

# minutes

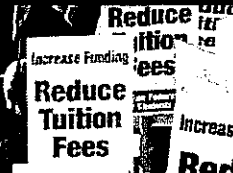
45th Semi-Annual General Meeting

May 19 to 22, 2004

# procès-verbal

45e Assemblée générale semestrielle

du 19 au 22 mai 2004



FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉTUDIANTES ET ÉTUDIANTS (-SERVICES)

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS (-SERVICES)



## OPENING PLENARY MINUTES

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

### CALL TO ORDER—Wednesday, May 19, 2004

14:53 the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Ian Boyko.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local 73	City Centre Students' Union	Present
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 76	King Edward Students' Union	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Association	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Present
	Northern Lights Students' Association*	Absent
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local 03	Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna	Present
Local 03	Penticton Campus Students' Association	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Present
Local 42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Present
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Absent
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Association	Present
Local 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Present
	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Absent
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Absent
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present

**PAGE 2 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Absent
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Absent
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Absent
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Absent
Local 83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Local 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Present
Local 11	University of King's College Society of the Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiant-e-s de l'Université Sainte-Anne	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Present
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Absent
Local 36	Grenfell College Student Union	Present
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Present
Local 100	Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland	Present
Local 35	Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	Present

\* Prospective members

National Chairperson Ian Boyko declared that quorum had been achieved.

**2. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Boyko welcomed delegates to the 45<sup>th</sup> semi-annual general meeting. He said that students were at a decisive moment in the history of post-secondary education policy in Canada. He said that because of the victories won by the Canadian Federation of Students on tuition fees in many provinces, students could expect a backlash calling for the deregulation of tuition fees and an overhaul of the student financial assistance system that would guarantee average student debt of thirty to forty thousand dollars. He said that to counter the backlash students had to work together in solidarity.

Boyko noted that at a recent conference in Québec City, a disturbing vision of post-secondary education policy in Canada had been presented: tuition fees determined by the market, lifetime tuition fee taxes to "help" with the upfront costs, and plans to stop subsidizing loans during the study period. He said that the government had also been re-considering Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment Schemes (ICSLRS). He said that ICSLRS schemes were nothing but a deceitful way to hike tuition fees and to sentence the least fortunate to lifelong debt. He said that in 1995 then Human Resources Development of Canada Minister Lloyd Axworthy had attempted to implement ICSLRS but the Federation had effectively fought the introduction of the schemes. He said that students had been successful because they had worked harder, longer, but most importantly, they had worked together. He said that students had fought for each other, for those who would never get the chance to study, and for those students who would enter the system in the future. He said that the victories students had enjoyed had been achieved by working together and the effort of those activists who had laid the foundation for an effective, principled, and fighting student movement.

Boyko said that in addition to the imminent backlash from six-figure-salaried "experts", students had battles on several other fronts and the most pressing was the federal election. He said that, although there had already been extensive preparations for the election call, member local associations needed to leave the general meeting with a vision for affecting change. He said that the goal in the election would be to use the Federation's strength in numbers to secure firm commitments from each of the parties. He said that Prime Minister Paul Martin had indicated that he intended to run on his previous record with respect to post-secondary education. He said that, without doubt, the Federation would hold him to that. He said that it would be one of the Federation's most challenging tasks to pressure the Prime Minister to honour his promises.

Boyko noted that the Federation would draw strength from recent victories in Ontario, Manitoba, and Newfoundland. He said that it had been the Federation's mobilizing efforts that had forced these governments to keep their promises to students. He said that students had fought back against university administrators who had been undermining the tuition fee freezes. He said that these had been victories of which students should be proud and that the Federation would strive to replicate across the country.

Boyko said that: the Federation had seen immense growth in the National Student Health Network; the Homes4students site had been refitted and was set to be launched; and the handbook project had continued to expand. He said that, however, the Federation was not without challenges. He explained that the travel industry had not completely stabilised after the events of September 11, 2001 and Travel CUTS faced many difficult challenges in the year ahead.

He said that regardless of the challenges that lay ahead, he wanted to end his comments where he began, with solidarity. He said that whatever the Federation faced in the coming year, it must be faced with all the member local unions working together. He said that it had been the only way that students had won the victories achieved to-date and the reason the Federation had been able to survive and thrive for the past 23 years.

Boyko reviewed the workshop presenters, including Chris Weavers, Vice-President Education of the National Union of Students in the United Kingdom, David Robinson and Maureen Webb from the Canadian Association of University Teachers, Roch Tassé from the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group, Howard Green from the Privy Council Office, Tony Wohlfarth from the Unemployment Insurance Commission, Pier-André Bouchard St-Aman from the Fédération étudiante universitaire de Québec and Maher Arar, the Canadian citizen who had been kidnapped in the United States of America, illegally transported to Syria and held in a prison where he had been tortured for a year.

He said that he was pleased to welcome guests to the meeting including Theresa Newman from Athabasca University Students' Union, Lyle McMahon from the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia, Josh Caulkins from the University of British Columbia Graduate Students' Association, Alan Hill from the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, and Christian Boudreau from the Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants du Centre universitaire de Moncton.

He said that the meeting would be a busy few days but he also hoped that it would be an exhilarating experience during which new friendships were made and old ones renewed. He said that he hoped that delegates would be constantly reminded of why they had become involved; why the sacrifices they made had been worth it; and, most of all, what the face of post-secondary education in Canada would look like without the 23 years of work by the Canadian Federation of Students.

Boyko introduced David Robinson from the Canadian Association of University Teachers. Robinson thanked the Federation for inviting him to the meeting. He provided welcoming remarks.

Vice-President Education for the National Union of Students Chris Weavers provided an overview of the National Union of Students' efforts to oppose the implementation of tuition fees for post-secondary education in the United Kingdom. He reviewed the strategies and tactics that the Union had employed.

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

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

**PAGE 4 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)

Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

**2004/05:001 MOTION**

Local 3/Local 79

Be it resolved that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the plenary speaker of the May 2004 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

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

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES**

Sioufi announced that no locals had appointed proxies for the meeting.

**5. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA**

**2004/05:002 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 72

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

**CARRIED**

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

**2004/05:003 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 1

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

**CARRIED**

**7. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**2004/05:004 MOTION**

Local 13/Local 76

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

Sioufi noted that the minutes should reflect that Local 30-Laurentian Students' General Association had designated Local 82-Algoma University Student's Association as its proxy for the meeting.

Jermaine Smith said that the minutes should reflect that Local 92-George Brown had been present at the meeting.

Sioufi asked delegates to amend their copies of the minutes accordingly.

**2004/05:004 CARRIED**

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

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

Boyko and other members of the National Executive highlighted aspects of the Report.

**Travel CUTS**

Travel CUTS Board Chairperson Joey Hansen said that the travel industry in general and Air Canada in particular had been experiencing serious difficulties over the previous couple of years. He said that when Air Canada struggled it caused ripples throughout the industry that greatly affected Travel CUTS. He said that the company had experienced a couple of years of serious financial challenges. He said that 2003-2004 would mark the third consecutive year that the company had failed to generate a profit and that the travel company

would lose approximately \$1 million for the year. He said that there had been a similar loss the previous year and a break-even year prior in fiscal 2002.

Hansen said that, despite the challenges, he and the senior management of the company were optimistic about its future. He explained that the majority of the losses over the previous couple of years had been the result of one-time events as the company had undergone restructuring in an effort to regain profitability and match the changes in the travel industry. He said that some of the changes included increasing the focus on international fares, which had resulted higher than anticipated revenue. He said that an international ticket was much more expensive than most domestic tickets, and therefore, generated more in revenue. He said that it was also more time consuming to sell international tickets. He said that the company had also been attempting to expand the number of seats and discounts it could offer on other international carriers in order to be less dependent on Air Canada. He said that Travel CUTS had also been negotiating with the country's discount airlines, including Westjet and Canjet, to provide affordable alternatives to Air Canada.

Hansen noted that the most exciting development was the launch of the company's web booking engine in fall 2003. He said that one year ago the company did not have the ability to sell travel on the site and it was now generating over \$100,000 a month in business. He said that if the growth continued the company would be selling more travel via the Internet than any single retail outlet. He added that there had been no major problems with the site. He said, that because of the previously mentioned developments over the past number of months, the senior management was projecting a return to profitability for the 2004-2005 year.

#### **Question and Answer Period**

Local 44 delegate Joanna Groves said that the federal election would likely be the Federation's most important campaign in the year ahead and that Boyko had identified youth voter turnout as a priority of the campaign. She said that while encouraging youth to vote was important, ensuring that it was an informed vote was just as important. She asked what work the National Executive had undertaken or planned to undertake to ensure that youth were informed about post-secondary education issues in the federal election. She said that while Elections Canada had a mandate to increase youth voter turnout the only work it had undertaken was the development of a website. She asked how the National Executive had been working with Elections Canada to ensure that it made a meaningful effort to increase youth voter turnout.

Boyko said that only one in four registered voters between the ages of 18 to 24 actually voted. He said that the timing of the federal election would pose a number of challenges in undertaking work to encourage youth to vote because many students would not be on campus. He said that as a political organisation it was one of the Federation's goals to encourage youth to vote but also to work to ensure that it was an informed vote. He said that the Campaigns Strategy included some strategies and tactics to achieve those goals and they would be refined over the course of the general meeting. He said that Elections Canada officials seemed committed to connecting with youth voters and increasing their participation. He said that in addition to the website, Elections Canada had sent a direct mailing to all young people who had turned 18 since the previous federal election. He noted that the National Executive would continue to work with Elections Canada to increase youth voter turnout.

Local 98 delegate Rini Ghosh thanked the outgoing members of the National Executive for their assistance and contribution to the work of the Federation.

Local 19 delegate Kelly Holloway said that it was good that the Federation had joined the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group. She asked if any research had been undertaken on the way that students at colleges and universities and the institutions themselves had been affected by the erosion of civil liberties following the events of September 11, 2001 in the United States. She asked for more information about off-campus work permits for international students and the two-year post-graduate work permits.

Boyko said that a seminar had been scheduled on Thursday, May 20 that would address Holloway's questions. He said that the National Executive Report included an update on the deliberations of the Advisory Committee on International Students and Immigration, which was a government advisory committee. He noted that the Federation had a seat on the Committee. He said that the Committee met twice yearly to discuss all the issues associated with federal legislation and international students and immigration. He said that, as reported in the past, there had been slow movement towards allowing international students to work off-campus. He said that the federal government in its national mandate should implement a program with national scope as soon as possible given the dire circumstances of many international students. He said that unfortunately only two provinces had been granted permission to initiate a pilot project to allow international

## **PAGE 6 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

students to work off-campus. He said that at the most recent meeting of the Committee it had been announced that the government might be willing to relax some of the restrictions on international students' mobility and employment when in Canada. He said that the Federation would continue to pressure the federal government to relax the regulations as soon as possible.

Local 24 delegate Denise Hammond said that it appeared from the media review that the Federation had garnered significant media attention and she asked what media strategy had been employed. She said that the National Executive Report included an update on the contents of the 2004 federal budget and provisions for interest relief. She asked for more details about the interest relief provisions. She said that it seemed that students were expected to meet very stringent and unrealistic criteria in order to qualify for relief. She asked if there had been any indications that the government wanted to implement Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment Schemes in the future.

