supported;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the release of detained or imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners; and

Be it further resolved that materials concerning the oppression of Falun Gong practitioners be distributed to member locals.

Local 86 delegate Kathleen Mitchell said that the Federation had extensive human rights policies and it was unnecessary to add specific policies.

Local 54 delegate Josh Alcock said that it was not a policy but a request that specific action be undertaken. He said that a student from Ryerson University was included in those who were detained by the Chinese government.

**2001/11:065 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 44/ Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion 2001/11:064 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the release of all Falun Gong practitioners detained or imprisoned in China, including the 36 international citizens be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the release of detained or imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners."

Local 44 delegate Jaime Matten said that many materials were available about the Falun Gong. She said that member locals should seek out the information rather than expending national office resources.

**2001/11:065 CARRIED**

**2001/11:066 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 09/ Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion 2001/11:064 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the release of all Falun Dafa practitioners detained or imprisoned in China, including the 36 international citizens be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the release of detained or imprisoned Falun Dafa practitioners."

Local 9 delegate Cam Grant said that Falun Gong referred to the meditation which only represented about 25 per cent of the religion. He said that Falun Dafa referred to the religion.

**2001/11:066 CARRIED**

**2001/11:067 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 19/ Local 86

Be it resolved that Motion 2001/11:064 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the release of all Falun Dafa practitioners detained or imprisoned in China, including the 36 international citizens be supported; and

Be it further resolved that research regarding the relationship between the Chinese government and Falun Dafa practitioners be undertaken."

Local 11 delegate Jim Reid said that not enough information about the issue was known. He said that the Federation had policy on human rights that should suffice.

Local 19 delegate Nathan Simington said that the Federation should not take a position on issues without first engaging in independent research.

Local 21 delegate Suny Shuang said that more research should be conducted on the issue.

Local 44 delegate Troy Sebastian said that he was not opposed to conducting research; however, the Federation's resources should be focussed on the Day of Action.

**2001/11:067 DEFEATED**

**2001/11:064 DEFEATED**

**g. Proposal to Support Prayer Space**

**2001/11:068 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 11

Whereas the Ryerson Muslim Students' Association has been requesting an adequate place to pray for well over a year, without a forthcoming solution from Ryerson University; and

Whereas the current 100-150 students that pray each week do so in a cramped space that holds a maximum of 50 people; and

Whereas Ryerson University has refused to provide an adequate on-campus space and the "final" options presented by the university would either split the congregations, which is contrary to Muslim belief, or force them off-campus to pray; and

Whereas full-time Ryerson students voted overwhelmingly at their semi-annual general meeting of their union on November 20, 2001 to support the Ryerson Muslim Students' Association in its efforts to secure an adequate on-campus space for its one-hour Friday prayers; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter to support the Ryerson Muslim Students' Association be sent to the administration of Ryerson University; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters of support to the administration of Ryerson University.

Local 5 delegate Melissa Sandhar said that she opposed the motion because it referred to one specific religion. She said that it promoted exclusion instead of inclusion and to achieve equality, a safe, comfortable space for all religions to pray within should be provided.

Local 19 delegate Simington asked if an all-inclusive space was available at Ryerson University.

Local 24 delegate Alex Lisman said that the University had a multi-faith centre that had capacity for fifty people. He said that construction was underway and would be completed in 2003 for another multi-faith centre; however, it would not hold a single congregation of 100-200. He said that over 400 members of the local would be affected by the decision. He said that the University was required to provide space to facilitate the academic activities of all Ryerson students and that having to leave campus to seek out a prayer space would interrupt the studies of these students.

A Local 24 delegate said that the space currently under consideration was the Ryerson gym. She said that the arrangement would allow the Muslim Students' Association to use the space for one hour per week.

Local 76 delegate Ravi Coughlan said that the issue was not about religion but about human rights. He said that if people wanted an area in which to express themselves, they should be provided the space.

**2001/11:068 CARRIED**

**h. Proposal to Oppose the Establishment of Private Residences at Trent University**

**2001/11:069 MOTION**

Local 71/Local 32

Whereas the Federation opposes corporate presence on Canadian campuses; and

Whereas the construction of a privately owned and/or operated residences at Trent University may compromise its collegiate system; therefore

Be it resolved that research into the effects of the ownership and operation of private residences on Canadian campus be undertaken and that this research be distributed to member locals;

Be it further resolved that a template for a letter of support for the campaign of the Trent Central Students' Association to prevent the establishment of private residences be distributed to member locals; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters in support of the campaign of the Trent Central Students' Association to prevent the establishment of private residences be sent to the Trent University President.

