

45th

Semi-Annual General Meeting
Assemblée générale semestrielle
May 19 to 22, 2004 • 19 au 22 mai 2004 • Ottawa

AGENDA

Closing Plenary
May 2004 National General Meeting

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

A roll call of the membership will be taken to determine attendance and to confirm that quorum is present.

2. BUSINESS TABLED FROM OPENING PLENARY

Business carried forward from the Opening Plenary will be dealt with at this time.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

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

4. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICERS REPORT

The Electoral Officers will present their report for consideration by the plenary.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

6. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

7. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT

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

8. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY CAUCUSES AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

a. Caucuses

b. Constituency Groups

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT



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REPORT

Budget Committee

May 2004 Semi-Annual National General Meeting

Committee Composition

Caucus Representatives

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

Adam Layne and Eileen Mendez
Carole Saab
Rhonda McIsaac
Dan Bessey and Steve Norrie
Colin Burn

Provincial Representatives

Alberta
British Columbia
Manitoba
Newfoundland and Labrador
Nova Scotia
Ontario
Prince Edward Island
Québec
Saskatchewan

Christine Johns
Zahra Habib
Vince Barletta
Cletus Flaherty
Blair Gallop
Laurie Barnes and Chad O'Halloran
Danielle Sampson
Brent Farrington
Gboyega Adesina and Victor Thomas

Constituency Group Representatives

Student Artists Constituency Group

Students of Colour Constituency Group
Students with Disabilities Constituency Group
Francophone Students Constituency Group
International Students Constituency Group
Mature and Part-time Students Constituency Group
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Constituency Group
Women's Constituency Group

Lucas Schuller, Kim Smith and Susie Vavrusa
Walied Khogali
Vacant
Mike Ouellet
Alpha Barry
Michelle Kinney
Brandy Zimmerman
Caitlin Brown and Christine Henderson

Committee Coordinators

National Deputy Chairperson
National Treasurer

James Pratt
Jess Turk-Browne

Committee Staff

Director of Programmes

Philip Link

Observers

Travel C.U.T.S. President
Travel C.U.T.S. Board Representative

Rod Hurd
Robert Keddy

1. MOTIONS DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE

2004/05:B-01 MOTION

Local 18/Local 33

Be it resolved that the 2004/2005 budget be adopted as presented.

BUDGET - Final Draft

Canadian Federation of Students/Canadian Federation of Students-Services

July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TD-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE ITEMS				
Membership Fees (1)	1,981,690.40	1,929,950.00	1,828,104.61	2,087,100.00
Interest Revenue	18,310.31	25,000.00	26,003.82	33,000.00
ISIC/Studentsaver Net Revenue (2)	47,702.89	(71,585.30)	(50,593.19)	1,844.00
National Student Health Network (3)	11,048.69	1,750.00	69,035.23	6,150.00
Rent from Base Camp	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Student Work Abroad Programme (4)	16,912.00	13,550.00	(153,360.00)	20,300.00
Student Traveller Magazine (5)	1,809.00	0.00	24,072.00	11,500.00
Referral Fee from CUTS	953,559.00	925,000.00	707,355.00	950,000.00
Other	2,973.00	10,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
TOTAL NET REVENUE	3,043,005.29	2,842,664.70	2,459,617.47	3,119,894.00
EXPENSE ITEMS				
Administration and Office (6)	117,211.89	141,900.00	122,209.43	143,800.00
Audit	43,266.00	38,000.00	0.00	38,000.00
Bad Debts (recovery)	67,247.54	10,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
Bank and Interest Charges	221.08	400.00	246.48	400.00
Campaigns and Government Relations (7)	105,320.95	197,000.00	105,587.01	237,000.00
Coalition Work	2,711.75	8,000.00	3,642.54	7,500.00
Communications (8)	110,631.69	74,650.00	60,278.49	82,650.00
Component and Graduate Caucus Allocations (9)	472,892.38	547,045.00	419,331.16	601,775.56
Constituency Allocation - Aboriginal Caucus	23,028.81	35,000.00	28,955.05	35,000.00
Constituency Allocation - Women Constituency Group	5,444.19	5,000.00	1,621.36	5,000.00
Constituency Allocation - Other Constituencies	808.87	28,949.25	1,763.91	31,306.50
Amortization of Capital Assets	44,625.00	47,346.00	35,675.00	38,000.00
Directory (10)	18,387.55	21,998.00	21,178.05	22,100.00
Donations	500.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Fieldwork (11)	23,621.31	22,450.00	16,586.81	22,450.00
General Meetings - Annual (12)	50,992.42	72,027.47	62,864.85	72,650.00
General Meetings - Semi-annual (13)	40,688.81	71,850.00	9,000.00	70,900.00
Hiring	958.42	2,000.00	261.08	2,000.00
Homes4Students	20,637.22	10,000.00	4,714.13	10,000.00
International Affairs	18,206.53	17,500.00	10,515.25	17,500.00
Legal	131,565.66	60,000.00	67,514.15	65,000.00
Membership Drives and Referenda	78,987.09	14,000.00	4,373.49	10,000.00
Miscellaneous	234.88	2,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
National Executive Meetings (14)	59,719.26	47,400.00	35,736.21	58,250.00
National Executive Salaries (15)	128,898.81	127,500.00	93,955.89	135,400.00
Negotiations and Professional Development	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Rent-Ottawa Office	145,896.00	148,000.00	149,097.00	149,250.00
Research (16)	144,944.78	92,700.00	73,374.22	139,300.00
Translation	19,110.73	30,000.00	10,103.91	25,000.00
Budgeted Surplus				35,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,876,759.62	1,876,215.72	1,338,585.48	2,078,232.06
SURPLUS(DEFICIT) - GROSS	1,166,245.66	966,448.98	1,121,031.99	1,041,661.94
Investment in Travel CUTS	875,000.00	875,000.00	875,000.00	850,000.00
Transfer to Designated Funds	286,500.00	81,500.00	0.00	191,500.00
SURPLUS(DEFICIT) - NET	4,745.66	9,948.98	246,031.99	161.94

SCHEDULE 1 - Membership fees

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
British Columbia				
Camosun College Student Society	50,236.38	49,000.00	36,773.13	49,500.00
Capilano Students' Union	38,119.52	36,000.00	37,943.28	37,500.00
City Centre Students' Union	24,699.06	24,500.00	15,892.09	23,500.00
Douglas College Student Society	64,053.70	63,500.00	54,003.36	63,500.00
Emily Carr Students' Union	9,463.69	8,500.00	9,960.54	9,500.00
King Edward Students' Union	24,624.27	24,000.00	20,112.54	24,000.00
Kwantlen University-College Student Association	67,456.54	67,000.00	68,141.78	68,000.00
Malaspina Students' Union	53,445.80	53,000.00	51,751.72	53,000.00
College of New Caledonia Student Association	15,402.82	14,000.00	15,045.45	14,500.00
North Island Students' Association	10,096.73	10,000.00	11,013.56	10,500.00
Northwest Community College Student Association	9,490.69	8,000.00	6,519.00	7,250.00
Okanagan University-College Students' Association-Kelowna	—	25,000.00	31,040.82	30,500.00
Penticton Campus Students' Association	—	4,500.00	1,231.58	2,500.00
College of the Rockies Students' Union	9,500.00	9,500.00	0.00	9,500.00
Simon Fraser Student Society	151,605.64	148,000.00	136,174.50	151,000.00
University of Victoria Graduate Students Society	20,950.27	20,000.00	22,192.44	21,500.00
University of Victoria Students' Society	88,396.04	88,000.00	83,686.40	88,000.00
Sub-total	637,541.13	652,500.00	601,482.19	663,750.00
Alberta				
Alberta College of Art & Design Students' Association	6,500.00	6,000.00	7,241.50	7,000.00
Graduate Students' Association, University of Calgary	29,323.20	28,500.00	0.00	28,500.00
Sub-total	35,823.20	34,500.00	7,241.50	35,500.00
Saskatchewan				
University of Regina Students' Union	45,906.88	45,000.00	57,542.16	57,000.00
University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association		12,000.00	11,620.00	12,000.00
First Nations University of Canada Students' Union	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Sub-total	50,906.88	62,000.00	69,162.16	74,000.00
Manitoba				
Brandon University Students' Union	17,119.81	17,000.00	18,233.87	17,500.00
University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
Association des étud. du Collège Université de Saint-Boniface	5,575.31	5,000.00	4,964.78	4,750.00
University of Winnipeg Students' Association	49,880.51	48,500.00	58,529.59	57,000.00
Sub-total	85,575.63	83,500.00	81,728.24	92,250.00
Ontario				
Algoma University Students' Association	5,588.28	5,000.00	8,183.00	6,500.00
Atkinson Students' Association	15,250.00	15,250.00	0.00	15,250.00
Brock University Graduate Students' Association			0.00	2,500.00
Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	17,634.92	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
Carleton University Students' Association	109,131.82	103,000.00	113,456.23	112,000.00
Student Association of George Brown College	60,034.68	59,000.00	26,036.78	62,000.00
Glendon College Students' Union	9,994.24	9,000.00	11,426.60	11,000.00
University of Guelph Central Student Association	105,661.88	92,000.00	99,871.70	104,000.00
University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	11,738.84	11,000.00	4,524.18	11,000.00
Lakehead University Student Union	39,247.92	38,500.00	41,907.43	41,000.00
Laurentian University Students' General Association	18,761.99	18,000.00	24,665.20	23,000.00
Assoc. des étud. francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	5,013.71	4,750.00	5,956.99	5,250.00
Nipissing University Student Union	12,677.94	12,000.00	18,231.62	16,000.00
Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union	14,487.12	14,000.00	18,361.00	17,500.00
Graduate Students' Association, University of Ottawa	20,148.59	20,000.00	26,780.89	25,000.00
Queen's University Society Graduate & Professional Students	15,788.26	15,000.00	17,703.00	16,500.00
Ryerson Students' Union	89,977.33	89,000.00	92,489.92	91,500.00
Association étudiante de l'université Saint-Paul	3,891.96	3,500.00	3,612.00	3,500.00
Scarborough Campus Students' Union	—	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
U. of T. Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students	—	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	67,951.98	65,000.00	72,257.50	71,000.00
University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council		185,000.00	0.00	185,000.00
Trent Central Students Association	31,891.46	31,000.00	40,071.92	38,000.00

University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	15,256.19	14,500.00	18,099.42	17,000.00
Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	3,112.20	3,000.00	3,521.00	3,000.00
University of Windsor Graduate Students' Association	6,718.50	6,000.00	8,175.76	7,500.00
University of Windsor Students' Alliance	—	67,500.00	78,890.18	77,500.00
York Federation of Students	160,933.52	160,000.00	0.00	160,000.00
York University Graduate Students' Association	22,026.65	21,000.00	23,373.98	22,500.00
Sub-total	862,919.97	1,134,000.00	757,596.29	1,217,000.00
Québec				
Concordia University Graduate Students' Union	29,178.90	26,000.00	36,129.61	35,000.00
Concordia Student Union	72,300.00	72,000.00	82,060.50	80,000.00
Post-Graduate Student Society of McGill University	37,482.86	36,000.00	41,672.92	40,000.00
Sub-total	138,961.76	134,000.00	159,863.03	155,000.00
Prince Edward Island				
Holland College Student Union	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00	2,100.00
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union/GSA	20,725.20	20,000.00	22,624.00	21,500.00
Sub-total	22,825.20	22,100.00	22,624.00	23,600.00
Nova Scotia				
Acadia Students' Union	21,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
University of College of Cape Breton Students' Union	15,445.00	14,750.00	15,300.00	15,000.00
University of King's College Students' Union	6,539.04	6,000.00	7,329.00	7,000.00
Mount Saint Vincent University Student Union	14,694.24	14,500.00	17,080.00	16,000.00
Student Union, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	6,446.62	6,000.00	6,618.50	6,500.00
Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne	109.35	2,300.00	2,317.70	2,250.00
Sub-total	64,234.25	63,550.00	48,645.20	66,750.00
Newfoundland and Labrador				
Grenfell College Student Union	6,915.00	6,750.00	7,440.00	7,000.00
Marine Institute Student Union	5,583.58	4,500.00	2,348.50	4,500.00
Memorial University Graduate Students' Union	—	12,000.00	13,699.00	13,000.00
Memorial University Student Union	63,279.00	62,500.00	33,138.00	62,500.00
College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	42,948.00	43,000.00	30,378.00	47,500.00
Sub-total	118,725.58	128,750.00	87,003.50	134,500.00
Total Gross Membership Fee Revenue	1,981,690.40	2,314,900.00	1,828,104.61	2,462,350.00
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts		(384,950.00)		(375,250.00)
Total Net Membership Fee Revenue	1,981,690.40	1,929,950.00	1,828,104.61	2,087,100.00

SCHEDULE 2 - ISIC/Student Saver Card Revenue and Expenses

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Gross Sales of ISI Cards	1,205,835.38	810,000.00	747,702.00	960,000.00
Cost of Sales / Cards for Members	(424,856.00)	(425,000.00)	(336,503.00)	(475,000.00)
Commission to Travel CUTS	(298,365.00)	(85,000.00)	(109,112.00)	(161,250.00)
Net Sales	482,614.38	300,000.00	302,087.00	323,750.00
ISIC Connect Commissions	12,435.00	10,000.00	4,652.00	7,500.00
ISTC Card Purchase Rebate	63,945.00	40,000.00	27,195.00	40,000.00
Student Phones Initiative	0.00	0.00	7,709.00	11,000.00
Sub-Total	558,994.38	350,000.00	341,643.00	382,250.00
EXPENSES				
Administration and Promotion				
ISIC Advertising and Promotion	97,199.00	80,000.00	89,165.00	90,000.00
CUTS Administrative Costs	125,501.00	100,000.00	70,151.00	90,000.00
Discount Solicitation - Honoraria/Material/Travel	31,781.00	30,000.00	31,777.47	25,000.00
Discount Solicitation - Courier & Postage	1,464.55	1,400.00	1,019.52	1,400.00
Discount Guidebook (net)	128,426.64	127,485.00	127,485.14	115,000.00
Materials Courier & Postage	14,472.06	13,427.00	13,426.66	12,500.00
Capital Expenditures	5,220.06	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
Depreciation	18,734.70	13,663.30	13,663.00	6,046.00
Software development		10,000.00	8,712.43	1,000.00
ISIC Postage and Courier	5,161.32	5,400.00	3,697.45	4,750.00
Printing and Promotion	11,469.21	7,500.00	8,123.03	7,500.00
Per Diems	120.00	360.00	220.00	360.00
Travel	626.75	500.00	1,053.71	500.00
Office Equipment and Supplies	274.40	350.00	379.17	350.00
Telephone/Fax/Internet	930.29	1,000.00	239.14	500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sub-total	441,380.98	396,585.30	369,112.72	355,406.00
Programmes Staff				
Wages and Benefits, and contracts	69,910.51	25,000.00	23,123.47	25,000.00
Sub-total	69,910.51	25,000.00	23,123.47	25,000.00
Total Expenses	511,291.49	421,585.30	392,236.19	380,406.00
TOTAL NET REVENUE	47,702.89	(71,585.30)	(50,593.19)	1,844.00

SCHEDULE 3 - National Student Health Network

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Administrative Fees	170,142.40	160,000.00	175,000.00	210,000.00
Sub-total	170,142.40	160,000.00	175,000.00	210,000.00
EXPENSES				
Administration				
Bank Charges	8,866.80	9,000.00	7,161.24	9,000.00
Capital Expenditures	0.00	1,500.00	3,823.45	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	230.75	500.00	0.00	500.00
Postage and Shipping	1,444.94	2,100.00	872.59	2,100.00
Printing	20,858.86	20,000.00	15,005.72	20,000.00
Professional Fees	28,886.19	5,000.00	501.59	5,000.00
Users Group Meeting	10,285.76	12,000.00	13,344.35	16,000.00
Telephone/Fax/Internet	8,889.97	8,700.00	6,701.69	8,700.00
Sub-total	79,463.27	58,800.00	47,410.63	62,800.00
Promotion and Network Development				
Accommodation	101.29	750.00	343.22	750.00
Advertising	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Per Diems	180.00	500.00	875.00	500.00
Printing	2,035.92	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Travel	1,755.22	2,000.00	3,178.92	4,000.00
Website	2,000.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Other	30.88	250.00	0.00	250.00
Sub-total	6,603.31	6,000.00	4,897.14	8,000.00
Office				
Insurance	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Rent	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
Equipment and Supplies	164.20	500.00	78.24	350.00
Sub-total	7,864.20	8,200.00	7,278.24	8,050.00
General Meetings				
Accommodation	360.02	400.00	234.08	750.00
Meals	342.41	650.00	180.01	950.00
Travel	1,550.07	1,200.00	535.09	1,500.00
Sub-total	2,252.50	2,250.00	949.18	3,200.00
National Executive Meetings				
Accommodation	651.23	700.00	152.42	1,100.00
Per Diems	520.00	500.00	0.00	800.00
Travel	1,327.57	1,800.00	1,310.42	2,400.00
Sub-total	2,498.80	3,000.00	1,462.84	4,300.00
Programs Staff				
Wages and Benefits	60,411.63	80,000.00	43,966.74	117,500.00
Sub-total	60,411.63	80,000.00	43,966.74	117,500.00
Total Expenses	159,093.71	158,250.00	105,964.77	203,850.00
TOTAL NET REVENUE/(EXPENSES)	11,048.69	1,750.00	69,035.23	6,150.00

SCHEDULE 4 - Student Work Abroad Programme (SWAP)

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Fees from Participants	500,000.00	348,017.00	500,000.00	
Fees from Partner Organisations	285,000.00	107,361.00	285,000.00	
Sub-total	785,000.00	455,378.00	785,000.00	
Hosting Services	(210,000.00)	(175,237.00)	(210,000.00)	
Sub-total	577,750.00	575,000.00	280,141.00	575,000.00
EXPENSES				
Wages	272,170.00	275,000.00	199,041.00	275,000.00
Advertising and Promotion	88,527.00	90,000.00	92,375.00	95,000.00
Advertising in Federation Publications	5,625.00	6,000.00	3,750.00	5,000.00
Communications	62,776.00	63,000.00	45,701.00	60,000.00
Office Expense	50,709.00	50,000.00	20,302.00	30,000.00
Office Rent	42,013.00	42,500.00	50,600.00	60,000.00
Computer/Equipment Rental	4,869.00	5,000.00	3,600.00	5,000.00
Accounting	3,057.00	3,200.00	433.00	2,500.00
Travel Expense	13,399.00	13,500.00	7,265.00	10,000.00
Professional Fees	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Memberships and Conferences	3,403.00	3,500.00	4,473.00	4,000.00
Depreciation and Amortization	4,163.00	5,000.00	2,885.00	4,000.00
Taxes and Licenses	230.00	250.00	29.00	200.00
Bad Debt	0.00	2,500.00	3,034.00	2,500.00
Foreign Exchange Loss	9,897.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expense	0.00	1,500.00	13.00	1,000.00
Total	560,838.00	561,450.00	433,501.00	554,700.00
TOTAL NET REVENUE/(EXPENSES)	16,912.00	13,550.00	(153,360.00)	20,300.00