Boyko said that one of the reasons that the Federation had such good media profile was due to events like the day of action. He noted that the Federation had been successful in raising the overall public awareness of post-secondary education issues. He agreed with Hammond that the government had established unrealistic criteria for students to qualify for interest relief. He said that it had become trendy in federal circles to tinker with debt reduction and back-ended measures that did not have any affect on front-end access. He said that a workshop at the general meeting would provide an overview of the status of Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment Schemes in Canada and the government's position on the introduction of this regressive measure.

Local 76 delegate Aixendora Castro said that the Millennium Scholarship Foundation had recently held consultations across Canada. She asked what, if any, details the Foundation had made available in terms of the feedback it had received from students during the consultations. She asked what the National Executive had discussed in terms of a response to the consultations.

Boyko noted that a document had been produced to assist member local associations in their preparations for the consultations. He said that the National Executive had also discussed the importance of producing a document that outlined the Federation's vision for student financial assistance in Canada. He said that the Federation had been successful in questioning the underlying assumptions of the consultations and in generating a broader discussion about access. He said that member locals had effectively prevented the Foundation from setting the terms of the debate too narrowly. He said that the Federation had been able to initiate a discussion about how the Millennium Scholarship Foundation and student financial assistance fit into the larger policy question of how costs were controlled and the best forms of assistance. He said that this would hopefully lead to the Foundation being replaced with a different structure.

Local 54 delegate Ryan White asked about the status of Local 68. He said that he had heard that interest had been expressed in leaving the Federation. He said that there had been a lot of concern at the University of Guelph about the recent focus of the days of action in Ontario on freezing tuition fees. He said that there had been rumours that while fees would be frozen, other funding would be reduced and, therefore, universities and colleges would receive less funding overall. He asked for the National Executive to comment on the demands of the days of action.

Boyko said that given the size and diversity of the Federation it was not unusual that, from time to time, representatives would be elected who did not share the goals of the other members of the organisation. He said that the National Executive had not received formal communication from Local 68 that it wished to reconsider its relationship with the other students' unions in the organisation. He said that, ultimately, if the mandate and the priorities at the Local's executive shifted, that was its right.

Ontario Representative Rick Telfer explained that while a tuition fee freeze had been one of the demands for the most recent day of action, the Ontario Campaigns Strategy articulated the Federation's position that attaining a freeze was only one step towards achieving a reduction. He said that, since its inception, the Federation had been consistent in calling on the provincial and federal governments to provide more funding for colleges and universities.

Local 3 delegate Shayne Robinson said that over the previous year Local 3 had been successful in securing local discounts for the Studentsaver discount programme. He said that the Local had experienced difficulty in securing discounts with national chains, which outnumbered the local businesses in the region. He asked if any progress had been made in securing discounts with national chains, specifically grocery stores.



Pratt said that a few years earlier the National Executive had identified the need to secure discounts with national chains. He said that, unfortunately, the majority of the chains with which the Federation wished to secure discounts already had long-term contracts with for-profit discount services.

Incoming-Newfoundland and Labrador Representative Krista Park said that the National Executive Report addressed the federal government's increased emphasis on the commercialisation of research. She asked what work the National Executive had undertaken to minimise this growing emphasis on commercialisation.

Boyko said that the National Graduate Caucus had undertaken a considerable amount of work to counter the movement to increase the commercialisation of research. He said that the Caucus had submitted a response to the transformation strategy of Canada's social science and humanities granting council. He said that the submission was an effort to pressure the government not to transform the council into one that focused on turning products of university research into marketable products for private gain. He said that the federal government's innovation agenda included a commitment from university presidents to triple the commercialisation output of Canadian universities in exchange for new research funding. He said that member local associations had to pressure university presidents and graduate deans to ensure that the commercialisation of research did not become a priority at the institutional level.

Local 13 delegate Rob Mealey asked what contingencies the Travel CUTS Board and the National Executive had discussed in the event that Air Canada declared bankruptcy and ceased operating.

Hansen said that the Board had not yet had a detailed discussion about how it would respond if Air Canada ceased operating because it would be a bit premature. He said that without Air Canada or another national airline there were not enough airplanes to accommodate Canada's domestic capacity so the government would have to take action. He said that Travel CUTS had initiated negotiations with Canada's discount airlines in order to ensure that it would be able to offer student fares on other airlines in the event that Air Canada experienced further financial difficulties.

Local 9 delegate Leah Sharpe asked if the National Executive had developed any new strategies in an effort to attract more qualified candidates for the second Prairies Organiser position. She asked if member locals in the region would be included in the development of additional strategies.

Turk-Browne said that a previous general meeting had resolved that a second Prairies Organiser was required due to the growth in membership and activity in the region. She said that a hiring committee had been struck and it had conducted two rounds of interviews. She explained that the committee had not been able to agree on a suitable candidate. She noted that the National Executive had identified the hiring as an urgent priority. She said that the position would be reposted within the next few weeks and circulated more widely. She encouraged member locals to contact potential candidates and encourage them to apply for the position. She said that the position had been posted in the middle of an academic year which had excluded those who were still completing their academic studies.

**2004/05:005 MOTION**

Local 3/Local 70

Be it resolved that the National Executive report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**9. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**a. Ratification of Full Membership**

Sioufi explained that since the previous national general meeting graduate students at Brock University had voted in favour of membership in the Federation. She said that, in accordance with Bylaw 1.2-b-vi, the National Executive was recommending that the Brock University Graduate Students' Association be granted full membership in the Federation.

**2004/05:006 MOTION**

Local 28/Local 78

Be it resolved that the members of the Brock University Graduate Students' Association be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

## **PAGE 8 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

### **b. Consideration of Application for Extension of Prospective Membership**

Soufi explained that at the May 2003 national general meeting the Northern Lights College Student Association had applied for and been granted prospective membership in the Federation. She said that due to various scheduling conflicts it had not been possible to conduct a full membership referendum prior to the general meeting. She said that in accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 2-b, the National Executive was recommending that the Northern Lights College Student Association's prospective membership in the Federation be extended until the November 2004 national general meeting.

#### **2004/05:007 MOTION**

Local 13/Local 24

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

**CARRIED**

## **10. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS**

### **a. Introduction of Electoral Officers**

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

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

Hashemi said that elections for the Alberta Representative, Saskatchewan Representative, Manitoba Representative, Québec Representative, Students of Colour Representative, Francophone Representative, Prince Edward Island Representative, and Women's Representative on the National Executive would be conducted at the general meeting. He said that the elections were for the 2004-2005 term, which would commence at the adjournment of the meeting.

Bourque said that the nominations would open at the end of opening plenary and close Friday, May 21 at 19:00. She said that delegates should review Bylaws V and VI and Standing Resolutions 8, 10, 14 and 18 for information about the election procedures and the positions.

## **11. PRESENTATION OF STUDENTPHONESTORE.COM**

Ontario Chairperson Joel Duff provided an introduction to the Federation's newest service, discounts on cellular telephones and cellular telephone plans through the Studentsaver discount programme. He said that the needs of students were unique and the Federation had been working with Studentphonestore.com to provide students with discounts on plans, telephones and to improve the contracts that students were offered.

Studentphonestore.com Director Niresh Moodley provided an overview of recent developments with studentphonestore.com.

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

### **a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees**

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

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

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

**2004/05:008 MOTION**

Local 34/Local 69

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

Whereas the May 2003 national general meeting saw almost sixty delegates sharing twenty-two votes on the Committee; and

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

Whereas after lengthy discussion, the National Executive felt it would be worthwhile to strike a campaigns body at the November 2003 general meeting in which each member local could exercise a vote; and

Whereas following the November 2003 general meeting most delegates expressed an appreciation for the structure; and

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

Be it resolved that all references to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee in Standing Resolution 1 be deleted for the duration of the May 2004 national general meeting and in its place a Campaigns and Government Relations Forum be held during the time allotted for plenary subcommittees;

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

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

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

**2004/05:009 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 99/Local 26

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:008 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that all references to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee and the Organisational Development in Standing Resolution 1 be deleted for the duration of the May 2004 national general meeting and in its place a Campaigns and Government Relations Forum and Organisational Development Forum respectively be held during the time allotted for plenary subcommittees;

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

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

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

Local 99 delegate Jeff Rybak said that the structure that had been established originally encouraged equity and a diversity of voices. He said that the committees that required the diversity of voices had been the committees in which most delegates wished to participate. He said that the amendment was only a temporary solution. He said that simply because the current structure worked in the Budget Committee did not prove that it worked, but that it functioned in the Committee where the diversity was least needed. He said that he had spoken to a number of delegates who had expressed interest in attending the Organisational Development Committee and it had become apparent to him that it would become the next most problematic committee. He said that ironically it was also the Committee that would deliberate on how to correct said problem.

Local 70 delegate Joy Elliott said that if both Committees were re-structured to incorporate a one-local, one-vote system smaller locals would not necessarily be able to participate in voice or vote in the deliberations of those committees. She said that the current structure allowed smaller locals or those with smaller delegations to have input into the deliberations by directing their caucus, provincial or constituency representative.

**PAGE 10 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

Local 76 delegate Christa Peters said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that the National Executive had reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of the structure that had been employed for the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee at the November 2003 national general meeting and had made recommendations in an effort to improve the structure. She said that the revised structure should be tested again before it was implemented elsewhere.

Local 75 delegate Paul Finch said that he supported the motion. He said that it was integral to the democratic decision making processes within the Organisational Development Committee to include maximum representation. He said that a number of contentious motions would be considered by the Committee and in order to ensure the broadest possible representation there had to be a different structure employed.

Local 76 delegate Lucas Schuller said that if the current structure was amended, those locals that had fewer delegates at the meeting could not participate in the decision making process in the committees.

Local 99 delegate Rybak explained that he did not consider his proposal a long-term solution. He said that he wanted to use it as an opportunity to expose the inadequacy of the short-term solution. He said that he believed that committees needed a diversity of voices but that transforming the committees into forums was not necessarily a long-term solution. He said that if committees were reduced to dealing with the inconsequential issues because they could no longer function effectively, there should instead be three days of plenary sessions. He said that if the current structure did not function, the body that had to consider how to repair it should be as functional as possible.

Turk-Browne said that arrangements had been made in advance of the general meeting to ensure that simultaneous interpretation could be provided in the Campaigns Forum. She said that it was not possible to arrange for simultaneous interpretation for the Organisational Development Committee if plenary decided to amend the original motion.

