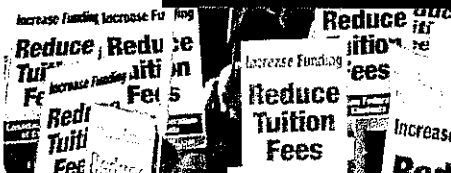


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OPENING PLENARY MINUTES

22nd Annual National General Meeting

Canadian Federation of Students/Canadian Federation of Students-Services

Wednesday, November 19 to Saturday, November 22, 2003 — Ottawa

CALL TO ORDER—Wednesday, November 19, 2003

14:58 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
	Northern Lights Students' Association*	Absent
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local 03	Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna	Present
Local 03	Penticton Campus Students' Association	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Present
Local 42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Present
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 90	First Nations University of Canada 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 28	Atkinson 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	Absent
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Present
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	Absent
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Absent
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Present

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Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Absent
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Absent
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	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	Absent
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Present
Local 83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Local 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Present
Local 11	University of King's College Society of the Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiant-e-s de l'Université Sainte-Anne	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 100	Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland	Present
Local 35	Memorial University Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	Present

* Prospective member

National Chairperson Ian Boyko declared that quorum had been achieved.

2. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Boyko welcomed delegates to the 22nd annual general meeting. He said that the meeting marked the twenty-second year as a Federation, and seventy-eighth year as an organised movement in Canada. He said that a lot had happened since the Federation's previous general meeting six months earlier including elections in Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. He said that in every province post-secondary education was a key issue in the elections. He said that in each of the provincial elections, the Federation was successful in making it impossible for governments to run on platforms of high fees and higher debt.

Boyko said that on the federal stage the Liberal Party of Canada had a new leader and the Progressive Conservative party of Canada had a new leader, and potentially a new party. He said that the challenge for the Federation remained the same: to convince Paul Martin to uphold his stated commitment to equality of opportunity by rejecting income contingent loans and restoring the billions he cut to education as Finance Minister. He said that the next six months would be critical because there would likely be a federal election and it would determine the future of public institutions in Canada. He said that members needed to stand united for public education and social programs.

Boyko said that despite the protests of university presidents, students were winning the battle on tuition fees. He said that students were winning because they had been unwavering and principled in their fight and, as a result, the vast majority of the public agreed that fees and student debt needed to be reduced.

Boyko said that the Federation was strong because it took principled positions based on equality, social justice and solidarity. He said that the Federation rejected the Millennium Scholarship Foundation's

suggestion that the real issue was whether a student could repay their student loan, not the amount of the loan. He said that the Federation rejected the claim of civil servants in Human Resources Development Canada that \$30,000 in debt was acceptable in order to fund an education. He said that the Federation rejected the Millennium Scholarship Foundation's view that fees did not affect access. He said that repeating their mantra would not make it true. He stresses that tuition fees do affect access, and the poorer a student is the more affected she or he is by tuition fee hikes.

Boyko said that in recent years there had been a significant increase in new members and it was his pleasure to welcome the newest members, the graduate students at Brock University. He said that the decision of the members of the Brock University Graduate Students' Association to join the Federation confirmed that the National Graduate Caucus was the only effective voice for graduate students in Canada. He noted that the Brock University graduate students joined graduate students from Memorial University of Newfoundland, McGill University, University of Manitoba, and more than twenty other graduate students' unions uniting graduate students from coast to coast.

Boyko said that the general meeting would be a rich opportunity for delegates to lobby politicians, study public policy and, most importantly, to learn from each other. He said that over the next few days, delegates would share victories, strategies, and challenges. He said that it was also likely that they would at times disagree which was natural and healthy. He said that being heard would not always mean being agreed with but it would mean working in an atmosphere of honest and frank debate. He said that delegates needed to stand together to address the challenges ahead.

Boyko said that delegates also needed to stand in solidarity with those students who could not pursue a post-secondary education because tuition fees were too high and debt levels too daunting. He said that delegates also needed to stand in solidarity with all those in the past whose dreams were never fulfilled because of high fees and high debt. He said that if members remembered the past and fought for the future, the organisation would stand strong in the face of the very real and present dangers students in Canada faced. He wished delegates a good meeting.

Boyko introduced guests from the Fédération étudiante universitaire de Québec: Vice President Pier-Andre Bouchard-St. Amant, Secretary General Bruneau Lambart and Vice President Internal Mathieu Juneau.

FÉUQ Vice President Pier-Andre Bouchard-St. Amant thanked the Federation for inviting representatives from the Fédération étudiante universitaire de Québec to the meeting. He said that President Nicholas Brisson was unable to attend the opening plenary session due to prior commitments but would be attending the remainder of the meeting. He said that la FEUQ was the national student organisation in Quebec and was composed of 19 students' associations.

Bouchard-St. Amant said that inviting representatives from the FÉUQ to attend the meeting was a concrete demonstration of the relationship between the Federation and the Fédération étudiante universitaire de Québec that had developed through working together on issues. He said that it was very important for the Federations to work closely together during the federal election and to be united in defending the rights of students. He said that FÉUQ had been happy to join forces with the Federation, particularly on issues like tuition fees. He said that FÉUQ had worked to maintain the tuition fee freeze in Québec and was working to extend the freeze to include students from other provinces who attended Québec institutions. He wished everyone a good meeting and invited delegates to speak with any of the representatives from his Federation about post-secondary education issues in Québec.

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

Boyko explained that the National Executive was recommending that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the Plenary Speaker. He said that Sioufi had a long history of involvement with the Federation, having served as an elected director and as a researcher for the Federation. He noted that Sioufi had chaired Federation national general meetings on several previous occasions.

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2003/11:001 MOTION

Local 73/Local 23

Be it resolved that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the plenary speaker of the November 2003 national general meeting.

CARRIED

Sioufi provided a brief overview of Robert's Rules, the system of meeting rules and procedures that the Federation employs for plenary sessions, plenary sub-committee meetings and caucus meetings.

15:28 Local 92, George Brown Students' Association joined the meeting.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

Sioufi said that no locals had designated proxies for the meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

2003/11:002 MOTION

Local 23/Local 28

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

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

2003/11:003 MOTION

Local 61/Local 56

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

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2003/11:004 MOTION

Local 33/Local 100

Be it resolved that the May 2003 national general meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

8. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Boyko said that, as per Bylaw V, Section 2 f., the National Executive would present a report to the plenary detailing the work of the Federation undertaken since the previous national general meeting. He said that the report described the work of the organisation and specifically the work of the National Executive since the previous meeting. He said that it was important to distribute the report at member local associations because it served as a comprehensive overview of the organisation's work.

Boyko, Women's Representative Christa Peters, Ontario Representative Rick Telfer, Deputy Chairperson James Pratt, and Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne presented the various sections of the National Executive report.

Update on Travel CUTS

Travel CUTS Board Chairperson Joey Hansen said that the previous year had been difficult for Travel CUTS. He said that because most travel companies relied heavily on domestic air travel, their success or failure was tied to the fate of Air Canada. He said that earlier in the year Air Canada had filed for bankruptcy protection and it appeared that in the new year the company would no longer require bankruptcy protection. He said that there were political and economic ramifications if the Canadian government allowed Air Canada to collapse. He said that in an attempt to stabilise itself the airline was jumping from strategy to strategy. He said that without

notice, the airline would reduce prices massively on all its routes and the following week respond to its own price cuts by reducing availability of certain fares.

Hansen said that in economy class, the airline divided the seats into different categories and the student fare seats that Travel CUTS sold were among the cheapest. He said that when the airline cut capacity, it eliminated the cheapest seats or fares first. He said that this had obviously greatly restricted Travel CUTS' ability to offer student class airfare. He said that in late October, Air Canada had cancelled the student domestic air ticket.

Hansen said that Air Canada's decision to cancel that ticket was in part because it was the only ticket that Air Canada did not control. He said that all the airlines printed the tickets in bulk with the exception of the brown ticket which was printed by the International Student Travel Confederation. He said that in addition, student tickets were not recorded in the airlines computer banks in the same way the other tickets were recorded which was why the tickets could not be changed. He said that because Air Canada wanted the predictability of one uniform ticket and one uniform ticket class, it cancelled the student fare contract. He said that Air Canada was not the first airline to cancel the student ticket and the decision was not a complete surprise.

Hansen said that despite the elimination of the ticket there had been some positive developments. He said that the new student ticket was a general Air Canada e-ticket, which meant that it could be changed over the phone or at the airport. He added that most of the fares had been reduced. He said that Travel CUTS was Air Canada's biggest client on many routes and at some level Air Canada was probably concerned about cancelling the student class fare contract and losing Travel CUTS' business. He said that although some flexibility and the ability to administer the tickets had been lost, Travel CUTS was still able to offer fares that were consistently lower than other companies could offer.

Hansen said that the loss in capacity had resulted in loss of sales which followed a decade of profitable years. He said that the fiscal performance for the year that ended June 30, 2003 was the worst the company had experienced in its history. He said that the company incurred a net loss of approximately \$2 million. He said that \$2 million was a high figure for a company that did approximately \$150 million in gross sales.

Hansen said that the company had operated, until recently, three offices in the United Kingdom. He said that the nature of the travel market in the United Kingdom did not allow smaller players to be successful. He said that the decision was either to expand the operation to 15-20 shops so it was sustainable or close it down. He said that in the tight travel climate it did not make sense to attempt to expand the company in the United Kingdom. He said that the total one-time costs of closing the offices were about \$1.25 million. He said that the individual travel offices sustained an operating loss of approximately \$250,000.

Hansen said that the decline in sales over the past few years was in part based on a global decline; however, Travel CUTS' sales growth had not matched the industry rebound. He said that it had become clear that the company was losing sales due to the growth of web sales. He said that the National Executive had reported at the May 2003 meeting that the company had commenced developing a website that would allow for sales on the web. He said that the original launch date was within 12-18 months from the commencement of the development. He said that after analysing the rapid growth of web sales, the CUTS Board decided that the process needed to be expedited and, as a result, the site was completed by early October.

Hansen said that every domestic airfare that CUTS offered was loaded onto the site. He said that CUTS' Bon Voyage flight insurance was also offered on the site. He said that in addition, some international flights had been loaded onto the web so CUTS could test the system. He said that the site had not been publicised so it could be tested and so the system was not overburdened. He said that over 600 flights had been booked since the site became active and no customers had reported problems. He said that the remainder of the international flights would be uploaded by the end of December. He said that the development of the site had cost approximately one million dollars and the development costs had contributed to CUTS' loss in the 2003 fiscal year. He said that in early tests CUTS' fares had been very competitive compared to other companies' sites and CUTS now offered a guarantee that CUTS would match any fare that a customer found elsewhere.

Question and Answer Period

Local 61 delegate Mel Vogels said that the results of the external review of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation seemed to echo the Federation's concerns and critiques. She asked if National Chairperson Ian Boyko could elaborate on the results of the review.

Boyko said that the review included a few key passages that made clear the Millennium Scholarship Foundation's inability to improve access to post-secondary education. He said that the finding substantiated the Federation's position on the role and effectiveness of the Foundation. He said that the external review also consisted of information and conclusions that the Federation had already drawn. He said that the review focused on the fact that grants were not offered to students in their first year.

Local 75 delegate Audra Taillefer asked what work, if any, had been undertaken recently with the Assembly of First Nations.

Boyko said that Aboriginal Students' Representative Lorisha Cook had been the primary contact with the Assembly and that she could provide details about work with the Assembly.

Local 24 delegate Ken Marciniec asked about the status of the "Vote Education" website. He said that it had been very useful during the Ontario provincial election in imparting information and raising awareness of the issues.

Ontario Representative Rick Telfer said that when member locals began preparations for the provincial election approximately one year, one of the major components of the organising efforts was the "Vote Education" website. He said that the site had been developed so it would act as a clearinghouse of campaign materials and information for the general public and the media. He said that the site was so comprehensive that it greatly reduced the number of requests for information.

Local 3-Penticton delegate Tree Kennedy asked how the National Executive planned to supplement the work of member locals for the upcoming Day of Action.

Boyko said that the Campaigns and Government Relations sub-committee would discuss the preparations for the Day of Action in detail. He said that the National Executive, through the national office, would facilitate communication between member locals across the country and coordinate the production of common materials, including placards. He said that research would be produced and lobbying at the federal level would be undertaken.

Local 47 delegate Jesse Greener said that member locals had a very important role in communicating with other member locals and non-members about the Day of Action. He said that delegates should use the general meeting as an opportunity to share plans and strategies. He said that incoming Prime Minister Paul Martin and the various newly elected provincial governments needed to hear a strong, united student voice. He said that in addition, it was likely that the Paul Martin government would attempt to determine the response to income contingent loan repayment schemes. He said that the Federation should make it clear that these schemes would not be accepted by students in Canada.

Local 24 delegate Uzma Khan asked what had been done to ensure the national website was accessible for people with disabilities. She asked if a text-based version existed. She said that she had low vision and in its current state there were some aspects of the national website that were not compatible with software that assisted people with limited vision.

Telfer said that he had spoken to the website developers about making the site accessible in the initial development stages. He said that the developers seemed aware and sensitive to the issues. He said that it was his understanding that they had worked to ensure the site met certain standards.

Local 13 delegate Rob Mealey asked about the status of the International Union of Students and the Federation's relationship with other national students' unions around the world.

Boyko provided a brief overview of the International Union of Students' history. He said that, in conjunction with a couple of other national students' unions, the Federation had been instrumental in reviving and stabilising the Union. He said that the Union was healthier and more stable than it had been in the past decade. He said that the membership dues were not very high but that most national students' organisations had not remitted their fees in a number of years. He said that therefore, the IUS had suffered from severe financial difficulties. He said that la FEUQ was also a member of the Union and had hosted the IUS council meeting in Montréal in summer 2003.

Local 21 delegate Jen Pelley said that legislation had been adopted in Alberta that would require a students' union to undergo an audit if required by the institution. She said that currently the Federation did not issue fee collection reminders, invoices or receipts for membership dues. She said that it could pose a problem if a

students' union was required to undergo an audit and did not have the supporting documents. She asked if it was possible to implement the practice of issuing invoices and receipts to member locals.

National Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne said that with respect to the collection of membership fees, a member local collected the fees in trust for the Federation. She said that the fee was adjusted annually for the Consumer Price Index. She said that the member local was in the best position to determine the correct fee because it would receive the relevant information from the institution based on enrolment figures. She said that if a local required a receipt indicating the money had been received, it could be arranged. She said that she could contact Local 21 if it required reminders. She said that locals in a province with a more developed provincial infrastructure, reminders from the national office would not be required.

Local 1 delegate Carol Saab asked if the partnership with EMG to develop the homes4students.ca website would affect the Federation's ability to determine the appearance and content of the site.

Pratt said that EMG would create a 'face' for the website so it mirrored the Federation's site. He said that the Federation would have control over the appearance and content of the site.

Local 91 delegate Yves Engler said that it was his understanding that, at the International Union of Students' Council meeting held summer 2003 in Montréal, there had been some discussion about mobilising against the World Trade Organisation. He asked if any action had been taken as a result of the discussions.

Boyko said that representatives from various regions met during the IUS Council meeting to discuss how the international priorities would be met. He said that the national unions in North America and Europe had agreed that action against the World Trade Organisation would be taken on September 9. He said that the action that was undertaken was symbolic and garnered significant media. He said that the National Executive report included an update on the events.

Local 23 delegate Clement Apaak said that he was excited to learn about reforms to legislation that would allow international students to work off-campus. He asked why the program was not being implemented Canada-wide rather than testing it in one province, Manitoba.

Boyko said that National Researcher Michael Conlon had participated in the most recent meetings where the legislation was discussed so he had a more thorough understanding of the legislation. He said that he did not know the rationale for the limited implementation of the program. He noted that he agreed that it was not enough and that the Federation must continue to press the government to implement the program in all provinces.

2003/11:005 MOTION

Local 18/Local 76

Be it resolved that the National Executive report be adopted.

CARRIED

9. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

a. Consideration of Prospective Membership Application

Soufi explained that since the previous national general meeting an application for prospective membership has been received from the Brock University Graduate Students' Association. She said that, in accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 4-b, the National Executive had reviewed the application and was recommending that the Graduate Students' Association be granted prospective membership in the Federation.

2003/11:006 MOTION

Local 19/Local 13

Be it resolved that the Brock University Graduate Students' Association's application for prospective membership be accepted.

CARRIED

b. Consideration of Application for Extension of Prospective Membership

Soufi explained that at the May 2003 national general meeting the Northern Lights College Student Association had applied for and been granted prospective membership in the Federation. She said that

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due to various scheduling conflicts it had not been possible to conduct a full membership referendum prior to the general meeting. She said that in accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 2-b, the National Executive was recommending that the Northern Lights College Student Association's prospective membership in the Federation be extended until the May 2004 national general meeting.

2003/11:007 MOTION

Local 35/Local 32

Be it resolved that the prospective membership of Northern Lights College Students' Association be extended until the May 2004 national general meeting.

CARRIED

10. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS

a. Introduction of Electoral Officers

Sioufi said that in accordance with Bylaw 6, Section 7 the National Executive had appointed Ashkon Hashemi, Ontario Internal Coordinator, and Christine Bourque, Ontario Organiser, as the Electoral Officers for elections being conducted at the meeting.

b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

Hashemi said that elections for National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and National Treasurer and Travel CUTS Board member would be conducted at the general meeting. He said that the elections were for the 2004-2005 term and that the term began at the adjournment of the May semi-annual general meeting. He explained that the Travel CUTS Board representative positions were based on gender parity and that a man already held one of the positions and, therefore, a woman would be elected to the second position.

Bourque said that the nominations would open at the end of opening plenary and close at 14:00, Friday, November 21. She said that delegates should review Bylaws V and VI and Standing Resolutions 17 and 18 for information about the election procedures and the positions.

11. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS

a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees

Soufi said that, as per Standing Resolution 1, Section 1, the following sub-committees of the plenary were automatically struck:

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

She said that the National Executive was proposing, for the duration of the general meeting, the following change to Standing Resolution 1:

2003/11:008 MOTION

Local 13/Local 26

Whereas the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee is consistently the plenary subcommittee on which the largest plurality of delegates wish to sit; and

Whereas the previous national general meeting saw almost sixty delegates sharing twenty-two votes on the Committee; and

Whereas this led to frustration for many delegates who had to share votes or who were unable to obtain a vote on the Committee; and

Whereas after lengthy discussion, the National Executive felt it would be worthwhile to strike a campaigns body at this general meeting in which each member local could exercise a vote; and

Whereas to implement such a structure for this meeting, in place of the the traditional Campaigns and Government Relations Committee, Standing Resolution 1 must be temporarily amended; therefore

Be it resolved that all references to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee in Standing Resolution 1 be deleted for the duration of the November 2003 national general meeting and in its place a Campaigns and Government Forum be held during the time allotted for plenary subcommittees;

Be it further resolved that each member local be permitted to exercise a vote in the Forum;

Be it further resolved that simultaneous interpretation be provided for the Forum during the scheduled time allocated for subcommittees; and

Be it further resolved that a member local be required to be present to exercise a vote in the Forum.

Boyko said that the membership of the organisation had grown significantly over previous last few years and, as a result, the number of delegates attending national general meetings had increased. He said that the increase in delegates had posed significant logistical difficulties including difficulty ensuring that each delegate could fully participate in the plenary sub-committees. He explained that the current sub-committee selection process would result in multiple delegates sharing one vote or not being able to vote in the sub-committees.

He explained that a previous general meeting had directed the National Executive to develop an alternative to the current selection process. He said that the National Executive had researched how other large organisations conducted their business. He said that the majority of other large organisations conducted all the business in plenary sessions over the course of their congresses. He said however, that it was not an effective way to allow for dialogue and discussion. He explained that the National Executive was proposing a hybrid model that would allow for maximum participation in the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee without sacrificing diversity.

Local 54 delegate Luke Weiller said that he was opposed to the proposal. He said that currently the Campaigns and Government Relations subcommittee was composed of delegates from constituency groups, components and caucuses. He said that the representation within the sub-committee structure allowed marginalised voices to be heard. He said that creating an open forum duplicated the work of the plenary. He said that although it addressed the problem of delegates being forced to share votes it exacerbated other problems. He said that there could potentially be 72 delegates participating in the Campaigns and Government Relations committee yet the Committee had not been allocated additional meeting time to accommodate the additional people.