SCHEDULE 5 - Student Traveller

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Advertising	143,868.00	143,500.00	138,743.00	155,000.00
Sub-total	143,868.00	143,500.00	138,743.00	155,000.00
EXPENSES				
Advertising and Promotion	2,675.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Printing	97,025.00	97,000.00	74,904.00	97,000.00
Wages and Professional Fees	24,254.00	25,000.00	18,000.00	25,000.00
Shipping and Distribution	17,740.00	18,000.00	17,126.00	18,000.00
Other	365.00	500.00	1,641.00	500.00
Total	142,059.00	143,500.00	114,671.00	143,500.00
TOTAL NET REVENUE/(EXPENSES)	1,809.00	0.00	24,072.00	11,500.00

SCHEDULE 6 - Administration and Office

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
Office Expenses				
Equipment Lease & Maintenance	5,551.05	0.00	4,951.45	1,000.00
Equipment and Supplies	6,179.87	5,000.00	6,822.20	6,000.00
Insurance - Ottawa Office	1,764.72	2,100.00	2,118.96	2,200.00
Insurance - Liability	3,059.64	3,200.00	3,059.64	3,200.00
Office Security - Ottawa Office	336.21	700.00	281.19	500.00
Sub-total	16,891.49	11,000.00	17,233.44	12,900.00
Administrative Staff				
Wages and Benefits	99,480.36	130,000.00	104,270.03	130,000.00
Payroll Service	840.04	900.00	705.96	900.00
Sub-total	100,320.40	130,900.00	104,975.99	130,900.00
TOTAL	117,211.89	141,900.00	122,209.43	143,800.00

SCHEDULE 7 - Campaigns and Government Relations

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
Campaigns Strategy				
Campaigns	103,096.24	175,000.00	98,439.48	175,000.00
Sub-total	103,096.24	175,000.00	98,439.48	175,000.00
Media Strategy				
Other	2,224.71	10,000.00	7,147.53	10,000.00
Sub-total	2,224.71	10,000.00	7,147.53	10,000.00
Campaigns Staff				
Wages and Benefits	0.00	52,000.00	0.00	52,000.00
Savings due vacancy		(40,000.00)		
Sub-total	0.00	12,000.00	0.00	52,000.00
TOTAL NET EXPENSES	105,320.95	197,000.00	105,587.01	237,000.00

SCHEDULE 8 - Communications

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
General Communications				
Cable Service	493.78	450.00	434.61	450.00
ISP, E-mail and Listserves	6,334.40	6,000.00	6,970.66	6,000.00
Photocopying	10,065.09	10,000.00	6,449.20	10,000.00
Postage and Courier	854.75	1,200.00	2,374.78	1,200.00
Telephone, Facsimile and	17,495.50	20,000.00	13,412.77	20,000.00
Sub-total	35,243.52	37,650.00	29,642.02	37,650.00
Membership Awareness Strategy				
Handbook Kit, Common Handbook, etc.	46,096.66	25,000.00	24,957.42	35,000.00
Website	29,291.51	12,000.00	5,679.05	10,000.00
Sub-total	75,388.17	37,000.00	30,636.47	45,000.00
TOTAL	110,631.69	74,650.00	60,278.49	82,650.00

SCHEDULE 9 - Graduate Component and Provincial Allocations and Subsidies

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
British Columbia Locals				
Per Member Allocation	106,256.86	107,166.67	100,247.03	109,041.67
Sub-total	106,256.86	107,166.67	100,247.03	109,041.67
Graduate Student Locals				
Per Member Allocation	61,382.27	71,666.67	54,465.11	78,555.56
Sub-total	61,382.27	71,666.67	54,465.11	78,555.56
Newfoundland and Labrador Locals				
Wages and Benefits	34,596.83	46,000.00	37,311.96	46,000.00
Sub-total	34,596.83	46,000.00	37,311.96	46,000.00
Nova Scotia and PEI Locals				
Fieldworking				
Accommodation	293.14	1,000.00	88.27	1,000.00
Per Diem	80.00	1,000.00	140.00	1,000.00
Travel	2,217.55	3,500.00	340.40	3,500.00
Sub-total	2,590.69	5,500.00	568.67	5,500.00
General				
Rent	4,237.68	4,500.00	4,237.68	4,500.00
Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	341.11	300.00	0.00	300.00
Telephone/Fax/Internet	1,634.40	2,500.00	658.42	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	174.64	100.00	378.00	100.00
Sub-total	6,387.83	7,400.00	5,274.10	7,400.00
Staff				
Wages and Benefits	43,045.10	50,000.00	22,559.18	50,000.00
PEI Allocation	9,326.34	9,945.00	0.00	10,620.00
Sub-total	52,371.44	59,945.00	22,559.18	60,620.00
Sub-total (Total Nova Scotia and PEI)	61,349.96	72,845.00	28,401.95	73,520.00
Ontario Locals				
Per member allocation	143,819.99	135,666.67	126,266.05	149,458.33
Sub-total	143,819.99	135,666.67	126,266.05	149,458.33
Prairies Locals				
Fieldworking				
Accommodation	845.54	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Per Diem	2,550.00	1,500.00	400.00	1,500.00
Travel	1,790.30	2,500.00	140.24	2,500.00
Sub-total	5,185.84	5,000.00	540.24	5,000.00
General				
Telephone/Fax/Internet	0.00	1,200.00	120.95	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	4,417.04	1,500.00	1,206.31	1,500.00
Sub-total	4,417.04	2,700.00	1,327.26	2,700.00
Staff				
Wages and Benefits	22,997.00	100,000.00	32,084.52	100,000.00
Savings due vacancy		(25,000.00)		
Sub-total	22,997.00	75,000.00	32,084.52	100,000.00
Sub-total (Total Prairies)	32,599.88	82,700.00	33,952.02	107,700.00
Québec Locals				
Per Member Allocation	32,886.59	31,000.00	38,687.04	37,500.00
Sub-total	32,886.59	31,000.00	38,687.04	37,500.00
TOTAL	472,892.38	547,045.00	419,331.16	601,775.56

SCHEDULE 10 - Students' Union Directory

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Sale of Directories	8,795.12	9,000.00	9,523.29	9,000.00
Advertising	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Sub-Total	9,295.12	9,500.00	10,023.29	9,500.00
EXPENSES				
Production Contract	15,081.78	16,118.00	16,118.15	16,250.00
Printing	11,507.51	13,980.00	13,979.55	14,000.00
Courier and Postage	1,005.28	1,150.00	1,103.64	1,150.00
Other	88.10	250.00	0.00	200.00
Sub-total	27,682.67	31,498.00	31,201.34	31,600.00
Total Net Expense	18,387.55	21,998.00	21,178.05	22,100.00

SCHEDULE 11 - Fieldworking

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
Fieldworking				
Accommodation	2,799.47	2,500.00	2,769.05	2,500.00
Per Diem	2,964.21	3,500.00	1,255.00	3,500.00
Supplies	48.90	250.00	71.33	250.00
Travel	17,632.96	16,000.00	12,491.43	16,000.00
Miscellaneous	175.77	200.00	0.00	200.00
Sub-total	23,621.31	22,450.00	16,586.81	22,450.00
TOTAL	23,621.31	22,450.00	16,586.81	22,450.00

SCHEDULE 12 - General Meetings, Annual (November)

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Fees-Delegates	94,050.00	102,125.00	102,125.00	97,375.00
Fees-Observers	0.00	0.00	0.00	950.00
Less the Small Budget Member's Subsidy	(10,115.16)	(13,058.84)	(13,145.23)	(12,500.00)
Less the Constituency Group Subsidy	(7,418.72)	(9,118.63)	(9,237.07)	(9,000.00)
Total Revenues	76,516.12	79,947.53	79,742.71	76,825.00
EXPENSES				
Accommodation				
Accommodation - Delegates	37,499.52	40,000.00	45,669.92	40,000.00
Accommodation - National Executive	2,210.87	3,000.00	1,974.09	3,000.00
Accommodation - Staff (Regular)	1,607.18	2,250.00	1,902.50	2,250.00
Accommodation - Staff (General Meeting Staff)	199.36	400.00	199.96	400.00
Sub-total	41,516.93	45,650.00	49,746.47	45,650.00
Childcare				
Childcare - Delegates	1,250.00	2,000.00	1,450.00	2,000.00
Childcare - Executive	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Childcare - Staff	253.00	500.00	250.00	500.00
Sub-total	1,503.00	3,000.00	1,700.00	3,000.00
Meals and Per Diems				
Meals - Delegates	32,777.88	36,000.00	40,693.04	36,000.00
Meals - National Executive	2,193.75	3,000.00	1,800.10	3,000.00
Meals - Staff (Regular)	1,755.08	2,550.00	1,575.09	2,550.00
Meals - Staff (General Meeting)	180.01	400.00	180.01	400.00
Sub-total	36,906.72	41,950.00	44,248.24	41,950.00
Travel				
Travel - Travel Pool Contingency	6,841.32	8,000.00	4,627.66	8,000.00
Travel - Subsidy of Smaller Members/Components	8,470.10	9,500.00	10,146.39	9,500.00
Travel - Executive	4,039.18	5,000.00	1,555.80	5,000.00
Travel - Staff	1,217.73	2,000.00	2,008.54	2,000.00
Travel - Staff (General Meeting Staff)	166.85	225.00	0.00	225.00
Sub-total	20,735.18	24,725.00	18,338.39	24,725.00
Equipment Rental				
Room and Equipment Rental	0.00	500.00	1,184.80	500.00
Vehicle Rental and Gas	564.97	750.00	701.95	750.00
Sub-total	564.97	1,250.00	1,886.75	1,250.00
General Meeting Staff				
Harassment Advisors - Wages & Travel	1,826.50	1,850.00	175.42	1,850.00
Plenary Speaker - Wages & Travel	350.00	750.00	500.00	750.00
Sub-total	2,176.50	2,600.00	675.42	2,600.00
Translation & Interpretation				
Simultaneous Interpretation	13,975.52	14,500.00	14,749.95	15,000.00
Contract Translation	7,721.64	13,000.00	8,664.53	9,500.00
Other	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Sub-total	21,697.16	27,800.00	23,414.48	24,800.00
Other				
Guest Speakers - Fees, Travel, Accommodation	0.00	1,000.00	1,421.80	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	14.00	500.00	57.48	500.00
Materials/Postage/Printing	4,570.58	3,500.00	1,793.95	3,500.00
Sub-total	4,584.58	5,000.00	3,273.23	5,500.00
Total Expenses	127,508.54	151,975.00	142,607.56	149,475.00
TOTAL NET EXPENSE	50,992.42	72,027.47	62,864.85	72,650.00

SCHEDULE 13 - General Meetings, Semi-annual (May)

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Fees-Delegates	99,275.00	97,375.00	0.00	97,375.00
Fees-Observers	0.00	0.00	0.00	950.00
Less the Small Budget Member's Subsidy	(12,626.00)	(12,500.00)	0.00	(12,500.00)
Less the Constituency Group Subsidy	(9,531.65)	(8,750.00)	0.00	(8,750.00)
Total Revenues	77,117.35	76,125.00	0.00	77,075.00
EXPENSES				
Accommodation				
Accommodation - Delegates	32,224.11	38,000.00	9,000.00	38,000.00
Accommodation - National Executive	1,836.60	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Accommodation - Staff (Ottawa Office)	333.93	750.00	0.00	750.00
Accommodation - Staff (Regional Offices)	1,168.75	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Accommodation - Staff (General Meeting Staff)	166.97	400.00	0.00	400.00
Sub-total	35,730.36	43,650.00	9,000.00	43,650.00
Childcare				
Childcare - Delegates	2,240.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Childcare - Executive	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Childcare - Staff	225.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sub-total	2,465.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Meals and Per Diems				
Meals - Delegates	22,962.44	34,000.00	0.00	34,000.00
Meals - National Executive	1,299.34	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Meals - Staff (Ottawa Offices)	236.24	750.00	0.00	750.00
Meals - Staff (Regional Offices)	2,093.45	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
Meals - Staff (General Meeting)	118.12	400.00	0.00	400.00
Sub-total	26,591.47	39,950.00	0.00	39,950.00
Travel				
Travel - Travel Pool Contingency	8,445.21	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
Travel - Subsidy of Smaller Members/Components	8,968.47	9,500.00	0.00	9,500.00
Travel - Executive	2,916.43	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Travel - Staff	2,296.28	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Travel - Staff (General Meeting Staff)	0.00	225.00	0.00	225.00
Sub-total	22,626.39	24,725.00	0.00	24,725.00
Rentals				
Room and Equipment Rental	321.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Vehicle Rental	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
Sub-total	321.00	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00
Staff				
Harassment Advisor Fee/Travel	895.54	1,850.00	0.00	1,850.00
Plenary Speaker Fee/Travel	500.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
Sub-total	1,395.54	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00
Translation & Interpretation				
Simultaneous Interpretation	13,064.70	14,500.00	0.00	14,500.00
Contract Translation	10,782.61	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
Other	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Sub-total	23,847.31	27,800.00	0.00	27,800.00
Other				
Guest Speakers	250.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	368.45	500.00	0.00	500.00
Materials/Postage/Printing	4,210.64	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Sub-total	4,829.09	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total Expenses	117,806.16	147,975.00	9,000.00	147,975.00
TOTAL NET EXPENSE	40,688.81	71,850.00	9,000.00	70,900.00

SCHEDULE 14 - National Executive Meetings

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
Accommodation				
Accommodation - Executive	4,096.08	5,250.00	5,194.07	7,000.00
Accommodation - Staff	2,050.33	2,250.00	3,102.84	4,000.00
Sub-total	6,146.41	7,500.00	8,296.91	11,000.00
Childcare				
Childcare - Executive	0.00	450.00	140.00	900.00
Childcare - Staff	325.00	450.00	320.00	450.00
Sub-total	325.00	900.00	460.00	1,350.00
Meals & Per Diems				
Per Diems - Executive	5,220.00	4,500.00	4,747.44	6,500.00
Per Diems - Staff (Regional Offices)	3,041.34	3,150.00	3,660.00	4,800.00
Sub-total	8,261.34	7,650.00	8,407.44	11,300.00
Meeting Rooms & Equipment Rental				
Meeting Rooms	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Equipment, Materials and Supplies	776.53	350.00	323.62	350.00
Sub-total	776.53	350.00	323.62	600.00
Travel				
Travel - Executive	31,628.61	22,000.00	15,376.93	24,000.00
Travel - Staff (Regional Offices)	12,581.37	9,000.00	2,871.31	10,000.00
Sub-total	44,209.98	31,000.00	18,248.24	34,000.00
TOTAL	59,719.26	47,400.00	35,736.21	58,250.00

SCHEDULE 15 - National Executive Member Salaries

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
National Chairperson				
Salary and Employer Contributions	39,564.45	39,000.00	29,640.02	39,600.00
Health Benefits	1,646.54	2,000.00	1,678.61	2,100.00
Sub-total	41,210.99	41,000.00	31,318.63	41,700.00
National Deputy Chairperson				
Salary and Employer Contributions	39,564.45	39,000.00	29,640.02	39,600.00
Health Benefits	1,646.54	2,000.00	1,678.61	2,100.00
Sub-total	41,210.99	41,000.00	31,318.63	41,700.00
National Treasurer				
Salary and Employer Contributions	39,564.45	39,000.00	29,640.02	39,600.00
Health Benefits	1,646.54	2,000.00	1,678.61	2,100.00
Sub-total	41,210.99	41,000.00	31,318.63	41,700.00
Transition				
Salary and Employer Contributions	4,070.94	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
Health Benefits	684.17	0.00	0.00	300.00
Moving Expenses	510.73	4,500.00	0.00	4,000.00
Sub-total	5,265.84	4,500.00	0.00	10,300.00
TOTAL	128,898.81	127,500.00	93,955.89	135,400.00

SCHEDULE 16 - Research

	2002-2003 ACTUALS	2003-2004 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)	2003-2004 YEAR-TO-DATE (9 Months)	2004-2005 BUDGET (Final Draft)
Research Documents				
Publications	123.36	800.00	113.36	400.00
Subscriptions	1,235.59	1,400.00	1,462.59	1,400.00
Polling	25,014.49	28,000.00	25,000.00	27,500.00
Sub-total	26,373.44	30,200.00	26,575.95	29,300.00
Research Staff				
Wages and Benefits	118,571.34	105,000.00	46,798.27	110,000.00
Savings due to vacancy		(42,500.00)		
Sub-total	118,571.34	62,500.00	46,798.27	110,000.00
TOTAL	144,944.78	92,700.00	73,374.22	139,300.00

2004 Federal Election CAMPAIGN GUIDE

For the first time since 1988, the outcome of this year's federal election will not be certain until the votes are counted. The Canadian political landscape has changed dramatically since Jean Chretien was elected to a third term, four years ago. The Alliance and Tory parties have merged to form the Conservative Party under the leadership of former National Citizens Coalition head Stephen Harper. The NDP has a popular Toronto city councilor as its new leader. The Liberal Party has selected long serving federal Finance Minister Paul Martin to lead it into this election. And, after a brief period of weakness, the Bloc Quebecois are now near 50% in Quebec polls.

This competition for votes creates an exciting opportunity for students in Canada. As candidates work to earn votes, they will be more likely to make commitments that reflect the majority public opinion of the day. Research conducted for the Federation shows that Canadian voters overwhelmingly support the Federation's goals for public education. Student activists must use the campaign to turn that public support into candidate support.

Election timing and growing public cynicism will make that task more challenging. Low voter turnout and voter interest, particularly among young people, will make it easier for incumbent candidates to avoid making commitments on the Federation's priorities. It will also be more difficult to find and communicate to student voters. In the face of these challenges, student activists will have to work harder than ever. This election, that work will make a difference.

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Questions for Candidates

When asking a question at an all-candidates debate, there are two audiences for the question: the crowd and the candidate. The people present at a debate (and any media) need context for the question you are asking, and they also should be clear about what answer student representatives want to hear. In this sense, questions to candidates serve a public awareness tool for a given issue. Therefore, shape your questions to get a clear response from candidates, but also try to ensure that the crowd at the event can recognize a poor answer.

Make detailed notes of candidates answers. Use the lines below if necessary.

FUNDING

According to the Canadian Association of University Teachers, Canadian universities are underfunded by \$1.5 billion annually compared to 1993-94 levels, and \$3.6 billion annually compared to historic levels of 0.5% of GDP.

Considering this, will you commit to a dedicated transfer increased by \$3.6 billion a year to the provinces for post-secondary education?