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**CARRIED**

**i. Proposal to Oppose Closing of the Collège des Grands Lacs**

**2001/11:070 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 18

Whereas the administration of the Collège des Grands Lacs decided unilaterally to close its doors without consultation with students and faculty;

Whereas the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities agreed to close the Collège des Grands Lacs without consultation with students and faculty;

Whereas students were forced to relocate to remote colleges to complete their year or else lose their student financial assistance; and

Whereas the students and faculty of the Collège des Grands Lacs are legally challenging their college's closure; therefore

Be it resolved that the closure of the Collège des Grand Lacs be opposed;

Be it further resolved that a letter expressing opposition to the closing be sent to the Collège des Grands Lacs and the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and copied to the students and faculty; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters of support and to make financial donations to their legal challenge.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:071 MOTION**

Local 86/Local 18

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee at the May 2002 national general meeting include the following motion:

**MOTION**

Local 47/Local 89

Whereas a disparity exists in the proportion of female to male students pursuing careers in science and engineering; and

Whereas a disparity exists in the proportion of female to male students graduating with undergraduate degrees who continue on to graduate degrees and professional programs; therefore

Be it resolved that an awareness campaign titled "Women in Post-Secondary Education: Equal Minds, Equal Education" be undertaken;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to launch campaigns to encourage women to pursue careers in science and engineering; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to launch campaigns to encourage women to pursue graduate studies and professional programs.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:072 MOTION**

Local 13/Local 92

Be it resolved that the report of the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

Boyko said that a number of motions were submitted to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee but the Committee adjourned before they could be considered.

**2001/11:073 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 78

Whereas Dr. David Noble is well known for his controversial stances on privatisation, commodification, and corporatisation of public post-secondary education, and particularly online education;

Whereas the Administration of Simon Fraser University endorses the advancement of both online education and public-private partnerships;

Whereas the administration of Simon Fraser University has been implicated with interfering in the appointments process of Dr. Noble's candidacy for the J.S. Woodsworth Chair of the Humanities Department;

Whereas Simon Fraser University President Michael Stevenson has been directly quoted as saying "I would avoid this appointment like the plague" in reference to Dr. Noble's candidacy;

Whereas academic hiring tradition, university policy, and the collegial governance system among other principles which are important to the Canadian Federation of Students have all been compromised through actions taken by the Simon Fraser University administration; and

Whereas a pervasive and hostile environment within the Simon Fraser University community has been created by way of the unfounded personal attacks, misinformation, and the questioning of Dr. Noble's character; therefore

Be it further resolved that interference with the appointment process of Dr. David Noble to the position of the J.S. Woodsworth Chair of the Humanities Department be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that a national campaign be developed that works in conjunction with the Simon Fraser Student Society (Local 23) to coordinate action strategies such as media campaigns, mobilisation, and public education campaigns around the implications for higher education which result from the David Noble case.

Local 23 delegate Warren said that the motion was timely. He said that he learned the previous day that the University Appointments Committee had dismissed the David Noble appointment. He said that fortunately, there was an appeals process. He said that the motion was also relevant with respect to the academic freedom policy. He said that Nobel was appointed to the J.S. Woodsworth Chair which, unlike most other research chairs which were sponsored by corporations and industry, was endorsed and endowed from local unions across the country and individuals who supported the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation. He said that it was a very progressive chair that had the mandate to be both academic and activist. He said that Noble was a pre-eminent academic in his field and was clearly an activist. He said that he was uniquely qualified for the position and the community at Simon Fraser who was supporting Noble would be bolstered by the Federation's support.

**2001/11:074 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 78/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:073 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that interference with the appointment process of Dr. David Noble to the position of the J.S. Woodsworth Chair of the Humanities Department be opposed;

Be it further resolved that David Noble's call for a public boycott and censure campaign against faculty members involved in and implicated with abetting the Simon Fraser University administration's efforts to obstruct Dr. David Noble's appointment to the J.S. Woodsworth Chair of the Humanities Department be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that a national campaign be developed that works in conjunction with the Simon Fraser Student Society (Local 23) to coordinate action strategies such as media campaigns, mobilisation, and public education campaigns around the implications for higher education which result from the David Noble case."

Local 78 delegate Sarah Logan said that the Federation supported transparent and accountable university appointment procedures. She said that the Simon Fraser University administration had acted in a manner contrary to established procedures and the administrative actions had compromised the integrity of Simon Fraser University's reputation. She said that several faculty members had conspired with administrators' efforts to tamper with the appointment process. She said that although it only effected one institution it could set a precedent.