Local 28 delegate Shamini Selvaratnam said that she supported the motion. She said that there would be diversity and representation regardless of whether the constituency groups, caucuses and provincial components had a vote. She said that the diversity of delegates at the meeting would be reflected in the Committee. She said that, if individuals wished to attend the meeting, they would be the same as those who would attend in a different capacity. She said that these individuals would no longer be required to share a vote with someone they did not know or risk having no vote. She said that it was a good interim solution.

Local 13 delegate Rob Mealey said that he supported the motion. He said that although it was a significant change it was not as drastic as the motion that Local 5 had proposed. He said that it was logical to experiment with different options.

BC Chairperson Summer McFadyen said that the original direction from the membership at a previous general meeting was to expand the membership of the sub-committees. She said that it was difficult to consider alternatives without fully exploring the options. She said that delegates should not be afraid to test a system. She said that a system based on "one member: one vote" was logical because each member local was ultimately responsible for implementing the campaigns, not the constituency groups. She said that in the past delegates had also expressed concern that almost the entire first day of the meeting was spent selecting delegates to sub-committees.

2003/11:009 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 44/Local 05

Be it resolved that Motion 2003/11:008 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that each caucus, constituency group and component be permitted to exercise a vote in the Forum;"

Local 44 delegate Eric Haensel said that the Local appreciated the National Executive's recommendation. He said that the original motion was good; however, it should be more inclusive. He said that provincial representatives who were delegates and representatives of constituency groups and caucuses should be included in the sub-committee structure. He said that constituency groups and caucuses were originally created to provide for groups that had been historically marginalised. He said that their status should be preserved.

Local 28 delegate Selvaratnam said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that it would duplicate the votes on the sub-committee. She said that the original motion would allow every member local to participate and, as a result, constituency groups would be represented. She said that the amendment assumed that local delegations were not diverse.

Local 18 delegate Joey Hansen said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that it was important to remember the historical context which initiated the main motion. He said that over the previous few years, as the Federation had grown, the attendance at general meetings had also grown. He said that the sub-committees had become unwieldy. He said that there had been significant deliberations about the proposal to have "one local: one vote" in the sub-committees and the National Executive's proposal would provide delegates with the opportunity to test it. He said that the proposed structure did not preclude testing a different structure at a future meeting.

Local 98 delegate Julia Munk said that she supported the amendment. She said that including the constituency and caucus votes would increase the diversity in the sub-committee meeting.

Local 98 delegate Ashley Morton said that he supported the amendment. He said that the addition of the 21 votes that currently existed on the sub-committees would not make a qualitative difference when added to the 72 member local votes. He said that the primary reason for the amendment was to add additional perspectives to the sub-committee's deliberations.

Local 61 delegate Melanie Vogels said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that as a member of various constituency groups she could and would represent the constituency groups' concerns as a delegate of her local. She said that she had confidence that her issues would be respected. She said that the amendment would make the sub-committee larger which would limit participation.

2003/11:009 DEFEATED

2003/11:008 CARRIED

b. Adoption of Committee Agendas

2003/11:010 MOTION

Local 69/Local 35

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

CARRIED

12. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

Sioufi said that the following motions had been served with notice for consideration at the meeting. She said that some of the motions required a mover and a seconder.

a. Proposal to Amend General Meeting Dates

2003/11:011 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 61/Local 13

Whereas Bylaw 2.1.a states that "annual general meeting of the Federation will be held between September and November 30 each year"; and

Whereas many small college student associations hold their annual elections in the fall; and

Whereas those election are often not completed until early October; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2.1.a be amended to read:

a. The annual general meeting of the Federation will be held between October 15 and November 30 each year.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 18, Section 4-b-iii, be amended to read:

iii. October 15 and November 30, in conjunction with the annual general meeting of the Federation.

2003/11:012 MOTION TO REFER

Local 13/Local 82

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:011 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:011 REFERRED

b. Proposal Concerning the Fédération étudiante de universitaire du Québec

2003/11:013 MOTION

Local 61/Local 98

Whereas the Federation was formed in 1981 as an amalgam of the National Union of Students (NUS) and the Association of Student Councils (AOSC), the two national student organisations operating in Canada, but outside of Québec, at that time; and

Whereas the members of NUS and AOSC established a series of principles for the new federation; and

Whereas one of those principles was that the new federation would seek to "co-operate closely and effectively" with students in Québec but that the "right and desire of Québec students to organise their own structures must be recognised as a basis for all such co-operation"; and

Whereas the Fédération étudiante de universitaire du Québec (FÉUQ) was formed in 1991 as an organisation of undergraduate and graduate students; and

Whereas the vast majority of undergraduate and graduate students in Québec now belong to the FÉUQ; and

Whereas the Federation has been formally associated with FÉUQ since 1992 when the Federation and FÉUQ were both accepted as members of the International Union of Students; and

Whereas the Federation has been working more closely with FÉUQ over the past year, including holding joint press conferences, producing joint campaign materials, staging joint campaign events and organising a bi-annual Council meeting of the International Union of Students in Montréal this past summer; and

Whereas many of the policies and stances of the FÉUQ are consistent with those of the Federation; and

Whereas FÉUQ is the only other national student organisation in Canada that supports freezes and reductions to tuition fees; and

Whereas interests of the members of the Federation and FÉUQ may be served by strengthening and expanding the existing working relationship; therefore

Be it resolved that there be a standing invitation for FÉUQ to attend all Federation annual and semi-annual general meetings;

Be it further resolved that FÉUQ be invited to have a representative attend meetings of the Federation's National Executive;

Be it further resolved that FÉUQ be consulted about its campaign plans and goals for the year when the Federation's campaign strategy is being drafted in order to allow joint activity; and

Be it further resolved that discussions be initiated to determine if FÉUQ would be interested in participating in any of the services operated by the Federation.

Principles of Restructuring from the Report of the Restructuring Committee, October 1980

2003/11:014 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:013 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:013 REFERRED

c. Proposal to Adopt Standing Resolution on Saskatchewan Component

2003/11:015 MOTION ADOPT STANDING RESOLUTION

Local 61/Local 98

Whereas formal provincial infrastructures are desirable for components with at least two active member campuses; and

Whereas Standing Resolution #32, establishing a provincial infrastructure for Alberta member locals, was adopted on May 2002 when a second member local in Alberta joined the Federation; and

Whereas there are now two active member locals in Saskatchewan; therefore

Be it resolved that the following standing resolution be adopted:

STANDING RESOLUTION #33 – SASKATCHEWAN COMPONENT

1. Membership

The members of the component shall be all Federation member local associations in the province of Saskatchewan.

2. Voting

Each member association shall be entitled to one (1) vote within the Component.

3. Steering Committee

The affairs of the Component shall be managed by a Steering Committee.

a. Composition

The Steering Committee shall be composed of the Saskatchewan Representative on the National Executive, the Chairperson and one representative from each member local association in Saskatchewan.

b. Election

i. Election of the Representative on the National Executive

The Saskatchewan Representative on the National Executive shall be elected at the May semi-annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Saskatchewan member locals.

ii. Election of the Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be elected at the May semi-annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Saskatchewan member locals.

iii. Election of Local Representatives

Local representatives shall be selected by their respective member local associations, in a manner to be determined by those associations, and ratified by the Steering Committee.

c. Term of Office

i. Term of Office of the National Executive Representative

The term of office for the Saskatchewan Representative on the National Executive shall be one year commencing at the adjournment of the May semi-annual national general meeting and ceasing at the adjournment of the subsequent May semi-annual national general meeting.

ii. Election of the Chairperson

The term of office for the Chairperson shall be one year commencing at the adjournment of the May semi-annual national general meeting and ceasing at the adjournment of the subsequent May semi-annual national general meeting.

iii. Term of Office of Local Representatives

The term of office for a local representative shall be one (1) year commencing upon ratification to the Steering Committee, and expiring at the Steering Committee scheduled the closest to one (1) year after the Steering Committee meeting at which the member was ratified.

4. Duties of the Steering Committee

a. Collective Duties of the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall manage the affairs of the Component, implement campaigns and

services of the Federation in Saskatchewan, and be responsible for the administration of Federation provincial resources in Saskatchewan.

b. Duties of the National Executive Representative

The National Executive Representative shall oversee the keeping of accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Federation, and shall deposit all monies or other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Federation.

c. Duties of Local Representatives

Local Representatives shall be responsible for coordinating the implementation of Federation campaigns and programs at the campus level.

2003/11:016 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:015 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:015 REFERRED

d. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Public Automobile Insurance

2003/11:017 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 18/ Local 98

Whereas many post-secondary students, especially those in rural areas, are dependent on automobile transportation to travel to and from university and college; and

Whereas most students are under the age of twenty-five; and

Whereas virtually all private, for-profit insurance companies offering automobile insurance coverage discriminate on the basis of age and gender, charging higher rate to young drivers regardless of their driving records; and

Whereas such discriminatory practices are rarely a characteristic of public automobile insurance; and

Whereas publicly owned and operated automobile insurance companies are publicly accountable for their practices; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policies be adopted:

Automobile Insurance

The Federation supports publicly owned and operated automobile insurance.

The Federation opposes the practice of charging varying rates for automobile insurance based on age and gender.

2003/11:018 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:017 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:017 REFERRED

e. Proposals Concerning Student Health and Dental Insurance

2003/11:019 MOTION

Local 18/Local 98

Whereas a majority of member locals operate health and/or dental plans for their individual members; and

Whereas prior to the mid 1980s member locals negotiated the terms of their health and dental plans individually, often paying inflated rates for coverage; and

Whereas in the mid 1980s the members of the Federation voted to create a buying consortium in order to reduce the rates they were paying; and

Whereas the consortium – the National Student Health Network – has been highly successful in securing lower rates for student health and dental plans; and

Whereas for the past two years an arrangement has been in place with a carrier under which all students covered through the Network are, for the purpose of setting rates, considered to be members of one common pool; and

Whereas, even though individual plans are customised for each individual member belonging to the network, the common pool allows members to keep premiums low by reducing the administrative costs of the plan; and

Whereas joining a large pool of insured students allows locals to keep premiums low by spreading any risk of unusual illness or injury over a much larger group than just the local's membership base; and

Whereas the more member locals that join the Network and become part of the common pool, the lower the rates will be for all Network members; therefore

Be it resolved that all member locals with health and/or dental plans be encouraged to join the National Student Health Network; and

Be it further resolved that those member locals that are currently under exclusive contract with insurance agents be encouraged to seek to escape those contracts in order to join the Network.

2003/11:020 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:019 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:019 REFERRED

2003/11:021 MOTION

Local 18/ Local 98

Whereas an insurance broker is merely an agent hired to get the best deal possible for the client; and

Whereas the standard within the insurance industry is that clients should be able to drop or change agents at any time given reasonable notice – 30 days written notice; and

Whereas some agents operating within the student health field have been attempting to sign student associations to exclusive, multi-year agreements; and

Whereas in many instances these brokers have been successful getting such agreements signed, in some cases for as much as five years; and

Whereas rarely, if ever, are the rates for health dental coverage guaranteed under these agreements; and

Whereas the usual tactic of these brokers is to offer a low rate in the first year in order to entice the association into signing the multi-year agreement; and

Whereas rates are usually increased and/or the coverage reduced in subsequent years in order to make up for any losses in the first year; and

Whereas, because they are exclusive, student associations cannot shop around for better deals and, therefore, are basically stuck with whatever rates and coverage their broker offers them; and

Whereas before such agreements expire and student associations have an opportunity to explore other options, these brokers will go to great lengths to secure contract extensions; and

Whereas, amongst other things, these brokers have been known to "wine and dine" their clients, using profits they have made off of student health plan payments; and

Whereas these brokers have also been known to claim that the insurance carriers – the companies actually providing the insurance coverage – look favourably on clients who are in long-term contracts with their brokers (as if the carrier cares one bit); and

Whereas, because of turnover, the student association leadership does not always know that there is no value in signing a long-term contract or contract extension; therefore

Be it resolved that an awareness campaign be developed that:

- exposes the questionable practices sometimes employed by brokers operating in the student health field; and

- educates student association elected officials and personnel about the harm in signing long-term agreements;

Be it further resolved that member locals that have had bad experiences with health insurance brokers be encouraged to document those experiences and disseminate the information to other student associations.

2003/11:022 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:021 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:021 REFERRED

f. Proposal to Expand Federation Insurance Services

2003/11:023 MOTION

Local 18/ Local 98

Whereas member locals from coast to coast being are denied insurance coverage for their operations, especially student union building pubs; and

Whereas by banding together there may be opportunities that are not available working individually; therefore

Be it resolved that work be undertaken to expand the role of the Federation's existing insurance bulk buying consortium – the National Student Health Network – to include other forms of insurance purchased by student associations.

2003/11:024 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:023 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:023 REFERRED

g. Proposal Concerning Student Health & Dental Insurance Reporting Standards

2003/11:025 MOTION

Local 18/ Local 98

Whereas collectively students spend tens of millions of dollars on student health and dental insurance coverage each year; and

Whereas many student association officials lack the experience to properly analyse the costs and coverage of student health and dental plans; and

Whereas there is a growing body of evidence that shows some brokers are exploiting the inexperience of student association officials and student associations are receiving insufficient information to make informed decisions; and

Whereas students are often paying too much for health and dental insurance as a result; therefore

Be it resolved that the federal government and the various provincial insurance regulatory bodies be actively encouraged to create a universal standard for reporting by health and dental insurance brokers.

2003/11:026 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:025 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:025 REFERRED

h. Proposal for a New Feature on the Homes4students.ca Site

2003/11:027 MOTION

Local 76/Local 44

Be it resolved that the homes4students.ca website be expanded to include sample lease application forms.

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22nd Annual National General Meeting

Wednesday, November 19 to Saturday, November 22, 2003—Ottawa

2003/11:028 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:027 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:027 REFERRED

i. Proposal to Amend Standing Resolution 25

2003/11:029 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 73/ Local 98

Whereas the Federation has been facing reduced revenues over the past two years as a result of the downturn in the travel industry worldwide, including the student travel industry; and

Whereas expectations are that previously experienced levels of profitability will not be restored in the short and medium term; and

Whereas the two national general meetings conducted by the Federation each year constitute a significant expense for the Federation; and

Whereas the small budget member subsidy of registration and travel pool fees is an expense that has been growing steadily as more and more local associations join the Federation; and

Whereas there is a need to control the amount being spent subsidising registration and travel pool fees while ensuring that locals can send representative delegations; therefore

Be it resolved that the words "for up to four delegates" be added to the first statement in Standing Resolution 25-Scaled General Meeting Delegate Fees, so that the statement reads as follows:

Reduced delegate fees, for up to four delegates, shall be charged to member locals with annual revenue of less than \$200,000 using the following formula:

Be it further resolved that the following statement be deleted from Standing Resolution 25-Scaled General Meeting Delegate Fees:

A yearly inflationary adjustment shall be applied upwards to the subsidy ceiling.

2003/11:030 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:029 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:029 REFERRED

j. Proposals Concerning the Composition of the National Executive

2003/11:031 MOTION

Local 73/ Local 98

Whereas the Federation has been facing reduced revenues the past two years a result of the downturn in the travel industry worldwide, including the student travel industry; and

Whereas expectations are that previously experienced levels of profitability will not be restored in the short and medium term; and

Whereas flight costs are increasing at an alarming rate; and

Whereas the travel, accommodation, per diem, stipend and other costs of a single National Executive member can exceed \$10,000; and

Whereas the cost of maintaining a seventeen-person National Executive may no longer be affordable; and

Whereas more affordable provincial executive bodies function in most provinces in which the Federation has members; therefore

Be it resolved that a study be undertaken by the National Executive on the feasibility of reducing the size of the National Executive; and

Be it further resolved that the views and perspectives of former National Executive members be sought.

2003/11:032 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:031 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:031 REFERRED

2003/11:033 MOTION

Local 23/Local 5

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students recognises and fights to protect the rights of international students; and

Whereas the Federation advocates international student representation at the local and at the national levels; and

Whereas most post-secondary institutions in Canada, and most member locals of the Federation have international students; and

Whereas international students are a vulnerable group with specific needs, problems, and issues; and

Whereas there are national representatives for Students of Colour, Graduate Students, Francophone Students, Women, and Aboriginal Students on the National Executive of the Federations, but no representative for International Students; therefore

Be it resolved that a National Executive position be created to be filled by an international student elected at the annual general meeting of the Federation from within the international students' Constituency group; and

Be it further resolved that the elected representative to the National Executive be known as the International Students' Representative, and should be accorded voting rights, stipends, and privileges equal to those accorded the national representatives of Students of Colour, Aboriginal Students and Graduate Students.

Be it resolved that the duties of the International Students' Representative on the National Executive include but not limited to the following:

1. Perform such duties as may be assigned by the National Executive Committee;
2. Act as primary liaison between the National Executive Committee and the international student members;
3. Act as the primary spokesperson for the Federation on international student issues;
4. Communicate international student perspectives to other members of the National Executive Committee;
5. Keep regular contact with provincial international student representatives;
6. Encourage international student involvement in the work of local student unions, and advocate the creation of international students' representative position on local council or boards, and the creation of international students' associations as a way of involving international students at all levels of the structure of the Federation; and
7. Call and chair national international student meetings. This shall include chairing International Students Constituency Group meetings.

2003/11:034 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:033 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:033 REFERRED

2003/11:035 MOTION

Local 5/ Local 98

Whereas the Federation supports the inclusion of sexual orientation as prohibited grounds for discrimination in organisations, businesses and governments; and in all areas of academic life; and

Whereas the Federation supports the right of all queer students to live freely and openly as full and equal participants in society; and

Whereas the Federation opposes the discrimination of queer students; and

Whereas if there were more members of the National Executive they could devote more time and focus to new campaigns related to caucus and constituency group issues; and

Whereas there is a long standing tradition of queer culture within the Federation and within Canada which should be embraced by the National Executive and the Federation; and

Whereas along with other changes such as allocating votes to local on standing committees and the creation of a new standing committee to deal with social justice campaigns the creation of new seats on the National Executive can be part of a natural evolution towards dynamic policy creation and greater social relevance of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that a National Executive position be created to be filled by a queer student elected at the annual general meeting of the Federation from within the Queer Students Constituency Group;

Be it further resolved that the elected representative to the National Executive be known as the Queer Students' Representative, and should be accorded voting rights, stipends, and privileges equal to those accorded the national representatives of Students of Colour, Aboriginal Students and Graduate Students;

Be it further resolved that the duties and responsibilities of the Queer Students' Representative to the National Executive include but is not limited to the following:

1. Perform such duties as may be assigned by the National Executive Committee;
2. Act as primary liaison between the National Executive Committee and queer students;
3. Act as the primary spokesperson for the Federation on queer issues;
4. Communicate the perspectives of queer students to the executive and its members;
5. Communicate with and provide support to provincial queer representatives;
6. Encourage local student unions in their work, advocate for the creation of queer representation and associations at local student unions as a way of involving queer students in all levels of the Federation;
7. Send to queer student organisations and member associations brief semi-annual reports which could include information about campaigns, activities, and goals pertaining to the constituency;
8. Call and chair national queer meetings. This shall include chairing Queer Constituency group meetings; and
9. Carry out the duties of other National Executive members as outlined in Bylaw V in the Federation's Constitution and Bylaws.

2003/11:036 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:035 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:035 REFERRED

k. Proposal to Amend Plenary Subcommittee Selection Process

2003/11:037 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 5/ Local 98

Whereas the current system of vote allocation for standing general meeting committees is time consuming, complicated and, due to votes being shared, can hinder the ability of individual locals to participate on behalf of their membership;

Whereas provincial components, caucuses, and constituency groups can allocate more time to discussion of issues and the development of campaigns if the system of vote allocation is improved;

Whereas the inclusion of more votes being counted is inherently democratic;

Whereas this change along with the addition of a social justice campaigns committee and if seats are created on the national executive for caucus and constituency representatives then more time and resources will be allocated to addressing the issues of the caucuses and constituency groups;

Whereas the binding decisions made during opening and closing plenary and during workshops at annual and semi-annual National General meetings are made using the principle of one member local one vote; and

Whereas motions are moved and seconded during committee meetings at annual and semi annual general meetings using the principle of one member local one vote; therefore;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1 2. Committee Composition read as follows:

Each Caucus constituency group and provincial component shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee. Each member local shall have one vote allocated on each standing general meeting committee. A voting member local may appoint another voting member local to act as its proxy vote on standing committees subject to the terms of Bylaw II 7.b 1, 2, and 3.