NATIONAL GRANTS

Canadian financial aid measures currently concentrate aid in the form of loans rather than grants, leading to very high levels of debt for students from the poorest backgrounds. Average debt levels have tripled since 1990 and now stand at over \$25,000.

Will your party create a national system of need-based grants to replace the current Canada Student Loan Program?

MILLENNIUM FOUNDATIONS

In 1998, the Liberal government created the Millennium Scholarship Foundation. By every measurable standard, the scholarship has been a dismal failure, providing financial assistance to only 7% of Canadian students. Further, in three provinces, students get no benefit from the program at all.

Will your party dismantle the Millennium Scholarship Foundation and replace it with a national system of need-based grants?

BANKRUPTCY PROHIBITION

Changes to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act made it impossible for any graduate to declare bankruptcy for ten years following the completion of their studies, no matter how dire the circumstances.

Only Canadians convicted of fraud face similar punishment. Will you amend the bankruptcy act to remove this prohibition?

FUNDING

With cuts to federal funding for post-secondary education in the 1990s, tuition fees skyrocketed by 125%. The average undergraduate tuition fees in Canada last year were higher than \$4,000, and much higher fees are charged for some professional programs.

Will your government work with the provinces to reduce tuition fees? How?

INCOME CONTINGENT REPAYMENT SCHEMES

Income Contingent Repayment Loan (ICR) schemes have been discredited in Canada. In other countries where ICR schemes have been implemented, tuition fees have skyrocketed and total student debt has ballooned to unprecedented levels. High levels of student debt constitute a major financial burden on primarily young people, yet income contingent repayment loans continue to be discussed in some circles as a replacement for the Canada Student Loans Program.

If Income Contingent Repayment Loan Schemes are introduced in Parliament, will you vote against their implementation? If your party does implement ICR schemes, will you resign your seat?



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Forum Composition

Member Local Representatives

Local 42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Michael Kirsch
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Zoë Gross
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Sherri Young
Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Paul Finch
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Mariposa Dumont, Nima Shokouhi & Ben West
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Lindsay Mossman, George Soule & Erin Stevens
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Tannis Bujaczek
Local 73	City Centre Students' Union	Tracy Ho & Tricia Singh
Local 95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Jamie Crane
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Arielle Reid
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Yasmin Irani & Joel Koette
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Lindsay Bomberry
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Laura Parsons & Stephanie Pickett
Local 36	Grenfell College Student Union	Sharleen Simmons
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Jenn Watt & Ryan White
Local 76	King Edward Students' Association	Amy Allen & Len Len Castro
Local 11	University of King's College Students' Union	Anna Wilson
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	Maegan Newell & Stafford Richter
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Alex Stuart
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Rick Powelson
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Kimberly Hann
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Ahmed Abu Safia
Local 35	Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union	Luke Gaulton & Heather Wyse
Local 100	Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland	Byron Rolls
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Liz Brooks & Joleen Watson
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Dan Buck
Local 07	Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Aren Scott & Laura A. Smith
Local 03	Okanagan University College Students' Association	Shayne Robinson
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union	Erin Jacobson
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Rafat Alam & Shoshannah Jacobs
Local 03	Penticton Campus Students' Association	Tessa King
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Neil LeBlanc
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Kyall Glennie & Leah Sharpe
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Adam Jones & Dave MacLean
Local 38	Association des étudiant(e)s du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Renaud Lafond
Local 69	Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne	Cindy Aucoin
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Melanie Dyck & Serife Tekin
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Mathieu Dagemas
Local 23	Simon Fraser Student Society	David Flemming & Amanda Van Baarsen
Local 97	Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the U. of Toronto	Murphy Browne
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Arij Al Chawaf
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	Paul Bretscher, Berkha Gupta & Sam Rahimi
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Alissa Paxton
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Chris Hurl
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Shamus Reid
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Nicholas Cothros

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Local 48 University of Windsor Graduate Students Society
Local 49 University of Windsor Students' Alliance
Local 08 University of Winnipeg Students' Association

Andrzej S. Meysmer
Balinder Ahluwalia
Sarah Amyot & Mathew Gagne

Observers

Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students
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Ontario Campaigns and Government Relations Coordinator

Michael Gardiner
Jen Anthony
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1. ADOPTION OF CAMPAIGNS PLAN

ADOPTED

CMP-1 MOTION

Local 5/Local 79

Be it resolved that the 2004-2005 campaigns strategy be adopted.

2. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

a. Proposal to Focus Lobbying Efforts on National System of Needs-Based Grants

The Committee recommends the following motion (2004/05:046) be ruled redundant:

REduNDANT

2004/05:046 MOTION

Local 01/Local 79

Whereas 80 percent of students require some form of student financial aid; and

Whereas loans indebt the most disadvantaged students; and

Whereas the federal government misdirects billions of dollars in public funds to non-needs based aid, such as the Registered Education Savings Plans and tax credits; and

Whereas federally funded grants will give incentive to the federal government to begin to address the issue of rising tuition fees; therefore,

Be it resolved that federal lobby efforts during the 2004-2005 year focus on the importance of national system of needs-based grants; and

Be it resolved that a fact sheet, that outlines how a national system of grants would be funded and administered, be produced.

b. Proposal to Focus Lobbying Efforts on Dedicated Transfer Payments

The Committee recommends the following motion (2004/05:048) be ruled redundant:

REduNDANT

2004/05:048 MOTION

Local 01/Local 79

Whereas the lack of transparency and guidelines for the provincial use of federal social spending has created significant discrepancies in the quality and accessibility of post-secondary education across Canada; and

Whereas the lack of a singular department responsible for the various federal post-secondary education responsibilities has led to disjointed and inconsistent policy development; and

Whereas post-secondary education is a shared responsibility between the federal government and provincial governments; therefore,

Be it resolved that federal lobby efforts during the 2004-2005 year focus on the importance of a dedicated post-secondary education transfer payment to the provinces;

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Be it resolved that government relations meetings be initiated jointly with the Canadian Association of University Teachers to lobby for federal-provincial negotiations on a post-secondary education act that will have the goal of establishing a:- federal Ministry of Post-secondary Education;

- system of national guidelines for quality and accessibility in post-secondary education;
- national policy on intellectual property and academic freedom; and
- self-governed and culturally sensitive education for Aboriginal students.

Be it further resolved that a letter to Members of Parliament and members of provincial legislatures supporting the creation of a post-secondary education transfer be drafted for use by member locals; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to build campus-wide coalitions to support the Federation's campaign for a dedicated post-secondary education transfer payment.

c. Proposal to Focus Lobbying Efforts Discrediting Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment Schemes

The Committee recommends the following motion (2004/05:050) be ruled redundant:

2004/05:050 MOTION

Local 01/Local 79

Whereas personal savings schemes, cuts to government social spending, and student loans further individualise the costs of social programs in the form of user fees; and

Whereas financial barriers, such as user fees, prevent access to post-secondary education for marginalized groups and low and middle income families; and

Whereas income contingent student loan repayment schemes seek to cushion higher user fees by spreading out repayment over a lifetime; therefore,

Be it resolved that federal lobby efforts during the 2004-2005 year focus on discrediting income contingent repayment schemes;

Be it further resolved that a draft opinion editorial be written about the dangers of income contingent student loan repayment schemes; and

Be it further resolved that the draft opinion editorial be circulated to member locals for the purpose of submitting it to campus, community, and local corporate newspapers.

d. Proposal to Focus Lobbying Efforts on Reform of Part-Time Student Aid

The Committee recommends the following motion (2004/05:052) be ruled redundant:

2004/05:052 MOTION

Local 01/Local 79

Whereas part-time study is the preferred option for tens of thousands of students; and

Whereas the part-time student loans programme is inadequate for most part-time students; and

Whereas part-time study remains an understudied area of federal and provincial policy; and

Whereas the federal government has indicated that part-time study, a.k.a. lifelong learning, is a priority; therefore,

Be it resolved that federal lobby efforts during the 2004-2005 year focus on the importance of reforming part-time student aid;

Be it further resolved that Statistics Canada and Human Resources and Skills development be urged to collect data specific to part-time students including but not limited to: available financial aid, detailed part-time student enrolment, part-time student debt, and success of federal programs for part-time students; and

Be it further resolved that the possibility of hosting a research conference on part-time student issues be investigated.

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e. Proposal to Undertake Research on Tuition Fee Increases in Professional and Graduate Programmes

The Committee recommends the following motion (2004/05:054) be ruled redundant:

2004/05:054 MOTION

Local 01/Local 79

Whereas the Federation seeks the progressive reduction of tuition and ancillary fees at public post-secondary institutions across the country; and

Whereas recent polling has proven that increased awareness about the effects of tuition fee increases on access has helped shift public opinion to the point where over 80 percent of Canadians now oppose further tuition fee increases and roughly half support a reduction in fees; and

Whereas up-to-date research is necessary to maintain the quality of the Federation's arguments for tuition fee reductions; therefore,

Be it resolved that research be undertaken focusing on tuition fee increases in professional and graduate programmes and their impact on access to those programmes; and

Be it further resolved that research be provided to member locals describing models of post-secondary education systems in countries where no tuition fees exist.

f. Proposal to Focus Lobbying Efforts on the Restoration of Transfer Payments

The Committee recommends the following motion (2004/05:056) be ruled redundant:

2004/05:056 MOTION

Local 01/Local 79

Whereas federal transfer payments for post-secondary education have been cut by more than \$3.3 billion in the last ten years; and

Whereas, in most provinces, these cuts have resulted in skyrocketing tuition fees and student debt; therefore,

Be it resolved that federal and provincial lobby efforts during the 2004-2005 year focus on the importance of the restoring federal transfer payments for post-secondary education to pre-1995 levels and on the need to reduce tuition fees; and

Be it further resolved that letters be written to provincial premiers encouraging them to make a collective statement from the annual Premier's Conference calling for increased federal funding for education in order to freeze and reduce tuition fees.

g. Proposal to Focus Lobbying Efforts Against Privatisation

The Committee recommends the following motion (2004/05:058) be ruled redundant:

2004/05:058 MOTION

Local 01/Local 79

Whereas there is a growing government reliance on the private sector to replace public services, including education; and

Whereas Ontario and Alberta have both passed legislation allowing private, for-profit institutions to receive degree granting status; therefore,

Be it resolved that lobby efforts during the 2004-2005 year focus on influencing the Council of Ministers of Education Canada to put an end to the privatisation of post-secondary education; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to increase awareness among the membership and the public about how private, for-profit post-secondary institutes are profiting from the use of public funds and precipitating the decline of public education.

h. Proposal to Campaign Against Mandatory Use of Plagiarism Detection Software

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:060) with the subsequent amendment (CMP-2):

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2004/05:060 MOTION

Local 01/Local 79

Whereas technology is a poor substitute for a faculty member/graduate student's skills; and

Whereas students should work with faculty members or teaching assistants to minimize the incidents of plagiarism; and

Whereas student authors should have the right to determine the use of their academic work by a third party; therefore,

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to document and resist the mandatory use of plagiarism detection software; and

Be it further resolved that a short backgrounder be produced to raise awareness about students' rights vis-à-vis plagiarism detection software.

CMP-2 MOTION

Local 09/Local 101

Be it further resolved that motion 2004/05:060 be amended to add the following clause:

"Be it further resolved that the backgrounder be distributed to member locals before September 2004."

i. Proposal to Campaign for International Students' Rights to Work Off-Campus

The Committee recommends the following motion (2004/05:062) be ruled redundant:

2004/05:062 MOTION

Local 01/Local 79

Whereas most industrialised countries permit international students to work off campus; and

Whereas international students deserve equal rights to domestic students; and

Whereas international students enrich the community socially, intellectually, and economically; and

Whereas the federal government's pilot project approach to relaxing restrictions for international students to work off campus is not sufficient; therefore

Be it resolved that federal lobby efforts during the 2004-2005 year focus on the speedy removal of restrictions against off-campus work for international students.

j. Proposal to Call on the Federal Government to Uphold Rights of Canadian Citizens Travelling Abroad

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:072) with the subsequent amendment (CMP-3):

2004/05:072 MOTION

Local 05/Local 79

Whereas Zahra Kazemi, a Canadian photojournalist, was murdered last year in an Iranian prison; and

Whereas Kazemi was imprisoned because she was taking pictures at an Iranian student protest against Islamic Republic of Iran; and

Whereas her treatment by the government and subsequent murder was a violation of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

Whereas the Federation endorses the United Nations' Universal Declaration in its Human Rights policy; and

Whereas the Canadian government has an obligation to defend and uphold the human rights of all Canadians; and

Whereas thus far the Canadian government has taken no substantial action about this gross human rights violation; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Paul Martin regarding the murder of Kazemi, calling upon the Canadian government to investigate her death and calling upon the Canadian government to uphold their obligations for Canadian citizens traveling abroad.

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CMP-3

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Local 54

Be it further resolved that motion 2004/05:062 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that a letter, signed by the National Chairperson, be written to the Prime Minister of Canada and Members of Parliament calling upon the Canadian government to investigate the death of Zahra Kazemi and to uphold its obligations to Canadian citizens traveling abroad;

Be it further resolved that the letter be delivered before July 11, 2004, the first anniversary of Kazemi's murder; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters."

k. Proposal to Undertake Safe Washroom Initiative

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:074):

2004/05:074

MOTION

Local 05/Local 79

Whereas public washrooms accord with current societal norms or 'perceived society norms' of a binary gender paradigm, which designates every individual as either male or female; and

Whereas many individuals do not identify as either male or female have the right to a safe and comfortable environment in which to live, learn, and work; and

Whereas to maintain a positive social space, every individual must feel comfortable regardless of gender identification; and

Whereas the Federation has declared a commitment of supporting students by working to create and support positive learning experiences; and

Whereas the existence of gender neutral washrooms allows all individuals to feel comfortable, thereby contribute to creating a positive social space; therefore

Be it resolved that a safe washroom initiative, as part of the current positive space campaign, be undertaken;

Be it further resolved that member locals be supported and encouraged to undertake similar campaigns at their respective institutions; and

Be it further resolved that a commitment be made to incorporate gender neutral washrooms in any future construction projects. *UNDER TAKEN BY THE FEDERATION*

i. Proposal to Endorse "Make Trade Fair" Campaign

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:076) with the subsequent amendment (CMP-4):

2004/05:076

MOTION

Local 05/Local 79

Whereas much of the injustice in the world today can be tied to the neo-liberal free trade movement; and

Whereas working conditions around the world's working class are getting progressively worse; and

Whereas the Federation's issues policy calls for social equality, reasonable wages, and working conditions; and

Whereas this ideology is at the heart of the agenda that is leading to tuition fee increases, and the privatisation and commercialisation of education; therefore

Be it resolved that Oxfam's "make trade fair campaign" be endorsed and campaign materials be distributed to member locals.

CMP-4

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Local 54

Be it further resolved that motion 2004/05:076 be amended to read as follows:

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"Be it resolved that Oxfam's "make trade fair campaign" be endorsed; and
Be it further resolved that campaign materials be distributed to member locals provided the cost
is not prohibitive."

m. Proposal to Campaign Against Genetically Modified Foods

The Committee recommends that motion 2004/05:078 be divided and adopted with the subsequent
amendments (CMP-5 and CMP-6):

2004/05:078-a MOTION

Local 05/Local 79

Be it resolved that a petition calling for federal labeling laws that ensure full disclosure of
working conditions and genetically modified foods be circulated.

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CMP-5

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Local 09

Be it further resolved that motion (2004/05:078-a) be amended to include the following clause:

"Be it further resolved that in light of the Supreme Court decision of May 21, 2004 a letter be
written to Percy Schmeiser commanding him for the courage and integrity that he has
demonstrated during his struggle to protect civil society from the continuing imposition of
genetically modified foods."

2004/05:078-b MOTION

Local 05/Local 79

Be it resolved that stickers be produced that indicate that products were made in sweatshops
or were genetically modified.

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CMP-6

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Local 09

Be it further resolved that motion (2004/05:078-b) be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that stickers be produced that question whether products were made in
sweatshops or were genetically modified."

n. Proposal to Hold Mass Lobby Session

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2004/05:084) be referred to the National
Executive:

2004/05:084 MOTION

Local 18/Local 79

Whereas for several years it was the practice of the Federation to organise a mass lobby on
Parliament Hill in conjunction with each fall national general meeting; and

Whereas the Federation ceased the practice apparently because the fall general meetings
began being held later in the fall when Parliament was not in session and, therefore, most
Members of Parliament were not in Ottawa; and

Whereas the Federation's regular, day-to-day lobbying efforts would be bolstered by a mass
lobbying session with student representatives from across Canada; and

Whereas the fall national general meeting is normally four days in length, commencing on a
Wednesday and ending on a Saturday; therefore,

Be it resolved that the fall 2004 national general meeting be scheduled for earlier in the fall
when the federal Parliament will be in session;

Be it further resolved that a one-day mass lobby session be organised for the Monday following
the general meeting;

Be it further resolved that preparatory workshops be held on the Sunday immediately following
the general meeting and immediately preceding the one-day lobby session;

Be it further resolved that, in the event that dates for the fall national general meeting have
already been set and cannot be changed, a stand-alone lobby event on Parliament Hill,
involving representatives from the member locals, be organised; and

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Be it further resolved that the bulk of the funding for the lobby event be allocated from the Federation's budget for Campaigns and Government Relations.

TO FAIL
CMP-7

MOTION TO REFER

Local 01/Local 78

Be it resolved that motion (2004/05:084) be referred to the National Executive.

o. Proposal Regarding Development of Federal Election Campaign Materials

The Committee recommends following motion (2004/05:108) be ruled redundant:

TO FAIL
2004/05:108 MOTION

Local 26/Local 79

Whereas a change in the federal government is needed; and

Whereas more funding needs to be given to post-secondary education; and

Whereas money may not be available for provincial components or from the national budget to run an issue or other campaign during the upcoming federal election; and

Whereas member local associations should be encouraged to use local pressure to make national changes in policy; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive prepare, or have prepared, a document detailing four main Federation student issues for member local associations to use in federal election candidates' debates or for use in any election campaigns member local associations may hold.

p. Proposal to Increase the Number of Links on the Federation Website

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:114):

TO FAIL
2004/05:114 MOTION

Local 61/Local 79

Whereas Canada is one of a handful of nations that use a first past the post voting system that produces artificial majorities in parliament; and

Whereas Canada's voting system allows political parties to disregard the will of the majority of Canadians and still form majority governments; and

Whereas post-secondary education would likely be a higher priority of a government under a fair voting system; and

Whereas electoral reform is on the public agenda; therefore,

Be it resolved that the federal election campaign include a discussion of the need for a review of Canada's electoral system; and

Be it further resolved that the voteeducation.ca site include links to the websites of organisations supporting electoral reform, including FairVote Canada.

3. ADOPTION OF FEDERAL ELECTION PLAN

TO FAIL
CMP-8

MOTION

Local 3/Local 69

Be it resolved that the Federal Election 2004 Strategy be adopted.