Local 47 delegate Dylan Gault said that he was unclear about the extent of the blackballing of the faculty. He said that he was reluctant to take such a firm position against faculty members who might be persuaded to see the errors of their ways.

Local 42 delegate Allison Tieman said that she was in favour of the amendment. She said that the faculty who were involved in turning Noble down would not change their mind because they obviously had other interests.

Local 54 delegate Hauch said that the Federation should not censure others without a thorough understanding of the situation.

Local 61 delegate Beasley said that the Federation should not make accusations against individuals unless something was proven. He said that it put the Federation in a very vulnerable legal position. He said that he recognised that some faculty members had acted improperly; however, the Federation could not make accusations about certain individuals unless there was proof.

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**2001/11:074 DEFEATED**

**2001/11:073 CARRIED**

**2001/11:074 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 92

Be it resolved that information on the impact of deregulated and rising tuition fees on women's participation in post-secondary education be compiled as part of the campaign to freeze and reduce tuition fees.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:075 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 92

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to become members of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:076 MOTION**

Local 38/Local 8

Be it resolved that all member locals be encouraged to develop a "Semaine de la Francophonie" campaign during March, the international month of celebrating Francophone culture and the French language; and

Be it further resolved that posters and buttons be produced promoting this campaign.

**2001/11:077 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 78/Local 71

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:76 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that all member locals be encouraged to develop a "Semaine de la Francophonie" campaign during March, the international month of celebrating Francophone culture and the French language; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to produce posters and buttons be produced for in order to promote this campaign."

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:076 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2001/11:078 MOTION**

Local 05/Local 46

Whereas Burmese student activists were brutally murdered and forced into exile as a result of the military coup d'état in 1988;

Whereas Burmese pro-democracy leader Daw Aung San Sung Suu Kyi has been living under house arrest since 1990;

Whereas December 10, 2001 makes ten years since Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was awarded the Noble Peace Prize; and

Whereas Archbishop Desmond Tutu, dozens of Noble Laureates, and pro-democracy organisations around the world have launched the Burma Peace Campaign calling for the release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and over 2,000 political prisoners, including student activists; therefore

Be it resolved that the Noble Laureate Burmese Peace Campaign be endorsed;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to raise awareness about the campaign between December 8 and 10; and

Be it further resolved that a link to the Burma Peace Campaign be added to the Federation's website.

**2001/11:079 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 05/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:078 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the Noble Laureate Burmese Peace Campaign be endorsed;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to raise awareness about the campaign between December 8 and 10;

Be it further resolved that a link to the Burma Peace Campaign be added to the Federation's website; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to boycott the Walmart Corporation.

Local 5 delegate Sandhar said that the Burmese dictatorship relied heavily on the money obtained from Walmart. She said that the support system of the Burmese government must be weakened. She said that Walmart relied on slave labour and the Canadian Labour Congress had recently awarded Walmart the "Sweatshop/Tailor of the Year" for the second year. She said that the Labour Congress was boycotting Walmart.

Local 26 delegate Paul Browning said that the Federation's bylaws established several criteria that must be met before a boycott could occur. He said that one of the criteria was that the boycott "be supported by the employees of an institution, company, or individual being boycotted". He asked if the sweatshirt employees would support the boycott.

It could not be substantiated that the employees of Walmart were in favour of the boycott.

**2001/11:079 RULED OUT OF ORDER**

**2001/11:078 CARRIED**

**2001/11:081 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 26

Whereas the Federation speaks for equality among students and all people; and

Whereas the Landed Immigrant Canada card creates a platform of prejudice; therefore

Be it resolved that research about the Landed Immigrant Canada card and other new immigration legislation be undertaken; and

Be it further resolved that a letter writing campaign be undertaken addressing the inequalities created by the Landed Immigrant Canada card and other new immigrant legislation.

Local 61 delegate Beasley said that there were other organisations that focused on these issues and the Federation should work with organisations that conducted this type of research. He said that the motion contradicted itself. He said that before a letter writing campaign could be undertaken the research should first be undertaken.

**2001/11:082 MOTION TO DIVIDE**

Local 47/Local 42

Be it resolved that Motion-2001/11:081 be divided.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:080-a MOTION**

Local 23/Local 26

Be it resolved that research about the Landed Immigrant Canada card and other new immigration legislation be undertaken.