2003/11:038 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:037 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:037 REFERRED

I. Proposal to Create Additional Plenary Subcommittee

2003/11:039 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 5/ Local 98

Whereas more time could be allocated to the campaigns of caucuses and constituency groups if there were two committees responsible for developing campaigns; and

Whereas more time and resources could be devoted to creating an education system that is of high quality and accessible to all if one national standing committee was dedicated to nothing but raising awareness of educational issues and developing campaigns related to educational issues; and

Whereas the state of the world today is such that it is ethically imperative that more time and energy be dedicated to social justice issues; and

Whereas the creation of a new standing committee would create more seats for delegates to sit in thereby decreasing vote splitting and simplifying the election process; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1 3.b be amended to read as follows:

Educational Issues Campaigns Committee

The Educational Issues Campaigns Committee shall:

1. Assess the recent and ongoing national campaigns related to Educational Issues
2. Recommend to closing plenary at the semi-annual general meeting a campaigns strategy which includes but is not limited to goals of the strategy;
3. Implementation of the strategy which shall include:
 - Research and information compilation to be undertaken
 - Contact with government and institutions
 - Membership mobilisation
 - Media strategy
 - Coalition work; and
4. review and recommend adjustments to the Educational Issues campaign strategy for the remainder of academic year to the closing plenary of the annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #1 3.c be amended to read as follows:

Social Justice Campaigns Committee

The Social Justice Campaigns Committee shall:

1. Assess the recent and ongoing national campaigns related to Social Justice Issues
2. Recommend to closing plenary at the semi-annual general meeting a campaigns strategy which includes but is not limited to goals of the strategy;
3. Implementation of the strategy which shall include:
 - Research and information compilation to be undertaken;
 - Contact with government and institutions;
 - Membership mobilisation ;
 - Media strategy;

- Coalition work; and
 - Campaigns brought forward by caucuses and constituencies that are not referred to Education Issues
4. review and recommend adjustments to the social justice campaign strategy for the remainder of academic year to the closing plenary of the annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #1 sections 3c and 3d will be renumbered accordingly.

2003/11:040 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:039 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:039 REFERRED

m. Proposal to Adopt Policy Guiding Formation of Partnerships

2003/11:041 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 5/ Local 98

Whereas the Federation operations policy on Coalition Work adopted May 1997 states the Federation shall refuse to work in coalition with groups and organisations, when work in such a coalition results in the production of materials that contradict the goals and objectives of the Federation or may serve to legitimise organisations whose goals and objectives are contradictory with those of the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation has established and is continuing to encourage the creation of business partnerships such as with Monster.ca, Student Phone, Hook Ups and Burger King; and

Whereas the logo of the Federation and its programs represent the organisation and is displayed at the site of the businesses where it is seen daily by the public; and

Whereas taking on partnerships with businesses or organisations that do not share the same belief structure is tantamount to stepping outside of our message box; and

Whereas the Federation's aims and objectives based on its founding principles provide a framework for participating in the cultural realm. These principles state:

"The Federation seeks to organise students on a democratic, co-operative basis in advancing our own interests and in advancing the interests of our community

The Federation seeks to provide a common framework within which students can communicate, exchange information, and share experience, skill and ideas.

The Federation seeks to bring students together to discuss and to achieve necessary educational, administrative or legislative change wherever decision-making affects students;

The Federation seeks to facilitate co-operation among students in organising services that supplement our academic experience, provide for our human needs and which develop a sense of community with our peers and other members of society";

Whereas comprehensive sustainable development considers seven dimensions of development; social, economic, political, cultural, ecological, human and spiritual; and

Whereas acceptance of ethical guidelines for partnerships can support the aims and objectives of the Federation in the fostering, in the long term, a better climate for post secondary education in Canada; and

Whereas corporate entities have the legal rights of a person and are considered persons under the law; and

Whereas it is in the interest of the Federation to ensure that it develops partnerships with "good people"; and

Whereas the Federation opposes the privatisation of the public education; and

Whereas the Federation opposes the commercialisation of university and college campuses; and

Whereas the programs and services of the Federation require it to form partnerships in the economic and civil realm; and

Whereas the Federation represents a community voice in Canada and works to affect change in the political realm and foster support in the civil realm for its policies that reflect the core values and policy of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the following principles be included in the Federation's Partnership Policy:

Principles for Inclusion in Partnerships Policy

Definition of Partnerships

Partnerships are mutually beneficial relationships between external organisations and the Federation that are designed to enhance and support its aims and objectives. Co-operative partners share values, objectives, human, material or financial resources; and roles and responsibilities to achieve desired outcomes.

1. Coalition Partner- An organisation whose goals and objectives are similar to those of the Federation and whom we participate in event organising or other not-for-profit work of a not for profit nature.
2. Business Partner- A business or organisation that we interacts with in order to provide services to our members.
3. Operational Partner- An business or organisation that we interact with in order obtain supplies and services for office work.

Ethical Principles of Partner Relationships

These ethical principles shall pertain to all business, coalition and operational partnerships of the Federation.

- When entering into and throughout the duration of joint ventures and partnerships, the organisation takes into account the ethical implications as well as the financial implications of those relationships.

Partnerships are:

- Consistent with the ethics and core values of all partners;
- Based on the clearly defined expectations of all partners;
- Based on shared or aligned objectives that support the goals of the partner organisations;
- Developed and structured in consultation with all partners and stakeholders within the organisation.
- Developed and structured in consultation with all partners and respects the policies, procedures, and traditions operating in the organisation. Any agreements are as open as possible.
- Clearly defines roles and responsibilities for all partners and involves individual participants only on a voluntary basis.
- Provide opportunities for all partners to meet their shared social responsibilities. Acknowledge and celebrate each partner's contributions through appropriate forms of recognition;
- Partnerships should be designed and implemented in a transparent and accountable manner. In this regard, they should exchange relevant information with relevant stakeholders;

Procedure for Establishing Partnerships

The objective of this procedure is to put in place an inclusive process that draws upon the collective wisdom and awareness of the membership of the Federation

General Outline

A partnership agreement shall include

A partnership report stating:

- the rationale for the partnership based on the consideration of the benchmarks outlined in the partnership policy
- the respective responsibilities of the partners
- timeline and goals/objectives

An agreed timeline for member locals to consider the partnership and provide feedback before the partner is taken on.

Procedure for Implementation:

The objective of this procedure is to put in place an inclusive process that draws upon the collective wisdom and awareness of the membership of the Federation.

A partnerships report is to be written on all potential national partnerships.

A partnership report includes:

- the rationale for the partnership based on the consideration of the benchmarks outlined in the partnership policy
- the respective responsibilities of the partners
- the timeline and goals/objective

This work shall be coordinated by the National Services coordinator.

Partnerships made by the National Executive are to be based on the details of the partnership report.

Before any contract is signed partnership reports must be sent out to all member locals.

Member locals will have one month to bring forward concerns or comments to the National Executive regarding potential partnerships.

If one local opposes a specific partnership within this period no contract shall be signed until the report is brought to the organisation development committee at the next national general meeting .

If no concerns are brought forward the decision is left to the discretion of the National Executive.

A list of all partnerships and the partnerships reports shall be included in the National Executive report.

Existing partnerships may be reviewed by member locals to at the organisational development committee of the national general meeting.

A partnership with any local business facilitated through the student saver discount program or otherwise shall have a partnerships report written about them.

Partnerships with corporations shall be subject to the benchmarks set forth in Corporate Entity Benchmark Guidelines.

Local Businesses and non-corporate entities shall have partnership reports written based on the Non-Corporate Small Business Guidelines.

Decisions shall be made by member locals as to which partnerships to undertake based on the partnership reports

These reports will be stored in the provincial office and available to be reviewed by members.

All partnerships undertaken at the local level and the partnership reports will be included in the provincial executive reports.

Any issues or concerns that come up with local business partnerships will be dealt with by the provincial executive

Operational Partnerships would not require a partnership report but are encouraged to take the guidelines into consideration.

No partnership contracts will be entered into for a duration of more than 2 years and shall be subject to review annually.

This feedback loop would apply the same scrutiny to a partnership that is currently given to a campaign or other public display of the Federations beliefs and values.

Student Saver Discount Program

Student Saver Discount Solicitors take on the role of liaisons between the Federation and the business partners.

Student Saver Discount Liaisons work to:

Establish relationships with potential partners.

Act as representatives of the Federation to the public.

Research and Observe potential partners.

Create partnership reports based on the criteria outlined in the procedure for establishing partnerships.

Liaison will be paid for time training and time establishing relationships as well as time analysing partnerships and creating partnership reports.

Non-Corporate, Small Business Guidelines

When establishing partnerships with small business and non-corporate entities student liaisons and locals shall use the following criteria to evaluate the relationship.

Where applicable the benchmarks as stated in the guidelines for corporate entities partners are considered.

Quality of product and usefulness for students

Pricing of the product and accessibility for students.

Impact of business or organisation on the community.

Impact of the product or business organisation on the environment.

Apparent or reported labor standards including wage levels.

Commitment to socially responsible business practices.

Corporate Entity Benchmark Guidelines

These benchmarks are considered when establishing partnerships with corporate entities.

Community and Corporate Responsibility

- The company seeks to develop long-term business relationships and policy in local communities that takes into consideration long-term social, cultural, ecological and economic sustainability impacts on the local community.
- The company accepts responsibility for all those that it employs either directly or indirectly through contract suppliers, sub-contractors, vendors or suppliers.
- The company adopts a fair pricing policy that enables its suppliers to meet its obligations to labour, social and environmental standards.
- The company has in place a monitoring and auditing program to ensure compliance with its corporate code and conduct. This program includes internal monitoring and auditing and well as independent monitoring.

Ecological

- A company-wide environmental code has been adopted and implemented.
- The company is in full compliance with all international, national and provincial environmental regulations and breaches are recorded.
- The company does not engage in practices in highly vulnerable eco-systems.

Social/Labour/Culture/Ethics

- The company adopts a comprehensive and verifiable human rights policy
- The company does not involve itself in military or war activities.
- The company by policy does not engage in activity which leads to the abuse and violation of internationally recognised human rights standards, nor does it assist in abuses and violations committed by others.
- The company does not participate of the company in cartels and unfair patent protections.
- The company does not participate in any illegal action as defined in Canadian Law or the laws of the jurisdictions it operates in.
- The company adheres to relevant provincial, national and international health and safety codes.
- The company respects the cultural, religious and social customs and traditional knowledge of members of indigenous communities.
- The company does not discriminate on the basis of gender, racial/ethnic origin, social or ethnic origin, culture, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, citizenship or political opinion.
- The company pays sustainable living wages, which enables employees to meet basic needs of themselves and their families, as well as to invest in the on-going sustainability of local communities through the use of discretionary income.
- The company provides equal pay for work of equal value.
- Employees are free to organise and join workers' organisations without discrimination or interference and to engage freely in collective negotiations to regulate the terms and conditions.
- The company adheres to National and provincial labor standards regarding basic employment practices, equality of opportunity, and the elimination of all forms of discrimination and harassment.
- The company guarantees that neither it nor its contractors employ children in conditions that violate the rights of the child or uses children as workers.
- The company is committed to fair trading practices.
- The company does not take advantage of vulnerable groups through inappropriately directed marketing of unsuitable products (such as toy guns for children and tobacco)
- All advertisements and labeling of products is complete, fair and honest. Only claims, which can be substantiated and fulfilled, are made by the company, its employees and its agents.

2003/11:042 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:041 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:041 REFERRED

n. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Students' Rights to Organise

2003/11:043 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 23/ Local 98

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2003/11:044 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:043 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:043 REFERRED

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2003/11:045 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 26/ Local 98

Be it resolved that the Student Financial Assistance, General Policy be amended to read:

The availability of Student Financial Assistance Programs to students regardless of full or part-time status or academic standing.

2003/11:046 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

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CARRIED

2003/11:045 REFERRED

p. Proposal Concerning the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

2003/11:047 MOTION

Local 26/ Local 98

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations both lobby the federal government on issues relating to post-secondary education;

Whereas purposeful communication between organisations must be established to discourage zero-sum views of issues that students face;

Whereas the "strength in numbers" which a students' union realises by working in a Federation with other students' unions is realised to an even greater extent when the Federation works in coalition with other groups and organisations; and

Whereas even on matters of disagreement, it is often prudent and advantageous to consult with other lobby organisations prior to engaging in lobbying campaigns and strategies; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Chairperson explore the possibility of formal consultations with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations with regard to lobbying goals and strategies, and other public relations matters; and

Be it further resolved that the National Chairperson investigate the possibility of holding the next Annual General Meeting at the same time and location as the 2004 Annual General Meeting of the

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, to further facilitate discussion between the two organisations and their membership.

2003/11:048 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:047 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:047 REFERRED

q. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Plagiarism Detection Software

2003/11:049 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 68/ Local 98

Whereas some universities, such as McGill University, the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia and University of Victoria, are already entering into contracts with plagiarism detection companies; and

Whereas each of these universities, with the exception of the University of Toronto, is planning to make it mandatory for all students to submit their written assignments to plagiarism detection companies for inspection; and

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Preamble

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In such cases, students who refuse to participate in such programmes are automatically being given zero on their assignments. Such policies assume that students are guilty or wrongdoing until proven innocent and require them to allow their original academic work to be used by private, for-profit companies to profit by building up their database. As such, plagiarism detection software threatens individual copyright, privacy and academic freedom.

Policy

The Federation opposes the mandatory use of plagiarism detection software.

2003/11:050 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:049 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:049 REFERRED

r. Proposal to Change the Composition of the Aboriginal Caucus Executive

2003/11:051 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 44/ Local 98

Be it resolved that Standing resolution #17 be amended as follows:

- 5 a) Composition
 - i. Chairperson;
 - ii. Deputy Chairperson
 - iii. National Executive Representative

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5 b) Term of Office

The term of office for

- i. the Caucus Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and National Executive Representative shall be one year, commencing upon the closure of the Federation's semi-annual general meeting and ending the close the succeeding semi-annual general meeting;

6 a) Election of the Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Aboriginal Caucus by the members of the Caucus.

6 b) Election of the Deputy Chairperson

The Deputy Chairperson shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Aboriginal Caucus by the members of the Caucus.

6 c) Election of the National Executive Representative

The National Executive Representative shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Aboriginal Caucus by the members of the Caucus.

6 d) Eligibility

- i. A nominee for the position of Chairperson must be an aboriginal student registered at an educational institution and an individual member of the Federation;
- ii. A nominee for the position of Deputy Chairperson must be an aboriginal student registered at an educational institution and an individual member of the Federation;
- iii. A nominee for the position of National Executive Representative must be an aboriginal student registered at an educational institution and an individual member of the Federation;

add

7 d) Deputy Chairperson

The Deputy Chairperson shall:

- i. shall, in absence of the Chairperson, assume the duties of the Chairperson;
- ii. shall be responsible for the secretarial and fiscal duties of the Aboriginal Caucus;
- iii. shall ensure that minutes of all caucus meetings are recorded and distributed to caucus members;
- iv. shall coordinate campaigns of the Aboriginal Caucus;
- v. shall coordinate research of the Aboriginal Caucus.

2003/11:052 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 03

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:051 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:051 REFERRED

s. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Part-Time and Mature Students

2003/11:053 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 101/Local 24

Whereas part-time study is an essential component of diversity in institutional academic programming in institutional academic programming and individual educational choice;

Whereas lifelong learning is a vital individual and societal good;

Whereas certain life circumstances allow for only part-time study and later-life learning, such as family, employment, and disability; and,

Whereas discriminatory practices exist against part-time study, such as preferential admissions and enrolment for full-time students, and preferential government funding for full-time and direct-entry high school students; therefore,

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

PART-TIME AND MATURE STUDENTS

The Federation believes that:

- overt and systemic barriers to part-time and mature students should be eliminated.

- part-time and mature students should have full access to existing federal, provincial and university/college based student financial aid programs, with additional specific grant-based bursaries developed for part-time and mature students.
- a full range of winter sessions courses should be made available during evenings, weekends and summer sessions.
- student and administrative services hours of operation, including libraries, registration, food and athletic services, should include adequate evening and summer hours.
- family care, including evening care, weekend care, infant care, part-time and drop in childcare, should be available for part-time and mature students' unique needs.
- affordable housing on all campuses should be available for part-time and mature students.
- where no representation for part-time mature students exists, support should be provided for the creation of part-time student unions on all campuses.
- where appropriate, student health plans should be created for part-time students or part-time students should be covered under existing student health plan.

2003/11:054 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:053 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:053 REFERRED

t. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Transgendered Students

2003/11:055 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 23/

Whereas the Federation recognises that transphobia creates a climate that fosters transphobic violence;

Whereas the Federation recognises the right to the basic necessities of a healthy life including but not limited to food water, shelter and medicare;

Whereas transphobia limits research and education, training and services in medicine that benefit transgendered and transsexual peoples;

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation recognises the need for health services that are inclusive to transgendered and transsexual peoples in all post-secondary institutions in Canada.

The Federation supports research, education and training pertaining to transgendered and transsexual issues, available services for transgendered and transsexual peoples and an end to discrimination against transgendered and transsexual peoples in post-secondary institutions across Canada.

2003/11:056 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:055 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

2003/11:055 REFERRED

u. Proposal to Adopt Campaign Opposing the Persecution of the Falun Dafa

2003/05:079 MOTION

Local 83/Local 7

Whereas Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) is a traditional practice of body and mind based on the universal principle of "Truthfulness-Compassion-Tolerance and is commended for its devotion to public service and commitment to improving health in mind, body and spirit; and

Whereas many Falun Dafa practitioners across Canada are students and members of the Federation; and

Whereas all Falun Dafa activities, including classes and conferences, are offered by volunteers and are open to the public free of charge; and

Whereas the four year long persecution of Falun Dafa in China severely violates fundamental human rights protected in Chinese constitutional law, and has caused at least 673 deaths of practitioners; and

Whereas the Chinese Embassy in Canada repeatedly sent our members defamatory and contradictory materials against Falun Dafa, which is unacceptable interference with our supporting Falun Dafa practitioners' rights of practice, and serves to excite the hatred of Falun Dafa; therefore

Be it resolved that the Chinese Embassy or other Chinese government officials be urged to stop sending any defamatory materials about the Falun Dafa; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Government be requested to publicly urge the Chinese authorities to stop the persecution of the Falun Dafa.

2003/11:056 MOTION TO REFER

Local 98/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/05:079 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2003/05:079 REFERRED

13. INTRODUCTION OF ANTI-HARASSMENT ADVISOR FOR THE GENERAL MEETING

Boyko said that the Federation endeavoured to create an environment at its national general meetings that was free of harassment. He said that at each national general meeting the Federation employed an anti-harassment advisor who would be available on a 24-hour basis to assist delegates. He said that Pauline Spencer had been hired as the Anti-Harassment Advisor for the meeting.

Spencer said that the Federation had an anti-harassment policy to address demeaning, abusive or threatening behaviour that took advantage of a friendly or informal atmosphere. She said that the anti-harassment advisor was a reminder that certain words and behaviour were not appropriate at the meeting. She said that she was not at the meeting to act as a moral policeperson. She said that delegates should familiarise themselves with the Federation's policy. She said that delegates should be aware of their actions and contributions and how it would affect other delegates. She said that delegates should prepare for the sessions so they could participate fully in the meetings. She explained that she would circulate through the meeting to meet everyone. She noted that any discussions with her would be confidential.

Ontario Chairperson Joel Duff said that delegates should be respectful of language differences. He said that delegates should be patient and respectful.

14. PRESENTATION BY THE FEDERATION'S STAFF RELATIONS OFFICER

National Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne explained that she served as the Staff Relations Officer. She said that the staff of the Federation were unionised with Canadian Union of Public Employees-Local 1281. She said that the relationship between the Federation and its staff was governed by a contract, known as a collective agreement. She said that the agreement outlined the rights and responsibilities of employees and the employer. She noted that staff of the Federation had the right to attend and participate in all meetings of the employer with the exception of those meetings that included discussions of discipline, discharge and negotiations. She said that staff often had more experience and provided context for a number of the issues that delegates would be discussing over the course of the meeting. She said that encouraging staff participation was very important to the health of the organisation.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

A series of logistical announcements were made.