4. MOTION DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE

TO FAIL
CMP-9

MOTION

Local 23/Local 79

Whereas for-profit, institutionally-administered student loans are not currently a reality in Canada; and

Whereas First Student Loan is the first company to offer the possibility of institutionally-administered loans; and

Whereas First Student Loan has been engaging in discussions with Canada's largest universities; and

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Whereas First Student Loan has been offering differing interest rates and guarantee premiums between these schools, with larger schools being offered better rates; and

Whereas this presents a significant risk to the students of smaller post-secondary institutions; and

Whereas First Student Loan has not been forthcoming in responding to the press regarding the contents of its deals with these public institutions; and

Whereas the First Student Loan loan provisions platform is irresponsible and does not look out for the best interest of the students; and

Whereas First Student Loan claim that they are making up for a loan funding shortfall is false; and

Whereas a First Student Loan product comparison shows that all First Student Loan student loans are more expensive than existing comparable options; and

Whereas the acceptance of the First Student Loan program at any Canadian institution open the door to more companies of this kind in Canada, and put pressure on other institutions to offer private, institutionally-administered loans; therefore

Be it resolved that records of the activities of First Student Loan and other similar companies be compiled and maintained;

Be it further resolved that a campaign be undertaken to assist member locals opposing the implementation of First Student Loan programs at their institutions; and

Be it further resolved that a membership advisory on for-profit, institutionally-administered loans be prepared and distributed to member locals.

CAMPAIGN GUIDE

Keep the Public in Education

Background

In December 2000, the government of Ontario passed legislation approving the establishment of private, degree-granting post-secondary institutions, including for-profit and not-for-profit operations. While private colleges have existed in Canada for the past two decades, the introduction of private, degree-granting institutions represents a significant policy change in public post-secondary education in Canada. Recently, the Alberta government has bestowed for-profit, degree-granting status upon Devry Institute.

There are already thousands of registered privately-funded vocational schools across the country, some of which call themselves "colleges." These vocational schools are actually privately-owned businesses operated as commercial for-profit enterprises. With the changes in Ontario and elsewhere, these companies could become legally recognised universities. By conservative estimates, using U.S. models, the total cost of a private undergraduate degree will be \$40,166 annually, or \$160,664 for a four year program.

Implementation

Research: Research will be conducted on the ways in which private, for-profit post-secondary institutes restrict access to post-secondary education. This will include an analysis of user fee increases, declining funding for public institutions and demographic trends in access to higher education. In

addition, a compilation on public subsidies flowing to the for-profit education industry will be produced.

Government Relations: Pressure will be exerted on federal and provincial governments to stop the expansion of private post-secondary education and end the designation of private, for-profit post-secondary institutions as eligible to receive funds through provincial student loans programmes and the Canada Student Loan Program. The Federation will seek to influence the Council of Ministers of Education Canada to reconsider the privatisation of post-secondary education.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will continue to use national media opportunities to highlight the growing trend toward privatising social programmes.

Membership Mobilisation: Member locals will be encouraged to distribute Federation materials to demonstrate the extent to which private, for-profit post-secondary institutes are profiting from the use of public funds and precipitating the decline of public education.

Coalition Work: The Federation will work locally, provincially and nationally with other like-minded organisations to oppose the privatisation of public services and the contracting out of jobs. As well member locals will be encouraged to organise public forums with campus and community based organisations to highlight the dangers of private, for-profit education.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to:

- halt the establishment or expansion of private degree-granting institutions; and
- end the designation of private, for-profit post-secondary institutions as eligible to receive funds through provincial student loans programmes, the Canada Student Loan Program, and other sources; and
- oppose the linking of public funding to key performance indicators.

GUIDE DES CAMPAGNES

Déprivatisation de l'éducation postsecondaire

Objectifs de la campagne

La Fédération veut :

- arrêter la création ou l'expansion des établissements privés autorisés à conférer des grades universitaires; et
- mettre fin à la désignation d'établissements postsecondaires privés à but lucratif comme étant admissibles à recevoir des fonds par le biais de programmes provinciaux de prêts étudiants, le Programme canadien de prêts aux étudiants et de programmes provenant d'autres sources; et
- s'opposer au lien entre le financement et les indicateurs de rendement.

Information

En décembre 2000, le gouvernement de l'Ontario a adopté des lois approuvant la création d'établissements postsecondaires privés conférant des grades universitaires, y compris l'exploitation d'organismes à but lucratif et non lucratif. Alors que les collèges privés existent au Canada depuis une vingtaine d'années, l'arrivée d'établissements privés autorisés à conférer des grades universitaires représente un changement considérable en ce qui concerne la politique de l'éducation postsecondaire publique au Canada. Le gouvernement de l'Alberta a récemment accordé le statut d'établissement conférant des grades universitaires à l'Institut Devry.

Il existe déjà des milliers d'écoles techniques privées autorisées dans tout le pays, dont certains se font appeler « collège ». Ces écoles techniques sont en fait des entreprises privées exploitées comme des entreprises à but lucratif. Les changements en Ontario et ailleurs pourraient faire de ces entreprises des universités légalement reconnues. En examinant des modèles des États-Unis, une estimation prudente montre que le coût annuel total d'un diplôme postsecondaire privé conféré par une entreprise à but lucratif est compris entre 40 166 \$ et 160 664 \$ pour un diplôme de premier cycle.

Mise en œuvre

Recherche : Des recherches seront effectuées sur la façon dont les établissements postsecondaires privés à but lucratif limitent l'accès à l'éducation postsecondaire. Cela inclura l'étude des augmentations des frais aux usagers, la réduction du financement des établissements publics, et les tendances

démographiques sur l'accès à l'enseignement supérieur. Il y aura aussi une étude sur les subventions publiques accordées à l'industrie de l'éducation à but lucratif.

Relations avec le gouvernement : Il faudra exercer des pressions sur les gouvernements fédéral et provinciaux pour mettre fin à la désignation d'établissements postsecondaires privés à but lucratif comme étant admissibles à recevoir des fonds par le biais de programmes provinciaux de prêts étudiants et le Programme canadien de prêts aux étudiants. La Fédération fera des pressions auprès du Conseil des ministres de l'éducation du Canada pour qu'il rejette l'idée de privatiser l'éducation postsecondaire.

Travail de sensibilisation et médias : La Fédération continuera de servir des médias à l'échelle nationale pour souligner la tendance grandissante en faveur de la privatisation des programmes sociaux.

Mobilisation des membres : On encouragera les sections membres à distribuer la documentation de la Fédération qui montre à quel point les établissements d'enseignement postsecondaire privés à but lucratif profitent de l'argent fourni par l'État et précipitent le déclin de l'éducation publique.

Travail de coalition : La Fédération travaillera aux niveaux local, provincial et national avec d'autres organisations d'optique commune pour s'opposer à la privatisation des services publics et à la sous-traitance des emplois. On encouragera les sections membres à organiser des forums publics en collaboration avec des organisations des campus et de la communauté pour souligner les dangers de l'éducation privée à but lucratif.

CAMPAGN GUIDE

International Students Rights

Background

Since Canada began issuing visas to international students, the federal government has prevented international students from working off campus. In addition, international students are often forced to prove they have substantial monetary resources before receiving a visa. On most campuses in Canada international students pay tuition fees at a rate of two or three times that of domestic students. These factors make it very difficult for most international students to sustain themselves while in Canada. It is also very clear that the current operation of the program makes it nearly impossible for international students from poor countries, or students of modest means to study in Canada.

In November 2002, the Federation in concert with the Canadian Association of University Teachers began lobbying the federal government to change the requirements. Through the Federation's work on the Advisory Committee on International Students and Immigration, the federal government has been convinced to implement a pilot program allowing international students to work off-campus in Manitoba. The federal government is currently in negotiations with the governments of Québec and New Brunswick to expand the program further. The current program requires that the provincial government and post-secondary institutions jointly administer the program. Without

co-operation from either partner the program cannot be implemented.

Implementation

Government Relations: Pressure will be exerted on federal and provincial governments to work together to expand and institutionalize the current limited program. In addition, the Federation will lobby the Association of Universities and Colleges to work with the federal government to expand the program.

Membership Mobilisation: Member locals will be encouraged to:

- organise public forums dedicated to raising awareness about the challenges facing international students; and
- organise letter-writing/fax/email campaigns directed at provincial governments, demanding that they join the program.

Coalition Work: Member locals will be encouraged to:

- build on-campus coalitions, including representation from groups such as faculty unions, support staff unions, teaching assistant/graduate assistant/research assistant unions, student service centres, and public interest research groups (PIRGs); and
- work with the local community, especially in urban centers, to solicit support for the right of international students to work off-campus.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to:

-expand the pilot program to all provinces and institutions, with the goal of making the program permanent; and

-work toward the implementation of the program at all public post-secondary educational institutions.

GUIDE DES CAMPAGNES

I'égalité des chances pour les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers

Information

Depuis que le Canada accorde des visas aux étudiantes et étudiants étrangers, le gouvernement fédéral interdit à ces derniers de travailler à l'extérieur du campus. De plus, les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers sont souvent obligés de prouver qu'ils ont des ressources financières considérables avant de pouvoir obtenir un visa. Dans la plupart des campus au Canada, les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers paient deux et parfois trois fois plus cher en frais de scolarité que les étudiantes et étudiants canadiens et résidents. Il est donc très difficile pour la plupart d'entre eux de subvenir à leurs besoins au Canada. De plus, selon le programme actuel, il est presque impossible pour les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers qui habitent un pays pauvre ou qui ont un revenu modeste de venir étudier au Canada.

En novembre 2002, la Fédération et l'Association canadienne des professeures et professeurs d'université ont entrepris de faire des pressions auprès du gouvernement fédéral pour qu'il modifie les exigences. Grâce au travail de la Fédération auprès du Comité consultatif sur les étudiants internationaux et l'immigration, le gouvernement fédéral a mis en œuvre un programme pilote pour permettre les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers de travailler hors campus dans Manitoba. Le gouvernement fédéral négocie actuellement avec les gouvernements du Québec et du Nouveau-Brunswick pour élargir ce programme pilote. Le programme actuel exige que le gouvernement provincial et les établissements d'enseignement postsecondaires gèrent le programme ensemble. Si les deux partenaires ne coopèrent

pas, le programme ne peut être mis en œuvre.

Mise en œuvre

Relations avec le gouvernement : On exercera des pressions auprès des gouvernements fédéral et provinciaux pour qu'ils travaillent ensemble pour élargir et institutionnaliser le programme actuel qui est plutôt restreint. De plus, la Fédération pressera l'Association des universités et des collèges de travailler avec le gouvernement fédéral pour élargir le programme.

Mobilisation des membres : On encouragera les sections membres à :

- organiser des forums publics pour conscientiser les gens sur les défis auxquels font face les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers; et
- organiser des campagnes de lettres (par la poste, télécopieur et courrier électronique) à l'intention des gouvernements provinciaux pour leur demander de participer au programme.

Travail de coalition : On encouragera les sections membres à :

- former des coalitions dans les campus, et inviter les représentantes et représentants des syndicats du corps enseignant, du personnel de soutien, des assistantes et assistants d'enseignement et de recherche, des cycles supérieurs, des services aux étudiantes et étudiants, et des groupes de recherche d'intérêt public à y participer; et
- œuvrer avec la collectivité locale, surtout dans les centres urbains, pour obtenir de l'appui pour le droit des étudiantes et étudiants étrangers de travailler à l'extérieur du campus.

Objectifs de la campagne

La Fédération veut :

- que le programme pilote soit étendu à toutes les provinces et à tous les établissements d'enseignement postsecondaires, et qu'il devienne permanent; et
- travailler de sorte que le programme soit mis en œuvre dans tous les établissements d'enseignement postsecondaires publics.

CAMPAIGN GUIDE

Grants Not Loans

Background

Canada is one of only three industrialised countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) that does not have a comprehensive national system of needs-based grants. Virtually all European and South American countries, as well as the United States, have grants programmes

In Canada, more than half of post-secondary students require some financial assistance. Three-quarters of those receiving student loans believe they would be unable to participate in higher education without this assistance. A national system of needs-based grants would reduce daunting levels of student debt and improve access to universities and colleges.

Despite the clear need for a more generous system, the federal government allocates substantial public resources to financial aid that goes disproportionately to those who need the least assistance.

The combined cost of the Canada Education Savings Grant, federal tax credits, and the Millennium Scholarship Foundation is over \$2 billion annually. By rolling these ineffective programmes into a system of grants, 400,000 students, or all those on financial assistance, could receive \$5,000 grants

Implementation

Research: The Federation will produce a fact sheet that outlines

how a national system of grants would be funded and administered.

Government Relations: The Federation will continue to lobby federal decision-makers to implement a national system of needs-based grants by:

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will develop a comprehensive media strategy designed to highlight the inefficiencies and ineffectiveness of the current Canada Student Loan Program. The Federation will seek to publish research and opinion pieces in national publications.

Membership Mobilisation: The Federation will encourage member locals to continue their work in highlighting the negative impact of student debt.

*By distributing model letters to the editor, the Federation will encourage member locals to take advantage of local and community newspapers to inform the broader public about the shortcomings inherent in the current models of student financial assistance.

In addition, the Federation will launch a national petition drive that will serve both to educate the membership and influence decision-makers.

Coalition Work: The Federation will seek support from its traditional coalition partners and encourage member locals to work in partnership with other local organisations where appropriate.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks the establishment of a national system of grants to replace the Canada Student Loans Program.

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Un système national de bourses

Objectifs de la campagne

La Fédération veut la création d'un système national de bourses pour remplacer le Programme canadien de prêts aux étudiants.

Information

Le Canada est l'un des trois pays industrialisés de l'Organisation de coopération et de développement économiques (OCDE) qui n'ont pas un système national intégral de bourses d'études accordées en fonction du besoin. Presque tous les pays européens et sud-américains, ainsi que les États-Unis ont un programme de bourses. Au Canada, plus de la moitié des étudiantes et étudiants postsecondaires ont besoin d'une aide financière quelconque. Les trois-quarts de ceux ou de celles qui reçoivent des prêts étudiants pensent qu'ils ou elles ne pourraient pas poursuivre des études supérieures sans aide financière.

Un système national de bourses accordées selon le besoin réduirait immédiatement le niveau important de l'endettement étudiant et améliorerait l'accès aux universités et aux collèges. Malgré le besoin évident pour un système plus généreux, le gouvernement fédéral alloue des ressources publiques considérables pour venir en aide de façon disproportionnée aux personnes qui en ont le moins besoin. Le coût réuni de la Subvention canadienne pour l'épargne-études, les crédits d'impôts fédéraux, et la Fondation des bourses du millénaire s'élève annuellement à plus de 2 milliards \$. En réunissant ces programmes inefficaces en un système de bourses, 400 000 étudiantes et étudiants, ou tous ceux et celles qui reçoivent de l'aide financière, pourraient bénéficier d'une bourse de 5 000 \$.

Mise en oeuvre

Recherche : La Fédération produira une info-fiche décrivant la façon dont on pourrait financer et gérer un système national de bourses.

Relations avec le gouvernement : La Fédération continuera à faire des pressions auprès des décideurs fédéraux en faveur de la mise en œuvre d'un système national de bourses accordées en fonction du besoin.

Travail de sensibilisation et médias : La Fédération élaborera une stratégie médiatique complète pour souligner les inefficacités du Programme canadien de prêts aux étudiants actuel. La Fédération tentera de diffuser de la recherche et des articles dans des publications nationales.

Mobilisation des membres : La Fédération encouragera les sections membres à poursuivre leur travail de sensibilisation sur les conséquences néfastes de l'endettement étudiant. En diffusant des lettres types que les membres pourront envoyer aux journaux, la Fédération encouragera les sections membres à profiter des journaux de la collectivité et de la région pour informer le public en général sur les désavantages inhérents des modèles actuels d'aide financière aux études. De plus, la Fédération lancera une campagne nationale de pétitions qui servira à informer les membres et à influencer les décideurs.

Travail de coalition : La Fédération cherchera à obtenir l'appui de ses partenaires de coalition traditionnels et encouragera les sections membres à travailler de concert avec d'autres organisations locales s'il y a lieu.

CAMPAGN GUIDE

National Standards

Background

For more than a decade, the Federation has called for the establishment of a national system of standards for post-secondary education and research. The Federation proposes that a Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Research be established and that a Post-Secondary Education Act, based on the principles of the Canada Health Act, be developed and implemented.

Currently, the Canada Student Loans Program, the Millennium Scholarship Foundation and training programmes fall under the purview of Human Resources and Development Canada, while university research and new initiatives in the area of on-line learning fall under the mandate of the Ministry of Industry. As a result, the federal government lacks a coherent national vision for post-secondary education and research.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will develop a comprehensive paper illustrating the current lack of coherence in the way in which post-secondary education is administered, exposing the growing disparities in the accessibility and quality of post-secondary education among the provinces and focusing on such areas as the Millennium Scholarship Fund, tuition fees, and student debt. Research will be collected on federal aboriginal education funding which will include an analysis of funding over the past five years.

Government Relations: The Federation will meet with provincial and federal decision-makers to promote a clear vision for administering post-secondary education in Canada. Special emphasis will be placed on seeking the support of the Council of Education Ministers Canada.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will develop a communications strategy to illustrate the disparities in accessibility and quality of post-secondary education among the provinces. Member locals will be encouraged to make use of local and campus media for similar purposes.

Membership Mobilisation: A draft letter to Members of Parliament supporting the creation of national standards will be circulated to member locals. Member locals will be encouraged to approach university and college Boards of Governors, Senates, and Education Councils, institution presidents, and faculty and staff unions to send similar letters supporting the Federation's campaign.

Coalition Work: The Federation will work nationally with its traditional coalition partners and encourage member locals to seek to form local and provincial coalitions as necessary.

Campaign Goal

The Federation will continue to seek the establishment of:

- a federal Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Research;
- a Post-Secondary Education Act;
- a system of national guidelines for quality and accessibility in post-secondary education and research that includes special recognition for the needs of Québécois and First Nations students; and
- a national policy on intellectual property and academic freedom;

GUIDE DES CAMPAGNES

Système national de normes pour l'éducation

Objectifs de la campagne

La Fédération continuera à rechercher la création :

- d'un ministère fédéral de l'Éducation et de la recherche postsecondaire;
- d'une Loi sur l'éducation postsecondaire;
- d'un système de directives nationales pour la qualité et l'accessibilité de l'éducation et de la recherche au niveau postsecondaire; et
- d'une politique nationale sur la propriété intellectuelle et la liberté universitaire.

Information

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Mise en oeuvre

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Travail de sensibilisation et médias : La Fédération élaborera une stratégie médiatique complète pour souligner les inefficacités du Programme canadien de prêts aux étudiants actuel. La Fédération tentera de diffuser de la recherche et des articles dans des publications nationales.