**CARRIED**

**2001/11:080-b MOTION**

Local 23/Local 26

Be it resolved that a letter writing campaign be undertaken addressing the inequalities created by the Landed Immigrant Canada card and other new immigrant legislation.

**DEFEATED**

**2001/11:082 MOTION**

Local 54/Local

Be it resolved that information about the consequences of direct credit card marketing on university and college campuses be collected and distributed to member locals; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to undertake efforts to have credit card marketers banned from their campuses.

Local 75 delegate Adrian Gianni said that he received his student loan late in the semester. He said that he had to buy his books and pay his tuition fees on his credit card. He said that he could not have enrolled without a credit card and that sometimes it was a necessary evil.

Local 42 delegate Tieman said that students should be educated about healthy credit strategies instead of being denied the opportunity to apply for a credit card.

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Local 54 delegate Josh Alcock said that the motion was not encouraging locals to oppose credit cards. He said that the motion was timely given that the Federation was undertaking a campaign on the effects of rising tuition fees and one of the consequences of rising fees was a growing dependence on credit cards. He said that credit card companies should not be encouraged to set up on campuses where they could use predatory marketing techniques to entrap students. He said that there were significant studies that showed that students were very vulnerable to negative credit card use like high debt and bad credit ratings. He said that in the United States over 450 colleges and universities had banned credit card companies. He said that several states had enacted legislation banning credit card companies from campuses.

**2001/11:082 CARRIED**

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**2001/11:083 MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Local 05/Local 45

Be it resolved that plenary adjourn.

**CARRIED**

22:58 — the meeting adjourned.



# ATTENDANCE

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## Delegations

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### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### Local 75

##### Camosun College Student Society

Vanessa Knight  
John A. Overall  
Aaron Ransome  
Michel Turcotte  
Adrien Viani

#### Local 5

##### Capilano Students' Union

Amanda Camley  
Mellisa Sandhar  
Deborah Sullivan  
Chelsea Werrun

#### Local 73

##### City Centre Students' Union

Amandeep Manhas  
Rick Parker  
Ben Williams

#### Local 18

##### Douglas College Students' Society

Joey Hansen  
Yasmin Irani  
Mike Ouellet  
Carly Turner

#### Local 33

##### Emily Carr Students' Union

Zahra Habib  
Jim Hoehnle  
Lisa Macleod  
Jason O'Brien

#### Local 76

##### King Edward Students' Union

Ravi Coughlan  
Anish Dwivedi  
Julie Horncastle  
Christa Peters

#### Local 26

##### Kwantlen Student Association

Paul Browning  
Mason Kealy

#### Local 61

##### Malaspina Students' Union

Steve Beasley  
Rose DaCosta  
Janis Delcourt

#### Local 13

##### College of New Caledonia Student Association

Colin Hogan  
Peter Houston  
Judy Nachbaur

#### Local 72

##### North Island Students' Association

Patrick Barbosa  
Jason Sorenson  
Doug Wilson

#### Local 66

##### Northwest Community College Students' Association

Dan Buck  
Diane Hopkins  
Karen McAthy  
Katherine McLoughlin  
Ursula Muldoe

#### Local 86

##### College of the Rockies Students' Union

Ben Dobson  
Angela Kitchen  
Heather Khan  
Cathleen Mitchell  
Jason Rebryna

#### Local 23

##### Simon Fraser Student Society

Suzanne Dobson  
Jan Gunn  
Tiffany Kalanj  
Jason Lee  
Joel Warren

#### Local 89

##### University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Keetah Eggers

#### Local 44

##### University of Victoria Students' Society

Zoe Bake-Paterson  
Jaime Matten  
Tory Sebastian  
Sarah Webb

### ALBERTA

#### Local 42

##### Students' Association Alberta College of Art & Design

Malcolm Sutherland  
Alison Tieman

#### Local 21

##### Graduate Students' Association of the University of Calgary

Jon Pendlebury  
Sheryl Peters  
Sunny Shuang

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

### **Local 9**

University of Regina Students' Union  
Cam Grant  
André Magnan

## **MANITOBA**

### **Local 37**

Brandon University Students' Union  
Meeghan Gavin  
Lonnie Patterson  
Eric Stiwich

### **Local 38**

Association des étudiantes et étudiants  
du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface  
Youness Moustarzak  
Amber Peter

### **Local 8**

University of Winnipeg Student Association  
Larissa Ashdown  
Leah Bannister  
Margaret Carlyle  
Brennan McIntyre