**2004/05:009 ROLL CALL**

Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	In favour
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Abstain
Local 73	City Centre Students' Union	Opposed
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Opposed
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Opposed
Local 76	King Edward Students' Union	Opposed
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	In favour
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Opposed
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Association	Opposed
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Opposed
	Northern Lights Students' Association*	Absent
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Opposed
Local 03	Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna	Opposed
Local 03	Penticton Campus Students' Association	Opposed
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Opposed
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	In favour
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Opposed
Local 42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Opposed
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Opposed
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Opposed
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Opposed
Local 90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Absent
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Opposed
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Opposed
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Opposed
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Association	Absent

Local 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Opposed
Local102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Opposed
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Opposed
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Opposed
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Opposed
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Abstain
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Opposed
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Absent
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Opposed
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Absent
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Opposed
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa	Opposed
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Opposed
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Opposed
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Absent
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	In favour
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Opposed
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Absent
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	Opposed
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Opposed
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Opposed
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Opposed
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Opposed
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Absent
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Absent
Local 83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Opposed
Local 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Opposed
Local 11	University of King's College Society of the Students' Union	Opposed
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Opposed
Local 07	Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Opposed
Local 69	Association générale des étudiant-e-s de l'Université Sainte-Anne	Opposed
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Opposed
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Absent
Local 36	Grenfell College Student Union	Opposed
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Opposed
Local100	Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland	Opposed
Local 35	Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union	Opposed
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	Opposed

**2004/05:009 DEFEATED**

Local 8 delegate Sarah Amyot asked what the problems with the Forum had been at the previous meeting and what solutions the National Executive had recommended.

Turk-Browne said that the feedback from delegates had been fairly positive; however, there had been concerns expressed that delegates had joined the meeting after their committee meetings ended. She explained that it had been frustrating for those delegates who had been participating for the duration of the meeting because information and arguments had been repeated. She said that the National Executive

had recommended that member local unions had to be present at the first meeting of the Forum in order to participate. She said that the National Executive had undertaken research to determine how other organisations that had similar structures conducted their business outside of plenary sessions. She said that the National Executive had not been able to find many models that would have been appropriate. She said that, as a result, the Federation would have to create a model from scratch.

**2004/05:008 CARRIED**

**b. Adoption of Committee Agendas**

**2004/05:010 MOTION**

Local 33/Local 101

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

**CARRIED**

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

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

**a. Motion Served by Previous General Meeting**

**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.

**2004/05:011 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:029 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2003/11:029 REFERRED**

**b. Motions Submitted by Federation Provincial Components**

Sioufi said that the following motion had been submitted by the Newfoundland and Labrador Component with due notice for consideration at this meeting.

**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.

**c. Third Priority**

National and provincial staff of the Federation.

**2004/05:013 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:012 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:012 REFERRED**

**c. Motions Submitted by National Graduate Caucus**

Sioufi said that the following motions had been submitted by the National Graduate Caucus with due notice for consideration at this meeting.

**i. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Research Chairs**

**2004/05:014 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 79/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**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;

**PAGE 14 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

- exacerbation of pre-existing regional, institutional and disciplinary inequalities; and
- public-private partnerships as a substitute for public research funding.

**2004/05:015 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:014 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:014 REFERRED**

**ii. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Graduate Student-Supervisor Relationships**

**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.

**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.

**2004/05:017 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:016 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:016 REFERRED**

**iii. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Tri-Council Scholarships**

**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.

#### **2004/05:019 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:018 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

#### **CARRIED**

#### **2004/05:018 REFERRED**

#### **d. Motions Submitted by National Aboriginal Caucus**

Sioufi said that the following motions had been submitted by the National Aboriginal Caucus with due notice for consideration at the meeting.

##### **i. Proposals to Amend Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights**

#### **2004/05:020 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 08/Local 05

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.

#### **2004/05:021 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:020 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

#### **CARRIED**

#### **2004/05:020 REFERRED**

#### **2004/05:022 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 82/Local 44

Be it resolved that Section A-3. of the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to read:  
the right to self-identification as Aboriginal.

**PAGE 16 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)

Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

**2004/05:023 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:022 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:022 REFERRED**

**2004/05:024 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 72/Local 32

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;

**2004/05:025 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:024 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:024 REFERRED**

**2004/05:026 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 5/Local 72

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 undermines these rights.

**2004/05:027 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:026 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:026 REFERRED**

**2004/05:028 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 66/Local 05

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;

**2004/05:029 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:028 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:028 REFERRED**

**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 bullet 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 bullet in the Aboriginal Issues section of the Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights be amended to replace the word "Native" with "Aboriginal."

**2004/05:031 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:030 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:030 REFERRED**

**ii. Proposal to Promote Campaigns and Services**

**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.

**2004/05:033 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:032 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:032 REFERRED**

**iii. Proposal to Strengthen Communications with Aboriginal Students' Associations**

**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.

**2004/05:035 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:034 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:034 REFERRED**

**iv. Proposal to Encourage Creation of Aboriginal Student Representative Position**

**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.

**2004/05:037 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:036 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:036 REFERRED**

**v. Proposal to Amend Standing Resolution 17**

**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 member locals via the National Aboriginal Caucus list serve.

**PAGE 18 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

**2004/05:039 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:038 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:038 REFERRED**

**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.

**2004/05:041 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:040 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:040 REFERRED**

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

**i. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Student Housing**

**2004/05:042 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 1/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.

**2004/05:043 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:042 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:042 REFERRED**

**2004/05:044 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 1/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.

**2004/05:045 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:044 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:044 REFERRED**

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

**2004/05:046 MOTION**

Local 1/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 further resolved that a fact sheet, that outlines how a national system of grants would be funded and administered, be produced.

**2004/05:047 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:046 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:046 REFERRED**

**iii. Proposal to Focus Lobbying Efforts on Dedicated Transfer Payments**

**2004/05:048 MOTION**

Local 1/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;

Be it further 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.

**2004/05:049 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:048 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:048 REFERRED**

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

**2004/05:050 MOTION**

Local 1/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.

**2004/05:051 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:050 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:050 REFERRED**

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

**2004/05:052 MOTION**

Local 1/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.

**2004/05:053 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:052 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:052 REFERRED**

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

**2004/05:054 MOTION**

Local 1/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.

**2004/05:055 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:054 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:054 REFERRED**

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

**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.

**2004/05:057 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:056 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:056 REFERRED**

**viii. Proposal to Focus Lobbying Efforts Against Privatisation**

**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,

**PAGE 22 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)

Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

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.

**2004/05:059 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:058 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:058 REFERRED**

**ix. Proposal to Campaign Against Mandatory Use of Plagiarism Detection Software**

**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.

**2004/05:061 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:060 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:060 REFERRED**

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

**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.

**2004/05:063 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:062 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:062 REFERRED**



**xi. Proposal to Repeal Policy on Peace**

**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.

**2004/05:065 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:064 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:064 REFERRED**

**xii. Proposal to Amend Policy on Rationalisation**

**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:

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.

**2004/05:067 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:066 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:066 REFERRED**

**xiii. Proposal to Repeal Policy on Social Class**

**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.

**PAGE 24 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)

Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

**2004/05:069 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:068 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:068 REFERRED**

**xiv. Proposal to Develop Policy on Media**

**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 the not 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.

**2004/05:071 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:070 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:070 REFERRED**

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

**2004/05:072 MOTION**

Local 5/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 travelling abroad.

**2004/05:073 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:072 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:072 REFERRED**

**xvi. Proposal to Undertake Safe Washroom Initiative**

**2004/05:074 MOTION**

Local 5/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 the Federation undertake a safe washroom initiative as part of the current positive space campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage and support member locals in the undertaking similar campaigns at their respective institutions; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation make a commitment to incorporate gender neutral washrooms into any future construction projects.

**2004/05:075 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:074 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:074 REFERRED**

**xvii. Proposal to Endorse "Make Fair-Trade" Campaign**

**2004/05:076 MOTION**

Local 5/ 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 the Federation endorse Oxfam's "make fair-trade campaign" and distribute the campaign material to member locals.

**2004/05:077 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:076 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:076 REFERRED**

**xviii. Proposal to Campaign Against Genetically Modified Foods**

**2004/05:078 MOTION**

Local 5/ Local 79

Whereas the labelling of foods that are genetically modified and products that were made in sweatshop conditions is currently not required yet it would have a drastic impact on industry practices; and

Whereas the principles of a self-regulating market depend on access to information; and

Whereas products that are not genetically modified are discouraged from drawing attention to this fact; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation circulate a petition calling for federal labelling laws that ensure full disclosure of working conditions and genetically modified foods; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation produces stickers that indicate that products were made in sweatshops or were genetically modified.

**2004/05:079 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:078 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:078 REFERRED**

**xix. Proposal to Include Fair Trade Designation in Discount Guidebook**

**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

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

**2004/05:081 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:080 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:080 REFERRED**

**xx. Proposal to Expand National Executive Report**

**2004/05:082 MOTION**

Local 5/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.

**2004/05:083 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:082 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:082 REFERRED**

**xxi. Proposal to Hold Mass Lobby Session**

**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

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.

**2004/05:085 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:084 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:084 REFERRED**

**xxii. Proposal Regarding Privacy Laws**

**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.

**2004/05:087 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:086 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:086 REFERRED**

**xxiii. Proposals Regarding Bulk Buying Consortium for Health and Dental Insurance**

**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.

**2004/05:089 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:088 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:088 REFERRED**

**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 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

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.

**2004/05:091 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:090 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:090 REFERRED**

**xxiv. Proposal for Notice Requirements for Campaigns Motions**

**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 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.

**PAGE 30 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

**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.

**2004/05:093 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:092 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:092 REFERRED**

**xxv. Proposals to Expand Federation Website**

**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.

**2004/05:095 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:094 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:094 REFERRED**

**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.

**2004/05:097 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:096 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:096 REFERRED**

**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.

**2004/05:099 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:098 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:098 REFERRED**

**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

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.

**2004/05:101 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:100 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:100 REFERRED**

**2004/05:102 MOTION**

Local 26/Local 79

Whereas transparency is an important public relations tool; and

**PAGE 32 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)

Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

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.

**2004/05:103 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:102 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:102 REFERRED**

**xxvi. Proposal to Develop Relations with Other National Student Organisations**

**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 de universitaire du Québec (FEUQ); 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.

**2004/05:105 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:104 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:104 REFERRED**

**xxvii. Proposal Regarding Lobby Funds**

**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

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.

**2004/05:107 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:106 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:106 REFERRED**

**xxviii. Proposal Regarding Development of Federal Election Campaign Materials**

**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.

**2004/05:109 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:108 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:108 REFERRED**

**xxix. Proposal Regarding the National Executive Report**

**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; therefore

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

**2004/05:111 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:110 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:110 REFERRED**

**xxx. Proposal Regarding Exclusivity Agreements with Cellular Telephone Companies**

**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

**PAGE 34 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)

Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

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 with cellular phone service providers.

**2004/05:113 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:112 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:112 REFERRED**

**xxxi. Proposal to Increase the Number of Links on the Federation Website**

**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.

**2004/05:115 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:114 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:114 REFERRED**

**xxxii. Proposal Regarding Development of Local Website Templates**

**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.

**2004/05:117 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:116 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:116 REFERRED**

**xxxiii. Proposal to Lobby for Student Health Plan Protection Legislation**

**2004/05:118 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 79

Whereas a number of the insurance brokers 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.