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Travail de coalition : La Fédération cherchera à obtenir l'appui de ses partenaires de coalition traditionnels et encouragera les sections membres à travailler de concert avec d'autres organisations locales s'il y a lieu.

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Federal Funding

Background

Prior to 1996, the federal government provided provinces with transfer payments for social programmes through Established Program Financing and the Canada Assistance Plan. Transfers to provinces required a specific amount of funding be spent on post-secondary education. In 1996, these transfers were lumped into one block transfer in the form of the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST) that included payments for health, social services, and education. The establishment of the CHST, which coincided with a massive reduction in transfer payments to provinces, allowed provinces to decide what portion of transfers would be spent on post-secondary education.

Since April 1, 2004, the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST) has been broken into two transfer payments: the Canada Health Transfer (CHT), and the Canada Social Transfer (CST). The Canada Health Transfer will maintain a 62 percent share of the CHST in 2004 and beyond, and the Canada Social Transfer will receive the remaining 38 percent. However, the new Canada Social Transfer does not set out the amount that provincial governments are expected to spend on post-secondary education.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will work with provincial Federation researchers

to chart the discrepancies between the provinces in the way in which federal post-secondary education dollars are disbursed.

Government Relations: Meetings shall be initiated jointly with the Canadian Association of University Teachers to lobby for federal-provincial negotiations on a post-secondary education act that will have the goal of establishing a:

- Dedicated Post-Secondary Education Transfer Payment

National Awareness and Media:

The Federation will develop a comprehensive media strategy to illustrate the problems associated with the absence of a dedicated post-secondary education funding transfer.

Membership Mobilisation: The Federation will encourage member locals to lobby their local provincial and federal members of parliament through meetings and letter-writing campaigns. Petitions already in use provincially will be modified as appropriate and made available to all member locals.

Coalition Work: The Federation will work nationally with its traditional coalition partners and encourage member locals to seek to form local and provincial coalitions as necessary.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks the establishment of a national transfer payment allocated exclusively for post-secondary education.

The transfer should provide sufficient funding to enable provincial governments to adequately fund post-secondary education while reducing tuition fees.

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Des paiements de transfert

Objectif de la campagne

La Fédération veut la mise en œuvre d'un paiement de transfert affecté exclusivement à l'éducation postsecondaire. Le transfert devrait fournir suffisamment de fonds pour permettre aux gouvernements provinciaux de financer l'éducation postsecondaire de manière adéquate tout en réduisant les frais de scolarité.

Information

Avant 1996, le gouvernement fédéral accordait aux provinces des paiements de transfert pour les programmes sociaux par l'entremise du programme de Financement des programmes établis (FPE) et du Régime d'assistance publique du Canada (RAPC). Dans le cadre des transferts aux provinces, celles-ci recevaient une somme fixe pour le financement de l'éducation postsecondaire. En 1996, le Transfert canadien en matière de santé et de programmes sociaux (TCSPS) a consolidé les transferts fédéraux pour la santé, les services sociaux et l'éducation. La mise en œuvre du TCSPS, qui a eu lieu en même temps qu'une réduction massive des transferts aux provinces, a permis aux provinces de décider quelle part des paiements seraient allouée à l'éducation postsecondaire.

Depuis le 1er avril 2004, le Transfert canadien en matière de santé et de programmes sociaux (TCSPS) a été divisé en deux paiements de transfert : le Transfert canadien en matière de santé (TCS), et le Transfert canadien en matière de programmes sociaux (TCPS). Le premier aura 62 pour cent du TCSPS en 2004 et après, et le deuxième recevra les 38 pour cent qui restent. Le nouveau Transfert canadien en matière de programmes sociaux (TCPS), cependant, n'établit toujours pas le montant que les provinces devront allouer à l'éducation postsecondaire.

Mise en œuvre

Recherche : La Fédération travaillera avec ses chercheurs provinciaux pour examiner les écarts entre les provinces relativement à la façon dont le gouvernement fédéral leur débourse le financement destiné à l'éducation postsecondaire.

Relations avec le gouvernement : La Fédération organisera des réunions avec l'Association canadienne des professeurs et professeures d'université pour faire des pressions pour la tenue de négociations fédérales-provinciales sur une loi sur l'éducation postsecondaire qui aura comme objectif de créer un paiement de transfert consacré à l'éducation postsecondaire.

Travail de sensibilisation et médias : La Fédération élaborera une stratégie médiatique pour souligner les problèmes associés à l'absence d'un paiement de transfert consacré à l'éducation postsecondaire.

Mobilisation des membres : La Fédération encouragera les sections membres à faire des pressions auprès de leurs députées et députés provinciaux et fédéraux lors de réunions et par le biais de campagnes de lettres. Les pétitions qu'on utilise déjà au niveau provincial seront modifiées et diffusées à toutes les sections membres.

Travail de coalition : La Fédération travaillera au niveau national avec ses partenaires de coalition et encouragera les sections membres à tenter de former, le cas échéant, des coalitions aux niveaux local et provincial.

CAMPAIGN GUIDE

Student Loan Bankruptcy

Background

On June 18th, 1998, amendments to sections 178(1)(g)(ii) and 178(1.1) of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act R.S.C. 1985, c.B-3 took effect, making student loans non-dischargeable for a period of ten years after a student has ceased full or part-time studies. These provisions create a distinction between student debtors and consumer debtors in general.

Before the 1998 changes, student loan holders who lacked sufficient funds to repay their debt, as a last resort, applied for bankruptcy protection and a discharge of all remaining debts.

This protection was in place to ensure that, even though most debtors pay back their student loans despite hardship, there was a way out for those who were destitute. In 1996 of those declaring consumer bankruptcy where the primary debt was student loans, the annual median income was \$14,211. Those figures belie the claims of those who continue to claim that there were legions of wealthy former students declaring bankruptcy.

On December 7, 2000 the Federation filed a legal challenge to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (BIA) and it is now in its final stages. The Federation recently learned that the application challenging the Act will be heard on June 16, 2004 in Ontario Superior Court.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will produce a fact sheet dispelling commonly held myths regarding student loan default rates, student loan debtors and bankruptcy protection.

Government Relations: Pressure will be exerted on the federal government to voluntarily review and repeal its decision to implement restrictions to students' rights to avail themselves of reasonable protection from debt under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act. The Charter challenge to effect the repeal of the ten-year ban on student loan bankruptcy will be heard on June 16th.

National Awareness and Media: A comprehensive media strategy will be developed for the final stages of the Charter challenge. Special consideration will be given to ensuring that the media exposure resulting from the Charter challenge complements the Federation's work in the expected federal election.

Membership Mobilisation: Member locals are encouraged to continue to gather names and contact information of students and recent graduates willing to discuss the student debt crisis with the media.

Coalition Work: The Federation will continue to keep its traditional coalition partners apprised of the progress of the Charter challenge.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks the repeal of the ten-year ban on student loan bankruptcy; and the implementation of tangible measures to relieve student debt.

GUIDE DES CAMPAGNES

La loi sur la faillite

Objectifs de la campagne

La Fédération veut l'abolition de l'interdiction de dix ans pour les faillites reliées aux prêts étudiants, et des mesures tangibles pour libérer les étudiantes et

Information

Aux termes des modifications apportées le 18 juin 1998 au sousalinéa 178(1)g)(ii) et au paragraphe 178(1.1) de la Loi sur la faillite et l'insolvabilité S.R.C. 1985, c. B-3, les étudiantes et étudiants ne peuvent se libérer de leur prêt étudiant en vertu d'une faillite pour une période de dix ans suivant la fin de leurs études à plein temps ou à temps partiel. On a établi ainsi une distinction entre les débiteurs étudiants et les débiteurs consommateurs en général.

Avant les modifications de 1998, les emprunteurs étudiants qui n'avaient pas assez de moyens financiers pour rembourser leur dette, demandaient en dernier recours la protection de la loi sur les faillites et l'acquittement du reste de leurs dettes. Rappelons que cette loi devait protéger les débiteurs privés de ressources et incapables de payer leurs dettes, bien que la plupart d'entre eux remboursent leurs prêts d'études malgré leurs problèmes financiers. En 1996, parmi les personnes qui se sont déclarées en état de faillite civile, où la dette principale consistait de prêts d'études, le revenu annuel moyen était de 14 211 \$. Ces chiffres contredisent les allégations de ceux et celles qui continuent de prétendre que des multitudes d'anciens étudiants et étudiantes financièrement aisés demandaient la protection de la loi sur les faillites.

Le 7 décembre 2000, la Fédération a intenté une contestation de la Loi sur la faillite et l'insolvabilité, qui est en ce moment près d'aboutir. La contestation de la Fédération sera entendue par la Cour supérieure de l'Ontario, le 16 juin 2004.

Mise en oeuvre

Recherche : La Fédération produira une info-fiche pour réfuter les mythes que tout le monde croit quant au nombre de personnes qui ne remboursent pas leur prêt étudiant, sur les débiteurs de prêt étudiant eux-mêmes et sur la protection de la loi sur la faillite.

Relations avec le gouvernement : Il faut exercer des pressions auprès du gouvernement fédéral pour qu'il revoie et abroge de sa propre initiative sa décision de mettre en œuvre toute restriction au droit des étudiantes et étudiants de se prévaloir d'une protection raisonnable en cas d'endettement aux termes de la Loi sur la faillite et l'insolvabilité.

Travail de sensibilisation et médias : La Fédération élaborera une stratégie médiatique pour les dernières étapes de la contestation en vertu de la Charte. On s'assurera surtout que l'attention des médias portant sur la contestation en vertu de la Charte complètera le travail de la Fédération lors des prochaines élections fédérales.

Mobilisation des membres : Il faut encourager les sections membres à prendre en note les noms et les coordonnées des étudiantes et étudiants et des nouveaux diplômés et diplômées qui seraient disposés à discuter de la crise de l'endettement étudiant avec les médias.

Travail de coalition : La Fédération continuera de tenir ses partenaires de coalition traditionnels au courant du progrès de la contestation en vertu de la Charte.

CAMPAIGN GUIDE

Reduce Tuition Fees

Background

The Federation has galvanised public support for freezing and reducing tuition fees. Increased awareness about the effects of tuition fee increases on access has helped shift public opinion. Recent polling indicates that over 80% of Canadians oppose further tuition fee increases and that roughly half support a reduction in fees.

The challenge for the Federation is to maintain the momentum towards lower tuition fees in provinces where freezes and reductions have already occurred and create pressure in other provinces to reverse recent increases and reduce fees.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will compile information describing different models of systems of post-secondary education in countries where no tuition fees exist.

The Federation will collect data on tuition fees in professional, graduate and post-diploma programmes and assess the impact of fee hikes on access to those programmes.

Government Relations: The Federation will lobby for the restoration of

federal transfer payments for post-secondary education in meetings with federal and provincial officials. The Federation will continue to lobby provincial Premiers to issue a statement from the annual Premier's Conference calling for increased federal funding for post-secondary education as a catalyst to reduce tuition fees.

The Federation will articulate the positive benefit of expanding access for international students by eliminating differential fees.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will develop a centrally coordinated communications strategy that calls public attention to the impact of high tuition fees on access to post-secondary education.

Membership Mobilisation: The Federation will encourage member locals to continue to campaign against locally implemented tuition fee hikes for both domestic and international students.

Coalition Work: The Federation will continue to work with its traditional coalition partners.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks:

- the progressive reduction of tuition and ancillary fees at public post-secondary institutions across the country with the ultimate goal of eliminating user fees;
- the restoration of federal government funding for post-secondary education;
- to expose the regional disparity with respect to access to post-secondary education and continue to build public support for the elimination of fees nation-wide;
- a joint statement from the Annual Premiers conference demanding increased federal funding for post-secondary education;
- to address the exclusion of marginalised groups from post-secondary education caused by rising tuition fees;
- the elimination of differential fees for international students and an end to the growing trend among university administrators to regard international students as revenue opportunities for colleges and universities; and
- to raise awareness of the increased financial burden faced by international students studying in Canada.

GUIDE DES CAMPAGNES

Réduction des frais de scolarité

Objectifs de la campagne

La Fédération vise les objectifs suivants :

- la réduction progressive des droits de scolarité et des frais afférents dans les établissements d'études postsecondaires partout au pays, en vue d'éliminer tous les frais;
- le rétablissement du financement du gouvernement fédéral pour l'éducation postsecondaire;
- la dénonciation des disparités régionales en matière d'accès aux études postsecondaires et la poursuite de nos efforts de sensibilisation du public pour qu'il appuie l'élimination des frais partout au pays;
- une déclaration conjointe de la Conférence annuelle des premiers ministres des provinces exigeant l'augmentation du financement fédéral pour l'éducation postsecondaire;
- une solution à l'exclusion des groupes marginalisés du système d'études postsecondaires en raison de l'augmentation des droits de scolarité; et
- l'élimination des frais différentiels pour les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers et un terme à la tendance croissante de l'administration des universités qui perçoit cette population étudiante en tant que possibilité de recettes pour les collèges et universités;
- la sensibilisation du public quant au fardeau financier accru des étudiantes et étudiants étrangers au Canada.

Information

La Fédération a galvanisé l'appui du public pour le gel et la baisse des droits de scolarité. En effet, la population est de plus en plus consciente des répercussions associées à la hausse des droits de scolarité. D'après des sondages réalisés récemment, plus de 80 % des Canadiens et Canadiennes s'opposent à toute autre augmentation des droits de scolarité et environ la moitié de la population est en faveur d'une baisse des droits de scolarité.

La Fédération devra poursuivre ses efforts pour réduire les droits de scolarité dans les provinces qui ont déjà gelé ou abaisssé leurs droits de scolarité, et elle devra exercer des pressions dans les autres provinces pour inverser les dernières hausses et réglementer de nouveau les droits de scolarité.

Mise en oeuvre

Recherche : La Fédération compilera des données sur des modèles d'éducation postsecondaire dans des pays où les étudiantes et étudiants ne paient pas de frais de scolarité. La Fédération fournira des recherches axées sur les hausses de droits de scolarité dans les programmes professionnels et de cycle supérieur et sur l'impact que celles-ci ont sur l'accessibilité à ces

programmes.

Relations avec le gouvernement : La Fédération fera des pressions en vue de rétablir les paiements de transfert du gouvernement fédéral destinés aux études postsecondaires au cours de réunions avec les responsables fédéraux et provinciaux. La Fédération pressera les premiers ministres provinciaux à appuyer la publication d'une déclaration de la Conférence annuelle des premiers ministres exigeant l'augmentation du financement fédéral pour l'éducation postsecondaire afin de réduire les droits de scolarité. La Fédération fera connaître les avantages de l'élargissement de l'accès à la population étudiante internationale en éliminant les frais différentiels pour les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers.

Travail de sensibilisation et médias : La Fédération concevra une stratégie de communications dont elle fera une coordination centralisée pour attirer l'attention du public sur les conséquences des frais de scolarité élevés sur l'accessibilité aux études postsecondaires.

Mobilisation des membres : La Fédération encouragera les sections membres à continuer de faire campagne contre les hausses des frais de scolarité imposées au niveau local, que ce soit pour les étudiantes et étudiants canadiens, résidents ou étrangers.

Travail de coalition : La Fédération continuera de travailler avec ses partenaires de coalition traditionnels.

CAMPAIGN GUIDE

Stop the GATS

Background

Trade in services is playing an increasingly significant role in international accords currently being negotiated. Areas such as education, health care, and municipal services are the new targets of multinational corporations that see public services as opportunities for exploiting new markets.

In 1995, the Government of Canada became a signatory to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) through its membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO). The GATS forms the basis for any new trade in private and public services. It will potentially cover all services, except those "provided in the exercise of governmental authority" if they are also "supplied neither on a commercial basis nor in competition with one or more service suppliers." Because public education and private education co-exist in Canada, the provision above does not necessarily protect the public system from inclusion under GATS. Essentially, GATS regulations threaten to infringe on the ability of governments and municipalities to provide and democratically regulate services, including public education.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will continue to participate in the Trade Initiative Research Project (TIRP). TIRP is a consortium of researchers who meet quarterly to review government trade agreements and the global literature devoted to analyzing and critiquing global trade agreements. In addition, the fact

sheet highlighting the effects of the GATS on post-secondary education will be updated.

Government Relations Strategy: The Federation will lobby the federal government to end all trade in services negotiations. In addition, the Federation will lobby municipal councils to adopt resolutions that oppose trade liberalisation agreements that threaten locally provided services. The Federation will continue to monitor international organisations such as the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) and attend meetings as observers to gather strategic information about possible trade liberalisation trends effecting Canada.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will continue its national awareness and media strategy making use of local, provincial and national media.

Membership Mobilisation: Member locals will be encouraged take part in a letter writing campaign to the Minister of Industry and the Prime Minister, expressing concern for the impacts of existing trade and intellectual property agreements on public post-secondary education and demanding that Parliament undertake an annual international policy review, with adequate time for participation from civil society.

Coalition Work: National coalition work will be conducted through continued membership and participation in the Common Front. The Federation will also work through the International Union of Students

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to halt the threat posed to post-secondary education by international free trade agreements.

GUIDE DES CAMPAGNES

Objectif de la campagne

La Fédération veut mettre un terme à la menace que posent à l'éducation postsecondaire les accords commerciaux internationaux.

Libéralisation des échanges commerciaux

Information

Le commerce des services joue un rôle de plus en plus important dans les accords qui sont actuellement en cours de négociation. Tout particulièrement, les domaines comme l'éducation, la santé et les services municipaux sont les nouvelles cibles des multinationales qui voient les services publics comme l'occasion d'exploiter de nouveaux marchés.

En 1995, le gouvernement du Canada a été un des signataires de l'Accord général sur le commerce des services (AGCS) en sa qualité de membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce (OMC). L'AGCS – qui est à la base de tout nouveau commerce de services – englobe potentiellement tous les services, sauf ceux qui sont fournis dans l'exercice de l'autorité gouvernementale à condition qu'ils soient fournis ni sur une base commerciale ni sur une base compétitive avec un ou plusieurs fournisseurs de services. En raison de la coexistence de l'éducation publique et privée au Canada, cette disposition ne protège pas le système public de l'inclusion dans l'AGCS. Avant tout, les règlements de l'AGCS menacent d'enfreindre la capacité qu'ont les gouvernements et les municipalités à fournir des services comme l'éducation publique, et de les réglementer de façon démocratique.

Mise en oeuvre

Recherche : La Fédération continuera de participer au Projet de recherche sur le commerce et l'investissement (Trade Initiative Research Project - TIRP). Il s'agit d'un consortium de chercheurs progressistes qui se rencontrent tous les trois mois pour examiner les ententes commerciales conclues par le gouvernement ainsi que la documentation mondiale consacrée à l'analyse et à la critique des ententes commerciales mondiales. De plus, l'info-

fiche décrivant les conséquences de l'AGCS sur l'éducation postsecondaire sera mise à jour.