16. RECESS

2003/11:057 MOTION TO RECESS

Local 76/Local 33

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until 14:00, Saturday, November 23, 2003.

CARRIED

18:12 the meeting recessed.

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CALL BACK TO ORDER—Saturday, November 22, 2003

14:52 the meeting was called back to order by Plenary Speaker Sylvia Sioufi.

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	Absent
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Association	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Present
	Northern Lights Students' Association*	Absent
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local 03	Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna	Present
Local 08	Penticton Campus Students' Association	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Present
Local 42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Present
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 90	First Nations University of Canada 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 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Present
	Brock University Graduate 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	Absent
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Present
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
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Absent
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

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Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Absent
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Absent
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	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 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Present
Local 83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Union	Absent
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Local 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Present
Local 11	University of King's College Society of the Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiant-e-s de l'Université Sainte-Anne	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 100	Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland	Present
Local 35	Memorial University Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	Present

* Prospective members

Plenary Speaker Sioufi declared that quorum had been achieved.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

National Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne explained that the Budget Committee had reviewed the financial pressures the organisation faced and considered strategies for dealing with them. She said that the Committee also reviewed in great detail the budget that had been proposed by the National Executive. She said that the final version of the budget included a surplus of approximately \$9,000. She said that it had been decided that, given the various financial pressures on the organisation, no allocation would be assigned to the contingency fund and that the surplus would suffice.

She noted that Local 33 delegate Yimin Lou's name had been spelt incorrectly in the report. She said that Local 72 delegate James Bowen attended the meeting. She asked delegates to correct their reports accordingly.

2003/11:058

MOTION

Local 01/Local 37

Be it resolved that the final draft Revised 2003/2004 Budget be adopted as presented.

2003/11:059

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 91/Local 27

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:058 be amended to include:

- the campaigns line item be increased by \$9,000 for campaigns staffing.

Local 91 delegate Brent Farrington said that the campaigns budget line had been decreased from \$247,000 to \$197,000. He said that \$40,000 had been deducted from the staff budget line item. He said that staff were integral to implementing effective campaigns.

Local 18 delegate Joey Hansen spoke against the amendment. He said that the current financial challenges had required the Budget Committee to make a number of difficult decisions; however, the organisation had to consider the best uses of its resources. He said that primary responsibility for organising for events like the day of action was at the local level. He said that many of the locals had local staff that would play a key role in preparing for the day of action. He said that regionally and provincially there were staff devoted to organising campaigns or at the least had the resources to hire additional staff. He said that he agreed that the local and regional staffing levels should be bolstered with additional staffing resources; however, the existing \$12,000 in the line item was sufficient. He said that he was concerned about reducing the other section of the campaigns line item.

Local 91 delegate Yves Engler said that the \$50,000 should not have been cut in the first place. He said that reallocating the funds would allow for the work to be undertaken.

Local 24 delegate Ken Marciniec said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that the \$197,000 figure represented an increase of approximately \$100,000. He said that the Budget Committee had in fact allocated additional monies to the campaigns work of the Federation.

Local 54 delegate Dave Hauch asked for an overview of the amendments to the budget.

Turk-Browne said that she had provided an overview of the changes in the opening plenary session. She said that the capital fund had been established in 1999 in order to build a reserve for a variety of capital purchases including office space. She said that the Committee decided that it was not feasible to allocate money to the line item. She said that it had been reduced to \$0 from \$50,000. She said that the trial had been delayed until fall 2000 and therefore the legal fund had been reduced by \$40,000. She said that the number of National Executive meetings had been reduced by one meeting. She said that the cost of the meetings had increased substantially over the previous few years because the travel costs had increased. She said that it had been a difficult decision but given the other considerations, the National Executive had made the recommendation.

Turk-Browne said that in two areas the campaigns line item had been reduced by \$40,000. She said that the campaigns strategy line item was reduced by \$10,000. She said that in order to cover the costs associated with the day of action it was decided that it would be an adequate amount. She said that the campaigns staff item was reduced. She said that the Campaigns Coordinator position was vacant. She said that the National Executive felt strongly that funds be available to hire a campaigns organiser for the day of action. She said that the most significant change in the research line was in wages and benefits. She said that one of the two researchers resigned in the summer to return to school. She said that the National Executive had recommended that the position remain unfilled until the end of the fiscal year, which would result in savings.

Local 89 delegate Chris Hurl said that he supported the amendment. He said that February 4 was not the end of the Federation's mobilisation. He said that more money should be allocated for a staff person who could coordinate further actions.

Local 72 delegate Pat Barbosa said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that the issue had been discussed thoroughly by the Budget Committee which had ultimately agreed that it was a necessary reduction considering the various financial challenges. He said that campaigns staff were not exclusively responsible for implementing campaigns.

2003/11:059 DEFEATED

2003/11:058 CARRIED

2003/11:060 MOTION

Local 98/Local 99

Be it resolved that a budget schedule be created for any actual greater than \$75,000.

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Turk-Browne said that the Committee had reviewed a number of schedules and believed that any expense over \$75,000 should be further delineated.

2003/11:060 CARRIED

2003/11:061 MOTION

Local 37/Local 5

Be it resolved that a "Membership Drives and Referenda" reserve fund be developed for inclusion in the 2004-2005 budget.

Local 37 delegate Vince Barletta said that the number of membership drives in a given year fluctuated for reasons outside of the Federation's control. He said that it depended on the amount of membership development that was required in a given year. He said that it would be unfortunate if the Federation was unprepared for a membership drive and had to allocate funds from another line item. He said that a reserve fund would allow for some stability.

Local 99 delegate Scott Tremblay said that many students' unions were trial members for a year which provided the Federation with ample time to budget appropriately. He said that a reserve fund would give the Federation an advantage because it would be able to accumulate a larger fund.

2003/11:061 CARRIED

2003/11:062 MOTION

Local 35/Local 44

Be it resolved that an appendix, listing the fund balances of all designated funds, be included with the budget; and

Be it further resolved that, for efficient budgeting purposes, the fund balances be recommended by the Budget Committee.

Turk-Browne said that the practice was to distribute and review the fund balances in the Budget Committee. She said that the motion was to entrench the practice.

2003/11:062 CARRIED

2003/11:063 MOTION

Local 13/Local 61

Be it resolved that the Budget Committee report be adopted.

CARRIED

3. CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Public Automobile Insurance

2003/11:017 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 18/Local 98

Whereas many post-secondary students, especially those in rural areas, are dependent on automobile transportation to travel to and from university and college; and

Whereas most students are under the age of twenty-five; and

Whereas virtually all private, for-profit insurance companies offering automobile insurance coverage discriminate on the basis of age and gender, charging higher rate to young drivers regardless of their driving records; and

Whereas such discriminatory practices are rarely a characteristic of public automobile insurance; and

Whereas publicly owned and operated automobile insurance companies are publicly accountable for their practices; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policies be adopted:

Automobile Insurance

The Federation supports publicly owned and operated automobile insurance.

The Federation opposes the practice of charging varying rates for automobile insurance based on age and gender.

CARRIED

b. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Students' Rights to Organise

2003/11:043 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 23/Local 98

Whereas the government of Alberta has passed first reading of Bill 43 which grants the government the right to dissolve student associations and boards of governors and denies some members of the campus community the right to demonstrate in protest; and,

Whereas the government of British Columbia is debating the adoption of measures that may similarly restrict the capacities of institutional governing bodies; and

Whereas the adoption of such proposals in Alberta and British Columbia may influence institutional governance structures across the country;

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation affirms the right of post-secondary institutions to govern themselves as autonomous entities.

The Federation opposes any legislation that grants a provincial government the right, under any circumstance, to dissolve any student association or institutional governing body, including senates and boards of governors.

2003/11:064 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 23/Local 11

Be it resolved that the policy proposed in Motion 2003/11:043 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation affirms the right of student associations to operate as autonomous entities.

The Federation affirms the right of post-secondary institutions to direct their academic programming, free from government interference.

The Federation opposes any legislation that grants a provincial government the right, under any circumstance, to dissolve any student association or institutional governing body, including senates and boards of governors.

CARRIED

2003/11:043 CARRIED AS AMENDED

c. Proposal to Amend Student Financial Assistance Policy

2003/11:045 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 26/Local 98

Be it resolved that the Student Financial Assistance, General Policy, be amended to read:

The availability of student financial assistance programs to students regardless of full or part-time status or academic standing.

2003/11:065 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 26/Local 13

Be it resolved that Motion 2003/11:045 be replaced with the following:

Be it resolved that the first point of the Policy sub-section of the General Policy section of the Student Financial Assistance policy, be amended to read:

- the availability of student financial assistance programs to students, regardless of full or part-time status, academic standing, or the number of times a student has changed programs of study;

CARRIED

2003/11:045 CARRIED AS AMENDED

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d. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Plagiarism Detection Software

2003/11:049

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 68/Local 98

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Whereas each of these universities, with the exception of the University of Toronto, is planning to make it mandatory for all students to submit their written assignments to plagiarism detection companies for inspection; and

Whereas at least one student is currently launching a challenge against this policy at McGill University; and

Whereas the University of Melbourne in Australia is currently independently examining the legal implications of such mandatory compliance policies; therefore

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Preamble

Contracts between Canadian Universities and plagiarism detection companies, such as Turnitin.com, have been accompanied in some cases, by policies requiring students to have their written assignments vetted by plagiarism detection software before they can be submitted for marking.

In such cases, students who refuse to participate in such programmes are automatically being given zero on their assignments. Such policies assume that students are guilty or wrongdoing until proven innocent and require them to allow their original academic work to be used by private, for-profit companies to profit by building up their database. As such, plagiarism detection software threatens individual copyright, privacy and academic freedom.

Policy

The Federation opposes the mandatory use of plagiarism detection software.

2003/11:066

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 42/Local 11

Be it resolved that the policy proposed in Motion 2003/11:049 be amended to read as follows:

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Preamble

Contracts between Canadian post-secondary institutions and plagiarism detection companies, such as Turnitin.com, have been accompanied in some cases, by policies requiring students to have their written assignments vetted by plagiarism detection software before they can be submitted for marking.

In such cases, students who refuse to participate in such programmes are automatically being given zero on their assignments. Such policies assume that students are guilty of wrongdoing until proven innocent and require them to allow their original academic work to be used by private, for-profit companies to profit by building up their database. As such, plagiarism detection software threatens individual copyright, privacy and academic freedom.

Policy

The Federation opposes the mandatory submission of student work to plagiarism detection software.

The Federation opposes the recording and storage of student work for the purpose of plagiarism detection, without the consent of the student.

CARRIED

2003/11:049

CARRIED AS AMENDED

e. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Part-Time and Mature Students

2003/11:053

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 101/Local 24

Whereas part-time study is an essential component of diversity in institutional academic programming and individual educational choice;

Whereas lifelong learning is a vital individual and societal good;

Whereas certain life circumstances allow for only part-time study and later-life learning, such as family, employment, and disability; and

Whereas discriminatory practices exist against part-time study, such as preferential admissions and enrolment for full-time students, and preferential government funding for full-time and direct-entry high school students; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Part-time and Mature Students

The Federation believes that:

- overt and systemic barriers to part-time and mature students should be eliminated;
- part-time and mature students should have full access to existing federal, provincial and university/college based student financial aid programs, with additional specific grant-based bursaries developed for part-time and mature students;
- a full range of winter sessions courses should be made available during evenings, weekends and summer sessions;
- student and administrative services hours of operation, including libraries, registration, food and athletic services, should include adequate evening and summer hours;
- family care, including evening care, weekend care, infant care, part-time and drop in childcare, should be available for part-time and mature students' unique needs;
- affordable housing on all campuses should be available for part-time and mature students;
- where no representation for part-time mature students exists, support should be provided for the creation of part-time student unions on all campuses; and
- where appropriate, student health plans should be created for part-time students or part-time students should be covered under existing student health plan.

2003/11:067

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 13/Local 32

Be it resolved that the policy proposed in Motion 2003/11:053 be amended to read as follows:

Part-time and Mature Students

The Federation believes that:

- overt and systemic barriers to part-time and mature students should be eliminated;
- part-time and mature students should have full access to existing federal, provincial and university/college based student financial aid programs, with additional specific grant-based bursaries developed for part-time and mature students;
- a full range of winter sessions courses should be made available during evenings, weekends and summer sessions;
- hours of operation of student and administrative services, including libraries, registration, food, and accessibility and athletic services, should include adequate evening and summer hours;
- family care, including evening care, weekend care, infant care, part-time and drop in childcare, should be available for part-time and mature students' unique needs;
- affordable housing on all campuses should be available for part-time and mature students;
- where no representation for part-time and mature students exists, it should be provided on all campuses; and
- where appropriate, student health plans should be created for part-time students or part-time students should be covered under existing student health plan.

CARRIED

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2003/11:053 CARRIED AS AMENDED

f. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Transgendered Students

2003/11:055 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 23/Local 98

Whereas the Federation recognises that transphobia creates a climate that fosters transphobic violence;

Whereas the Federation recognises the right to the basic necessities of a healthy life including but not limited to food, water, shelter and medicare;

Whereas transphobia limits research and education, training and services in medicine that benefit transgendered and transsexual peoples;

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation recognises the need for health services that are inclusive to transgendered and transsexual peoples in all post-secondary institutions in Canada.

The Federation supports research, education and training pertaining to transgendered and transsexual issues, available services for transgendered and transsexual peoples, and an end to discrimination against transgendered and transsexual peoples in post-secondary institutions across Canada.

Saskatchewan Representative Angela Regnier said that the National Education and Student Rights Committee proposed the amendment to the motion with the intention of developing a more extensive policy in the future.

2003/11:068 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 98/Local 23

Be it resolved that the policy proposed in Motion 2003/11:055 be amended to read as follows:

Transgendered, Transsexual and Intersexed People

The Federation recognises the need for health services that are inclusive to transgendered, transsexual, and intersexed peoples in all post-secondary institutions in Canada.

The Federation supports research, education and training pertaining to transgendered, transsexual and intersexed issues, available services for transgendered, transsexual, and intersexed peoples and an end to discrimination against transgendered, transsexual, and intersexed peoples in post-secondary institutions across Canada.

CARRIED

2003/11:055 CARRIED AS AMENDED

g. Adoption of National Education and Student Rights Committee Report

2003/11:069 MOTION

Local 28/Local 100

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

CARRIED

4. CONSIDERATION OF ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

BC Chairperson Summer McFadyen said that the Organisational Development Committee had divided into smaller groups to review the Federation's services including homes4students.ca, Students' Union Directory, the communications kit, the handbook, and the discount programmes. She said that the Committee also discussed ideas for new Federation services.

Ontario Representative Rick Telfer said that surveys had been distributed to delegates to assess their level of awareness of the Federation's services and to solicit suggestions to improve them. He reviewed the results of the surveys.

McFadyen said that the following names had been misspelled in the report: Aytan Buayon, Local 94 delegate; Lindsey Doolittle, Local 61 delegate; and Shamini Selvaratnam, Local 28 delegate. She asked delegates to amend their reports accordingly.

Local 54 delegate Dave Hauch said that during the Ontario Component meeting the previous day delegates had been informed that even if they were not selected for a sub-committee, they could still participate in the meetings. He said, that, however the Organisational Development Committee had voted to restrict delegates who were not voting members from speaking in the meeting. He said that, as a result, there were delegates who had not been permitted to participate.

McFadyen said that ultimately it was the decision of the delegates who had been selected to participate in the Committee and those delegates had chosen not to expand the speakers' list in the Committee.

a. Proposals Concerning Student Health and Dental Insurance

2003/11:019

MOTION

Local 18/Local 98

Whereas a majority of member locals operate health and/or dental plans for their individual members; and

Whereas prior to the mid 1980s member locals negotiated the terms of their health and dental plans individually, often paying inflated rates for coverage; and

Whereas in the mid 1980s the members of the Federation voted to create a buying consortium in order to reduce the rates they were paying; and

Whereas the consortium – the National Student Health Network – has been highly successful in securing lower rates for student health and dental plans; and

Whereas for the past two years an arrangement has been in place with a carrier under which all students covered through the Network are, for the purpose of setting rates, considered to be members of one common pool; and

Whereas, even though individual plans are customised for each individual member belonging to the network, the common pool allows members to keep premiums low by reducing the administrative costs of the plan; and

Whereas joining a large pool of insured students allows locals to keep premiums low by spreading any risk of unusual illness or injury over a much larger group than just the local's membership base; and

Whereas the more member locals that join the Network and become part of the common pool, the lower the rates will be for all Network members; therefore

Be it resolved that all member locals with health and/or dental plans be encouraged to join the National Student Health Network; and

Be it further resolved that those member locals that are currently under exclusive contract with insurance agents be encouraged to seek to escape those contracts in order to join the Network.

2003/11:070

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 32

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:019 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that all member locals with health and/or dental plans be encouraged to join the National Student Health Network; and

Be it further resolved that those member locals that are currently under exclusive contract with insurance agents be encouraged to review, assess and evaluate those contracts in comparison to the Network."

2003/11:070

CARRIED

2003/11:071

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 98/Local 99

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:019 be amended to read:

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"Be it resolved that those member locals that are currently under exclusive contract with insurance agents be encouraged to review, assess and evaluate those contracts in comparison to the Network."

Local 98 delegate Leigh Honeywell said that the proposal that member locals be encouraged to review their health plans was good; however, they should not be instructed on how to proceed.

Local 24 delegate Ken Marciniac said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that the Federation had the National Student Health Network to enable students' unions to negotiate the best price for health and dental plans. He said that, in addition, the plans the Federation negotiated were offered by a not-for-profit insurer. He said that there had been significant problems with some brokers' practices which the National Student Health Network worked to counter. He said that it was in all member locals' best interest to participate in the National Student Health Network for the local and the Federation as a whole.

Local 28 delegate Shamini Selvaratnam said that the Network was a Federation service and, therefore, belonged to every member local. She said that it was logical that member locals would support their services. She said that a number of locals had experienced serious problems when dealing with for-profit brokers. She said that her local was paying over \$1.3 million in commission over a five-year period with its current broker. She said that she was not prepared to waste her members' money especially when the Federation had a service that could really benefit students. She said that members were not being encouraged to break contracts but to review and assess them with a critical eye.

Local 54 delegate Hauch said that he supported the amendment. He said that it was redundant to remind member locals to support their services. He said that a separate motion was not necessary.

2003/11:071

DEFEATED

2003/11:019

CARRIED AS AMENDED

2003/11:021

MOTION

Local 18/Local 98

Whereas an insurance broker is merely an agent hired to get the best deal possible for the client; and

Whereas the standard within the insurance industry is that clients should be able to drop or change agents at any time given reasonable notice – 30 days written notice; and

Whereas some agents operating within the student health field have been attempting to sign student associations to exclusive, multi-year agreements; and

Whereas in many instances these brokers have been successful getting such agreements signed, in some cases for as much as five years; and

Whereas rarely, if ever, are the rates for health dental coverage guaranteed under these agreements; and

Whereas the usual tactic of these brokers is to offer a low rate in the first year in order to entice the association into signing the multi-year agreement; and

Whereas rates are usually increased and/or the coverage reduced in subsequent years in order to make up for any losses in the first year; and

Whereas, because they are exclusive, student associations cannot shop around for better deals and, therefore, are basically stuck with whatever rates and coverage their broker offers them; and

Whereas before such agreements expire and student associations have an opportunity to explore other options, these brokers will go to great lengths to secure contract extensions; and

Whereas, amongst other things, these brokers have been known to "wine and dine" their clients, using profits they have made off of student health plan payments; and

Whereas these brokers have also been known to claim that the insurance carriers – the companies actually providing the insurance coverage – look favourably on clients who are in long-term contracts with their brokers (as if the carrier cares one bit); and

Whereas, because of turnover, the student association leadership does not always know that there is no value in signing a long-term contract or contract extension; therefore

Be it resolved that an awareness campaign be developed that:

- exposes the questionable practices sometimes employed by brokers operating in the student health field; and
- educates student association elected officials and personnel about the harm in signing long-term agreements;

Be it further resolved that member locals that have had bad experiences with health insurance brokers be encouraged to document those experiences and disseminate the information to other student associations.