**2004/05:119 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:118 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:118 REFERRED**

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

Boyko said that the Federation endeavoured to create a harassment-free environment at its national general meetings. He said that, as it did at all previous meetings, the Federation would be employing an Anti-Harassment Advisor, available on a 24-hour basis to assist delegates. He said that Tara Connolly would be serving as the Anti-Harassment Advisor for the meeting. He introduced Connolly

Connolly said that the Federation had anti-harassment policy to address demeaning, abusive or threatening behaviour that took advantage of a friendly or informal atmosphere. She said that the Anti-Harassment Advisor served as a preventative measure and was not intended to discourage a jovial or joking environment. She said that the Anti-Harassment Advisor was a reminder that certain words and behaviour were not appropriate during formal meeting or social times. She said that delegates should familiarise themselves with the Federation's anti-harassment policy. She said that delegates should be aware of their actions and contributions and how it would affect other delegates. She explained that she would circulate through the meeting to meet everyone. She noted that any discussions with her would be confidential.

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

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

**PAGE 36 — OPENING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

**16. OTHER BUSINESS**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

**17. RECESS**

**2004/05:120 MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 18/Local 78

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until 14:00, Saturday, May 22, 2004.

**CARRIED**

18:21 the meeting recessed.

## CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

### CALL BACK TO ORDER—Saturday, May 22, 2004

14:47 the meeting was called back to order by Plenary Speaker Sylvia Sioufi.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local 73	City Centre Students' Union	Present
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 76	King Edward Students' Union	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Association	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Present
	Northern Lights Students' Association*	Absent
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local 03	Okanagan University College Students' Association-Kelowna	Present
Local 03	Penticton Campus Students' Association	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Students' Society	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Present
Local 42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Present
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Absent
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Association	Absent
Local 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Present
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Absent
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Absent
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Absent
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Present

## **PAGE 2 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)

Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Absent
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Absent
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Present
Local 83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Local 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Present
Local 11	University of King's College Society of the Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiant-e-s de l'Université Sainte-Anne	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Present
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Absent
Local 36	Grenfell College Student Union	Present
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Present
Local 100	Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland	Present
Local 35	Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	Present

\* Prospective member

Plenary Speaker Sioufi declared that quorum had been achieved.

## **2. CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

National Treasurer Jess Turk-Browne said that the Budget Committee had reviewed the state of the Federation's finances in terms previous budget decisions and the challenges it was facing. She said that the Committee had reviewed the Federation's designated funds including the capital fund, which had been established to designate money for the purchase of permanent office space.

Turk-Browne said that the Committee had thoroughly reviewed the budget and the year-to-date revenue and disbursements. She highlighted some aspects of the budget. She said that there had not been many revisions to the draft budget and it was very similar to the budget adopted the previous May.

Local 75 delegate Adam Layne said that the disbursement of the Federation's funds should be re-examined. He said that currently the majority of the Federation's resources were reinvested in Travel CUTS. He said that more money had been allocated to Travel CUTS than to the Federation's campaigns. He said that the Federation's campaigns should receive additional resources.

Turk-Browne explained the Federation's investment in Travel CUTS. She said that the Federation received a referral fee from the company. She said that the Federation received a fee of one percent of sales to students in Canada and was reflected under revenue in the budget. She said that the Federation had the option of reinvesting in the travel company every year but that if the Federation did not commit to reinvest the bulk of the funds, Travel CUTS would not be in a position financially to pay the referral fee. She said that, over the years, Travel CUTS had paid over \$12 million in referral fee revenue and that approximately one-third had been retained by the Federation to fund other activities.



She said that there had been some years when the Federation had reinvested a considerable amount of money in order to support the company to enable it to continue to expand. She said that the company had supported the Federation and vice versa. She added that the campaigns work that the Federation undertook was included in several other areas of the budget.

Local 75 delegate Layne said that information about the designated funds had also been distributed in the Committee. He said that, overall, the Federation was not allocating sufficient resources to campaigns.

National Chairperson Ian Boyko said that there was no pre-determined ratio or percentage of the Federation's revenue that should be allocated to campaigns from year to year. He said that if it was the case that members believed that the campaigns work was inadequate because of financial constraints the meeting should discuss it from that perspective. He said that the amount allocated to campaigns changed annually depending on the campaigns strategy. He said that there was not necessarily an ideal ratio of funds allocated to campaigns compared to the other work of the Federation.

Local 9 delegate Kyall Glennie said that the budget reflected \$5,000 in membership fees for members at Local 90. He said that the membership fees had not been collected.

Turk-Browne said that Local 90 had not yet remitted its fees. She explained that the amount had been written off as a doubtful account; however, the amount remained as an accounts receivable.

**2004/05:121**

**MOTION**

Local 18/Local 33

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

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:122**

**MOTION**

Local 18/Local 28

Be it resolved that the Budget Committee report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**3. CONSIDERATION OF ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

BC Chairperson Summer McFadyen reported that, following a presentation describing each Federation service, the Organisational Development Committee members had met in smaller groups to review the Federation's housing service, the National Student Health Network, and to develop ideas for new services. She said that it had been a constructive way to share experiences in implementing the Federation's services.

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

**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 previous 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.

## **PAGE 4 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

An unidentified delegate said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that the national organisation should not encourage member locals to undertake certain work because the students' unions were autonomous and should make their decisions independently.

Local 28 delegate Shamini Selvaratnam said that she supported the motion. She said that members of the organisation had resolved to create the buying consortium so they could negotiate better rates for their members. She said that it was only logical to support it and encourage each other to use the service. She said that her Local had a contract with a for-profit broker and over the course of a five-year period Local 28 members would have to pay approximately \$1.3 million in commissions to the broker. She said that she was not interested in wasting her members' time or money on for-profit brokers nor should any other member local of the Federation. She said that it was not an infringement on member locals' autonomy to encourage each other to support their own service anymore than it would be an infringement to encourage members to participate in a Federation campaign.

Local 75 delegate Paul Finch said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that he played a key role in administering the Local's health plan and the Local's current provider met its needs. He said that the service and plan were better than what the Local could negotiate through the National Student Health Network. He said that the experience of one local was not necessarily the experience of all locals dealing with health plan brokers.

Local 101 delegate Serife Tekin said that she supported the motion. She said that her local had a contract with a for-profit broker and the local had used the audit services offered by the National Student Health Network to ensure that it had been receiving the best possible service and plan. She said that it had been a very beneficial exercise because the council and Executive members at the Local had become much more knowledgeable about its health and dental plan.

Local 54 delegate Ryan White said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that it was not appropriate to encourage locals to join the National Student Health Network. He said that, instead, locals should be encouraged to seek out the most appropriate plan for their members. He said that many locals were under contract with other brokers and, therefore, could not join the Network.

Local 3 delegate Rob Nagai said that he supported the motion. He said that the Network provided a means to secure the best plan for a member local association's members. He said that it was a service of the Federation that had been developed by members and, therefore, member locals should encourage each other to use it.

**2004/05:088**

**CARRIED**

**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 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

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.

**2004/05:123**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 54/Local 23

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05: be amended to include a fourth point:

- "- placating delegates with Nalgene bottles, Travel CUTS bags, and 50 percent off cell phones".

Local 54 delegate Jen Watt said that the amendment was self-explanatory.

Local 75 delegate Finch said that he supported both the motion and the amendment. He said that the motion should be strengthened to encourage more "schmoozing". He said that it was important that the Federation join the 21<sup>st</sup> century in terms of how health plan brokers operated and change its practices to mirror those of other brokers.

Local 18 delegate Joey Hansen said he was opposed to the amendment. He said that the two issues could not be equated. He said that while he understood that a couple of delegates were concerned about being offered a cell phone discount and/or receiving a Travel CUTS bag, he wanted to highlight the differences in the practices. He said that the Nalgene bottle cost approximately \$6 and the bag cost probably no more than \$10. He said that the bottle was provided to reduce the number of bottles of water, juice and pop that delegates purchased and therefore reduce waste. He said that the Travel CUTS bags were provided so delegates could easily transport their meeting documents. He said that the original motion referred to kickbacks such as a hotel room full of free liquor, white-water rafting, horseback riding in Banff and golf in the Muskokas. He said that the Federation did not distribute materials at general meetings in an effort to secure member locals' business, which was a tactic that some health brokers had been engaged in and the original motion sought to highlight. He said that some health brokers charged ten times the industry norms and then used some of those profits to pay for kickbacks. He said that the amendment was not in the spirit of the original motion which focused on students being charged excessively high fees for health and dental plans, and the fact that some of that money was used to provide lavish perks to elected officials and staff of the students' unions. He said that if delegates had concerns about items distributed at general meetings they should submit a motion to cease their distribution, but to equate the two issues was absurd.

**2004/05:123**

**DEFEATED**

Local 3 delegate Nagai said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that the practices of some health brokers were reprehensible. He said that unscrupulous, for-profit brokers were stealing from Federation members, students. He said that the problems in the insurance industry could not be fixed on the golf course or horseback trails and the Federation, through the National Student Health Network, had a role to play in influencing brokers to cease their shady practices.

Local 37 delegate Meeghan Gavin said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that the practices outlined in the motion had been the types of practices that had led to some of her predecessors signing a five-year contract that included a \$40 increase in health and dental fees in the first year. She said that the plan had to be cancelled before it had even come into effect because

## **PAGE 6 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

it had been too costly for students. She said that the brokers' practices had played a direct role in securing the contract and the subsequent increase that students had been expected to pay.

An unidentified delegate said that his Local had originally opposed the motion; however, at the meeting he had heard stories from other locals who had worked with other brokers and secured better rates than the National Student Health Network could offer. He said that the kickbacks could potentially result in more students' unions joining the Network.

Local 9 delegate Leah Sharpe said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that it was divisive and implied that locals that had not joined the Network because the executive members were not smart enough or too naïve to make the right choice. She said that she did not want to continue feeling guilty or offended because her local decided to use a different broker.

**2004/05:090      DEFEATED**

### **b. Proposal to Lobby for Student Health Plan Protection Legislation**

**2004/05:118      MOTION**

Local 61/Local 79

Whereas a number of the insurance brokers 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.

**2004/05:124      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."

McFadyen said that while some locals had expressed concerns that the focus of the previous motion had been directed at those locals that were not members of the Network, Local 18, the mover of the motion, believed that it was, in fact, the health insurance industry that was to blame. She said that the lack of regulations and legislation had been responsible for many of the problems that had developed within the industry and was at the root of the problem with so many students' union health plans. She said that there had to be strong legislation that protected students' unions and their ability to get accurate information in order to make the best, most well informed decision for its members. She said that the Committee had discussed the need to take the work of the Network to a different level, moving beyond offering audits and working towards concrete changes within the insurance industry.

Local 54 delegate Erika Gates-Gasse said that she supported the motion. She said that member local unions and students should have access to the type of information described in the motion.

**2004/05:124      CARRIED**

**2004/05:118      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**c. Proposal to Include Fair Trade Designation in Discount Guidebook**

**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

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

McFadyen explained that the intention was that businesses would identify if they qualified for the Fair Trade and/or union-made distinction. She said that it would involve adding a section to the discount solicitation form and would come into effect for the 2005-2006 solicitation cycle.

An unidentified delegate asked how businesses that had signed multi-year contracts would be affected.

McFadyen said that those businesses that had signed multi-year contracts should be contacted and, if they offered goods or services that had been Fairly Traded and/or union-made, the information should be added to their contract. She said that the discount coordinators should then be informed about any change in status.