Stratégie des relations avec le gouvernement : La Fédération fera des pressions auprès du gouvernement fédéral pour qu'il cesse toutes les négociations ayant trait au commerce des services. La Fédération fera des pressions auprès des élus municipaux pour adopter des résolutions exigeant que les accords commerciaux internationaux n'entravent pas les services fournis au niveau local. Enfin, les membres de la Fédération continueront de surveiller les organismes internationaux comme l'Organisation de coopération et de développement économiques (OCDE) et d'assister à des réunions en tant qu'observateurs pour rassembler de l'information stratégique sur la libéralisation du commerce.

Travail de sensibilisation et médias : La Fédération poursuivra sa stratégie nationale de sensibilisation auprès des médias locaux, provinciaux et nationaux.

Mobilisation des membres : La Fédération encouragera ses sections membres à participer à la campagne de lettres adressées au ministre de l'Industrie et au Premier ministre pour exprimer leurs inquiétudes concernant les accords sur le commerce et la propriété intellectuelle, et leurs conséquences pour l'éducation postsecondaire publique, et demander au Parlement d'examiner tous les ans les politiques internationales et d'accorder à la société civile suffisamment de temps pour participer à cet examen.

Travail de coalition : La Fédération poursuivra son travail de coalition au niveau national en continuant d'adhérer et de participer au groupe Front commun. La Fédération continuera à travailler avec l'Union internationale des étudiants en vue de bâtir des liens dans le monde entier pour la promotion d'une éducation postsecondaire accessible et de haute qualité.

CAMPAIGN GUIDE

Access for Part-Time Students

Background

Of the over 200,000 part-time students in Canada in 1999, only 4705 used the Canada Student Loan Program. There are several reasons for the low participation. First, low utilisation of the Program is due to the onerous burden that interest payments place on part-time students.

Unlike full-time students, part-time students must pay compound interest on their loans during their time of study. Moreover, the part-time loan Program needs assessment only considers education costs such as tuition fees and textbooks.

Students are responsible for all living costs during the time of study. Finally, the income threshold for part-time eligibility is excessively high. In order to qualify for the Program a single person must earn less than \$26,000 per year.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will investigate the possibility of hosting a research conference on part-time student issues.

Government Relations: The Federation will submit a comprehensive proposal to Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) to revamp the loans Program for part-time students.

The Federation will also urge Statistics Canada and Human Resources and Skills development to collect data specific to part-time students including but not limited to: available financial aid, detailed part-time student enrolment, part-time student debt, and success of federal programmes for part-time students.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will distribute a sample letter for use by member locals in promoting awareness of the barriers faced by part-time students.

Membership Mobilisation: The Federation will encourage member locals to lobby provincial and federal decision-makers to expand access to student financial assistance for part-time students.

Coalition Work: The Federation will work locally, provincially and nationally with other organisations to promote the Federation's campaign goals.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks:

- the elimination of the in-study interest on part-time student loans;
- the inclusion of living expenses in the assessment of part-time loans;
- the reformation of the needs assessment process to ensure that more prospective students are eligible for the Program; and
- an increase in the portion of non-repayable assistance available to students through Canada Study Grants.

GUIDE DES CAMPAGNES

Accès pour les étudiantes et étudiants à temps partiel

Objectifs de la campagne

La Fédération vise :

- l'élimination des frais d'intérêt sur les prêts pour étudiant-e-s à temps partiel durant la période d'études;
- l'inclusion des frais de subsistance dans l'évaluation aux fins des prêts pour étudiant-e-s à temps partiel;
- l'amélioration du processus d'évaluation des besoins de manière à étendre l'admissibilité au plus grand nombre d'étudiant-e-s possible;
- l'augmentation de la part de l'aide non remboursable offerte par Subventions canadiennes pour études.

Information

En 1999, à peine 4 705 étudiantes et étudiants à temps partiel sur un total de 200 000 se sont prévalus du Programme canadien de prêts aux étudiants (PCPE). Plusieurs motifs peuvent expliquer un niveau de participation aussi faible. L'impopularité du programme est d'abord attribuable au fardeau excessif que les frais d'intérêts font peser sur les étudiantes et étudiants à temps partiel. Contrairement à leurs conœurs et confrères à temps plein, les étudiantes et étudiants à temps partiel doivent accumuler des intérêts composés toute la durée de leurs études. De plus, l'évaluation des besoins aux fins du programme ne prend en compte que le coût des études, comme les frais de scolarité et les livres. Les étudiantes et étudiants doivent assumer tous leurs frais de subsistance pendant leurs études. Enfin, pour avoir droit à un prêt pour étudiant-e-s à temps partiel, le revenu maximal admissible est excessivement serré : une personne seule ne peut gagner plus de 26 000 \$ par année.

Mise en oeuvre

Recherche : La Fédération étudiera la possibilité d'organiser une conférence de recherche sur les dossiers des étudiantes et étudiants à temps partiel.

Relations avec le gouvernement : La Fédération soumettra à Développement des ressources humaines Canada une proposition détaillée pour la réforme des

programmes de prêts pour les étudiantes et étudiants à temps partiel.

La Fédération encouragera Statistiques Canada et Développement des ressources humaines Canada à cueillir des données spécifiques sur les dossiers des étudiantes et étudiants à temps partiel, dont l'aide financière disponible, des renseignements détaillés sur les inscriptions, l'endettement étudiant, et le succès des programmes fédéraux qui leur sont destinés.

Travail de sensibilisation et médias : La Fédération diffusera une lettre type que les sections membres pourront utiliser pour conscientiser les gens sur les obstacles auxquels font face les étudiantes et étudiants à temps partiel.

Mobilisation des membres : La Fédération encouragera les sections membres à faire des pressions auprès des décideurs des gouvernements provinciaux et fédéral pour qu'ils élargissent l'accès à l'aide financière aux études pour les étudiantes et étudiants à temps partiel.

Travail de coalition : La Fédération travaillera aux niveaux local, provincial et national avec d'autres organisations pour promouvoir les objectifs de la campagne.

CAMPAIGN GUIDE

Income Contingent Loans

Background

In 1955, the U.S. economist Milton Friedman devised Income Contingent Loan Repayment schemes (ICLR) as a way to reduce the role of the state in financing education. Instead of public funding, Friedman proposed that there be full cost-recovery tuition fees. In order for students to pay for these vastly higher tuition fees, he proposed that they have access to large loans. Finally, he proposed that, in order for repayment of the loan to be manageable, the size of loan payments be based on each individual's level of income after graduation (i.e., income contingent).

Under an ICLR scheme, borrowers repay their loans as a percentage of their incomes upon completion of study. Thus, graduates with lower levels of income would repay their loans over a longer period of time, while those in high-paying jobs could repay their loans quickly and avoid interest payments. Those who could afford to pay their tuition fees up front would avoid the high interest rate payment after graduation, and end up paying less for post-secondary education.

Where ICLR models that have been implemented in other parts of the world tuition fees have increased significantly. In fact, ICLR schemes attempt to ease the impact of fee hikes and hasten the underfunding of education. Most models replace loan plans that are interest-free during the period of study (such as Canada Student Loans) with loans that collect interest from the moment they are provided.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will continue to monitor the effects of ICLR schemes in those jurisdictions outside of Canada where they have been implemented.

Government Relations: The Federation will continue to lobby governments that present ICLR schemes as a form of "student aid". The Federation will implement the campaign provincially to ensure that Income Contingent Loan Repayment schemes do not surface in provincial budgets. The Federation will continue to lobby the federal government to expressly exclude ICLR schemes as a prerequisite to any further harmonisation agreements.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will continue to raise awareness among the membership and the public about the dangers of ICLR schemes through distribution of its fact sheet about Income Contingent Loan Repayment schemes to member locals, the public, the media and government officials.

Membership Mobilisation: Member locals will be encouraged to submit to campus and local newspapers features about the problems of Income Contingent Loan Repayment schemes and the negative effect of student debt on access to post-secondary education. A draft opinion editorial shall be circulated to member locals for the purpose of submitting it to campus, community, and local corporate newspapers.

Coalition Work: The Federation will continue to work with its traditional coalition partners to ensure they continue to oppose ICLR schemes.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to halt any government initiatives to implement Income Contingent Loan Repayment schemes.

GUIDE DES CAMPAGNES

Remboursement de prêts d'études en fonction du revenu

Objectifs de la campagne

La Fédération veut mettre fin aux initiatives gouvernementales de mise en œuvre des modèles de prêts remboursables en fonction du revenu.

Information

En 1955, l'économiste américain Milton Friedman a conçu les prêts remboursables en fonction du revenu (PRR) pour réduire le rôle de l'État dans le financement de l'enseignement. Au lieu d'un financement public, Friedman a proposé que les frais de scolarité soient entièrement récupérés. Et, pour que les étudiantes et étudiants puissent payer ces frais de scolarité extrêmement élevés, il a proposé de leur accorder de gros prêts. Enfin, pour gérer la taille des prêts, il a proposé que les remboursements soient faits en fonction du niveau de revenu après les études.

En vertu des PRR, les emprunteurs rembourseraient leurs prêts en tant que pourcentage de leur revenu après avoir fini leurs études. Donc, ceux dont le revenu serait faible rembourseraient leurs prêts sur une plus longue période et ceux qui auraient un emploi très bien rémunéré feraient des remboursements plus rapides, évitant ainsi le paiement d'intérêts. Ceux qui peuvent se permettre de payer leurs frais de scolarité en une fois, évitent de payer le taux d'intérêt élevé après la fin de leurs études; ils paieraient donc moins pour leur éducation postsecondaire.

Pratiquement tous les modèles de PRR qui ont été considérés au Canada et adoptés dans d'autres pays ont vu des augmentations considérables des frais de scolarité. En fait, le modèle PRR est simplement une manière de camoufler l'impact de l'augmentation des frais de scolarité et d'accélérer le sous-financement de l'éducation. La plupart des modèles remplacent des régimes de prêts qui ne prévoient pas le paiement d'intérêts durant la période des études (comme le Programme canadien de prêts aux étudiants) par des prêts qui accumulent des intérêts dès le moment où le prêt est consenti.

Mise en œuvre

Recherche : La Fédération continuera d'étudier les conséquences des modèles de PRR dans les juridictions où ils ont été adoptés hors du Canada.

Relations avec le gouvernement : La Fédération continuera de faire des pressions auprès des gouvernements qui présentent des modèles de prêts remboursables en fonction du revenu comme étant une forme « d'aide aux étudiantes et étudiants ». La Fédération mettra la campagne en œuvre au niveau provincial pour s'assurer que les modèles de PRR ne seront pas inclus dans les budgets provinciaux. La Fédération fera des pressions auprès du gouvernement fédéral pour exclure expressément les PRR en tant que condition préliminaire à toute entente sur l'harmonisation.

Travail de sensibilisation et médias : La Fédération continuera de conscientiser ses membres et le public en distribuant des fiches d'information sur les dangers des modèles de PRR à ses sections membres, au public, aux médias et aux responsables des gouvernements.

Mobilisation des membres : Il faudra encourager les sections membres à prendre contact avec les journaux sur le campus et les journaux locaux pour leur proposer la publication d'articles ou de reportages sur les problèmes liés aux modèles de prêts remboursables en fonction du revenu et les effets négatifs que l'endettement des étudiantes et étudiants aura sur leur accès à l'éducation. La Fédération diffusera un modèle d'article de journal que les sections membres pourront proposer à leurs journaux étudiants et communautaires, et aux quotidiens de leur région.

Travail de coalition : La Fédération continuera de travailler avec ses partenaires de coalition traditionnels pour s'assurer qu'ils continuent aussi de s'opposer aux modèles de remboursement de prêts d'études en fonction du revenu.

CAMPAIGN GUIDE

Keep the Public in Education

Background

In December 2000, the government of Ontario passed legislation approving the establishment of private, degree-granting post-secondary institutions, including for-profit and not-for-profit operations. While private colleges have existed in Canada for the past two decades, the introduction of private, degree-granting institutions represents a significant policy change in public post-secondary education in Canada. Recently, the Alberta government has bestowed for-profit, degree-granting status upon Devry Institute.

There are already thousands of registered privately-funded vocational schools across the country, some of which call themselves "colleges." These vocational schools are actually privately-owned businesses operated as commercial for-profit enterprises. With the changes in Ontario and elsewhere, these companies could become legally recognised universities. By conservative estimates, using U.S. models, the total cost of a private undergraduate degree will be \$40,166 annually, or \$160,664 for a four year program.

Implementation

Research: Research will be conducted on the ways in which private, for-profit post-secondary institutes restrict access to post-secondary education. This will include an analysis of user fee increases, declining funding for public institutions and demographic trends in access to higher education. In

addition, a compilation on public subsidies flowing to the for-profit education industry will be produced.

Government Relations: Pressure will be exerted on federal and provincial governments to stop the expansion of private post-secondary education and end the designation of private, for-profit post-secondary institutions as eligible to receive funds through provincial student loans programmes and the Canada Student Loan Program. The Federation will seek to influence the Council of Ministers of Education Canada to reconsider the privatisation of post-secondary education.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will continue to use national media opportunities to highlight the growing trend toward privatising social programmes.

Membership Mobilisation: Member locals will be encouraged to distribute Federation materials to demonstrate the extent to which private, for-profit post-secondary institutes are profiting from the use of public funds and precipitating the decline of public education.

Coalition Work: The Federation will work locally, provincially and nationally with other like-minded organisations to oppose the privatisation of public services and the contracting out of jobs. As well member locals will be encouraged to organise public forums with campus and community based organisations to highlight the dangers of private, for-profit education.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to:

- halt the establishment or expansion of private degree-granting institutions; and
- end the designation of private, for-profit post-secondary institutions as eligible to receive funds through provincial student loans programmes, the Canada Student Loan Program, and other sources; and
- oppose the linking of public funding to key performance indicators.

GUIDE DES CAMPAGNES

Déprivatisation de l'éducation postsecondaire

Objectifs de la campagne

La Fédération veut :

- arrêter la création ou l'expansion des établissements privés autorisés à conférer des grades universitaires; et
- mettre fin à la désignation d'établissements postsecondaires privés à but lucratif comme étant admissibles à recevoir des fonds par le biais de programmes provinciaux de prêts étudiants, le Programme canadien de prêts aux étudiants et de programmes provenant d'autres sources; et
- s'opposer au lien entre le financement et les indicateurs de rendement.

Information

En décembre 2000, le gouvernement de l'Ontario a adopté des lois approuvant la création d'établissements postsecondaires privés conférant des grades universitaires, y compris l'exploitation d'organismes à but lucratif et non lucratif. Alors que les collèges privés existent au Canada depuis une vingtaine d'années, l'arrivée d'établissements privés autorisés à conférer des grades universitaires représente un changement considérable en ce qui concerne la politique de l'éducation postsecondaire publique au Canada. Le gouvernement de l'Alberta a récemment accordé le statut d'établissement conférant des grades universitaires à l'Institut Devry.

Il existe déjà des milliers d'écoles techniques privées autorisées dans tout le pays, dont certains se font appeler « collège ». Ces écoles techniques sont en fait des entreprises privées exploitées comme des entreprises à but lucratif. Les changements en Ontario et ailleurs pourraient faire de ces entreprises des universités légalement reconnues. En examinant des modèles des États-Unis, une estimation prudente montre que le coût annuel total d'un diplôme postsecondaire privé conféré par une entreprise à but lucratif est compris entre 40 166 \$ et 160 664 \$ pour un diplôme de premier cycle.

Mise en oeuvre

Recherche : Des recherches seront effectuées sur la façon dont les établissements postsecondaires privés à but lucratif limitent l'accès à l'éducation postsecondaire. Cela inclura l'étude des augmentations des frais aux usagers, la réduction du financement des établissements publics, et les tendances

démographiques sur l'accès à l'enseignement supérieur. Il y aura aussi une étude sur les subventions publiques accordées à l'industrie de l'éducation à but lucratif.

Relations avec le gouvernement : Il faudra exercer des pressions sur les gouvernements fédéral et provinciaux pour mettre fin à la désignation d'établissements postsecondaires privés à but lucratif comme étant admissibles à recevoir des fonds par le biais de programmes provinciaux de prêts étudiants et le Programme canadien de prêts aux étudiants. La Fédération fera des pressions auprès du Conseil des ministres de l'éducation du Canada pour qu'il rejette l'idée de privatiser l'éducation postsecondaire.

Travail de sensibilisation et médias : La Fédération continuera de servir des médias à l'échelle nationale pour souligner la tendance grandissante en faveur de la privatisation des programmes sociaux.

Mobilisation des membres : On encouragera les sections membres à distribuer la documentation de la Fédération qui montre à quel point les établissements d'enseignement postsecondaire privés à but lucratif profitent de l'argent fourni par l'État et précipitent le déclin de l'éducation publique.

Travail de coalition : La Fédération travaillera aux niveaux local, provincial et national avec d'autres organisations d'optique commune pour s'opposer à la privatisation des services publics et à la sous-traitance des emplois. On encouragera les sections membres à organiser des forums publics en collaboration avec des organisations des campus et de la communauté pour souligner les dangers de l'éducation privée à but lucratif.

CAMPAGN GUIDE

International Students Rights

Background

Since Canada began issuing visas to international students, the federal government has prevented international students from working off campus. In addition, international students are often forced to prove they have substantial monetary resources before receiving a visa. On most campuses in Canada international students pay tuition fees at a rate of two or three times that of domestic students. These factors make it very difficult for most international students to sustain themselves while in Canada. It is also very clear that the current operation of the program makes it nearly impossible for international students from poor countries, or students of modest means to study in Canada.

In November 2002, the Federation in concert with the Canadian Association of University Teachers began lobbying the federal government to change the requirements. Through the Federation's work on the Advisory Committee on International Students and Immigration, the federal government has been convinced to implement a pilot program allowing international students to work off-campus in Manitoba. The federal government is currently in negotiations with the governments of Québec and New Brunswick to expand the program further. The current program requires that the provincial government and post-secondary institutions jointly administer the program. Without

co-operation from either partner the program cannot be implemented.

Implementation

Government Relations: Pressure will be exerted on federal and provincial governments to work together to expand and institutionalize the current limited program. In addition, the Federation will lobby the Association of Universities and Colleges to work with the federal government to expand the program.

Membership Mobilisation: Member locals will be encouraged to:

- organise public forums dedicated to raising awareness about the challenges facing international students; and
- organise letter-writing/fax/email campaigns directed at provincial governments, demanding that they join the program.

Coalition Work: Member locals will be encouraged to:

- build on-campus coalitions, including representation from groups such as faculty unions, support staff unions, teaching assistant/graduate assistant/research assistant unions, student service centres, and public interest research groups (PIRGs); and
- work with the local community, especially in urban centers, to solicit support for the right of international students to work off-campus.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to:

-expand the pilot program to all provinces and institutions, with the goal of making the program permanent; and

-work toward the implementation of the program at all public post-secondary educational institutions.