CARRIED

b. Proposal Concerning Student Health and Dental Insurance Reporting Standards

2003/11:025

MOTION

Local 18/Local 98

Whereas collectively students spend tens of millions of dollars on student health and dental insurance coverage each year; and

Whereas many student association officials lack the experience to properly analyse the costs and coverage of student health and dental plans; and

Whereas there is a growing body of evidence that shows some brokers are exploiting the inexperience of student association officials and student associations are receiving insufficient information to make informed decisions; and

Whereas students are often paying too much for health and dental insurance as a result; therefore

Be it resolved that the federal government and the various provincial insurance regulatory bodies be actively encouraged to create a universal standard for reporting by health and dental insurance brokers.

CARRIED

c. Proposal to Expand Federation Health Insurance Service

2003/11:023

MOTION

Local 18/Local 98

Whereas member locals from coast to coast being are denied insurance coverage for their operations, especially student union building pubs; and

Whereas by banding together there may be opportunities that are not available working individually; therefore

Be it resolved that work be undertaken to expand the role of the Federation's existing insurance bulk buying consortium – the National Student Health Network – to include other forms of insurance purchased by student associations.

2003/11:072

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 21/Local 18

Be it further resolved that Motion-2003/11:023 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that work be undertaken to expand the role of the Federation's existing insurance bulk buying consortium – the National Student Health Network – to include other forms of insurance purchased by students' associations and individual students."

CARRIED

2003/11:023

CARRIED AS AMENDED

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d. Proposal for a New Feature on the homes4students.ca Site

2003/11:027 MOTION

Local 76/Local 44

Be it resolved that the homes4students.ca website be expanded to include sample lease application forms.

2003/11:073 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 91/Local 05

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:027 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the homes4students.ca website be expanded to include sample lease application forms and a description of the legal use of such forms."

CARRIED

2003/11:027 CARRIED AS AMENDED

e. Proposal to Adopt Policy Guiding Formation of Partnerships

2003/11:041 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 05/Local 98

Whereas the Federation operations policy on Coalition Work adopted May 1997 states the Federation shall refuse to work in coalition with groups and organisations, when work in such a coalition results in the production of materials that contradict the goals and objectives of the Federation or may serve to legitimise organisations whose goals and objectives are contradictory with those of the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation has established and is continuing to encourage the creation of business partnerships such as with Monster.ca, Student Phone, Hook Ups and Burger King; and

Whereas the logo of the Federation and its programs represent the organisation and is displayed at the site of the businesses where it is seen daily by the public; and

Whereas taking on partnerships with businesses or organisations that do not share the same belief structure is tantamount to stepping outside of our message box; and

Whereas the Federation's aims and objectives based on its founding principles provide a framework for participating in the cultural realm. These principles state:

"The Federation seeks to organise students on a democratic, co-operative basis in advancing our own interests and in advancing the interests of our community:

The Federation seeks to provide a common framework within which students can communicate, exchange information, and share experience, skill and ideas;

The Federation seeks to bring students together to discuss and to achieve necessary educational, administrative or legislative change wherever decision-making affects students;

The Federation seeks to facilitate co-operation among students in organising services that supplement our academic experience, provide for our human needs and which develop a sense of community with our peers and other members of society";

Whereas comprehensive sustainable development considers seven dimensions of development; social, economic, political, cultural, ecological, human and spiritual; and

Whereas acceptance of ethical guidelines for partnerships can support the aims and objectives of the Federation in the fostering, in the long term, a better climate for post-secondary education in Canada; and

Whereas corporate entities have the legal rights of a person and are considered persons under the law; and

Whereas it is in the interest of the Federation to ensure that it develops partnerships with "good people"; and

Whereas the Federation opposes the privatisation of the public education; and

Whereas the Federation opposes the commercialisation of university and college campuses; and

Whereas the programs and services of the Federation require it to form partnerships in the economic and civil realm; and

Whereas the Federation represents a community voice in Canada and works to affect change in the political realm and foster support in the civil realm for its policies that reflect the core values and policy of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the following principles be included in the Federation's Partnership Policy:

Principles for Inclusion in Partnerships Policy

Definition of Partnerships

Partnerships are mutually beneficial relationships between external organisations and the Federation that are designed to enhance and support its aims and objectives. Co-operative partners share values, objectives, human, material or financial resources; and roles and responsibilities to achieve desired outcomes.

1. Coalition Partner- An organisation whose goals and objectives are similar to those of the Federation and whom we participate in event organising or other not-for-profit work of a not for profit nature.
2. Business Partner- A business or organisation that we interacts with in order to provide services to our members.
3. Operational Partner- An business or organisation that we interact with in order obtain supplies and services for office work.

Ethical Principles of Partner Relationships

These ethical principles shall pertain to all business, coalition and operational partnerships of the Federation.

- When entering into and throughout the duration of joint ventures and partnerships, the organisation takes into account the ethical implications as well as the financial implications of those relationships.

Partnerships are:

- Consistent with the ethics and core values of all partners;
- Based on the clearly defined expectations of all partners;
- Based on shared or aligned objectives that support the goals of the partner organisations;
- Developed and structured in consultation with all partners and stakeholders within the organisation.
- Developed and structured in consultation with all partners and respects the policies, procedures, and traditions operating in the organisation. Any agreements are as open as possible.
- Clearly defines roles and responsibilities for all partners and involves individual participants only on a voluntary basis.
- Provide opportunities for all partners to meet their shared social responsibilities. Acknowledge and celebrate each partner's contributions through appropriate forms of recognition;
- Partnerships should be designed and implemented in a transparent and accountable manner. In this regard, they should exchange relevant information with relevant stakeholders;

Procedure for Establishing Partnerships

The objective of this procedure is to put in place an inclusive process that draws upon the collective wisdom and awareness of the membership of the Federation

General Outline

A partnership agreement shall include:

A partnership report stating:

- the rationale for the partnership based on the consideration of the benchmarks outlined in the partnership policy
- the respective responsibilities of the partners
- timeline and goals/objectives

An agreed timeline for member locals to consider the partnership and provide feedback before the partner is taken on.

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Procedure for Implementation:

The objective of this procedure is to put in place an inclusive process that draws upon the collective wisdom and awareness of the membership of the Federation.

A partnerships report is to be written on all potential national partnerships.

A partnership report includes:

- the rationale for the partnership based on the consideration of the benchmarks outlined in the partnership policy
- the respective responsibilities of the partners
- the timeline and goals/objective

This work shall be coordinated by the National Services coordinator.

Partnerships made by the National Executive are to be based on the details of the partnership report.

Before any contract is signed partnership reports must be sent out to all member locals.

Member locals will have one month to bring forward concerns or comments to the National Executive regarding potential partnerships.

If one local opposes a specific partnership within this period no contract shall be signed until the report is brought to the organisation development committee at the next national general meeting .

If no concerns are brought forward the decision is left to the discretion of the National Executive.

A list of all partnerships and the partnerships reports shall be included in the National Executive report.

Existing partnerships may be reviewed by member locals to at the organisational development committee of the national general meeting.

A partnership with any local business facilitated through the student saver discount program or otherwise shall have a partnerships report written about them.

Partnerships with corporations shall be subject to the benchmarks set forth in Corporate Entity Benchmark Guidelines.

Local Businesses and non-corporate entities shall have partnership reports written based on the Non-Corporate Small Business Guidelines.

Decisions shall be made by member locals as to which partnerships to undertake based on the partnership reports

These reports will be stored in the provincial office and available to be reviewed by members.

All partnerships undertaken at the local level and the partnership reports will be included in the provincial executive reports.

Any issues or concerns that come up with local business partnerships will be dealt with by the provincial executive

Operational Partnerships would not require a partnership report but are encouraged to take the guidelines into consideration.

No partnership contracts will be entered into for a duration of more than 2 years and shall be subject to review annually.

This feedback loop would apply the same scrutiny to a partnership that is currently given to a campaign or other public display of the Federations beliefs and values.

Student Saver Discount Program

Student Saver Discount Solicitors take on the role of liaisons between the Federation and the business partners.

Student Saver Discount Liaisons work to:

Establish relationships with potential partners.

Act as representatives of the Federation to the public.

Research and Observe potential partners.

Create partnership reports based on the criteria outlined in the procedure for establishing partnerships.

Liaison will be paid for time training and time establishing relationships as well as time analysing partnerships and creating partnership reports.

Non-Corporate, Small Business Guidelines

When establishing partnerships with small business and non-corporate entities student liaisons and locals shall use the following criteria to evaluate the relationship.

Where applicable the benchmarks as stated in the guidelines for corporate entities partners are considered.

Quality of product and usefulness for students

Pricing of the product and accessibility for students.

Impact of business or organisation on the community.

Impact of the product or business organisation on the environment.

Apparent or reported labor standards including wage levels.

Commitment to socially responsible business practices.

Corporate Entity Benchmark Guidelines

These benchmarks are considered when establishing partnerships with corporate entities.

Community and Corporate Responsibility

- The company seeks to develop long-term business relationships and policy in local communities that takes into consideration long-term social, cultural, ecological and economic sustainability impacts on the local community.
- The company accepts responsibility for all those that it employs either directly or indirectly through contract suppliers, sub-contractors, vendors or suppliers.
- The company adopts a fair pricing policy that enables its suppliers to meet its obligations to labour, social and environmental standards.
- The company has in place a monitoring and auditing program to ensure compliance with its corporate code and conduct. This program includes internal monitoring and auditing and well as independent monitoring.

Ecological

- A company-wide environmental code has been adopted and implemented.
- The company is in full compliance with all international, national and provincial environmental regulations and breaches are recorded.
- The company does not engage in practices in highly vulnerable eco-systems.

Social/Labour/Culture/Ethics

- The company adopts a comprehensive and verifiable human rights policy
- The company does not involve itself in military or war activities.
- The company by policy does not engage in activity which leads to the abuse and violation of internationally recognised human rights standards, nor does it assist in abuses and violations committed by others.
- The company does not participate of the company in cartels and unfair patent protections.
- The company does not participate in any illegal action as defined in Canadian Law or the laws of the jurisdictions it operates in.
- The company adheres to relevant provincial, national and international health and safety codes.
- The company respects the cultural, religious and social customs and traditional knowledge of members of indigenous communities.

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- The company does not discriminate on the basis of gender, racial/ethnic origin, social or ethnic origin, culture, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, citizenship or political opinion.
- The company pays sustainable living wages, which enables employees to meet basic needs of themselves and their families, as well as to invest in the on-going sustainability of local communities through the use of discretionary income.
- The company provides equal pay for work of equal value.
- Employees are free to organise and join workers' organisations without discrimination or interference and to engage freely in collective negotiations to regulate the terms and conditions.
- The company adheres to National and provincial labor standards regarding basic employment practices, equality of opportunity, and the elimination of all forms of discrimination and harassment.
- The company guarantees that neither it nor its contractors employ children in conditions that violate the rights of the child or uses children as workers.
- The company is committed to fair trading practices.
- The company does not take advantage of vulnerable groups through inappropriately directed marketing of unsuitable products (such as toy guns for children and tobacco)
- All advertisements and labeling of products is complete, fair and honest. Only claims, which can be substantiated and fulfilled, are made by the company, its employees and its agents.

2003/11:074

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:041 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following principles be included in the Federation's Partnership Policy:

Principles for Inclusion in Partnerships Policy

Definition of Partnerships

Partnerships are mutually beneficial relationships between external organisations and the Federation that are designed to enhance and support its aims and objectives. Partnerships are co-operative partners because share values; objectives; human, material or financial resources; and roles and responsibilities to achieve desired outcomes.

1. Coalition Partner- An organisation whose goals and objectives are similar to those of the Federation and whom the Federation participates in organising events or other work of a not-for-profit nature.
2. Operational Partner- A business or organisation that we obtain supplies and/or services from to maintain the basic operations of office work (including but not limited to the Federation's source for buying paper).
3. Business Partner- A business or organisation that we cooperate with in order to provide products or services to our members (including but not limited to the Federation's relationship with Breakaway Tours).

Procedure for Establishing Partnerships

The objective of this procedure is to put in place an inclusive process that draws upon the collective wisdom and awareness of the membership of the Federation and the community. This feedback loop would apply the same scrutiny to a partnership that is currently given to a campaign or other public display of the Federation's beliefs and values. It is the goal of the Federation to undertake ethically sound partnerships with companies or organisations that are accountable and transparent and share common core values and goals.

General Outline

The structure for the establishment of a partnership agreement includes:

a partnership report that outlines:

- the rationale for the partnership based on the consideration of the guidelines outlined in the partnership policy;
- the respective responsibilities of the partners.

Coalition Partnerships

Although most partnerships cannot be ideal, the Federation's goal is to strive for ideal partnerships that are based on shared or aligned objectives that support the goals of the Federation.

Business Partnerships

All national partnerships have a brief partnership report written about them.

Copies of the partnerships reports will be on record and made easily accessible to members and /or community by putting them on the Federation's national website.

All business partnerships can be reviewed if deemed necessary by a member local moving a motion to reconsider a partnership that is seconded by another member local.

Feedback shall be provided to our potential partners outlining concerns or praise regarding their policy and practices.

Operational Partnerships

The National Executive shall consider these guidelines when making decisions about each company we buy products from.

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to consider the guidelines for partnerships in the implementation of the Studentsaver discount programme; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to consider the guidelines for partnerships as outlined when undertaking partnerships; and

Be it further resolved that the following report be written about partner companies or organisations of the Federation;

Partnerships Report

Name of Liaison:

Name of Company or organisation:

Responsibilities of partner and the Federation within proposed relationship; and

This partnership is (or is not) recommended for consideration based on the following.

Guidelines

1. Quality of product or service and usefulness for students
2. Pricing of the product or service and accessibility for students
3. Impact of business or organisation on the community.
4. Impact of the company or organisation or their products or services on the environment.
5. Commitment to socially responsible business practices."

2003/11:075

MOTION TO REFER

Local 100/Local 18

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:041 and Motion-2003/11:074 be referred to the National Executive.

CARRIED

2003/11:074

REFERRED

2003/11:041

REFERRED

f. Proposal to Amend General Meeting Dates

2003/11:011

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 61/Local 13

Whereas Bylaw 2.1.a states that "annual general meeting of the Federation will be held between September 30 and November 30 each year"; and

Whereas many small college student associations hold their annual elections in the fall; and

Whereas those elections are often not completed until early October; therefore

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Be it resolved that Bylaw 2.1.a be amended to read:

- a. The annual general meeting of the Federation will be held between October 15 and November 30 each year.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 18, Section 4-b-iii, be amended to read:

- iii. October 15 and November 30, in conjunction with the annual general meeting of the Federation.

CARRIED

g. Proposal to Adopt Standing Resolution on Saskatchewan Component

2003/11:015

MOTION ADOPT STANDING RESOLUTION

Local 61/Local 98

Whereas formal provincial infrastructures are desirable for components with at least two active member campuses; and

Whereas Standing Resolution #32, establishing a provincial infrastructure for Alberta member locals, was adopted on May 2002 when a second member local in Alberta joined the Federation; and

Whereas there are now two active member locals in Saskatchewan; therefore

Be it resolved that the following standing resolution be adopted:

STANDING RESOLUTION #33 – SASKATCHEWAN COMPONENT

1. Membership

The members of the component shall be all Federation member local associations in the province of Saskatchewan.

2. Voting

Each member association shall be entitled to one (1) vote within the Component.

3. Steering Committee

The affairs of the Component shall be managed by a Steering Committee.

a. Composition

The Steering Committee shall be composed of the Saskatchewan Representative on the National Executive, the Chairperson and one representative from each member local association in Saskatchewan.

b. Election

i. Election of the Representative on the National Executive

The Saskatchewan Representative on the National Executive shall be elected at the May semi-annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Saskatchewan member locals.

ii. Election of the Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be elected at the May semi-annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Saskatchewan member locals.

iii. Election of Local Representatives

Local representatives shall be selected by their respective member local associations, in a manner to be determined by those associations, and ratified by the Steering Committee.

c. Term of Office

i. Term of Office of the National Executive Representative

The term of office for the Saskatchewan Representative on the National Executive shall be one year commencing at the adjournment of the May semi-annual national general meeting and ceasing at the adjournment of the subsequent May semi-annual national general meeting.

ii. Election of the Chairperson

The term of office for the Chairperson shall be one year commencing at the adjournment of the May semi-annual national general meeting and ceasing at the adjournment of the subsequent May semi-annual national general meeting.

iii. Term of Office of Local Representatives

The term of office for a local representative shall be one (1) year commencing upon ratification to the Steering Committee, and expiring at the Steering Committee scheduled the closest to one (1) year after the Steering Committee meeting at which the member was ratified.

4. Duties of the Steering Committee

a. Collective Duties of the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall manage the affairs of the Component, implement campaigns and services of the Federation in Saskatchewan, and be responsible for the administration of Federation provincial resources in Saskatchewan.

b. Duties of the National Executive Representative

The National Executive Representative shall oversee the keeping of accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Federation, and shall deposit all monies or other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Federation.

c. Duties of Local Representatives

Local Representatives shall be responsible for coordinating the implementation of Federation campaigns and programs at the campus level.

2003/11:076

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 101/Local 47

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:015 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that section 3.c.ii be amended to read:

ii. Election of the Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be elected at the November semi-annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Saskatchewan member locals.

Local 101 delegate Nicole Berard said that the amendment would allow for continuity between outgoing and incoming representatives. She said that electing the Chairperson in November would allow for a considerable transition and training period.

Local 9 delegate Kyall Glennie said that amending the motion would allow for an adequate transition period between the outgoing elected officials and the incoming members. He noted that Locals 9 and 101 believed that they should have been consulted about the motion before it was presented at the meeting.

2003/11:076

CARRIED

2003/11:015

CARRIED AS AMENDED

h. Proposal Concerning the Fédération étudiante de universitaire du Québec

2003/11:013

MOTION

Local 61/Local 98

Whereas the Federation was formed in 1981 as an amalgam of the National Union of Students (NUS) and the Association of Student Councils (AOSC), the two national student organisations operating in Canada, but outside of Québec, at that time; and

Whereas the members of NUS and AOSC established a series of principles for the new federation; and

Whereas one of those principles was that the new federation would seek to "co-operate closely and effectively" with students in Québec but that the "right and desire of Québec students to

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organise their own structures must be recognised as a basis for all such co-operation" (Principles of Restructuring from the Report of the Restructuring Committee, October 1980); and

Whereas the Fédération étudiante de universitaire du Québec (FÉUQ) was formed in 1991 as an organisation of undergraduate and graduate students; and

Whereas the vast majority of undergraduate and graduate students in Québec now belong to the FÉUQ; and

Whereas the Federation has been formally associated with FÉUQ since 1992 when the Federation and FÉUQ were both accepted as members of the International Union of Students; and

Whereas the Federation has been working more closely with FÉUQ over the past year, including holding joint press conferences, producing joint campaign materials, staging joint campaign events and organising a bi-annual Council meeting of the International Union of Students in Montréal this past summer; and

Whereas many of the policies and stances of the FÉUQ are consistent with those of the Federation; and

Whereas FÉUQ is the only other national student organisation in Canada that supports freezes and reductions to tuition fees; and

Whereas interests of the members of the Federation and FÉUQ may be served by strengthening and expanding the existing working relationship; therefore

Be it resolved that there be a standing invitation for FÉUQ to attend all Federation annual and semi-annual general meetings;

Be it further resolved that FÉUQ be invited to have a representative attend meetings of the Federation's National Executive;

Be it further resolved that FÉUQ be consulted about its campaign plans and goals for the year when the Federation's campaign strategy is being drafted in order to allow for joint activity; and

Be it further resolved that discussions be initiated to determine if FÉUQ would be interested in participating in any of the services operated by the Federation.

Local 19 delegate Kelly Holloway said that a more formal relationship between the FÉUQ and the Federation would mean a more united and stronger student movement across the country. She said that the FÉUQ was the largest and most broadly organised students' organisation in Québec and had recently organised a demonstration of over 10,000 students against rising tuition fees. She said that the Federation could not afford to forgo the opportunity to work more closely with an organisation like FÉUQ. She said that Paul Martin and the federal Liberals were planning massive cuts that would erode access to public post-secondary education and, to prevent these cuts, students had to be united.

2003/11:077

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:013 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that the Fédération étudiante de universitaire du Québec and the Québec Component of the Federation be encouraged to refrain from eroding each others' membership."

Local 18 delegate Michael Ouellet said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that the amendment contradicted the intention of the original motion, which was to create unity between students in Québec and those in other parts of the country.