Local 24 delegate Dave Maclean asked what would happen if a business only offered one Fair Trade product. He asked if the business would qualify for identification as selling Fair Trade in the discount guide.

McFadyen said that the issue of establishing criteria had been considered in the Committee; however, it had agreed that it would be too onerous to monitor the application of criteria. She said that ultimately it was the decision of the member local association to make the final determination as to which businesses legitimately qualified for the distinction in the guide. She said that the onus would be on the member local union and the business to ensure that the certification logo was being used as intended.

Local 33 delegate Lisa MacLeod said that she supported the motion. She said that at her local there was a genuine commitment to supporting union-made and Fair Trade products. She said that it could also be used as an opportunity to educate the membership about the issues.

Local 32 delegate John Thompson said that if people were shopping locally it was likely for ethical reasons. He said that there could be an opportunity to create buyer regionalism in Canada and expanding the Studentsaver Guide to designate certain businesses as selling union made and Fair Trade products would further encourage this regionalism.

Local 18 delegate Hansen said that he supported the motion. He said that the discount guide had been structured to highlight discounts by product or service so members could easily find the product or service they desired. He said that the addition of the fair trade and union-made designation was an expansion of the categories that the Federation already offered in the guide. He said that there were a significant number of members who chose to buy items that had been fairly traded wherever possible.

Local 98 delegate Lisa Aldridge said that although she supported promoting Fair Trade and union-made products in the Studentsaver Guide, she was concerned that there was no system for determining whether products were fairly trade. She said that businesses may claim to sell Fair Trade products but it could not be determined or verified.

Local 97 delegate Shaun Chen said that businesses could misrepresent the types of products they sold. He said that he supported the intention but there should be guidelines to gauge whether a business sold fairly traded goods.

## **PAGE 8 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

Local 89 delegate Chris Hurl asked if there was a Fair Trade certification process in place.

McFadyen said that the motion dealt with goods that had been certified as traded fairly by an organisation that provided such a designation. She said that those products that met the criteria as established by the body would have a Fair Trade logo so discount solicitors could readily identify if the business sold Fair Trade goods.

### **2004/05:125 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 3/Local 89

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:080 be amended to read:

"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/or certified organic; and

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

**CARRIED**

### **2004/05:080 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

#### **d. Proposal Regarding Exclusivity Agreements with Cellular Telephone Companies**

### **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

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 with cellular phone service providers.

### **2004/05:126 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 99/Local 69

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:112 be amended to read:

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

Local 99 delegate Mathieu Dagonas said that existing contracts with cellular telephone companies could be extended so such an event should be anticipated in the motion.

### **2004/05:126 CARRIED**

Local 1 delegate Bryan Zimmerman said that there were two aspects to exclusivity: exclusive advertising rights at a particular institution and cellular telephone companies blocking other companies' signals. He asked what the Committee had discussed in that regard and what the motion sought to address.

McFadyen said that the motion sought to address all aspects of exclusivity.

Local 97 delegate Chen said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that if locals wished to enter into exclusive agreements they could do so.

Local 26 delegate Maegan Newell said that she supported the motion. She said that it also encouraged locals: she said that they could still choose to enter into exclusivity agreements.

Local 9 delegate Glennie said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that there was a crown corporation in Saskatchewan, Sasktel, that provided telephone and cellular service. He said that supporting the motion would undermine the Federation's support of publicly owned companies.

Local 69 delegate Karuna Singh said that she supported the motion. She said that she was at a small institution that offered an intensive immersion program. She said that students were required to live on campus and needed to seek permission to leave for extended periods of time. She said that almost 50 percent of the student population lived on campus and restricting cell phone service or advertising from only one provider would have a dramatic impact on their lives.

Local 98 delegate Sam Rahimi said that he supported the motion and any motion in general that opposed exclusivity agreements. He said that exclusivity agreements diminished choice, which resulted in increased costs. He said that if only one company was permitted to advertise students would believe that it was their only choice. He said that the goal should be to secure the best possible price for students.

**2004/05:112      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**e. Proposal to Amend General Meeting Subsidy**

**2003/11:029      MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 73/Local 98

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local 71 delegate Alissa Paxton said that the Caucus of Small Universities Associations opposed the motion because it unfairly discriminated against smaller budget locals and would hamper their ability to participate equally in national general meetings.

Local 76 delegate Christa Peters said that she supported the motion. She said that there had been some confusion in the Committee meeting because some locals thought that it intended to limit the number of delegates smaller budget member locals could send to general meetings. She said that the Federation subsidised all member locals' attendance at general meetings; however, smaller budget member locals were subsidised to a greater extent. She said that the motion proposed that the amount of the subsidy be restricted. She said that a local could send as many delegates as it wished it would simply have to pay the full delegate and travel pool fees for delegates in excess of four. She said that it would ensure that the Federation could continue to offer the current level of subsidisation to all member locals. She said that the number of delegates being sent to general

## **PAGE 10 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

meetings had increased substantially and general meetings had become more expensive as a result.

Local 13 delegate Rob Mealey said that he was speaking on behalf of a smaller budget member local. He said that the limit of four delegates at the additional subsidy was reasonable. He said that the structures of the Federation ensured that all member locals had an equal voice in the final decisions because each member local exercised one vote in the plenary sessions.

Local 19 delegate Arij Al Chawaf asked why the motion included language to adjust the fees yearly by inflation.

McFadyen explained that the yearly inflation adjustment was applied to the level of the ceiling. She said that for any given year, the fee would be adjusted in accordance with the consumer price index. She said that many member locals had the membership fees indexed to inflation to ensure that the fees were not devalued due to inflation.

Local 78 delegate Stuart Prest said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that in the Committee, the majority of those delegates voting against the proposal were from smaller member local associations. He said that it made him realise that it was not an equitable solution to the problem of increasing general meeting costs. He said that ultimately it did seem to limit access and equity in favour of cost containment.

Local 33 delegate MacLeod said that she supported the motion. She said that originally there had been considerable concern at her local about the proposal because it was a small local with a small budget. She said that the Local had ultimately decided that it was not opposed to the motion because it could still send as many delegates as it wished and still receive a subsidy.

Local 70 delegate Joy Elliott said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that there were two subsidies—one for those locals with a budget greater than \$200,000 and one for those with a budget lower than \$200,000. She said that the clause would remove the subsidy for those with a budget lower than \$200,000 but leave the subsidy intact for those with the bigger budget. She said that the Local opposed the removal of the subsidy. She said that it was more challenging at smaller locals to find and send more than four delegates and if a local chose to do so, it was obviously an important decision and those delegates should be subsidised at the higher rate.

**2004/05:127**

### **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 54/Local 99

Be it resolved that Motion-2003/11:029 be amended to read:

"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:"

Local 54 delegate Erika Gates-Gasse said that the yearly inflationary adjustment was particularly harmful to smaller member local associations. She said that if a student union's delegates' fees were linked to inflation, every year the fees would increase; however, the local's budget would not increase. She said that as a result, gradually smaller budget locals would no longer be considered small budget locals and would not receive the subsidy.

Local 99 delegate Jeff Rybak said that the issue of adjusting the fees had not been fully considered by the Committee because it had focused on the issue of how many delegates should be subsidised. He said that the inflationary adjustment would slowly erode the ability of smaller member locals' ability to receive the second subsidy.

**2004/05:127**

**CARRIED**

**2003/11:029**

**DEFEATED**



**f. Proposal to Amend Speaking Priority**

**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.

**c. Third Priority**

National and provincial staff of the Federation.

Local 75 delegate Finch said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that provincial component representatives should not have the same speaking priority as delegates from member local associations. He said that delegates should take primary importance in terms of speaking order.

Local 76 delegate Peters said that member locals democratically elected provincial component representatives. She said that the provincial component paid delegate fees for the representative to attend general meetings and the provincial component delegate participated in every way as a delegate from a member local association with the exception of speaking priority. She said that the Federation should treat delegates in a consistent manner.

**2004/05:012 CARRIED**

**g. Proposal to Promote Campaigns and Services**

**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.

**2004/05:128 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."

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:032 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**h. Proposal to Strengthen Communications with Aboriginal Students' Associations**

**2004/05:034 MOTION**

Local 76/Local 5

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

**2004/05:129 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 33/Local 23

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:034 be amended to read:

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

## **PAGE 12 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

Local 33 delegate Lindsay Bomberly said that not all campuses had an Aboriginal students' organisation or Aboriginal students' liaison. She said that the motion should be amended to acknowledge that fact.

**2004/05:129 CARRIED**

**2004/05:034 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### **i. Proposal to Encourage Aboriginal Student Representative Position**

**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.

**CARRIED**

### **j. Proposals to Amend Standing Resolution 17**

**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 member locals via the National Aboriginal Caucus list serve.

**DEFEATED**

**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.

**CARRIED**

### **k. Proposal to Expand National Executive Report**

**2004/05:082 MOTION**

Local 5/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.

**2004/05:130 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 5/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."

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:082 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**I. Proposal Regarding Privacy Laws**

**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.

**CARRIED**

**m. Proposal for Notice Requirements for Campaigns Motions**

**2004/05:092**

**MOTION TO ADOPT STANDING RESOLUTION**

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.

## **PAGE 14 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)

Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

### **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.

Local 76 delegate Lucas Schuller said that the motion had been developed as a result of numerous discussions that had occurred at previous general meetings. He said that any delegates who had participated in a Campaigns and Government Relations Committee meeting or Forum would be familiar with the number of motions that had been introduced during the meetings and the frustration that ensued because delegates had not been provided with advance notice. He said that the purpose of requiring notice was to allow locals an opportunity to review the proposals and discuss them at the local level. He said that locals should not be making decisions about the Federation's campaigns with inadequate notice or information. He said that the motion required the provision of notice while recognising that some motions would have to be introduced at the meeting as a result of a time sensitive issue.

Local 54 delegate Gates-Gasse asked if there was a guarantee that emergency motions would be considered or if they would be lower in priority in the plenary sessions and committee meetings. She said that if emergency motions were a lower priority there was a possibility that they would not be considered because of time constraints.

Boyko said that the plenary could decide in what order motions would be considered.

Local 75 delegate Finch said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that there had been a lot of information that arose during a general meeting that should be considered in the form of a motion but could not be anticipated in advance of a meeting and, therefore, could not be served with notice. He said that the Federation's federal election campaign strategy had not been provided in advance of the Committee meeting and, if the notice requirement had existed, the Committee could not have dealt with the strategy. He said that it would develop a culture of rejecting motions that were of an urgent nature.

Local 19 delegate Kelly Holloway said that she supported the motion. She said that she had attended many campaigns meetings over the past few years, provincially and nationally. She said that she had found it very difficult to make decisions about campaigns about which information had not been distributed in advance of the meeting. She noted that it was useful to conduct some preliminary research into the issues before debating them at the general meeting. She said that the success of campaigns was contingent upon the support at the local level and it was valuable to gauge that support in advance of making a final decision about a proposed campaign. She said that it was also helpful to discuss the proposals with groups on campus and provide that input to the general meeting. She said that notice requirements for campaigns in Ontario had been implemented and it had worked very well.