GUIDE DES CAMPAGNES

L'égalité des chances pour les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers

Objectifs de la campagne

La Fédération veut :

- que le programme pilote soit étendu à toutes les provinces et à tous les établissements d'enseignement postsecondaires, et qu'il devienne permanent; et
- travailler de sorte que le programme soit mis en œuvre dans tous les établissements d'enseignement postsecondaires publics.

Information

Depuis que le Canada accorde des visas aux étudiantes et étudiants étrangers, le gouvernement fédéral interdit à ces derniers de travailler à l'extérieur du campus. De plus, les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers sont souvent obligés de prouver qu'ils ont des ressources financières considérables avant de pouvoir obtenir un visa. Dans la plupart des campus au Canada, les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers paient deux et parfois trois fois plus cher en frais de scolarité que les étudiantes et étudiants canadiens et résidents. Il est donc très difficile pour la plupart d'entre eux de subvenir à leurs besoins au Canada. De plus, selon le programme actuel, il est presque impossible pour les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers qui habitent un pays pauvre ou qui ont un revenu modeste de venir étudier au Canada.

En novembre 2002, la Fédération et l'Association canadienne des professeures et professeurs d'université ont entrepris de faire des pressions auprès du gouvernement fédéral pour qu'il modifie les exigences. Grâce au travail de la Fédération auprès du Comité consultatif sur les étudiants internationaux et l'immigration, le gouvernement fédéral a mis en œuvre un programme pilote pour permettre les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers de travailler hors campus dans Manitoba. Le gouvernement fédéral négocie actuellement avec les gouvernements du Québec et du Nouveau-Brunswick pour élargir ce programme pilote. Le programme actuel exige que le gouvernement provincial et les établissements d'enseignement postsecondaires gèrent le programme ensemble. Si les deux partenaires ne coopèrent

pas, le programme ne peut être mis en œuvre.

Mise en œuvre

Relations avec le gouvernement : On exercera des pressions auprès des gouvernements fédéral et provinciaux pour qu'ils travaillent ensemble pour élargir et institutionnaliser le programme actuel qui est plutôt restreint. De plus, la Fédération pressera l'Association des universités et des collèges de travailler avec le gouvernement fédéral pour élargir le programme.

Mobilisation des membres : On encouragera les sections membres à :

- organiser des forums publics pour conscientiser les gens sur les défis auxquels font face les étudiantes et étudiants étrangers; et
- organiser des campagnes de lettres (par la poste, télécopieur et courrier électronique) à l'intention des gouvernements provinciaux pour leur demander de participer au programme.

Travail de coalition : On encouragera les sections membres à :

- former des coalitions dans les campus, et inviter les représentantes et représentants des syndicats du corps enseignant, du personnel de soutien, des assistantes et assistants d'enseignement et de recherche, des cycles supérieurs, des services aux étudiantes et étudiants, et des groupes de recherche d'intérêt public à y participer; et
- œuvrer avec la collectivité locale, surtout dans les centres urbains, pour obtenir de l'appui pour le droit des étudiantes et étudiants étrangers de travailler à l'extérieur du campus.



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Chief Electoral Officers

Christine Bourque, Fieldworker - Ontario

Ashkon Hashemi, Internal Coordinator - Ontario

1. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS

a. Alberta Representative

2004/05:ER-01 MOTION

Local 21/Local 42

ADOPTED

Be it resolved that Jennifer Reid (Local 21) be ratified as the Alberta Representative for the 2004-2005 term.

b. Manitoba Representative

2004/05:ER-02 MOTION

Local 8/Local 37

ADOPTED

Be it resolved that Sarah Amyot (Local 8) be ratified as the Manitoba Representative for the 2004-2005 term.

c. Prince Edward Island Representative

2004/05:ER-03 MOTION

Local 70/Local 95

Be it resolved that Joy Elliott (Local 70) be ratified as the Prince Edward Island Representative for the 2004-2005 term.

d. Saskatchewan Representative

2004/05:ER-04 MOTION

Local 9/Local 101

ADOPTED

Be it resolved that Leah Sharpe (Local 9) be ratified as the Saskatchewan Representative for the 2004-2005 term.

2. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE CONSTITUENCY GROUP AND CAUCUSES REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS

a. Students of Colour Representative

2004/05:ER-05 MOTION

Local 19/Local 98

ADOPTED

Be it resolved that Jermaine Smith (Local 92) be ratified as the Students of Colour Representative for the 2004-2005 term.

b. Francophone Students Representative

2004/05:ER-06 MOTION

Local 88/Local 71

ADOPTED

Be it resolved that Mike Ouellet (Local 18) be ratified as the Francophone Students Representative for the 2004-2005 term.

c. Graduate Students Representative

2004/05:ER-07 MOTION

Local 94/Local 48

ADOPTED

Be it resolved that Tobias Whitfield (Local 83) be ratified as the Graduate Students Representative for the 2004-2005 term.

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d. Women's Representative

2004/05:ER-08 MOTION

Local 78/Local 3

ADOPTED
Be it resolved that Shamini Selvaratnam (Local 28) be ratified as the Women's Representative for
the 2004-2005 term.

REPORT

National Education and Student Rights Committee

May 2004 National General Meeting

Committee Composition

Caucus Representatives

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

National Graduate Caucus
Caucus of Small University Associations

Provincial Representatives

Alberta
British Columbia
Manitoba
Newfoundland and Labrador

Nova Scotia
Ontario

Prince Edward Island
Québec
Saskatchewan

Constituency Group Representatives

Student Artists' Constituency Group
Students of Colour Constituency Group
Students with Disabilities Constituency Group
Francophone Students' Constituency Group
International Students' Constituency Group
Mature and Part-time Students' Constituency Group
Queer Students' Constituency Group
Women's Constituency Group

Committee Coordinators

Ontario Chairperson
Québec Representative
Saskatchewan Representative

Committee Staff

National Researcher
Québec Coordinator

Observers

National Graduate Caucus Chairperson
Local 47-University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students

Jennifer Chapman & Jason Harman
Edgar Chacon & Rini Ghosh
Rickie Greenwood, Tasha Hubbard &
Mike White
Sascha Maicher & Phil Robinson
Megan Kotze, Ariel Nast & Roselyn Nkhata

Jennifer Reid
Chris Giacomantonio & Lee Wittmann
Joey Jakob & Stacy Senkbeil
Susan Dieleman, Terry McDonald &
Rick Simm
Meghan Bissonnette & Colin Druhan
Rachel Bird, Ed Dawson &
Melanie Namespetra
Joy Elliott
Noah Billick & Katharine Childs
Cathy Blackbird & Tara Prystay

Michael Glover
Audrey Alix
Jennifer Dale & Jeremy Gervan
Solange Buissé
Agustin Bastardo & Olga Klimova
Amanda Camley & Bryan Zimmerman
Colleen Borst & Ron Correll
Rebecca Rose, Heidi Taylor & Shirley Zornow

Joel Duff
Tobias Whitfield
Angela Regnier

Michael Conlon
Phil Iljlevsky

Andrea Rounce
Muhammed Kamran Khan

1. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

a. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Research Chairs

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:014) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-1):

2004/05:014 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 79/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

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Canada Research Chairs

Preamble

The goal of the Canada Research Chairs programme was, ostensibly, to promote "research excellence" by bringing leading researchers to Canadian universities and thereby establishing new research positions and centres. The Canada Research Chairs programme was developed and implemented with a general lack of consultation with students and faculty. As a result, a number of problems exist within the programme. Specifically, Canada Research Chair positions have not been distributed equitably among genders, ethnic minorities, institutions, and across regions and disciplines. Initially the Canada Research Chairs programme was started as a limited-year funding commitment; however, the programme has recently been made permanent and continuous funding was promised by the Federal Government.

Policy

The Federation opposes, in principle, the use of boutique programmes such as the Canada Research Chairs programme as a substitute to core operating funding. The Federation calls upon the Federal government to undertake a comprehensive and consultative review process, that includes graduate student and faculty representation, to evaluate the structure and impact of the Canada Research Chairs programme. Furthermore, the Federation calls upon the Federal government to reinvest in post-secondary funding for the purpose of promoting faculty renewal and augmenting the general research capacity of Canadian Universities. However, while the Canada Research Chairs programme is in place, the Federation supports:

- the promotion of excellence in scholarship;
- the attraction and retention of leading scholars at Canadian universities;
- the distribution of Canada Research Chair positions equitably among genders, ethnic minorities, institutions, and across regions and disciplines;
- transparency and accountability within the implementation and review of the Canada Research Chair programme;
- representative consultation with graduate students and other key stakeholders at the policy level and at the level of programme implementation;
- consistent funding for research chairs from government in order to promote continuity, sustainability, and independence within research centres, institutions and disciplines; and
- inclusion of criteria which promotes excellence in teaching and graduate student supervision in chair appointments.

The Federation opposes:

- initiatives that lead to the systemic concentration of research resources in the hands of a limited number of elite researchers, at the expense of the creation of a greater number of overall research chair positions;
- exacerbation of pre-existing regional, institutional and disciplinary inequalities; and
- public-private partnerships as a substitute for public research funding.

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 100/Local 38

Be it resolved that the third point under the heading "Policy" in Motion 2004/05:014 be amended to read as follows:

- the distribution of Canada Research Chair positions equitably among genders, sexual orientations, ethnicities, and institutions, and across regions and disciplines;

b. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Graduate Student-Supervisor Relationships

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:016):

2004/05:016 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 79/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Graduate Student-Supervisor Relationships

Preamble

Graduate students are dependent upon faculty member(s) for academic supervision. Supervisors are also a primary source of financial support for many graduate students. These realities can leave students extremely vulnerable academically and financially in the event that a conflict arises between a graduate student and her or his supervisor. Furthermore, graduate student research and scholarship can be jeopardized should a student's supervisor leave her or his institution of study or fail to provide adequate supervision.

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Policy

The Federation supports the development of clear university policy and procedures governing graduate student supervision that:

- are developed in consultation with campus students' associations representing graduate students and faculty associations;
- establish clear expectations for both the supervisor and the graduate student;
- include mechanisms to publicize and communicate policies to both students and faculty;
- acknowledge the disparity in power between the graduate student and her or his supervisor;
- include mechanisms to evaluate thesis supervision;
- provide fair and transparent procedures for mediating disputes between graduate students and their supervisors that are consistent with existing campus grievance policies;
- assure that initiating the mediation process cannot be used against a student in the course of her or his academic career;
- establish guidelines for regular, real and meaningful evaluation of academic progress;
- protect the academic and financial interests of graduate students;
- protect the interests of students when supervisory committee members are in conflict;
- protect the academic freedom and intellectual property rights of graduate students;
- commit the university to provide graduate students with supervision and alternate but equal funding when a faculty member(s), upon whom the graduate student is financially reliant, leaves the institution or, without demonstrating just cause, ceases to honour her or his financial obligation to the student;
- respect collective agreements; and
- emphasize that graduate student supervision is a privilege and not a right or obligation on the part of the faculty member.

c. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Tri-Council Scholarships

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:018):

2004/05:018 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 79/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Tri-Council Scholarships

Preamble

Tri-council scholarships for graduate students are funded by the Federal government as a mechanism to promote the development of researchers and faculty in Canada. These scholarships should serve to increase the accessibility of higher education. While recent additional funding for tri-council scholarships is welcomed, new initiatives such as the establishment of the Canada Graduate Scholarships serve to concentrate limited scholarship funds in the hands of fewer students. This limits the number of students eligible for equitable funding and acts as a barrier to greater access in post-secondary education, especially among already marginalized groups.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- the promotion of excellence in scholarship among graduate students;
- scholarship programmes that are developed and implemented through formal consultation with graduate students and key stakeholders;
- scholarship levels that provide a decent standard of living to graduate students and that facilitate their dedication to research and scholarship;
- scholarship levels that are adjusted annually to the cost of living; and
- the portability of tri-council scholarships between institutions.

The Federation opposes:

- initiatives that lead to the systematic concentration of graduate scholarships in the hands of a limited number of elite students at the expense of a greater number of overall scholarships to eligible graduate students;
- criteria or stipulations that limit a scholarship recipient's right to mobility; and
- the allocation of scholarships to institutions based on past-year performance which exacerbate the inequitable distribution of tri-council scholarships between institutions and regions.

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d. Proposals to Amend Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:020):

2004/05:020 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 08/Local 05

MOVED
Be it resolved that the Section, Funding of Aboriginal Controlled Aboriginal Education, in the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to read:

The Federation recognises that the federal government must meet its fiduciary responsibility to Aboriginal students. Currently, government funding and social policy mechanisms do not adequately address the rising social, economic and educational needs of Aboriginal students.

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:022):

2004/05:022 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 82/Local 44

Moved
Be it resolved that Section A-5. of the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to read:

the right to self-identification as Aboriginal.

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (2004/05:024):

2004/05:024 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 72/Local 32

Moved
Be it resolved that Section B-2. of the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to read:

supports the right of self-organisation at the institutional, provincial and federal levels, including the Federation;

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:026) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-2):

2004/05:026 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 5/Local 72

Moved
Be it resolved that Section B 4. of the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to read:

opposes any efforts or actions undertaken by governments, institutions, or groups which undermine these rights.

NESR-2

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 72/Local 01

Be it resolved that Motion 2004/05:026 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Section B 4. of the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to read:

opposes any efforts or actions undertaken by governments, institutions, groups, or individuals, which undermine these rights."

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:028) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-3):

2004/05:028 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 66/Local 05

Moved
Be it resolved that the Aboriginal Education section of the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to add:

- fully funded regional campuses and centres that ensure the right of Aboriginal students to access post-secondary education in their home communities;

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NESR-3

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 03

Be it resolved that Motion 2004/05:028 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that the Aboriginal Education section of the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to add:

- fully funded regional campuses and centres that ensure the right of Aboriginal students to have access to post-secondary education in their home communities."

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:030):

2004/05:030 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 82/Local 66

Be it resolved that the introduction to the Aboriginal Issues section of the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to read:

The Federation recognizes and supports the following as inherent rights of Aboriginal Peoples:

Be it further resolved that the first point in the Aboriginal Issues section of the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to read:

- access to funding that guarantees the right to participate in, and opportunity to complete, a quality post-secondary education;

Be it further resolved that the fifth point in the Aboriginal Issues section of the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to replace the word "Native" with "Aboriginal."

e. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Student Housing

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:042) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-4):

2004/05:042 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 01/Local 79

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports publicly funded, owned and operated campus student residences.

The Federation is opposed to any and all forms of privatising campus student residences including, but not limited to:

- contracting private firms to administer campus student residences;
- public-private partnership funding arrangements as a substitute for the full public funding of campus student residences;
- contracting out campus student residence accommodations to private hotels and other commercial facilities; and
- charging student residents for campus accommodations more than the actual cost of such accommodations.

NESR-4

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 91/Local 18

Be it resolved that the policy proposed in Motion 2004/05:042 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation supports publicly funded, owned and operated campus student residences.

The Federation is opposed to any and all forms of privatising campus student residences including, but not limited to:

- contracting private firms to administer campus student residences;
- public-private partnership funding arrangements as a substitute for the full public funding of the construction and maintenance of campus student residences;
- contracting out campus student residence accommodations to private hotels and other commercial facilities; and
- charging student residents for campus accommodations more than the actual cost of such accommodations.

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The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:044) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-5):

2004/05:044 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 01/ Local 79

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the provision of quality, affordable and accessible student housing, including, but not limited to:

- guaranteed eligibility of all first year students for campus student residence spaces;
- fair and equitable allocation of campus student residence spaces to all students;
- full accessibility of campus student residence facilities to students with disabilities; and
- guaranteed availability of campus student housing to all international students.

NESR-5

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 01/Local 38

Be it resolved that the policy proposed in Motion 2004/05:044 be amended to read as follows:

The Federation supports the provision of quality, affordable and accessible student housing, including, but not limited to:

- guaranteed eligibility of all first year students for campus student residence spaces;
- fair and equitable allocation of campus student residence spaces to all students;
- full accessibility of campus student residence facilities to students with disabilities;
- priority allocation for international students and students with disabilities; and
- full accessibility and fair and equitable allocation of campus student residence spaces to students with partner, dependent or family-orientated living requirements.

f. Proposal to Repeal Policy on Peace

The Committee recommends the following motion (2004/05:064) be referred to the National Executive:

2004/05:064 MOTION TO REPEAL POLICY

Local 78/Local 79

Whereas the Federation has policy on "peace" in the Student-related Issues section of the Policy Manual; and

Whereas the Federation policy on "peace" in the Post-secondary Education Issues section of the Policy Manual is both redundant and inferior; and

Whereas the Federation's policy manual should be as succinct as possible; therefore

Be it resolved that the policy titled "Peace" in the Post-secondary Education Issues section of the Policy Manual be deleted.

NESR-6

MOTION TO REFER

Local 23/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion 2004/05:064 be referred to the National Executive.

g. Proposal to Amend Policy on Rationalisation

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:066) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-7):

2004/05:066 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 78/Local 79

Whereas the Federation's policy on "rationalisation" in the Post-secondary Education Issues section of the Policy Manual is inconsistent; and

Whereas there may be cases where re-organising the academic structures at a university or college are beneficial; and

Whereas the Federation should not have issues policy that refers to its own internal structures,

Be it resolved that the policy titled "Rationalisation" in the Post-secondary Education Issues section of the Policy Manual be amended to read:

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ADOPTED

The Federation opposes any form of rationalisation resulting in closures of post-secondary education institutions, an academic program, department, or faculty unless a comprehensive study can demonstrate that the closure:

- improves access to post-secondary education;
- ensures educational quality and diversity for students; and
- does not damage the existing reputation of each of the institutions.

NESR-7

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 91/Local 25

Be it resolved that Motion 2004/05:066 be amended to include the following:

- is fully transparent and includes full student input and approval.

i. Proposal to Repeal Policy on Social Class

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (2004/05:068):

2004/05:068 MOTION TO REPEAL POLICY

Local 78/Local 79

Whereas the Federation has a Declaration of Student Rights that addresses the issue of social class as it pertains to education access, and

Whereas the Federation's policy manual should be as succinct as possible,

Be it resolved that the policy titled "Social Class" in the Post-secondary Education Issues section of the Policy Manual be deleted.

ii. Proposal to Develop Policy on Media

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:070) with the subsequent amendment (NESR-8):

2004/05:070 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 78/Local 79

Whereas the Federation Post-secondary Education Issues section of the Policy Manual contains a very broad and simplistic policy titled "Media" that read as follows:

The Federation opposes any systems that rate post-secondary institutions.

Whereas the policy was likely adopted in response to the annual MacLean's magazine ranking of Canadian universities; and

Whereas to "rate" is not the same as to "rank"; therefore

Be it resolved that the policy titled "Media" in the Post-secondary Education Issues section of the Policy Manual be deleted; and

Be it further resolved that a detailed policy dealing with the annual MacLean's magazine ranking of Canadian universities be drafted.