Local 24 delegate Ken Marciniak said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that the same amendment had been proposed and defeated in the Organisational Development Committee. He said that the purpose of the original motion was to solidify the working relationship with the other national student union in Canada. He said that it did not make sense to include contrary or negative language.

Local 91 delegate Katherine Childs said that she supported the amendment. She said that it was important for locals in Québec to receive this assurance. She said that to include the condition that neither organisation would attempt to raid the other's members would strengthen the existing relationship and establish a basis of trust. She said that unless the clause was in place there would always be tension between the two organisations regarding membership. She said that the Québec Component would be happy to work on FÉUQ campaigns and initiatives.

Local 76 delegate Lucas Schuller said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that it implied a lack of trust and the goal of the original motion was to acknowledge that there was a good working relationship between the two organisations and that it would help further the goal to make education a right.

Local 21 delegate Jennifer Pelley asked if membership in one organisation precluded membership in the other.

McFadyen said that it did not.

Pelley said that she was confused about the nature of the debate.

Québec Component Chairperson Caroline Ziwicki-Perez said that the Québec Component supported the original motion. She said that there had been tensions with FÉUQ in the past regarding membership and the amendment was intended to lessen it. She said that it was to ensure that the organisations could work together in the best way possible. She said that the organisations could have overlapping membership; however historically, they had been competitive.

2003/11:077 DEFEATED

Local 91 delegate Yves Engler said that it was odd that delegates had voted in favour of the Saskatchewan locals' position of having control over the organisation; however, when it came to the Québec Component's position, it had been completely ignored. He asked for an explanation as to why the motion had been developed.

Local 61 delegate Steve Beasley said that the Local had developed the motion in recognition of one of the basic founding principles of the Federation, that in Canada there were two national student movements and one of those was the student movement in Québec. He said that in the history of the Federation there had been no attempt to organise members in Québec and the Federation would not start behaving that way in the next three months. He said that the motivation for the motion was recognition that the Federation and FÉUQ should work more closely together. He said that as the federal and provincial governments attacked students by increasing tuition fees and reducing funding the two student movements should be working in solidarity.

Local 28 delegate Selvaratnam said that she supported the motion. She said that there was a significant difference between the Saskatchewan motion and the motion to work with FÉUQ. She said that one related to the internal structures of the organisation and the other related to the coalition work that the organisation should undertake. She said that the Federation had won many victories over the years and it was time for the national organisation to stand in solidarity with students in Québec through FÉUQ.

Local 54 delegate Dave Hauch said that while he agreed that it was important to work in solidarity with FÉUQ it was also important to work in solidarity with each other. He said that it was clear that the Québec locals wanted to work with FÉUQ; however, they had raised concerns that should be considered.

Local 76 delegate Raul Mingorance said that the two national movements should be joined together.

Local 91 delegate Engler said that very few people in the room had any understanding of the student movement in Québec. He said that there was an active student movement in Québec—the Québec Component of the Federation. He said that although FÉUQ had recently

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implemented campaigns to reduce tuition fees, in the past it had policies that were inconsistent with the Federation's principles and goals. He said that FÉUQ was not very active on issues, certainly not as active as the Association solidaire syndicats étudiant-e-s or the Québec Component. He said that it was unfortunate that delegates planned to impose a relationship upon Québec member locals especially as they did not understand the context of the student movement in Québec and did not appreciate that many Quebecers did not like FÉUQ. He said that the result would weaken not strengthen the Québec student movement.

Local 1 delegate Carol Saab said that it was difficult to speak to an issue when other delegates were engaging in personal attacks. She said that she appreciated that delegates were passionate about the issues; however, they should be more respectful when speaking.

2003/11:015 CARRIED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS:

Local 05
Local 09
Local 27
Local 54
Local 66
Local 79
Local 89
Local 91
Local 97
Local 98
Local 99
Local 101

i. Proposal Concerning the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

McFadyen said that the Committee was recommending defeat of Motion-2003/11:047. She said that the discussion focused on the incredible divergence of principles between the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and the Federation. She said that delegates had observed that it was not an organisation with which the Federation had much in common. She said that delegates did not wish to seek any greater a relationship than the one that already existed.

2003/11:047 MOTION

Local 26/Local 98

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations both lobby the federal government on issues relating to post-secondary education;

Whereas purposeful communication between organisations must be established to discourage zero-sum views of issues that students face;

Whereas the "strength in numbers" which a students' union realises by working in a Federation with other students' unions is realised to an even greater extent when the Federation works in coalition with other groups and organisations; and

Whereas even on matters of disagreement, it is often prudent and advantageous to consult with other lobby organisations prior to engaging in lobbying campaigns and strategies; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Chairperson explore the possibility of formal consultations with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations with regard to lobbying goals and strategies, and other public relations matters; and

Be it further resolved that the National Chairperson investigate the possibility of holding the next Annual General Meeting at the same time and location as the 2004 annual general meeting of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, to further facilitate discussion between the two organisations and their membership.

2003/11:078 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 21/Local 99

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:047 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the National Chairperson explore the possibility of consultations with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations with regard to lobbying goals and strategies, and other public relations matters."

Local 21 delegate Pelley said that it was clear that many delegates opposed the views and goals of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). She said that while she respected that position, the student movement in Canada was divided and the Federation should attempt to rebuild bridges with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

Local 3 delegate Rob Nagai said that a little over one year ago his local had been a member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. He said that the organisation had delivered no services and very few results and the Local did not believe that it was receiving adequate representation. He noted that CASA had only become active after the Local left by sending collection agencies after the Local. He said that the Local had joined the Federation because of the Federation's successes and because it was the organisation that was driving the agenda for education in the country.

Local 99 delegate Ashley Morton said that he supported the amendment because it removed the requirement to hold general meetings at the same time and downgraded the meetings from formal to informal.

2003/11:078 DEFEATED

Local 24 delegate Denise Hammond said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that the suggestion that the Federation hold formal consultations with CASA regarding lobbying goals and strategies assumed that the Federation and CASA had similar goals and strategies. She said that she did not know why the Federation would seek the opinions of an organisation that did not support a reduction in tuition fees. She said that in addition, CASA was not founded on democratic principles. She said that CASA allowed the council or executive of a students' association to make the decision as to whether to become members. She said that the individual students were not consulted about whether they wished to join the organisation. She said that, as a result, it was unclear who CASA actually represented. She noted that CASA did not have positions on those issues that directly affected Aboriginal students, students of colour, students with disabilities, or queer students. She said that the Federation existed to fight for a post-secondary education that was accessible. She said that the Federation should not send the message that it would work with an organisation that did not support the Federation's core principles.

Local 11 delegate Ben Pearlman said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that as a delegate from Nova Scotia there had been many experiences working with and sometimes in opposition to students' unions that were members of CASA. He said that a year earlier member locals in Nova Scotia held a day of action and members of CASA schools not only refused to endorse it but issued press releases undermining the goals of the day of action. He said that the Federation had met with representatives of CASA about various issues over the years and a motion was unnecessary.

Local 73 delegate Christa Peters said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that locals had voted in favour of working more closely with FÉUQ, because it was an organisation that had similar principles. She said that during its existence CASA had supported fee increases, income contingent loan repayment plans and increased student debt.

Local 91 delegate Engler said that there was a parallel between the two motions. He said that in 1997 FÉUQ undermined the Québec student movement and held negotiations with the Parti Québécois government to introduce differential fees for those students from outside the province. He said that he did not know much about CASA; however, because delegates had made a decision about FÉUQ without knowing much about the organisation, they should be consistent by supporting the idea that CASA be invited to national general meetings.

2003/11:047 DEFEATED

j. Proposal to Amend Standing Resolution 25

2003/11:029 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 73/Local 98

Whereas the Federation has been facing reduced revenues over the past two years as a result of the downturn in the travel industry worldwide, including the student travel industry; and

Whereas expectations are that previously experienced levels of profitability will not be restored in the short and medium term; and

Whereas the two national general meetings conducted by the Federation each year constitute a significant expense for the Federation; and

Whereas the small budget member subsidy of registration and travel pool fees is an expense that has been growing steadily as more and more local associations join the Federation; and

Whereas there is a need to control the amount being spent subsidising registration and travel pool fees while ensuring that locals can send representative delegations; therefore

Be it resolved that the words "for up to four delegates" be added to the first statement in Standing Resolution 25-Scaled General Meeting Delegate Fees, so that the statement reads as follows:

Reduced delegate fees, for up to four delegates, shall be charged to member locals with annual revenue of less than \$200,000 using the following formula:

Be it further resolved that the following statement be deleted from Standing Resolution 25-Scaled General Meeting Delegate Fees:

A yearly inflationary adjustment shall be applied upwards to the subsidy ceiling.

Local 73 delegate Peters said that the Federation subsidised all member locals who sent delegates to general meetings. She said that the Federation was experiencing financial challenges and needed to be conscious of the various costs it incurred. She said that the motion proposed that small budget member locals could send a maximum of four delegates for which the small budget subsidy would apply. She said that the local would pay the full delegates' fees for any additional delegates. She said that four delegates meant that the local could participate in each of the plenary subcommittee meetings.

Local 9 delegate Leah Sharpe said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that while she understood the concerns, she did not think the motion adequately addressed them. She said that it was important to subsidise locals with smaller budgets. She said that it was unfair to establish a rule that would allow those locals with greater resources to send more delegates to meetings. She said that the financial costs associated with general meetings could be reduced by limiting the number of delegates all locals could send to meetings.

2003/11:079 MOTION TO POSTPONE

Local 71/Local 92

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:029 be postponed to the May 2004 national general meeting.

Local 71 delegate Marisa Barnhart said that consideration of the motion should be postponed so other models could be examined that would take into consideration the Federation's financial constraints and equity at general meetings between smaller and larger budget locals. She said that although the Federation operated on a "one member: one vote" structure the degree of influence each member exerted was based on the number of delegates it could afford to send. She said that the small budget local subsidy equalised some of the inequities.

Local 5 delegate Ben West asked how much the subsidy cost the Federation per meeting and how much the proposed amendment would save.

Turk-Browne said that the total amount of the small budget subsidy was in the budget. She said that she would have to work out the amount the amendment would save the Federation.

Local 54 delegate Luke Weiler said that he was opposed to postponing the motion. He said that with the growth of the organisation, the issue of how many delegates attended Federation general meetings had become a more immediate concern.

2003/11:079 CARRIED

2003/11:029 POSTPONED

k. Proposals Concerning the Composition of the National Executive

2003/11:031 MOTION

Local 73/Local 98

Whereas the Federation has been facing reduced revenues the past two years a result of the downturn in the travel industry worldwide, including the student travel industry; and

Whereas expectations are that previously experienced levels of profitability will not be restored in the short and medium term; and

Whereas flight costs are increasing at an alarming rate; and

Whereas the travel, accommodation, per diem, stipend and other costs of a single National Executive member can exceed \$10,000; and

Whereas the cost of maintaining a seventeen-person National Executive may no longer be affordable; and

Whereas more affordable provincial executive bodies function in most provinces in which the Federation has members; therefore

Be it resolved that a study be undertaken by the National Executive on the feasibility of reducing the size of the National Executive; and

Be it further resolved that the views and perspectives of former National Executive members be sought.

2003/11:080 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 100

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:031 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a study be undertaken by the National Executive on the size, scope and structure of the National Executive; and

Be it further resolved that the views and perspectives of former National Executive members be sought."

CARRIED

2003/11:031 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2003/11:033 MOTION

Local 23/Local 5

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students recognises and fights to protect the rights of international students; and

Whereas the Federation advocates international student representation at the local and at the national levels; and

Whereas most post-secondary institutions in Canada, and most member locals of the Federation have international students; and

Whereas international students are a vulnerable group with specific needs, problems, and issues; and

Whereas there are national representatives for Students of Colour, Graduate Students, Francophone Students, Women, and Aboriginal Students on the National Executive of the Federation, but no representative for International Students; therefore

Be it resolved that a National Executive position be created to be filled by an international student elected at the annual general meeting of the Federation from within the international Students' Constituency group; and

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Be it further resolved that the elected representative to the National Executive be known as the International Students' Representative, and should be accorded voting rights, stipends, and privileges equal to those accorded the national representatives of Students of Colour, Aboriginal Students and Graduate Students.

Be it resolved that the duties of the International Students' Representative on the National Executive include but not limited to the following:

1. Perform such duties as may be assigned by the National Executive Committee;
2. Act as primary liaison between the National Executive Committee and the international student members;
3. Act as the primary spokesperson for the Federation on international student issues;
4. Communicate international student perspectives to other members of the National Executive Committee;
5. Keep regular contact with provincial international student representatives;
6. Encourage international student involvement in the work of local student unions, and advocate the creation of international students' representative position on local council or boards, and the creation of international students' associations as a way of involving international students at all levels of the structure of the Federation; and
7. Call and chair national international student meetings. This shall include chairing International Students Constituency Group meetings.

2003/11:081

MOTION TO POSTPONE

Local 23/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:033 be postponed to the May 2004 national general meeting.

A delegate asked if it was possible to prepare such a report by the deadline.

Boyko said that the National Executive would endeavour to undertake the within the timeframe. He said that given the other tasks the National Executive had been assigned, including the day of action and the upcoming federal election, he was not completely confident that it would be completed. He said that the National Executive usually considered the directives from the previous general meeting at the January National Executive meeting. He said that because the January meeting had been cancelled it would not be until the April meeting that the National Executive would consider and assign responsibility for the work.

2003/11:082

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 23/Local 32

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:081 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:033 be postponed until the November 2004 national general meeting."

Local 23 delegate Clement Apaak said that it was unlikely that the National Executive would be able to fully consider the issue because it had a considerable amount of work to undertake before the May general meeting.

Local 24 delegate Hammond said that she supported the amendment. She said that the review of the National Executive structure would be a time consuming process and the National Executive should have ample time to weigh all the factors.

Local 54 delegate Hauch said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that if the report was not completed by the May 2004 meeting it could be postponed to the November meeting. He said that considering it at the May meeting would ensure that the National Executive commenced working on the issue.

Local 100 delegate Krista Parks said that she supported postponing the report until the November 2004 meeting. She said that the National Executive had enough work to undertake and would probably not be able to consider the issue by May.

2003/11:082

CARRIED

2003/11:081

CARRIED AS AMENDED

2003/11:033

POSTPONED

2003/11:035

MOTION

Local 5/Local 98

Whereas the Federation supports the inclusion of sexual orientation as prohibited grounds for discrimination in organisations, businesses and governments; and in all areas of academic life; and

Whereas the Federation supports the right of all queer students to live freely and openly as full and equal participants in society; and

Whereas the Federation opposes the discrimination of queer students; and

Whereas if there were more members of the National Executive they could devote more time and focus to new campaigns related to caucus and constituency group issues; and

Whereas there is a long standing tradition of queer culture within the Federation and within Canada which should be embraced by the National Executive and the Federation; and

Whereas along with other changes such as allocating votes to local on standing committees and the creation of a new standing committee to deal with social justice campaigns the creation of new seats on the National Executive can be part of a natural evolution towards dynamic policy creation and greater social relevance of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that a National Executive position be created to be filled by a queer student elected at the annual general meeting of the Federation from within the Queer Students Constituency Group;

Be it further resolved that the elected representative to the National Executive be known as the Queer Students' Representative, and should be accorded voting rights, stipends, and privileges equal to those accorded the national representatives of Students of Colour, Aboriginal Students and Graduate Students;

Be it further resolved that the duties and responsibilities of the Queer Students' Representative to the National Executive include but is not limited to the following:

1. Perform such duties as may be assigned by the National Executive Committee;
2. Act as primary liaison between the National Executive Committee and queer students;
3. Act as the primary spokesperson for the Federation on queer issues;
4. Communicate the perspectives of queer students to the executive and its members;
5. Communicate with and provide support to provincial queer representatives;
6. Encourage local student unions in their work, advocate for the creation of queer representation and associations at local student unions as a way of involving queer students in all levels of the Federation;
7. Send to queer student organisations and member associations brief semi-annual reports which could include information about campaigns, activities, and goals pertaining to the constituency;
8. Call and chair national queer meetings. This shall include chairing Queer Constituency group meetings; and
9. Carry out the duties of other National Executive members as outlined in Bylaw V in the Federation's Constitution and Bylaws.

2003/11:082

MOTION TO POSTPONE

Local 23/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:035 be postponed to the May 2004 national general meeting.

Local 3-Penticton delegate Terri-Anne Kennedy said that she was opposed to postponing consideration of the motion. She said that the Queer Students' Constituency Group was opposed to the motion because it did not meet the Group's needs.

2003/11:082

DEFEATED

Local 24 delegate Park said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that the Queer Students' Constituency Group thought it was inadequate and would not achieve the goal of better

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communication among locals. She said that the Group was also interested in the National Executive's investigation into the composition of the National Executive.

Local 24 delegate Hammond said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that members of the Queer Students' Constituency Group wanted to find a way to communicate, strategise and to organise on a local level. She said that the members of the Group wanted to undertake that challenge directly rather than elect someone to the National Executive and assume that it would resolve the Group's concerns. She said that it was important for locals to take responsibility for the work and to find ways to share resources.

Local 91 delegate Katherine Childs said that she had been elected the Queer Students' Constituency Group Commissioner. She said that over the course of the subsequent six months she would be in contact with the delegates who had attended the Constituency Group meetings.

2003/11:035 DEFEATED

2003/11:083 MOTION TO RECESS

Local 01/Local 79

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 19:00.

CARRIED

18:05 the meeting recessed.

19:27 the meeting reconvened. Local 62 delegate Xiao Wang joined the meeting.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued)

I. Proposal to Amend Plenary Subcommittee Selection Process

2003/11:037 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 5/Local 98

Whereas the current system of vote allocation for standing general meeting committees is time consuming, complicated and, due to votes being shared, can hinder the ability of individual locals to participate on behalf of their membership;

Whereas provincial components, caucuses, and constituency groups can allocate more time to discussion of issues and the development of campaigns if the system of vote allocation is improved;

Whereas the inclusion of more votes being counted is inherently democratic;

Whereas this change along with the addition of a social justice campaigns committee and if seats are created on the national executive for caucus and constituency representatives then more time and resources will be allocated to addressing the issues of the caucuses and constituency groups;

Whereas the binding decisions made during opening and closing plenary and during workshops at annual and semi-annual National General meetings are made using the principle of one member local one vote; and

Whereas motions are moved and seconded during committee meetings at annual and semi-annual general meetings using the principle of one member local one vote; therefore;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1 2. Committee Composition read as follows:

Each Caucus constituency group and provincial component shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee. Each member local shall have one vote allocated on each standing general meeting committee. A voting member local may appoint another voting member local to act as its proxy vote on standing committees subject to the terms of Bylaw II 7.b 1, 2, and 3.

McFadyen said that the Committee thought that the proposal did not address the concern that the first day of general meetings had been spent selecting people to the various subcommittees. She

explained that the Committee thought that it was important for the National Executive to have the opportunity to debrief on the strengths and weaknesses of the campaigns forum.

Local 54 delegate Hauch said that he supported the motion because it was an excellent compromise between the existing process and a revised process. He said that it maintained the “one member local: one vote” principle but incorporated the constituency groups and caucuses.

2003/11:037 DEFEATED

m. Proposal to Create Additional Plenary Subcommittee

2003/11:039 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 5/Local 98

Whereas more time could be allocated to the campaigns of caucuses and constituency groups if there were two committees responsible for developing campaigns; and

Whereas more time and resources could be devoted to creating an education system that is of high quality and accessible to all if one national standing committee was dedicated to nothing but raising awareness of educational issues and developing campaigns related to educational issues; and

Whereas the state of the world today is such that it is ethically imperative that more time and energy be dedicated to social justice issues; and

Whereas the creation of a new standing committee would create more seats for delegates to sit in thereby decreasing vote splitting and simplifying the election process; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #1 3.b be amended to read as follows:

Educational Issues Campaigns Committee

The Educational Issues Campaigns Committee shall:

1. Assess the recent and ongoing national campaigns related to Educational Issues
2. Recommend to closing plenary at the semi-annual general meeting a campaigns strategy which includes but is not limited to goals of the strategy;
3. Implementation of the strategy which shall include:
 - Research and information compilation to be undertaken
 - Contact with government and institutions
 - Membership mobilisation
 - Media strategy
 - Coalition work; and
4. review and recommend adjustments to the Educational Issues campaign strategy for the remainder of academic year to the closing plenary of the annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #1 3.c be amended to read as follows:

Social Justice Campaigns Committee

The Social Justice Campaigns Committee shall:

1. Assess the recent and ongoing national campaigns related to Social Justice Issues
2. Recommend to closing plenary at the semi-annual general meeting a campaigns strategy which includes but is not limited to goals of the strategy;
3. Implementation of the strategy which shall include:
 - Research and information compilation to be undertaken;
 - Contact with government and institutions;
 - Membership mobilisation;
 - Media strategy;
 - Coalition work; and
 - Campaigns brought forward by caucuses and constituencies that are not referred to Education Issues
4. Review and recommend adjustments to the social justice campaign strategy for the remainder of academic year to the closing plenary of the annual general meeting.