Local 98 delegate Sam Rahimi said that he was concerned that emergency motions would not be considered. He said that there were often events that required a speedy response but could not be served with notice.

Local 28 delegate Shamini Selvaratnam said that she supported the motion. She said that a practice had developed of introducing motions during the meeting that were not of an emergency nature and could have been served with notice. She said that it led to frustration and lack of preparedness. She said that it prevented locals from discussing the issue at the local. She said that the practice at her local was to consult with students on campus regarding motions that had been served with notice for consideration at a general meeting. She said that it was often the case that there were groups on campus that were engaged in similar work or had comments and suggestions to offer about the proposals. She said that this input should be encouraged and the Federation's decision-making processes should be structured to allow for this type of input.

Local 18 delegate Hansen said that he supported the motion. He said that some delegates had expressed frustration that the Campaigns Forum had not been able to consider all of the motions that delegates had presented. He said that it had been difficult to establish the agenda without

knowing in advance how many motions would be introduced. He said that if the motion passed it would be easier to determine how much time the Committee or Forum required to undertake its business. He said that delegates would use their time more efficiently knowing how many motions had to be considered.

**2004/05:131      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 89/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:092 be amended to read:

"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."

Local 89 delegate Hurl said that the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee had been dysfunctional because of its size. He said that there should not be punitive motions that decreased spontaneous communication among member locals. He said that the Federation should create more proactive solutions that enabled more effective communication in the Committee.

Local 19 delegate Holloway said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that it had been useful to know what campaigns were going to be considered at any given general meeting because it allowed for consultation at the local level. She said that if there were concerns about how the Committee had been structured and how it functioned it should be addressed in the form of another motion or a recommendation to the National Executive. She said it had been her understanding that the plenary could determine if a motion was of an urgent nature. She asked the plenary speaker for confirmation.

Sioufi said that the plenary could decide if a motion was in fact an emergency. She said that Robert's Rules described emergency motions so the motion would have to meet that criteria before the plenary could decide whether it wished to consider it.

Local 99 delegate Rybak said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that no delegate wanted to argue in favour of restrictions; however, some restrictions needed to be implemented because there had been over 200 delegates participating in the meeting. He said that each delegate had a responsibility to their constituents and it had been difficult to decide on the floor what their constituents would want. He said that delegates should not take it upon themselves to be the sole decision making authority for their constituents. He said that students at the local level had the right to be involved in the decision making process.

Local 33 delegate MacLeod said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that the original motion entrenched a structure for the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee. She said that it established a timeline and made a distinction between the campaigns and government relations strategy that incorporated issues that had been discussed at previous meetings and compiled into a strategy and issues that had arisen since the previous general meeting. She said that it was not restrictive to require the assent of plenary before considering a motion.

**2004/05:131      DEFEATED**

**PAGE 16 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

**2004/05:132      MOTION TO AMEND**  
Local 9/Local 23

Be it resolved that Motion 2004/05:092 be amended to read:

"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 circulated four weeks prior to 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."

Local 9 delegate Glennie said that some delegates at the Campaigns Forum had been frustrated that they had not been provided with the Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy before the first meeting of the Forum. He said that the document should be circulated in advance of the meeting so locals had an opportunity to discuss it at the local level.

**2004/05:133      MOTION TO POSTPONE**  
Local 48/Local 35

Be it resolved that Motions-2004/05:092 and 2004/05:132 be postponed to the November 2004 national general meeting.

**DEFEATED**

Local 44 delegate Joanna Groves said that she was concerned that the requirement to distribute the Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy was too restrictive given the other work that the National Executive had to accomplish before a general meeting.

Local 101 delegate Tekin asked if it was realistic to expect that the Strategy be distributed four weeks in advance of a general meeting.

Boyko said that if the motion was passed, the National Executive would have to ensure that the work was undertaken.

**2004/05:132      CARRIED**  
**2004/05:092      CARRIED AS AMENDED**  
**2004/05:134      MOTION TO RECESS**  
Local 23/Local 95

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for one hour.

**CARRIED**

17:58 the meeting recessed.

19:13 the meeting reconvened.

**n. Proposals to Expand Federation Website**

**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.

**2004/05:135**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 5/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;
- 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 from the National Executive; and

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

**2004/05:136**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 26/Local 9

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:135 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that the Federation's bylaws and operational policies be posted on the Federation's web site."

Local 26 delegate Duncan McDonald said that the motion had been introduced in an effort to increase access and inclusiveness. He said that it had not necessarily been about improving transparency. He said that he was proud of the Federation and what it worked towards and, therefore, its official documents should be made available to anyone who wanted to review them. He said that the National Union of Students in the United Kingdom had posted their bylaws on the Internet. He said that without the amendment that he had proposed the motion would not reflect the original intention.

Local 1 delegate Lindsay Mossman said that without the amendment the motion was very different from the original motion. She said that the amendment was a fair compromise.

Local 24 delegate Denise Hammond said that she was opposed to the amendment to the amendment and was frustrated that it had been proposed. She said that she had participated in the Organisational Development Committee with approximately 60 other delegates and the proposed amendment had been thoroughly discussed at that time. She said that the proposed amendment

## **PAGE 18 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

had been proposed at least twice and defeated in the Committee. She said that the original amendment was the motion that members of the Committee felt most comfortable supporting.

### **2004/05:136 DEFEATED**

Local 44 delegate Groves said that she supported the amendment. She said that the amendment provided the National Executive with some flexibility in terms of how it handled more sensitive information.

Local 94 delegate Shoshanna Jacobs said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that the Federation should provide the same information that it demanded of post-secondary institutions.

### **2004/05:135 CARRIED**

#### **NOTED OPPOSITION**

Local 23

Local 94

#### **NOTED ABSTENTION**

Local 26

Local 75 delegate Finch said that he had changed his position on the motion. He said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that given the number of member locals that did not want the information posted on the Internet, their position on the issue should be respected and the documents should not be posted on the national website. He said that those member locals that wanted to post the information should do so at the local level.

### **2004/05:094 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

#### **NOTED ABSTENTION**

Local 9

### **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.

#### **DEFEATED**

#### **NOTED ABSTENTION**

Local 9

### **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.

**DEFEATED**

**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

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.

**DEFEATED**

**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.

## **PAGE 20 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)

Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

Local 26 delegate McDonald said that he supported the motion. He said that making the various reports available on the Federation's website would enable new delegates and elected officials to educate themselves.

**2004/05:102 DEFEATED**

**NOTED ABSTENTION**

Local 9

Local 1

### **o. Proposal to Develop Relations with Other National Student Organisations**

**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.

McFadyen said that the Committee had discussed the Federation's ongoing relationships with organisations in the United States of America including the United States Students' Association and the Centre for Campus Organising. She said that the Committee believed strongly that the Federation should continue to strengthen those relationships.

Local 26 delegate Laura Anderson said that maintaining and establishing working relationships with other national students' organisations was incredibly important.

Local 75 delegate Finch asked if the Federation had attempted to work with the Association pour la solidarité syndicates étudiants.

Local 79 delegate Ahmed Abu Safia said that the Québec component of the Federation had worked extensively with the Association pour la solidarité syndicates étudiants.

**2004/05:104 CARRIED**

### **p. Proposal Regarding Lobby Funds**

**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

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.

McFadyen said that Local 26 had created a dedicated fee that had been established by referendum for the purposes of engaging in lobbying and campaigns. She said that the Committee had decided that although the funds would enable further campaigns work to be undertaken, it was not an option for smaller member locals and would reduce their influence on government relations and campaigns work that was undertaken. She said that by pooling resources with other members of the Federation, all member local associations had an equal voice. She said that the Canadian Federation of Students was the lobby fund and members should work through their provincial and national students' union. She said that the Committee had recommended defeat of the motion.

Local 26 delegate McDonald said that, although he had written the motion, he opposed it. He said that each local should determine whether such a fund would be effective in implementing the work of the local. He encouraged member locals to vote against the motion.

Local 71 delegate Paxton said that the Small Universities Caucus had discussed the motion and opposed it.

An unidentified delegate said that he opposed the motion because it was redundant. He said that member locals remitted membership fees to the Federation in order to undertake lobbying and campaigns work.

Local 79 delegate Abu Safia said that he supported the motion. He said that his local had a lobby fund and used it extensively. He said that the motion encouraged locals to establish lobby funds that could be used for issues that were specific to the local.

Local 44 delegate Groves said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that the Federation had been created because students' unions recognised that they could not accomplish as much individually as they could if they worked together and pooled their resources. She said that locals should not encourage each other to create funds that contradicted the very reasons they formed the Federation.

Local 1 delegate Zimmerman said that the motion was also a statement of priority. He said that he understood that the Federation had been created because individual students' unions were more effective when working together but the motion encouraged locals to allocate additional resources to undertake local work. He said that the motion implied that not only should lobbying be the Federation's priority but should also be the locals' priority.

**2004/05:106      DEFEATED**

**q. Proposal Regarding the National Executive Report**

**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; therefore

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.

McFadyen said that the Committee had recommended defeat of the motion. She said that some members of the Committee thought that an annual report would be just as effective as a semi-annual report and would alleviate some of the National Executive and national office's workload. She said that other members thought that, because of the amount of work undertaken and the high turnover between meetings, members would be better served with two reports a year.

**2004/05:110      DEFEATED**

**r. Proposal Regarding Development of Local Website Templates**

**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,

## **PAGE 22 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)

Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

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

Local 75 delegate Paul Finch said that he supported the motion. He said that it provided every local with the opportunity to express its selves on the Internet and he encouraged locals to adopt the motion. He said that, once implemented, member locals could post on the Internet information they believed pertinent.

Local 26 delegate Anderson asked how much it would cost to develop the template.

McFadyen said that Ontario Representative Telfer had a great deal of expertise in web design and he had indicated that it would cost approximately \$1,000. She said that it was not the intention to create complex, multi-page websites. She said that it would be a basic, easily updatable site.

Local 79 delegate Abu Safia said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that a common template would kill creativity and member locals should have different sites. He said that it did not require expertise.

Local 1 delegate Adam Decaire said that the template could be customised for each local.

**2004/05:116 CARRIED**

### **s. Adoption of the Organisational Development Committee Report**

**2004/05:137 MOTION**

Local 71/Local 18

Be it resolved that Organisational Development Committee report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **4. CONSIDERATION ELECTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **a. Alberta Representative**

**2004/05:138 MOTION**

Local 21/Local 42

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

**CARRIED**

### **b. Manitoba Representative**

**2004/05:139 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 37

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

**CARRIED**

### **c. Prince Edward Island Representative**

**2004/05:140 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.

**CARRIED**

### **d. Saskatchewan Representative**

**2004/05:141 MOTION**

Local 9/Local 101

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

**CARRIED**

**e. Students of Colour Representative**

**2004/05:142**

**MOTION**

Local 19/Local 98

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

**CARRIED**

**f. Francophone Students' Representative**

**2004/05:143**

**MOTION**

Local 88/Local 71

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

**CARRIED**

**g. Graduate Students' Representative**

**2004/05:144**

**MOTION**

Local 94/Local 48

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

**CARRIED**

**h. Women Students' Representative**

**2004/05:145**

**MOTION**

Local /Local

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

**CARRIED**

**i. Adoption of the Electoral Committee Report**

**2004/05:146**

**MOTION**

Local 54/Local 88

Be it resolved that the Electoral Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ontario Chairperson Joel Duff reported that a presentation had been provided in the National Education and Student Rights Committee on student loans and current issues regarding access to education in order to formulate a clear context for the motions that the Committee considered. He said that a representative of Local 23 had provided information on First Student Loans.