NESR-8

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 35/Local 36

Be it resolved that Motion 2004/05:070 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the policy titled "Media" in the Post-secondary Education Issues section of the Policy Manual be deleted; and

Be it further resolved that a detailed policy dealing with the ranking of Canadian ~~universities~~ be drafted."

POST-SECONDARY

2. MOTIONS DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE

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MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 23/Local 61

Whereas for-profit, institutionally-administered student loans are not currently a reality in Canada;

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Whereas First Student Loan is the first company to offer the possibility of institutionally-administered loans;

Whereas some Canadian schools have reportedly entered into agreements with First Student Loan;

Whereas the acceptance of the First Student Loan program at any Canadian school opens the door to more companies of this kind in Canada, and puts pressure on more institutions to offer institutionally-administered loans; and

Whereas the privatisation of student debt will invariably lead to higher levels of student debt and decreased funding to public student loan and grant programs; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

For-Profit Institutionally-Administered Student Loans Programs

Preamble

A private company called First Student Loan has been negotiating with administrations at a number of Canada's universities and colleges. First Student Loan's goal is to implement for-profit, institutionally administered private student loans at these institutions, through direct ties to the institutional student information systems. First Student Loan intends to be able to administer significant student loans of up to \$15,000 per year at relatively high rates of interest, and these loans will be approved within minutes with minimal consideration of actual financial need. Furthermore, First Student Loan representatives expressed no interest in educating potential first-time borrowers on the risks inherent in incurring large, private debt-loads. Nonetheless, their primary target market is students who have not previously received public or private student loans. Finally, First Student Loan intends to implement repayment periods of up to 30 years.

The First Student Loan program is the first of its kind in Canada and a significant step towards the privatization of student debt in Canada. A number of universities have reportedly agreed to partnerships with First Student Loan, and this may signal the beginning of a dangerous trend.

Policy

The Federation opposes any for-profit institutionally-administered student loans programs.

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Newfoundland and Labrador Representative
Ontario Representative

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Internal Coordinator-Ontario
National Student Health Network Coordinator
Organiser-Ontario

Observers

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Local 49-University of Windsor Students' Alliance

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1. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

a. Proposals Regarding Bulk Buying Consortium for Health and Dental Insurance

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:088):

✓ **2004/05:088 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 79

Whereas collectively the individual members of the Federation pay tens of millions of dollars for extended health and dental insurance coverage through student union group plans; and

Whereas in 1988 the member locals created a buying consortium – the National Student Health Network – to help consortium members negotiate health and dental insurance coverage and rates; and

Whereas the consortium has demonstrated over the past few years that it is consistently able to negotiate better coverage at lower rates; and

Whereas currently 22 member locals comprise the consortium; and

Whereas the consortium would be able to negotiate even lower rates and better coverage if more member locals joined the consortium; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to join the Federation's National Student Health Network bulk buying consortium for extended health and dental insurance.

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (2004/05:090):

ADOPTED ✓ **2004/05:090 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 79

Whereas the Federation got involved in health and dental insurance for the purpose of helping its individual student members pay less for coverage; and

Whereas in the past ten years several health and dental insurance brokers have become very rich (in some cases millionaires) by focusing their efforts on the student market; and

Whereas this development is kind of shocking given that these brokers are not the ones doing the actual insuring; they're merely agents who negotiate rates with the insurance companies on behalf of their student union clients; and

Whereas these agents are getting rich by getting their student union clients to agree to health and dental rates that include excessive agent commissions; and

Whereas in many cases these brokers are using a portion of their excessive profits to lavish gifts on those student union representatives who hire the agents; and

Whereas the Canadian Oxford Dictionary defines "kickback" as a "payment for collaboration"; and

Whereas, in spite of the fact that the National Student Health Network is consistently able to arrange the best rates, coverage and service, some member student unions continue to pay higher rates in exchange for the perks provided by their agents; and

Whereas, in order to save students money, simply presenting the option of superior rates, coverage and service may not be sufficient; and

Whereas, if the "end" goal is to save students money, it may be necessary to employ "means" similar to those employed by certain profiteering insurance agents; therefore

Be it resolved that funds be allocated for:

- holding an annual conference for two or three representatives from each member local at a luxury resort, with participants being treated to free golf and alcohol and expected to do almost no work;
- plying student union representatives with expensive dinners and drinks on every occasion when the opportunity presents itself;
- paying "commissions" to student union elected officials and employees to say good things about the Federation's health and dental plans;

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FUNDS BE ALLOCATED FOR~~
Be it further resolved that every effort be made to sign student unions to long-term contracts under which the student union has no option for changing brokers and can only sever relations by ceasing to offer health and dental coverage; and

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Be it further resolved that funds be allocated for being a platinum sponsor at the annual student union business managers' golf tournament and schmooze-fest.

b. Proposal to Lobby for Student Health Plan Protection Legislation

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:118) with the subsequent amendment (OD-1):

2004/05:118 MOTION

Local 61/Local 79

Whereas a number of the insurance brokers act employ operating in the student health insurance market employ questionable tactics; and

Whereas Canadian students are overcharged millions of dollars each year as a result of the excessive commissions paid to these brokers; and

Whereas guidelines for conduct of brokers vary province to province; therefore

Be it resolved that draft student health plan protection legislation, that sets out standards for ethical practices, requirements for the availability of renewal information and requirements for disclosure of commissions and payments taken by the broker, be drafted; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to pursue the enactment of legislation in their respective provinces.

OD-1

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 34/Local 1

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:118 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that draft student health plan protection legislation, that would establish standards for ethical practices, requirements for the availability of renewal information and requirements for disclosure of commissions and payments taken by the broker [and provider], be drafted; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to pursue the enactment of legislation in their respective provinces."

c. Proposal to Include Fair Trade Designation in Discount Guidebook

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:080):

2004/05:080 MOTION

Local 5/Local 79

Whereas many student unions and other campus organisations are promoting and pursuing ethical purchasing choices and policies such as Fair Trade and Sweatshop Free products; and

Whereas the Federation is developing a broad based partnerships policy; and

Whereas the Federation has issues policy supporting fair labour and environmental practices; therefore

Be it resolved that a designation or symbol be created for the program booklet to highlight businesses participating in the Studentsaver Discount Program that provide products or services certified Fair Trade and/or union made; and CERTIFIED ORGANIC

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to seek out such business and services and provide information about them to their members.

d. Proposal Regarding Exclusivity Agreements with Cellular Telephone Companies

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:112):

2004/05:112 MOTION

Local 61/Local 79

Whereas exclusivity contracts for cola beverages have been fairly commonplace on Canadian campuses for more than a decade; and

Whereas, even though these agreements can prove frustrating for students who prefer colas that are unavailable on campus as a result of exclusivity agreements, they generally do not result in higher cola prices for students; and

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Whereas cellular telephone companies have are now actively pursuing exclusivity agreements with campus administrations and student unions; and

Whereas, unlike exclusivity agreements for colas, exclusivity agreements for cellular telephones and cellular telephone service rates can have a significant impact on the price of those phones and phone service; and

Whereas the Federation has been working over the past two years, through the studentphonestore.com initiative, to negotiate student discounts with cellular phone service providers; and

Whereas the ability to negotiate savings for students is undermined by these agreements; therefore,

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to oppose campus exclusivity agreements ~~or extensions~~ with cellular phone service providers.

e. Proposal to Amend General Meeting Dates

The Committee recommends adoption of the the following motion (2003/11:029):

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.~~

f. Proposal to Amend Speaking Priority

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:012):

2004/05:012 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 79/Local 61

Whereas provincial component representatives attend Federation national general meetings as delegates and pay delegate and travel pool fees; and

Whereas the general meeting speaking priority in the Standing Resolutions does not reflect the fact that provincial component representatives attend meetings as delegates; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 2, Section 3 Plenary Rules, be amended as follows:

3. Speaker Priority on Plenary Motions

a. First Priority

Delegates from member local associations and provincial components.

b. Second Priority

National Executive members and national caucus representatives.

ADOPTED.

DEFERRED

DELETED

ADOPTED

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c. Third Priority

National and provincial staff of the Federation.

g. Proposal to Promote Campaigns and Services

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:032) with the subsequent amendment (OD-4):

2004/05:032 MOTION

Local 72/Local 68

Be it resolved that campaigns and services be promoted to member locals and where possible Aboriginal students' organisations.

ADOPTED
OD-4

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 75/Local 23

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:032 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that campaigns and services be promoted to Aboriginal students through member locals and, where possible, Aboriginal students' organisations."

h. Proposal to Strengthen Communications with Aboriginal Students' Associations

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:034):

2004/05:034 MOTION

Local 76/Local 05

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to strengthen communications with Aboriginal students' associations and/or Aboriginal liaisons on their campuses. *WHERE POSSIBLE*.

i. Proposal to Encourage Aboriginal Student Representative Position

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:036):

2004/05:036 MOTION

Local 76/Local 33

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to create an Aboriginal students' representative position on their respective councils.

j. Proposals to Amend Standing Resolution 17

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (2004/05:038):

2004/05:038 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 72/Local 68

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17.7.a.i be amended to read:

i. conducting a monthly teleconference meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 17.7.c be amended to include:

viii. Prepare and distribute a written report of teleconference meetings to members locals via the National Aboriginal Caucus list serve.

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:040):

2004/05:040 MOTION

Local 68/Local 72

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17.x.d.viii be amended to read:

viii. Present a written report at every meeting of the National Executive and circulate the report to the member local associations via the National Aboriginal Caucus list serve.

ADOPTED

DEFEATED

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k. Proposal to Expand National Executive Report

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:082) with the subsequent amendment (OD-5):

ADOPTED
2004/05:082 MOTION

Local 05/Local 79

Whereas the nature of the organisation is one of high turnover of people participating in meetings; and

Whereas the continuity of the vision and course of the work as directed by members is important to maintain; and

Whereas the allocation of resources (time and money) of the executive and staff is limited; and

Whereas a system for motions would allow for greater understanding and communication of priorities and activities between the national office and member locals; therefore

Be it resolved that a detailed listing report on motions carried in the past two years and their current status be included in the report of the National Executive; and

Be it further resolved that the annual general meeting report be posted on the national website.

OD-5

CARRIED
MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Local 18

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:082 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a detailed list of motions carried in the past two years and their current status be included in the report of the National Executive."

I. Proposal Regarding Privacy Laws

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:086):

ADOPTED
2004/05:086 MOTION

Local 18/Local 79

Whereas in April 2000 the federal government adopted an act titled "Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act"; and

Whereas the Act applies to every organisation that collects, uses or discloses personal information in the course of commercial activities; and

Whereas the Act applies to profit and non-profit organisations, including students' unions; and

Whereas many member local associations engage in commercial activities including the sale of merchandise; and

Whereas the Act came fully into effect January 1, 2004; and

Whereas the penalties for not complying with the Act range from an investigation undertaken by the Privacy Commissioner to applications to the federal court, which can result in unlimited damages; and

Whereas one of the many benefits of working together under the umbrella of the Canadian Federation of Students includes the sharing of information regarding internal structures and procedures; and

Whereas member local associations may not have the resources to undertake preliminary research about the Act; therefore

Be it resolved that information regarding the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act and the requirements for compliance be compiled;

Be it further resolved that the information regarding the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act be made available to member local associations; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to include a briefing on the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act at upcoming provincial general meetings and/or provincial skills development workshops.

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m. Proposal for Notice Requirements for Campaigns Motions

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:092):

2004/05:092 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 76/Local 79

Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

CAMPAIGNS OF THE FEDERATION

General Description: Campaigns shall be the Federations' planned course of action on issues for the academic year beginning at each semi-annual general meeting.

1. Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy

The National Executive shall prepare a draft Campaigns and Government Relations' Strategy to be presented at each semi-annual general meeting. The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall assess the recent and ongoing campaigns of the Federation, as well as proposing new campaigns. The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall include a section on implementation of the Strategy, which shall include:

- research and information compilation to be undertaken;
- contact with government(s);
- membership mobilisation;
- media strategy; and
- coalition work.

The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall be reviewed at the annual general meeting.

2. Established at General Meetings

Notice of the substance of a campaign proposal must be received by the National Executive at least six (6) weeks before the general meeting at which the proposal is to be introduced so that four weeks notice can be made to voting members by mail. The declaration by the National Executive that due notice has or has not been received will be held to be sufficient proof of such notice or lack thereof.

n. Proposals to Expand Federation Website

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:094) with the subsequent amendment (OD-6):

2004/05:094 MOTION

Local 26/Local 79

Whereas transparency is an important public relations tool; and

Whereas posting Federation bylaws, standing resolutions etc., on the web site makes the Federation a more transparent organisation; and

Whereas making the Federation more transparent makes it more attractive to new members; and

Whereas posting Federation bylaws, standing resolutions etc., on the web site increases access to the Federation by the average member; and

Whereas posting Federation bylaws, standing resolutions etc., on the web site may reduce the amount of paper the Federation uses; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive have posted on the Federation's web site, all provincial and national Federation Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, Issues Policies, Operational Policies, Constitutions and the Declaration of Students' Rights; and

Be it further resolved that the abovementioned documents be updated regularly on the web site.

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 05/Local 18

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:094 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that, at the discretion of the National Executive, new, more interactive content for the Federation's web site be developed;

Be it further resolved that the new content take into account the following:

- interactivity with Federation members;

ADOPTED

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- issues with internet access for smaller budget locals;
- security of sensitive materials that is in balance with the need for easier access to Federation information; and
- the financial cost of its development and maintenance;

Be it further resolved that member locals, constituency groups and caucuses be encouraged to provide input regarding the website content in the form of a written request to the National Executive; and

Be it further resolved that the site be launched after the May 2005 general meeting.”

~~SELECT LOCAL BUDGETS FOR THE OPERATIONS PERIOD~~

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (2004/05:096):

2004/05:096 MOTION

Local 26/Local 79

Whereas transparency is an important public relations tool; and

Whereas posting the Federation's budget on the web site makes the Federation a more transparent organisation; and

Whereas making the Federation more transparent makes it more attractive to new members; and

Whereas financial accountability to the general membership should be a priority for the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive have posted on the Federation web site the national budget.

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (2004/05:098):

2004/05:098 MOTION

Local 26/Local 79

Whereas transparency is an important public relations tool; and

Whereas posting the Federation minutes and agendas, on the web site makes the Federation a more transparent organisation; and

Whereas making the Federation more transparent makes it more attractive to new members; and

Whereas having minutes and agendas posted on the web site will increase the average member's access to the Federation; and

Whereas having minutes and agendas posted on the web site will allow member local associations to keep track of ongoing Federation campaigns, policies, trends and the reasons behind any given motion at a general meeting; and

Whereas having minutes and agendas posted on the web site allows for greater accountability of member local associations and the National Executive; and

Whereas posting Federation minutes and agendas on the web site may reduce the amount of paper the Federation uses; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive have posted on the Federation's web site all provincial and National Executive Committee Meeting minutes, provincial semi-annual and annual general meeting minutes, and national semi-annual and annual general meeting minutes dating back five years; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive have posted on the Federation's web site all provincial and National Executive Committee meeting agendas, provincial semi-annual and annual general meeting agendas, and national semi-annual and annual general meeting agendas dating back five years.

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (2004/05:100):

2004/05:100 MOTION

Local 26/Local 79

Whereas transparency is an important public relations tool; and

Whereas posting the Federation's plenary sub-committee minutes and agendas on the web site makes the Federation a more transparent organisation; and

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Whereas making the Federation more transparent makes it more attractive to new members; and

Whereas having plenary sub-committee minutes and agendas posted on the web site will increase the average member's access to the Federation; and

Whereas having plenary sub-committee minutes and agendas posted on the web site will allow member local associations to keep track of ongoing Federation campaigns, policies, trends and the reasons behind any given motion at a general meeting; and

Whereas having plenary sub-committee minutes and agendas posted on the web site allows for greater accountability of member local associations and the National Executive; and

Whereas posting plenary sub-committee meeting minutes and agendas on the web site may reduce the amount of paper the Federation uses; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive have posted on the Federation's web site all national plenary sub-committee meeting minutes and agendas dating back five years.

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (2004/05:102):

2004/05:102 MOTION

Local 26/Local 79

Whereas transparency is an important public relations tool; and

Whereas posting past National Executive Reports on the web site makes the Federation a more transparent organisation; and

Whereas making the Federation more transparent makes it more attractive to new members; and

Whereas having National Executive Reports posted on the web site will increase the average member's access to the Federation; and

Whereas having past National Executive Reports posted on the web site allows for greater accountability of the National Executive; and

Whereas having past National Executive Reports posted on the web site allows member local associations to have access great history of the Federation; and

Whereas posting past National Executive Reports on the web site may reduce the amount of paper the Federation uses; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive have posted on the Federation's web site National Executive Reports for the past five years.

o. Proposal to Develop Relations with Other National Student Organisations

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:104):

2004/05:104 MOTION

Local 26/Local 79

Whereas the Federation has developed relationships with the International Union of Students; and

Whereas the Federation has developed a relationship with the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec (FÉUQ); and

Whereas obtaining an accessible, affordable post-secondary education is more difficult than ever in Canada and the US; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive make contact and explore areas of mutual interest with national student organisations in the United States of America.

p. Proposal Regarding Lobby Funds

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (2004/05:106):

2004/05:106 MOTION

Local 26/Local 79

Whereas campaigns money must sometimes be sacrificed to maintain other services in the Federation as we saw at the November 2003 national annual general meeting; and

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Whereas if individual member local associations all had lobby funds of their own then the campaign resources of the Federation could be reduced; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to establish 'lobby funds' of their own.

q. Proposal Regarding the National Executive Report

The Committee recommends defeat of the following motion (2004/05:110):

2004/05:110 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 61/Local 79

Whereas accurate and thorough reporting to the membership is vital in providing members a clear understanding of the work of the Federation; and

Whereas reports of the National Executive must be comprehensive and of a high quality causing their preparation to be time consuming; and

Whereas the membership would be equally well served with one report of the National Executive presented annually, than one report presented at each general meeting; and

Whereas the Federation's internal structures must promote efficiency as well as accountability

Be it resolved that Bylaw V 2. f. be amended to read:

- f. will present a written report to each semi-annual national general meeting that will include a review of:
 - i. the activities undertaken on its authority since the previous semi-annual general meeting; and
 - ii. the disposition of all directives given the National Executive by the national plenary of the previous annual and semi-annual general meetings.

r. Proposal Regarding Development of Local Website Templates

The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2004/05:116):

2004/05:116 MOTION

Local 61/Local 79

Whereas many smaller member locals do not have the resources to produce and maintain a stand-alone website; and

Whereas new technology allows for the development of web templates that can be easily modified to meet individual associations' needs; and

Whereas these templates can be setup in a way that doesn't require local associations to employ a web developer to maintain the site; therefore,

Be it resolved that a web template and web hosting arrangements be developed for use by member locals.

DEFEATED

PASSED
ADOPTED