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Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution #1 sections 3c and 3d will be renumbered accordingly.

McFadyen said that the Committee recommended defeat of the motion. She said that the Committee believed that separating educational campaigns from other social justice campaigns made an artificial distinction between the Federation's goals.

Local 54 delegate Weiler said that he supported the motion. He said that there were those who believed the role of unions should be to work on education issues only and those who believed students' unions should address a plethora of issues. He said that the motion would provide a venue for those who were interested in education issues only and those who had a different conception of what work the Federation should undertake.

Local 98 delegate Julia Munk said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that it was almost impossible to consider education issues without considering the broader issues.

Local 28 delegate Selvaratnam said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that the Federation had been formed because students recognised the need for a national student movement that would not only advocate for accessible education but would also implement campaigns about issues that affected students in the broader context.

Local 54 delegate Hauch said that the proposal was not intended to artificially separate education from social issues. He said that it would allow for the full consideration of both education and other social justice issues. He said that it would also resolve the issue of the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee being overloaded with work. He said that too often delegates got bogged down discussing education issues. He said that the link between education and social justice was undeniable but, because the Federation was a student organisation, it focused on education issues primarily. He said that it would provide delegates with an opportunity to prioritise other work.

Local 28 delegate Kathryn Waters said that she appreciated the intention of the motion and would love to more time devoted to a broader range of social justice issues; however, the motion reinforced the separation of the two.

2003/11:084 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:039 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that an investigation into ways to devote more time to discussion of social justice issues at national general meetings be undertaken."

Sioufi said that she would not seek a seconder because the original motion was a proposal to amend the Standing Resolutions and the amendment proposed to direct the National Executive to undertake work. She said that it was out-of-order.

2003/11:084 RULED OUT-OF-ORDER

Local 97 delegate Murphy Brown said that although she realised that social justice issues were student issues, in many instances social justice issues were not prioritised. She said that a social justice committee would be very relevant.

2003/11:039 DEFEATED

n. Proposal to Change the Composition of the Aboriginal Caucus Executive

2003/11:051 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 44/Local 98

Be it resolved that Standing resolution #17 be amended as follows:

- 5 a) Composition
 - i. Chairperson;
 - ii. Deputy Chairperson
 - iii. National Executive Representative

5 b) Term of Office

The term of office for

- i. the Caucus Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and National Executive Representative shall be one year, commencing upon the closure of the Federation's semi-annual general meeting and ending the close the succeeding semi-annual general meeting;

6 a) Election of the Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Aboriginal Caucus by the members of the Caucus.

6 b) Election of the Deputy Chairperson

The Deputy Chairperson shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Aboriginal Caucus by the members of the Caucus.

6 c) Election of the National Executive Representative

The National Executive Representative shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Aboriginal Caucus by the members of the Caucus.

6 d) Eligibility

- i. A nominee for the position of Chairperson must be an aboriginal student registered at an educational institution and an individual member of the Federation;
- ii. A nominee for the position of Deputy Chairperson must be an aboriginal student registered at an educational institution and an individual member of the Federation;
- iii. A nominee for the position of National Executive Representative must be an aboriginal student registered at an educational institution and an individual member of the Federation;

add

7 d) Deputy Chairperson

The Deputy Chairperson shall:

- i. shall, in absence of the Chairperson, assume the duties of the Chairperson;
- ii. shall be responsible for the secretarial and fiscal duties of the Aboriginal Caucus;
- iii. shall ensure that minutes of all caucus meetings are recorded and distributed to caucus members;
- iv. shall coordinate campaigns of the Aboriginal Caucus;
- v. shall coordinate research of the Aboriginal Caucus.

Local 8 delegate Julie Bartlett said that there had been extensive discussions in the Aboriginal Caucus meetings regarding the motion. She said that the Caucus had reached the consensus that the creation of a deputy chairperson position was unnecessary and recommended that it be defeated.

2003/11:051 DEFEATED

o. Adoption of the Organisational Development Committee Report

2003/11:085 MOTION

Local 73/Local 20

Be it resolved that Organisational Development Committee report be adopted.

CARRIED

5. CONSIDERATION OF THE ELECTORAL REPORT

a. National Executive By-Election

2003/11:086 MOTION

Local 72/Local 75

Be it resolved that Joel Koette (Local 18) be ratified as the Aboriginal Representative on the National Executive for the remainder of the 2003-2004 term.

CARRIED

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b. National Executive Elections

i. National Chairperson

2003/11:087

MOTION

Local 30/Local 1

Be it resolved that George Soule (Local 1) be ratified as the National Chairperson for the 2004-2005 term.

CARRIED

c. National Deputy Chairperson

2003/11:088

MOTION

Local 69/Local 72

Be it resolved that Angela Regnier (Local 101) be ratified as the National Deputy Chairperson for the 2004-2005 term.

CARRIED

d. National Treasurer

2003/11:089

MOTION

Brock Graduate Students' Association/Local 48

Be it resolved that David Hare (Local 11) be ratified as the National Treasurer for the 2004-2005 term.

CARRIED

e. Travel C.U.T.S. Board Elections

2003/11:090

MOTION

Local 18/Local 37

Be it resolved that Jess Turk-Browne (Local 78) be ratified as the Travel C.U.T.S. Board Representative for the 2004-2006 term.

CARRIED

f. Adoption of the Electoral Report

Local 89 delegate Chris Hurl asked for the election results to be released.

Soufi said that it was not the practice to release the results so a motion would be required. She said that if the majority of locals voted in favour of releasing the results, they would be announced.

2003/11:091

MOTION

Local 89/Local 101

Be it resolved that the results of the elections be released.

Local 89 delegate Chris Hurl said that it was important to be a transparent organisation, which included full disclosure of election results. He said that it was important to know how locals voted in the election.

Local 18 delegate Hansen said that it was intimidating to present oneself as a candidate in the elections. He said that the results had not been released in the past to ensure that none of the candidates were embarrassed or made to feel uncomfortable.

Local 54 delegate Sevi Modestou said that she supported the motion. She said that the results should be disclosed in the spirit of transparency and also because they had been released at previous meetings.

2003/11:091

DEFEATED

2003/11:092 MOTION
Local 66/Local 61
Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

2003/11:093 MOTION
Local 35/Local 11
Be it resolved that the Electoral Report be adopted.

CARRIED

6. CONSIDERATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT

Boyko said that the attendance list in the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum report should note Local 78 delegates Ryan Coombs and Phil Robinson, Local 101 delegate Nicole Berard and Local 84 delegate Darryl Hobbs had participated in the meeting. He said that the Forum had undertaken an extensive review of the campaigns and government relations strategy and the work undertaken by locals in preparation for the day of action and the federal election. He said that there had been no amendments to the strategy.

a. Proposal to Adopt Campaign Opposing the Persecution of the Falun Dafa

Boyko explained that the Forum recommended defeat of Motion 2003/05:079 because it did not have enough information and also because some credible human rights organisations had not taken a position.

2003/05:079 MOTION
Local 83/Local 7
Whereas Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) is a traditional practice of body and mind based on the universal principle of "Truthfulness-Compassion-Tolerance and is commended for its devotion to public service and commitment to improving health in mind, body and spirit; and
Whereas many Falun Dafa practitioners across Canada are students and members of the Federation; and
Whereas all Falun Dafa activities, including classes and conferences, are offered by volunteers and are open to the public free of charge; and
Whereas the four year long persecution of Falun Dafa in China severely violates fundamental human rights protected in Chinese constitutional law, and has caused at least 673 deaths of practitioners; and
Whereas the Chinese Embassy in Canada repeatedly sent our members defamatory and contradictory materials against Falun Dafa, which is unacceptable interference with our supporting Falun Dafa practitioners' rights of practice, and serves to excite the hatred of Falun Dafa; therefore
Be it resolved that the Chinese Embassy or other Chinese government officials be urged to stop sending any defamatory materials about the Falun Dafa; and
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Government be requested to publicly urge the Chinese authorities to stop the persecution of the Falun Dafa.

DEFEATED

b. Proposal to Oppose the Elimination of Funding for Women's Centres in BC

2003/11:094 MOTION
Local 8/Local 5
Whereas the Government of British Columbia has announced that it will completely eliminate public provincial funding to women's centres in the province as of April 2004; and
Whereas the services provided by these community centres are accessed regularly by members and often used for referrals and assistance by campus women's centres; and

Whereas there are currently 37 non-profit women's centres in 33 rural and urban communities in British Columbia that will be devastated by the funding cut; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters to the Premier of British Columbia, calling for an immediate commitment by the B.C. government to cancel the funding cuts to women's centres scheduled for April 2004; and

Be it further resolved that support be extended to organisations seeking to document and research the history and current state of funding for women's centres, sexual assault crisis services, women's services and advocacy agencies and organisations across Canada.

CARRIED

c. Motion in Support of Same Sex Marriage

2003/11:095

MOTION

Local 8/Local 23

Whereas the policy of the Federation on Sexual Orientation states that "[...] all queer students have the right to: [...] 7. Recognition including, but not limited to, legal recognition of same sex relationships including marriage and its associated benefits in the eyes of the law and society"; and

Whereas campaigning in support of same sex marriage rights has been ongoing at all levels of the student movement; and

Whereas further encouragement and support of these efforts can assist in building the campaign for the full recognition of same sex marriage rights; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to mobilise members and lobby federally elected representatives in support of same sex marriage rights; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to cooperate with or join local coalitions or organisations that mobilise in support of same sex marriage rights; and

Be it further resolved that a basic template and resource materials be provided to member locals to assist in mobilising in support of same sex marriage rights.

Boyko said that the Federation had been working on a campaign to support legislation allowing same sex marriage.

Local 91 delegate Childs said that the Queer Students' Constituency Group thought the motion was redundant. She said that member locals had already undertaken the work and had sufficient campaign materials.

Local 100 delegate Park said that other organisations that were dedicated to the issue had already undertaken the work which the Federation supported.

2003/11:095

DEFEATED

d. Motion in Support of International Students Right to Work Off Campus

2003/11:096

MOTION

Local 48/Local 79

Whereas a newly introduced pilot project is being implemented in Manitoba, allowing international students to work off campus; and

Whereas international students in the rest of Canada do not have the opportunity to work off campus; and

Whereas the Federation has been lobbying government to allow international students to work off campus; therefore

Be it resolved that lobbying be undertaken to allow international students to work off-campus across Canada; and

Be it further resolved that lobbying be undertaken for these changes to be made immediately without waiting for the completion of the pilot project currently underway in Manitoba.

Boyko said that the Forum had developed the motion to ensure that work be undertaken in advance of the government's pilot project.

Local 49 delegate Jeff Laporte said that it was his understanding that Human Resources Development Canada had already developed policy with regard to international students working off-campus but it had not yet been implemented. He said that the bureaucracy to administer such a policy had not yet been developed.

Boyko said that the Federation had been informed at the Advisory Committee on International Students and Immigration that Citizenship and Immigration Canada was prepared to implement the program. He said that Citizenship and Immigration Canada claimed that it did not have the financial resources to implement a system that could monitor students across the country. He said that there were a couple of provinces that were willing to accept some of the financial responsibility which is why it had been implemented in such a patchwork fashion.

Local 21 delegate Pelley said that the campaign was of a provincial nature. She said that Learning Minister Lyle Oberg was responsible for the portfolio in Alberta.

National Researcher Michael Conlon said that the programme had been implemented in Manitoba. He said that Alberta had been included in the pilot project; however, it was not yet operational. He said that none of the agreements could be entered into without the federal government's approval because immigration and citizenship issues were the responsibility of the federal government. He said that therefore the lobbying efforts had been almost exclusively at the federal level.

Local 101 Gboyega Adesina said that an increasing number of international students were graduating without any real work experience and, as such, these students had difficulty securing work after graduation.

Local 8 delegate Farnoosh Ali said that a petition had been circulated in Manitoba advocating for the right of international students to work off-campus. She said that other provinces may wish to undertake such an initiative.

Local 23 delegate Apaak said that he was very excited about the pilot project and the work of the Federation in lobbying the government to implement it. He said that the recent increases in tuition fees had made the need for all international students to work off-campus more pressing.

2003/11:096 CARRIED

e. Motion to Address HIV/AIDS Crisis in Siem Reap Region of Cambodia

2003/11:097 MOTION

Local 54/Local 9

Whereas the Siem Reap region of Cambodia is currently experiencing an HIV crisis; and

Whereas direct and indirect sex workers (including beer girls) have a seropositivity rate of between 23% and 43%; and

Whereas government-provided healthcare in Cambodia is nearly non-existent; and

Whereas the majority of beer girls in Siem Reap are paid so poorly that they must engage in sex work to subsidize their income; and

Whereas many beer companies operating in Cambodia have refused to acknowledge that the women who promote their beer are employees, and thus do not warrant medical coverage or a living wage; therefore

Be it resolved that a campaign be developed and launched to educate students about the labour practices of beer companies who employ "beer girls" in Cambodia and to mobilise students to use their purchasing power to affect the actions taken by these companies; and

Be it further resolved that all beer companies selling their product in Cambodia be called upon to take the following steps:

- i. Double the remuneration from about \$55/month (USD) to a minimum of \$110/month (USD); and

- ii. Provide effective health education to create behaviour changes that prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS in the community; and

- iii. Provide free anti-retroviral therapy to the beer promotion women who are HIV positive; and

Be it further resolved that the struggle being undertaken by Dr. Ian Lubek to raise awareness of labour conditions in Cambodia and fight the spread of HIV/AIDS be publicly endorsed.

Boyko said that the campaign was focused on implementation at the local level. He said that if any of the products sold in a campus pub were related to the extreme exploitation of women in Cambodia, the locals could pressure the beer companies to cease the practice.

Local 44 delegate Jude Coates said that while she thought the issue was important, she was opposed to the motion. She said that there should be a fuller understanding of the effects of voting in favour of it. She said that delegates had not been able to sufficiently discuss the issue in the Campaigns Forum. She said that the issue was complex and the locals should be able to discuss it at the local level as well. She said that the best place to implement the campaign was at the local level. She said that she assumed that Local 54 had removed or considered removing the beer products from their pub and Local 44 would be interested in learning from that experience.

Local 11 delegate Pearlman said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that sometimes there was a tendency to vote in favour of campaigns motions that people supported but realistically could not be effectively implemented by the Federation. He said that the Federation had to be selective about the campaigns it adopted.

Local 54 delegate Weiler said that he had prepared the motion after being inspired by the doctor who had undertaken research on the issue. He said that the campaign was not intended to be a massive undertaking on the part of the Federation. He said that there were five brands of beer that students' unions should not purchase. He said that it was part of an existing campaign and it would include endorsing the goals of that campaign. He said that the region of Cambodia most affected was the tourist region where it was estimated that over one-quarter of the people who travelled to the area were doing so to have sex with the locals. He said that in Canada approximately 0.16 percent of the population was HIV positive while in Cambodia three percent of the population was infected. He said that in the specific region of Cambodia 43 percent of the sex workers were infected.

2003/11:097 DEFEATED

f. Motion to Oppose Academic Sanctions Against Students for Off-Campus Activities

2003/11:098 MOTION

Local 11/Local 5

Whereas Dalhousie University has announced its intention to impose academic and financial penalties in response to police reports on students who receive noise complaints at their homes in Halifax; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to Dalhousie University opposing the University's threat of applying academic and financial sanctions to students for behaviour taking place off of university property and outside of operations; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters of protest to Dalhousie University President Tom Traves; and

Be it further resolved that letters be copied to the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to pursue this campaign with the administration and Board of Governors of their respective institutions.

Boyko said that several universities and colleges around the country had adopted codes of conduct that linked academic penalties to non-academic behaviour. He said that there had been a similar campaign at Dalhousie University as a result of academic penalties being applied for off-campus activities.

2003/11:098 CARRIED

g. Motion in Support of Democratic Student Involvement on Boards of Governors

2003/11:099

MOTION

Local 54/Local 5

Whereas the majority of individuals with seats on their respective Boards of Governors or Governing Councils are not students; and

Whereas many individuals with seats on Boards of Governors or Governing Councils represent corporate interests, and those interests are often in direct conflict with the interests of students; and

Whereas the few existing student seats are, in general, token in nature, and cannot affect actual decisions; and

Whereas students should have real, democratic involvement in the institutions they attend; therefore

Be it resolved that a campaign be undertaken to lobby both provincial and federal governments, as well as campus administrations, to create more student seats on post-secondary governing bodies; and

Be it further resolved that this campaign expand on existing resources around corporate control of public post-secondary institutions; and

Be it further resolved that the campaign target those corporate executives currently sitting on governing bodies; and

Be it further resolved that the campaign include a public awareness and outreach strategy; and

Be it further resolved that the campaign support bicameral decision making structures on campuses where they exist.

2003/11:100

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 23/Local 46

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:099 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that the campaign include a demand that all students regardless of international or domestic students, be eligible to sit on all post-secondary education governing bodies."

Local 23 delegate Apaak said that the Universities Act in British Columbia precluded international students from becoming members of the Board of Governors. He said that he had attempted to run for the position on two occasions and was forced to withdraw his nomination form because he was an international student. He said that it was an infringement on international students' rights.

Local 101 delegate Adesina said that he supported the amendment. He said that there had been an increasing number of international students attending Canadian universities and colleges, and that they had an important role to play at the institutional level.

Local 98 delegate Morton said that there could be legal reasons for the exclusion of international students. He said that, for example, regardless of whether a board of directors was for-profit or not-for-profit, a director had to be at least 18 years of age. He said that it was so the director could be held legally responsible for decisions. He said that he believed that members of the boards of governors were required to be citizens of Canada because there were legal liabilities and responsibilities.

2003/11:100

CARRIED

2003/11:101

MOTION TO POSTPONE

Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:099 be postponed to the May 2004 national general meeting.

DEFEATED

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2003/11:102 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 91/Local 27

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:099 be amended to include:

“Be it further resolved that a national conference on the state of democratisation of public universities be held within the next two years; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Association of University Teachers, community groups and students' associations be invited to attend the conference.”

Local 91 delegate Engler said that he had proposed a similar motion in the Campaigns Forum that had been narrowly defeated. He said that while students were fighting against tuition fee increases, against the corporatisation of campus, against the General Agreement on Trade in Services and generally defending public post-secondary education those who should be the main spokespeople for the public institutions were acting as apologists for the dismantling of public post-secondary education. He said that these spokespeople were beholden to boards of governors. He said that the boards were dominated by representatives of corporations. He said that it was difficult to defend post-secondary education when key spokespeople were undermining the Federation's efforts.

Local 78 delegate Phil Robinson said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that, while university governance was an important issue, it was not as high a priority as the other work the Federation had to undertake. He said that the Federation had limited resources and had to prioritise accordingly.

Local 5 delegate Ben West said that, although he agreed that the Federation's resources had to be allocated carefully, a conference on university governance was a good use of those resources.

Local 23 delegate Camilla Sears said that it would be more effective to undertake such a campaign at the local level.

Local 33 delegate Lisa MacLeod said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that such a conference could be very expensive and would deplete Federation and member local resources.

2003/11:102 DEFEATED

2003/11:099 ADOPTED AS AMENDED

h. Motion to Develop Awareness Campaign Dispelling Myths About Aboriginal Education

2003/11:103 MOTION

Local 72/Local 23

Whereas there are many myths surrounding education with respect to Aboriginal peoples; therefore

Be it resolved that a “myth/fact” poster campaign be developed dispelling myths surrounding Aboriginal education.

Local 72 delegate Wes Guiboche said that there were a number of myths that continued to be circulate about Aboriginal education. He said that the campaign would not require many resources because myth and fact sheets were already available.