**a. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Research Chairs**

**2004/05:014**

**MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 79/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**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

## **PAGE 24 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

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.

**2004/05:147**

### **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 100/Local 38

Be it resolved that the third point under the heading "Policy" being proposed 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;"

### **CARRIED**

**2004/05:014**

### **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

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

**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.

**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.

**CARRIED****c. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Tri-Council Scholarships****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.

## **PAGE 26 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

Duff said that the Committee discussed the use of the word "excellence". He said that some members had been concerned about including the word in Federation policy because the word had been co-opted by government as a means of peddling new financial programs based on merit instead of need. He said that representatives of the National Graduate Caucus had noted that when the federal government initiated new funding for research it had often disguised very regressive funding models or discriminatory funding arrangements by using positive phrases like "promoting excellence" as a means to sell the idea to the public. He said that it made it challenging to oppose the regressive funding arrangements because the language made it appear as though anyone opposing the programs also opposed "promoting excellence". He said that it was generally believed by the members of the Caucus that the government should not be permitted to distort words like "excellence". He said that funding graduate student research and providing scholarships that allowed graduate students to dedicate their time and attention to their research was promoting excellence.

**2004/05:018 CARRIED**

### **d. Proposals to Amend Declaration of Aboriginal Student Rights**

**2004/05:020 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 8/Local 5

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.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:022 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 82/Local 44

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.

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:024 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 72/Local 32

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;

Duff said that the National Aboriginal Caucus had recommended that the motion be defeated. He said that the Caucus had resolved that the motion was redundant.

**2004/05:024 DEFEATED**

**2004/05:026 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 5/Local 72

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.

**2004/05:148 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 72/Local 1

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."

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:026**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2004/05:028**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 66/Local 5

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;

**2004/05:149**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 24/Local 3

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."

Local 24 delegate Hammond asked for the definition of a fully funded regional campus.

Local 23 delegate Rikie Greenwood said that the Kamloops campus of Simon Fraser University was an example of a fully funded regional campus. She said that it included outlying, satellite campuses and it was the position of the Aboriginal Caucus that these centres should be fully funded.

**2004/05:149**

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:028**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**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."

**CARRIED**

**e. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Student Housing**

**2004/05:042**

**MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 1/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

**PAGE 28 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

- charging student residents for campus accommodations more than the actual cost of such accommodations.

**2004/05:150**

**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.

**2004/05:151**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 35/Local 36

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:150 be amended to read:

"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 excluding donations from a benefactor 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."

Local 35 delegate Terry McDonald said that the Federation should not adopt policy that prevented members of the community from contributing funding for a building provided no conditions are attached.

Local 24 delegate Rebecca Rose said that the term "public-private partnership" referred to a corporation and not an individual.

Local 91 delegate Katherine Childs said that she had raised the same issue in the Committee; however, the amendment was redundant because the motion only referred to corporations.

**2004/05:151**

**DEFEATED**

**2004/05:150**

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:042**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2004/05:044**

**MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 1/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.

**2004/05:152      MOTION TO AMEND**  
Local 1/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-oriented living requirements.

**2004/05:153      MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**  
Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/05:152 be amended to read:

"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 same sex partner, dependent or family-oriented living requirements. "

Local 44 delegate Michele Kinney said that all of the groups that had been included in the original motion and amendment were groups that generally faced discrimination or disproportionate difficulty in securing living accommodation. She said that heterosexual couples did not face the same challenges or barriers as same sex couples in securing accommodation.

Local 61 delegate Melanie Vogels said that she assumed the word "partner" meant same sex partner; however, not everyone made that assumption and it was important the policy be clear.

Local 78 delegate Phil Robinson said that the Committee had discussed the language extensively and agreed that the terms "partner" and "family" included same sex partners and families. He said that the Federation already had policy on safe space and access.

**2004/05:153      DEFEATED**

**2004/05:154      MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**  
Local 9/Local 94

Be it resolved that the policy proposed in Motion 2004/05:152 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 students with disabilities; and
- priority allocation for international students and
- guaranteed availability of campus student housing to all international students, that fulfills the special needs of students with families, same sex and opposite sex partners and dependents.

Local 9 delegate Glennie said that some concerns had been expressed during the International Students' Constituency Group about international students who come to Canada but do not have any guaranteed housing.

Local 1 delegate Zimmerman said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that demanding that accommodation be guaranteed set terms that could not be met. He said that a motion could be developed encouraging universities and colleges to provide more residence spaces. He said that the

## **PAGE 30 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

existing accommodation at universities and colleges could not meet the demands as set out in the amendment.

Local 24 delegate Adam Jones said that he was opposed to the amendment because the term "partner" was inclusive and did not require further clarification.

Local 78 delegate Robinson said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that the amendment read like residence would be provided to international students and their families instead of international students and families as separate groups. He said that the Committee had debated the same proposal and rejected it. He said that the role of the plenary sub-committees was to debate in detail the issues and it was not effective to wordsmith in closing plenary.

**2004/05:154      DEFEATED**

**2004/05:155      MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 18/Local 34

Be it resolved that 2004/05:044 be referred to the National Executive.

**DEFEATED**

An unidentified delegate said that students moving to Canada to attend university or college need some reassurance that they will have accommodation. He said that when he arrived in Canada he could not find accommodation and it had been a very overwhelming experience. He said that not all international students would require accommodation; however, those who did should have the option.

**2004/05:152      CARRIED**

**2004/05:044      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### **f. Proposal to Repeal Policy on Peace**

**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.

**2004/05:156      MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 23/Local 78

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

Duff said that the Committee had recommended that the motion be referred because it had not been apparent that the policies were redundant. He said that the National Executive should carefully review both policies and create one policy or simply change the title of one of the policies to more accurately reflect its content.

**2004/05:156      CARRIED**

**2004/05:064      REFERRED**

### **g. Proposal to Amend Policy on Rationalisation**

**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:

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.

**2004/05:157      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."

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:066      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**h. Proposal to Repeal Policy on Social Class**

**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.

**DEFEATED**

**i. Proposal to Develop Policy on Media**

**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 the not 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.

**2004/05:158      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 post-secondary education institutions be drafted."

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:070      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

## **PAGE 32 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

### **j. Proposal to Develop Policy on For-Profit Institutionally Administered Student Loans**

**NOTICE**

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 23/Local 61

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

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 post-secondary institutions. 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.

### **k. Adoption of National Education and Student Rights Committee Report**

2004/05:159

#### **MOTION**

Local 99/Local 37

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

**CARRIED**

## **6. CONSIDERATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT**

Boyko said that the 2004-2005 Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy had been reformatted to make it more user-friendly. He said that the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum had recommended that the motions served by Local 1 be ruled redundant because they had been included in a more comprehensive fashion in the Strategy. He said that there had been an extensive discussion about the Federation playing a key role in highlighting part-time students' issues. He said that the Strategy included the possibility of the Federation hosting a national conference on part-time students' issues. He said that it might not be feasible to host the conference in the calendar year due to other campaign priorities; however, the Forum had agreed that it was important for the Federation to play a leadership role for part-time students' issues.

Boyko noted that the attendance list should reflect that Local 18 delegate Raphaella Weisgerber had attended the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**2004/05:160      MOTION**

Local 5/Local 79

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

**CARRIED**

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

**2004/05:046      MOTION**

Local 1/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 further resolved that a fact sheet, that outlines how a national system of grants would be funded and administered, be produced.

**RULED REDUNDANT**

**b. Proposal to Focus Lobbying Efforts on Dedicated Transfer Payments**

**2004/05:048      MOTION**

Local 1/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;

Be it further 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.

**RULED REDUNDANT**

**PAGE 34 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

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

**2004/05:050**

**MOTION**

Local 1/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.

**RULED REDUNDANT**

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

**2004/05:052**

**MOTION**

Local 1/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.

**RULED REDUNDANT**

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

**2004/05:054**

**MOTION**

Local 1/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.

**RULED REDUNDANT**

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

**2004/05:056      MOTION**

Local 1/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.

**RULED REDUNDANT**

**g. Proposal to Focus Lobbying Efforts Against Privatisation**

**2004/05:058      MOTION**

Local 1/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.

**RULED REDUNDANT**

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

**2004/05:060      MOTION**

Local 1/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.

**PAGE 36 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

**2004/05:161      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 9/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."

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:060      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

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

**2004/05:062      MOTION**

Local 1/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.

**RULED REDUNDANT**

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

**2004/05:072      MOTION**

Local 5/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.

**2004/05:162      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 5/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."

**CARRIED**

**2004/05:072      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**k. Proposal to Undertake Safe Washroom Initiative**

**2004/05:074      MOTION**

Local 5/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 undertaken by the Federation.

Local 24 delegate Hammond said that she had some concerns, some of which derived from discussions within the Queer Students' Constituency Group regarding the motion. She said that the motion included adding a safe washroom initiative to the current positive space campaign. She said however, that it did not mention the need to undertake education on the issue. She said that all of the Federation's campaigns should include an educational component. She explained that at many institutions and within many students' unions there was a lack of understanding about the issues of transgendered people and people who did not identify with the sex to which they were born. She said that the way the motion was worded made it unclear if "gender neutral" washrooms included co-ed washrooms.

Local 18 delegate Joel Koette said that, while he supported the intention of the motion, he agreed that it should include an educational aspect. He said that such an initiative should be implemented in a safe and positive manner that would require raising awareness about the issues.

Local 8 delegate Sarah Amyot said that the motion meant that any newly built washrooms should include single stalls.

Local 5 delegate Ben West said that the motion did not preclude education being a component of the work undertaken. He said that the intent of the motion had been that, by incorporating it into the positive space campaign, educational work would be undertaken. He said that it did not include any additional action aside from including gender-neutral washrooms in future Federation construction projects and encouraging locals to do the same.

**2004/05:074      DEFEATED**

**NOTED ABSTENTION**

Local 101

**2004/05:163      MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Local 9/Local 83

Be it resolved that meeting be adjourned.

**DEFEATED**

**NOTED IN FAVOUR**

Local 69

Local 9 delegate Glennie said that simply because the interpreters had agreed to continue translating for an additional 15 minutes did not negate the fact that the meeting had to end at 22:00.

**PAGE 38 — CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES**

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

---

He said that no such exception had been made in the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum when there had been motions that had not yet been considered.

Sioufi explained that the block agenda that had been adopted in Opening Plenary indicated that the meeting had to adjourn at 22:00. She said that if delegates did not wish to continue the meeting they could call Orders of the Day. She said that those motions contained within the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum report that had not been considered by the closing plenary would be considered during opening plenary at the November 2004 national general meeting.