## **ONTARIO**

### **Local 83**

Algoma University Student Association  
Michael Gekas  
Sara Pucci

### **Local 78**

Carleton University Graduate  
Students' Association  
Corina Crawley  
Sarah Logan  
Andrea Rounce

### **Local 1**

Carleton University Students' Association  
Melissa Armstrong  
Joseph Zangar Bright  
Marco D'Angelo  
Tom Grant  
Rita Liazza  
Jay Nordenstrom  
James Pratt

### **Local 92**

Students' Association of  
George Brown College  
Anil Bhatoo  
Udana Muldoon

### **Local 54**

University of Guelph Central Student Association  
Josh Alcock  
David Hauch  
Timothy Higgs

### **Local 62**

University of Guelph Graduate Students'  
Association  
Jeremy Friedberg

### **Local 32**

Lakehead University Student Union  
Rebecca Christy  
Joëlle Perras  
Jeremy Salter  
Joshua Tolmie

### **Local 30**

Laurentian University  
Students' General Association  
Suzanne Legault

### **Local 88**

Association des étudiantes et étudiants  
francophones de l'Université Laurentienne  
Sophie Gauthier

### **Local 25**

Ontario College of Art and Design  
Students' Union  
Heather Keung  
Duncan Walker

### **Local 94**

University of Ottawa  
Graduate Students' Association  
Marie Lyne Laliberté  
Sascha Maicher

### **Local 27**

Queen's University  
Society of Graduate and Professional Students  
Katharine Charlton

### **Local 24**

Ryerson Students' Union  
Leigh Doyle  
Filip Frkovic  
Alex Lisman  
Melanie Pugh

### **Local 85**

Saint Paul University Students' Association  
Oscar Boloko

### **Local 19**

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union  
Elizabeth Gilmore  
Nathan Simington

### **Local 71**

Trent Central Students' Association  
Catherine Dickinson  
Nammi Poorooshab

### **Local 47**

University of Western Ontario  
Society of Graduate Students  
Dylan Gault  
Jesse Greener  
Sarah McCarter

### **Local 56**

Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association  
Maria Hatzipantelis

### **Local 48**

University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society  
Liam McCarthy  
Zdanek Vopat

**Local 84**  
York University  
Graduate Students' Association  
Alison Fisher

## **QUÉBEC**

**Local 83**  
Concordia University  
Graduate Students' Association  
Nisha Sajjani

**Local 83**  
Concordia Student Union  
Sabine Friesinger

**Local 79**  
Post-graduate Students' Society  
of McGill University  
Joe Marin  
Stephanie Matheson

## **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**Local 31**  
University of Prince Edward Island  
Student Union  
Cynthia Dennis  
Nick Gaudet  
Caolan Moore

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

**Local 95**  
University-College of Cape Breton  
Students' Union  
Brad Donovan  
Sheldon Gillis  
Jeff Yurchesyn

**Local 11**

University of King's College Students' Union  
Alex Anderson  
David Hare  
Jacob Prager  
Jim Reid  
Melissa Steele  
Glenn Woods

**Local 7**  
Students' Union of  
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design  
Jason Askew

## **NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR**

**Local 36**  
Grenfell College Student Union  
Jade Mahoney  
Michael Spencer

**Local 45**  
Marine Institute Student Union  
Jackie Chisholm  
Dawn Penney

**Local 35**  
Memorial University Students' Union  
Brian Budgell  
Melissa Ivany  
Ruth Jacobs  
Hans Rollman  
Chris Vatcher  
Kirk Wiseman

**Local 46**  
College of the North Atlantic  
Students' Association  
Lacey Abbott  
James Gallant  
Jeff Jennings  
Neil Norman

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Alex Kerner  
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November 6, 2001

Ian Boyko, Chairperson  
Canadian Federation of Students  
Suite 500, 170 Metcalfe Street  
Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Ian,

On November 6, 2001 the council of the Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association adopted the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Association apply for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students

Please accept this letter as our Association's formal application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.

On behalf of the members of the Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association, I request that this application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students be accepted at the upcoming national general meeting of the Federation.

Respectfully,

Adam Jurgens  
President





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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS LOCAL 89

Ian Boyko, Chairperson  
Canadian Federation of Students  
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November 19, 2001

Dear Mr. Boyko:

This letter is to inform you that Local 89-University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society has appointed Local 44-University of Victoria Students' Society as the Society's proxy for the opening plenary of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual National General Meeting.

Should there be any questions or concerns please contact me at the number provided above.

In Solidarity,

Maura Parte  
General Manager

MP/mp  
CFS-Local89-Proxy-11-19