2003/11:103 CARRIED

i. Motion to Address the Effect of Rising Tuition Fees on Students of Colour

2003/11:104 MOTION

Local 01/Local 09

Whereas it has been proven that people in the lowest income bracket are less likely to participate in post-secondary education due to increasing tuition fees; and

Whereas people of colour throughout Canada are over-represented in this income bracket; therefore

Be it resolved that information on the specific effects of the rising cost of tuition fees on students of colour be produced and distributed to member locals.

Boyko said that the motion was developed from the strong belief and supporting data that high user fees posed a barrier to marginalised groups.

Local 23 delegate Nammi Poorooshasb said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that rising tuition fees prevented people from pursuing an education regardless of whether they were of colour. He said that the issue was not whether one was a person of colour but a class issue. He said that research had demonstrated that if one was from a low or middle-income background, high user fees made it more difficult to pursue post-secondary education.

Local 1 delegate Kimberly Brice said that while rising tuition fees affected everyone, the Federation needed to take into account the specific impact on people of colour.

Local 84 delegate Darryl Hobbs said that he supported the motion. He said that rising tuition fees affected students of colour more negatively than other students. He said that more research on the issue was required.

Local 98 delegate Morton said that the issue was directly related to income. He said that the idea that people from low-income backgrounds could not as readily access post-secondary education regardless of race should be promoted.

Local 76 delegate Mingorance said that he supported the motion. He said that when he moved from Spain to Canada he faced a number of barriers including a language barrier. He said that materials would educate people that there were different barriers for people of colour or different ethnic groups.

A delegate asked if and how the information could be compiled.

Boyko said that similar research had been undertaken. He said that a lot of the research the Federation undertook was data collection from other sources.

Alberta Representative Rashaad Sader said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that increasing tuition fees affected all students, especially those from a low-income background, regardless of colour.

2003/11:105

MOTION

Local 01/Local 05

Be it resolved that the speakers' list be extended two for and two against.

CARRIED

Local 1 delegate Brice said that she understood that everyone faced barriers but to argue that immigrants or people of colour did not face additional barriers was questionable.

Local 37 delegate Dave Cannon said that the arguments against the motion were not intended to suggest a lack of support for the issue. He said that at Brandon University students of colour were severely under-represented and the research would assist the Local in its efforts to encourage more representation.

A delegate asked if there were existing campaigns on the effects of high tuition fees on Aboriginal students and low-income students.

Boyko said that the Where's the Justice campaign, Aboriginal Education: Canada's Priority campaign and the majority of the campaigns strategy addressed the negative effects of fees on low-income students.

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2003/11:106 MOTION

Local 08/Local 84

Be it resolved that the speakers' list be extended two for and two against.

CARRIED

Local 89 delegate Hurl said that he supported the motion. He said that it was misleading to separate income from race.

2003/11:107 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 01/Local 72

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:104 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that information on the specific effects of the rising cost of tuition fees on immigrants and students of colour be produced and distributed to member locals."

Local 1 delegate Rathika Sitsabaiesan said that the amendment would expand the research to include students who were immigrants.

Local 91 delegate Engler said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that access to education for immigrants was an issue; however, there were specific barriers that students of colour faced. He said that the research should focus on race as a barrier.

Local 97 delegate Brown said that the real issue was how tuition fees affected students of colour. She said that regardless of when black students' families immigrated to Canada, they were still at the bottom of the economic ladder.

Local 98 delegate Leigh Honeywell asked if the amendment would preclude preparing two fact sheets.

The Plenary Speaker said that the amendment did not specify.

Boyko said that the motion did not specify the production of a fact sheet. He said that it was possible that not enough research would be uncovered for a fact sheet. He said that it would likely be more of an exploratory undertaking.

2003/11:107 DEFEATED

Local 13 delegate Rob Mealey said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that delegates had to be realistic about the Federation's resources. He said that the majority of the Federation's resources would be devoted to the Day of Action. He said that it was important that the research staff and the National Executive focus on the effects of rising tuition fees on all students so the information could be distributed during the lead up to the day of action.

Local 84 delegate Darryl Hobbs said that he would volunteer to undertake the research.

Local 98 delegate Morton said that he supported the argument that students of colour faced barriers that he did not. He said, however, that there were barriers associated with many characteristics. He said that the issue that had to be addressed was the connection between race and economic ability. He said that the inability to pay higher fees was because people of colour were generally in a lower-income bracket and not because they were people of colour.

2003/11:104 CARRIED

j. Motion to Support Day of Action Against the Occupation of Iraq

2003/11:108 MOTION

Local 09/Local 01

Whereas the occupation of Iraq is illegal under international law; and

Whereas the student-led protests in Canada helped mobilise thousands of people across the country, in solidarity with millions around the world on February 15, 2003; and

Whereas the student movements' embrace of peace and peaceful alternatives to war has helped broaden the minds of Canadians and forced the federal government to stay directly away from the Iraq war; therefore

Be it resolved that materials about the occupation of Iraq be produced and distributed to member locals; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to mobilise members on March 20, 2004 against the illegal occupation of Iraq.

Local 9 delegate Kyall Glennie said that the Federation and the student movement worldwide had been leaders of the peace movement. He said that various locals would be organising for the day and the National Executive should encourage locals to undertake this work.

Local 19 delegate Kelly Holloway said that she was involved in the anti-war movement. She said that students had organised an anti-war conference at the University of Toronto that involved over 500 students and over 50 sessions dealing with the war in Iraq. She said that it had been very empowering. She said that in the Campaigns Forum almost every local had mentioned the anti-war work that it had undertaken.

2003/11:109 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 11/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:107 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that materials about the occupation of Iraq be collected and distributed to member locals; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to mobilise members on March 20, 2004 against the illegal occupation of Iraq."

Local 11 delegate Pearlman said that there were many organisations in Canada that had already produced materials. He said that the Federation should build from those efforts.

2003/11:109 CARRIED

2003/11:108 CARRIED AS AMENDED

k. Motion to Oppose Sanctions Against Syria

2003/11:110 MOTION

Local 44/Local 75

Whereas the previous sanctions against the nation of Iraq resulted in several hundred thousand civilian deaths; and

Whereas the United States has passed a bill to impose two of six of the following sanctions against Syria;

1. ban exports to Syria of military and dual-use technology such as pharmaceuticals and related items;
2. prohibit U.S. businesses, currently mostly oil companies, from operating in Syria;
3. restrict Syrian diplomats in the United States;
4. block Syrian airline flights to the United States and its territories;
5. reduce or remove diplomatic contact with Syria;
6. freeze Syrian assets in the United States; and

Whereas the European Union has rejected the proposed sanctions saying that it is "obviously not our position, we are in the process of negotiating an association agreement with Syria" (quoting Emma Udwin, spokesperson for Chris Patten, External Relations Commissioner of the European Union, as reported on October 9, 2003); and

Whereas the Arab League has stated that such a decision would "increase tension in the region, make chances for peace more remote and block any serious dialogue between the US and Syria" (as reported by Agence France Press, October 9, 2003) and "[T]he move which comes just after the Israeli aggression against Syria raises questions about the issue of the double campaign targeting Syria from both the United States and Israel" (as reported on October 9, 2003); therefore

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Be it resolved that a campaign be undertaken to oppose the recent decision by the United States to implement sanctions against Syria.

Local 44 delegate Eric Hansel said that the motion was of an emergency nature. He said that the United States of America House of Representatives had adopted the sanctions against Syria on the previous Monday. He said that the campaign the Federation conducted against the sanctions in Iraq in the 1990s could be replicated. He said that the direction of the motion had been left intentionally vague because it had been introduced so late. He noted that over 1.5 million civilians had died as a result of the sanctions in Iraq.

Local 101 Serife Tekin said that she supported the motion. She said that she was from Turkey and had closely monitored the sanctions against Iraq which had resulted in people suffering.

2003/11:111 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 89/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion 2003/11 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that delegates be encouraged to join the rally at the US Embassy, located in Ottawa, on Sunday, November 22."

Local 89 delegate Hurl said that delegates were within a ten-minute walk to the US Embassy. He said that it would be a good opportunity to participate in the action.

Local 76 delegate Lucas Schuller said that he was opposed to the amendment because a number of delegates were departing for home. He said that anyone who wished to participate should do so.

2003/11:111 DEFEATED

2003/11:112 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 98/

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:109 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that the language of this campaign address certain human rights abuses in Syria."

DEFEATED FOR LACK OF SECONDER

Local 47 delegate Gault said that he supported the motion. He said that the United States of America had banned a number of items by claiming that they were "dual use" including sewage treatment plants and the parts for the plants. He said that he opposed the idea of punishing the citizenry to force them into political change.

2003/11:110 CARRIED

I. Adoption of the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum Report

2003/11:113 MOTION

Local 01/Local 32

Be it resolved that the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum report be adopted.

CARRIED

8. CAUCUS AND CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORTS

National Graduate Caucus

National Graduate Caucus Chairperson Andrea Rounce said that the National Graduate Caucus meetings had discussed intellectual property, scholarly publishing, copyright and other issues related directly to graduate students. She said that the Caucus members attended a workshop on copyright. She said that materials for the Whistleblowers campaign would be distributed in the coming weeks.

Rounce explained that the Caucus would co-host a conference on innovation with the Conseil nationale des cycles supérieures at the end of February 2004. She said that the conference would focus on the

concept of innovation, which had been collapsed into the concept of commercialisation and its negative impact on the academic environment.

National Aboriginal Caucus

Local 18 delegate Joel Koette said that the National Aboriginal Caucus meetings had discussed the myth and facts associated with aboriginal education in Canada. He said that the Caucus also discussed the lack of funding for on-reserve schools. He said that the Caucus also conducted by-elections and had elected Local 8 delegate Julie Bartlett as the Chairperson and him as the National Executive Representative for the remainder of the 2003-2004 term.

Student Artists' Constituency Group

Local 33 delegate Lisa MacLeod said that the Student Artists Constituency Group discussed the motions and conducted a local-by-local roundtable on campaigns being implemented on campuses. She said that the Group also discussed various issues that were of particular concern to arts institutions including privatisation, the increasing corporate and private influence on curriculum, and the low priority institutions and governments placed on funding arts programmes.

MacLeod said that the Group also discussed the campaigns forum structure. She said that the pros were that it provided a large forum with local representation and eliminated the selection process. She said that the perspectives of student artists were not eliminated with the new structure. She said that one of the flaws was that smaller locals could not send a delegate to every committee.

Students of Colour Constituency Group

Students of Colour Representative Joseph Zanger Bright said that the Students of Colour Constituency Group reviewed the motions that had been presented for consideration at the meeting. He said that the Group encouraged locals to continue to include students of colour in their work at the local, provincial and national levels.

Students with Disabilities Constituency Group

Boyko said that there was no report from the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group.

Francophone Students' Constituency Group

Francophone Students' Representative Michael Ouellet said that the Francophone Students' Constituency Group discussed the situation at Laurentian University, which was considered a bilingual institution. He said that the institution was cutting a number of French courses, thereby restricting students' ability to take certain courses or programmes in French. He said that the Group also discussed the motion to work more closely with FÉUQ. He said that the Group was excited about the possibility of working more closely with the organisation.

International Students' Constituency Group

Local 101 delegate Serife Tekin said that she had been elected as the International Students' Commissioner. She said that the International Students Constituency Group had discussed the various motions that had been presented at the meeting for consideration. She said that she would explore ways to improve communication among international students at the various campuses.

Queer Students' Constituency Group

Local 91 delegate Katherine Childs said that the Queer Students' Constituency Group had discussed the Federation's policy on transgendered and transsexual students. She said that the Group strongly supported the policy and recognised that more work on the issue had to be undertaken. She said that the Group had also discussed the University of Guelph's Queer Issue newspaper. She said that there were concerns about the article entitled, "Debunking the Myth of Bisexuality". She said that delegates were encouraged to review the article before distributing it on campuses.

Mature and Part-Time Students' Constituency Group

Boyko said that there was no report from the Mature and Part-Time Students' Constituency Group.

Women's Constituency Group

Women's Representative Christa Peters thanked delegates for participating in the Women's Constituency Group meetings. She said that draft fact sheets on women in non-traditional fields had been distributed for discussion in the Caucus meeting.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Boyko said that there was no other business to consider.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local 72 delegate Wes Guiboche thanked former National Aboriginal Caucus Chairperson Colin Haugen for his work on behalf of the Caucus.

Local 23 delegate Apaak said on behalf of international students he thanked the National Executive for the work it had undertaken for international students. He thanked member locals for including an international student in the delegation to the general meeting. He said that the work to improve the plight of international students was not yet complete and locals had to continue to work on these issues.

A series of logistical announcements were made.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Local 35/Local 79

Be it resolved that plenary be adjourned.

CARRIED

22:29 the meeting adjourned.

ATTENDANCE

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Wednesday, November 19 to Saturday, November 22, 2003 — Ottawa

Delegations

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Local 75

Camosun College Student Society

Ljef Nordholm

Ayşe Öztürk

Irene Sosath

Audra Taillefer

Michel Turcotte

Local 5

Capilano Students' Union

Jeanette Abbey

Christine Ellis

Michael Patterson

Ben West

Local 73

City Centre Students' Union

Christa Peters

Local 18

Douglas Students' Union

Jeremy Gervan

Joey Hansen

Yasmin Irani

Joel Koette

Mike Ouellet

Local 33

Emily Carr Students' Union

Lindsay Bomberry

Yin Choi

Zahra Habib

Lisa MacLeod

Local 76

King Edward Students' Union

Amy Allen

Aixendora Castro

Raul Mingorance

Lucas Schuller

Local 26

Kwantlen Student Association

Laura Anderson

Sarah Baldry

Robert Edger

Desmond Rodenbour

Rigel Wade Vincent

Local 61

Malaspina Students' Union

Steve Beasley

Lindsey Doolittle

Rick Powelson

Melanie Vogels

Lee Wittmann

Local 13

College of New Caledonia Student Association

John Beacom

Rob Mealey

Jaimie Staben

Local 72

North Island Students' Association

Pat Barbosa

James Bowen

Wesley Guiboche

Nicole Narbonne

Local 66

Northwest Community College

Students' Association

Erik Brooke

Dan Buck

Thomas Derrick

June Lewis

John Risdale

Victor Wood

Local 3

Okanagan University College

Students' Association-Kelowna

Karina Frisque

Krista Gallant

Rob Nagai

Shayne Robinson

Local

Okanagan University College-Penticton

Campus Students' Association

Robyn Buyer

Tree Kennedy

Tessa King

Adrian Smits

Local 23

Simon Fraser Student Society

Clement Apaak

Rikie Greenwood

Chris Giocomantonio

Nammi Poorooshasb

Sara Rozell

Camilla A. Sears

Josephine Wong

Local 89

University of Victoria
Graduate Students' Society
Chris Hurl

Local 44

University of Victoria Students' Society
Jude Coates
Erik Haensel
Cyndi Pallen
Scott Payne
Miko Ross

ALBERTA**Local 42**

Students' Association
Alberta College of Art & Design
Michael Kirsch
Naomi Yamamoto

Local 21

Graduate Students' Association
of the University of Calgary
Jennifer Pelley

SASKATCHEWAN**Local 9**

University of Regina Students' Union
Kyll Glennie
Craig Johnston
Nathan Lane
Leah Sharpe

Local 101

University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Gboyega Adesina
Nicole Berard
Angela Regnier
Serife Tekin

MANITOBA**Local 37**

Brandon University Students' Union
Vince Barletta
David Canon
Meeghan Gavin
Mitch Obach
David Overgaard

Local 38

Association des étudiantes et étudiants du
Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface
Renée Barnabé
Alpha Barry
Jillian Wolfe

Local 8

University of Winnipeg Students' Association
Farnoosh Ali
Sarah Amyot
Julie Bartlett
Kate Dykman
Cathy Hamilton
Michael Rosenstock

ONTARIO**Local 82**

Algoma University Students' Association
Margaret Cameron
John Cywink
Melissa Restowle

Local 28

Atkinson Students' Association
Shamini Selvaratnam
Kathryn Waters

Brock University

Graduate Students' Association
Melissa Isaak

Local 78

Carleton University
Graduate Students' Association
Ryan Coombes
Ezequiel Glinesky
Robert Johnson
Philip Robinson

Local 1

Carleton University Students' Association
Rochelle Aucoin
Kimberley Bryce
Edgar Chacon
Angela Dagenais
Melissa Davis
Liam Lynch
Carole Saab
Rathika Sitsabaiesan
George Soule

Local 92

Students' Association
of George Brown College
Aytan Buron
Stephanie Elliott
Asha Mohammed
Jermaine Smith

Local 54

University of Guelph
Central Student Association
Dave Hauch
Sevi Modestou
Luke Weiler

Local 62

University of Guelph
Graduate Student Association
Erin M. Smith
Xiao Wang

Local 32

Lakehead University Student Union
Becky Christy
Irene Goodwin
Sean Hannaford
Steph Stathom

Local 88

Association des étudiantes et étudiants
francophones de l'Université Laurentienne
Karine Duval

Local 20
Nipissing University Student Union
Steve Hayne

Local 25
Ontario College of Art and Design
Student Union
Megan Kotze
Jocelyn Tremblay

Local 94
University of Ottawa
Graduate Students' Association
Marie Lyne Laliberté

Local 27
Queen's University
Society of Graduate and Professional Students
Kathryn Elmer
Simon Kiss

Local 24
Ryerson Students' Union
Mohamad El-Hage
Carlos Eduardo Flores
Denise Hammond
Uzma Khan
Ben Lewis
Nora Loreto
Ken Marciniec

Local 99
Scarborough Campus Students' Union
Mike Nandkishur
Scott Tremblay

Local 19
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union
Kendra Coulter
Rose Da Costa
Kelly Holloway
Aaron Meyers

Local 97
Association of Part-time Undergraduate
Students of the University of Toronto
Murphy Browne
Shaun Chen

Local 98
University of Toronto
Students' Administrative Council
Inès Arguriu
Leigh Honeywell
Aubrey Iwaniw
Jasmyn Kozlowsky
Ashley Morton
Julia Munk
Rob Rivers

Local 71
Trent Central Students' Association
Marisa Barnhart
Catherine Dickinson

Local 47
University of Western Ontario
Society of Graduate Students
Dylan Gault
Jesse Greener

Cynthia Leighton
Yimin Lou
Dominik Szymouski

Local 56
Wilfrid Laurier University
Graduate Students' Association
Abednego Aryee
Daniel Wright

Local 48
University of Windsor
Graduate Student Society
Ahsanul Arefeen
Andrea Boffa
Toni El-Hage
Melanie Namespetra
Daniel Ross
Maxim Roy

Local 49
University of Windsor Students' Alliance
Balinder Ahluwalia
Rob Dufour
Jeff La Porte

Local 68
York Federation of Students
Theressa Arsenault
Jaime Michano
Katia Tsapar

Local 84
York University Graduate Students
Association
Darryl Hobbs

QUÉBEC

Local 83
Concordia University
Graduate Students' Association
Chris Valiquet

Local 91
Concordia Student Union
Katherine Childs
Brent Farrington
Yves Engler
Natalie Pomerleau

Local 79
Post-graduate Students' Society
of McGill University
Ives Levesque
Ahmed Abu Safia

NOVA SCOTIA

Local 95
University-College of Cape Breton
Students' Union
Charlie MacKinnon
Derek Mombourquette

Local 11
University of King's College
Students' Union
Colin Burn
Ben Pearlman
Jim Reid

Local 34

Mount Saint Vincent University
Students' Union
Sandra Bornemann
Chantal Bruschett

Local 7

Students' Union of
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design
Cameron Forbes
Sacha Kopelow

Local 69

Association générale des étudiants de
l'Université Sainte-Anne
Gilles Comeau
Tyler Smith

NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR**Local 36**

Grenfell College Student Union
Matthew Byrne
Anne Marie Hynes

Local 45

Marine Institute Students' Union
Kim Hann
Sacha Pilgrim

Local 100

Graduate Students' Union of the
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Vanessa Chiasson
Krista Park

Local 35

Memorial University of Newfoundland
Students' Union
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Thom Duggan
Brian Harvey
Les MacFadden
Jessica Magalios
Ernst Rollmann

Local 46

College of the North Atlantic
Students' Association
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Dwayne Inkpen
Mark McGrath
Barry Lake

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