Local 9 delegate Glennie said that he wished to call Orders of the Day.

22:06 The Plenary Speaker declared that the meeting was adjourned.

## ATTENDANCE

45<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
Wednesday, May 19 to Saturday, May 22, 2004 — Ottawa

### Delegations

---

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA

##### Local 75

Camosun College Student Society

Jennifer Chapman

Paul Finch

Michael Glover

Adam Layne

Audra Taillefer

##### Local 5

Capilano Students' Union

Amanda Camley

Mariposa Dumont

Christine Ellis

Theresa Lambert

Nima Shokouhi

Ben West

##### Local 73

City Centre Students' Union

Tracy Ho

Tricia Singh

Eileen Mendez

##### Local 18

Douglas Students' Union

Jeremy Gervan

Joey Hansen

Yasmin Irani

Joel Koette

Mike Ouellet

Heidi Taylor

Raphaelle Weissgerber

##### Local 33

Emily Carr Students' Union

Lindsay Bomberry

Colleen Borst

Zahra Habib

Lisa MacLeod

##### Local 76

King Edward Students' Union

Amy Allen

Aixendora Castro

Christa Peters

Lucas Schuller

##### Local 26

Kwantlen Student Association

Laura Anderson

Ron Correll

Duncan McDonald

Maegan Newell

Stafford Richter

##### Local 61

Malaspina Students' Union

Steve Beasley

Rick Powelson

Melanie Vogels

Lee Wittmann

##### Local 13

College of New Caledonia Student Association

Rob Mealey

Shirley Zornow

##### Local 72

North Island Students' Association

James Bowen

Liz Brooks

Joleen Watson

Mike White

##### Local 66

Northwest Community College  
Students' Association

Dan Buck

John Risdale

##### Local 3

Okanagan University College  
Students' Association-Kelowna

Jason Harman

Christine Henderson

Rob Nagai

Shayne Robinson

##### Local 3

Okanagan University College  
Penticton Campus Students' Association

Terri Anne Kennedy

Tessa King

##### Local 23

Simon Fraser Student Society

David Fleming-Saraceno

Chris Giocomantonio

Rikie Greenwood

Camilla A. Sears

Amanda Van Baarsen

Brandy Zimmerman

##### Local 89

University of Victoria  
Graduate Students' Society

Chris Hurl

Melissa Smith

**Local 44**  
**University of Victoria Students' Society**  
Joanna Groves  
Michelle Kinney  
Rhonda McIsaac  
Shamus Reid

## **ALBERTA**

**Local 42**  
**Students' Association**  
**Alberta College of Art & Design**  
Laura Allen  
Michael Kirsch

**Local 21**  
**University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association**  
Christine Johns  
Jennifer Reid

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

**Local 9**  
**University of Regina Students' Union**  
Augustin Bastardo  
Cathy Blackbird  
Phoebe De Ciman  
Kyll Glennie  
Tara Prystay  
Leah Sharpe  
Victor Thomas

**Local 101**  
**University of Saskatchewan**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Gboyega Adesina  
Melanie Dyk  
Tasha Hubbard  
Dinesh Sharma  
Serife Tekin

## **MANITOBA**

**Local 37**  
**Brandon University Students' Union**  
Vince Barletta  
Meeghan Gavin  
Zoë Gross  
Stacy Senkbeil

**Local 38**  
**Association des étudiantes et étudiants du**  
**Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface**  
Alpha Barry  
Solange Buisé  
Renaud Lafond

**Local 8**  
**University of Winnipeg Students' Association**  
Sarah Amyot  
Caitlin Brown  
Matt Gagne  
Joey Jakob  
Roselyn Nkhata

## **ONTARIO**

**Local 28**  
**Atkinson Students' Association**  
Shamini Selvaratnam

**Local 102**  
**Brock University**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Olga Klimova  
Sherri Young

**Local 78**  
**Carleton University**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Tannis Bujacsek  
Stewart Prest  
Philip Robinson

**Local 1**  
**Carleton University Students' Association**  
Edgar Chacon  
Adam Decaire  
Lindsay Mossman  
Carole Saab  
George Soule  
Erin Stevens  
Bryan Zimmerman

**Local 92**  
**Students' Association**  
**of George Brown College**  
Laura Parsons  
Stephanie Pickett  
Jermaine Smith

**Local 54**  
**University of Guelph**  
**Central Student Association**  
Erika Gates-Gasse  
Jenn Watt  
Ryan White

**Local 32**  
**Lakehead University Student Union**  
Rachel Bird  
Chad O'Halloran  
Graham Strickert  
Alex Stuart  
Jon Thompson

**Local 88**  
**Association des étudiantes et étudiants**  
**francophones de l'Université Laurentienne**  
Karine Duval

**Local 25**  
**Ontario College of Art and Design**  
**Student Union**  
Erin Jacobsen  
Megan Kotze

**Local 94**  
**University of Ottawa**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Rafat Alam  
Shoshannah Jacobs  
Sascha Maicher

**Local 27**  
**Queen's University**  
**Society of Graduate and Professional Students**  
Christopher Canning

**Local 24**  
**Ryerson Students' Administrative Council**  
Denise Hammond  
Adam Garnet Jones  
Dave MacLean  
Steven Norrie  
Rebecca Rose  
Simon Rossiter

**Local 99**  
**Scarborough Campus Students' Union**  
Audrey Alix  
Mathieu Dagonas  
Jeff Rybak  
Susie Vavrusa

**Local 19**  
**University of Toronto**  
**Graduate Students' Union**  
Arij Ali Chawaf  
Rose Da Costa  
Kelly Holloway

**Local 97**  
**Association of Part-Time Undergraduate**  
**Students, University of Toronto**  
Murphy Brown  
Shaun Chen

**Local 98**  
**University of Toronto**  
**Students' Administrative Council**  
Lisa Aldridge  
Paul Bretscher  
Rini Ghosh  
Berkha Gupta  
Walied Khogali  
Julia Munk  
Sam Rahimi

**Local 71**  
**Trent Central Students' Association**  
Jennifer Dale  
Catherine Dickinson  
Alissa Paxton

**Local 47**  
**University of Western Ontario**  
**Society of Graduate Students**  
Nicholas Cothros  
Muhammad Kamran Khan

**Local 48**  
**University of Windsor**  
**Graduate Student Society**  
Laurie Barnes  
Ed Dawson  
Andrzej Metsmer  
Melanie Namespetra

**Local 49**  
**University of Windsor Students' Alliance**  
Balinder Ahluwalia  
Julia Campbell

**Local 84**  
**York University Graduate Students**  
**Association**  
Dan Bessey

## **QUÉBEC**

**Local 83**  
**Concordia University**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Kamal Fox

**Local 91**  
**Concordia Student Union**  
Katherine Childs  
Brent Farrington  
Natalie Pomerleau  
Arielle Reid

**Local 79**  
**Post-Graduate Students' Society**  
**of McGill University**  
Noah Billick  
Ahmed Abu Safia

## **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**Local 70**  
**University of Prince Edward Island**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Joy Elliott  
Neil LeBlanc  
Fortune Sithole

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

**Local 95**  
**University College of Cape Breton**  
**Students' Union**  
Jamie Crane  
Blair Gallop  
Scott Gillard  
T.K. Manyimo

**Local 11**  
**University of King's College**  
**Students' Union**  
Colin Burn  
Ariel Nasr  
Anna Wilson

**Local 34**  
**Mount Saint Vincent University**  
**Students' Union**  
Sandra Borneman  
Chantal Bruschett

**Local 7**  
**Students' Union of**  
**Nova Scotia College of Art & Design**  
Megan Bisonette  
Colin Druhan  
Sacha Kopelow  
Danielle Sampson  
Aren Scott  
Kim Smith  
Laura Smith

**Local 69**  
Association générale des étudiants de  
l'Université Sainte-Anne  
Cindy Aucoin  
Karuna Singh

## **NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR**

**Local 36**  
Grenfell College Student Union  
Rick Simm  
Sharleen Simmons

**Local 45**  
Marine Institute Students' Union  
Kimberly Hann  
Shannon Sharpe

**Local 100**  
Graduate Students' Union of the  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Susan Dieleman  
Byron Rolls

**Local 35**  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Students' Union  
Cletus Flaherty  
Luke Goulton  
Les MacFadden  
Terry McDonald  
Heather Wyse

**Local 46**  
College of the North Atlantic  
Students' Association  
Loriann Leyte

## **National Executive Members**

---

**Aboriginal Representative**  
Joel Koette

**Alberta Representative**  
Rashaad Sader

**British Columbia Representative**  
Steve Beasley

**Students of Colour Representative**  
Joseph Zangar Bright

**Francophone Students' Representative**  
Mike Ouellet

**Graduate Students' Representative**  
Robert Johnson

**Manitoba Representative (absent)**  
Margaret Carlyle

**National Chairperson**  
Ian Boyko

**National Deputy Chairperson**  
James Pratt

**National Treasurer**

Jess Turk-Browne  
**Newfoundland and Labrador Representative**  
Lacee Abbott

**Nova Scotia Representative**  
Dave Hare

**Ontario Representative**  
Rick Telfer

**Québec Representative**  
Tobias Whitfield

**Prince Edward Island Representative**  
Jeff Clow

**Saskatchewan Representative**  
Angela Regnier

**Women's Representative**  
Christa Peters

## **Component and Caucus Representatives**

---

**British Columbia Component**  
Summer McFadyen, Chairperson  
Scott Payne, National Executive Representative-elect

**National Graduate Caucus**  
Andrea Rounce, Chairperson

**Newfoundland and Labrador Component**  
Jessica Magalios, Chairperson  
Krista Park, National Executive Representative-elect

**Ontario Component**  
Alex Dodger, National Executive Representative-elect  
Joel Duff, Chairperson  
Jesse Greener, Chairperson-elect

**Québec Component**  
Joshua Philbrock, Treasurer



## **Federation Staff**

---

### **Campaigns Coordinator (Ontario)**

Pam Frache

### **Coordinator (Québec)**

Phil Iljevski

### **Internal Coordinator**

Lucy Watson

### **Internal Coordinator (Ontario)**

Ashkon Hashemi

### **Health Plan Coordinator**

Tom Rowles

### **Director of Services**

Philip Link

### **Director of Research**

Michael Conlon

### **Provincial Organisers**

Jennifer Anthony

Christine Bourque

Michael Gardiner

## **General Meeting Staff**

---

### **Harassment Issues Advisor**

Tara Connolly

### **Plenary Speaker**

Sylvia Sioufi

## **Travel CUTS Board Members**

---

### **Ex-Officio Member**

J. Rodney Hurd, CUTS President

### **Staff Representative**

Robert Keddy

## **Guests and Observers**

---

### **Athabasca University Students' Association**

Theresa Neuman, Vice President External

### **Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia**

Lyle McMahon, Vice President Administration

### **University of British Columbia Graduate Student Society**

Josh Culkins, Vice President Academic and  
External

### **Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students**

Alan Hill, Vice President External

### **Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants du Centre universitaire de Moncton**

Christian Boudreau, President

### **Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec**

Pier-André Bouchard St-Amant, Vice President

Gillaume Lavoie, Vice-President International Affairs

