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du 19 au 22 mai 2005

minutes

47th semi-annual general meeting
May 19-22, 2005



MINUTES

47th Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)
Thursday, May 19 to Sunday, May 22, 2005

CALL TO ORDER—Thursday, May 19, 2005

14:38 the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson George Soule.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local	3	University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan	Present
Local	75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local	5	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local	73	City Centre Students' Union	Present
Local	18	Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local	33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local	76	King Edward Students' Union	Present
Local	26	Kwantlen Student Association	Absent
Local	61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local	13	College of New Caledonia Students' Association	Present
Local	72	North Island Students' Association	Present
		Northern Lights College Student Association*	Absent
Local	66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local	53	Okanagan College Students' Union	Present
Local	86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local	4	Selkirk Students' Association	Present
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	90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Absent
Local	9	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local	101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local	17	University of Saskatchewan Students' Union*	Present
Local	37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local	96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Present
		University of Manitoba Students' Union	Present
Local	38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local	8	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	Absent
Local	78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local	1	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	Absent
Local	62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local	32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local	30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local	88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local	39	McMaster University Graduate Students Association	Absent
Local	20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
Local	25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present

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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' Union	Present
Local	85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Absent
Local	99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local	97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Present
Local	19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local	98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local	71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
		Trent Graduate Students' Association*	Absent
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	Present
Local	84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local	91	Concordia Student Union	Absent
Local	83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local	79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Absent
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	64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local	95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Present
		Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students*	Absent
Local	11	University of King's College Students' Union	Present
Local	34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local	7	Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local	69	Association générale des étudiant de l'Université Sainte-Anne	Present
Local	36	Grenfell College Student Union	Present
Local	45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Present
Local	100	Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland	Present
Local	35	Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union	Present
Local	46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	Present

* Prospective member

National Chairperson George Soule declared that quorum had been achieved. He noted that several of the absent member locals were en-route and expected to arrive during the course of the plenary.

2. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

National Chairperson George Soule offered the following remarks:

"Good afternoon and welcome to the 47th semi-annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students. In the next few minutes I want to sum up what I believe have been our gains over the past six months, the challenges that lie ahead, and offer a few words about our work here together over the next four days. In terms of gains it does not get any simpler than this: over half of the post-secondary students in Canada are now protected by a tuition fee freeze.

Only a few years ago it would have been almost unthinkable. We just came out of a decade during which tuition fees have increased by over 150% throughout the country. The Federal Government seemed to have

completely forgotten its role in promoting education access. Carefree ideologists were elected in British Columbia, Alberta, Nova Scotia and Ontario, it seemed that fees could only climb. But an organization, a student group, with members across the country stood up and said "no". "No" we will not agree to a \$40,000 debt to go to college and university, "no" we will not allow university presidents to build elitist institutions on the backs of low income students, "no" we will not give up our ideal of an accessible and affordable higher education system.

The members of the Canadian Federation of students collectively said, "no". Today, because we said "no", we have fee freezes in Newfoundland and Labrador, Québec, Ontario, Manitoba and finally, Saskatchewan. In addition to these freezes we have broken the back of deregulation and rocked the vote in BC, where even BC Premier Gordon Campbell was forced to re-regulate tuition fees at the rate of inflation.

The lesson of the past few years is that if we are willing to settle for less, we will get it but if we stand for what we know to be right, we can and will win. Our victories across this country came in the face of stiff opposition – from political ideologues, from so-called think-tanks, and from government apologists like the Millennium Scholarship Foundation. We must never forget that we won these victories because we worked together for what was best for all students.

But representing our members is about more than just saying "no". It's about being at the table to support initiatives that are good for students. Never has this been clearer than with the recent amendments to the federal budget. Prime Minister Paul Martin consistently ignored his promise to increase core funding for post-secondary education. But, with his government floundering, Martin accepted amendments to his budget from the New Democratic Party in exchange for their support in a budget vote. Post-secondary education was clearly on the table because of the pressure we have been exerting on all political parties to reduce tuition fees. In the years and months leading up to this accord we set the stage to ensure that any new federal money would be linked to tuition fee reductions. And when it looked like the Liberals were trying to back away from their tuition fee promise, we stepped up our media and government relations strategy. Member locals from coast-to-coast sent the message that removing tuition fees from the agreement was unacceptable. In the end, we set a historic precedent. The federal Liberal government agreed to something it has said for years was impossible: Paul Martin agreed to transfer money directly to the provinces specifically for the purpose of reducing tuition fees. I can't overstate the importance of this victory.

University presidents and provincial governments have run out of excuses for raising tuition fees and make no mistake it was the Canadian Federation of Students who backed them into that corner.

As many of you know, despite what he heard from students, parents and faculty members disgraced one-term Ontario premier Bob Rae was proposing massive fee hikes and Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment Schemes (ICRs). And while the Rae Review was centred in Ontario – politicians of all political stripes in every province in Canada were watching. University presidents knew it – and throughout the country endorsed Rae's regressive call for ICRs and higher fees. As Bob Rae learned about the kind of fight he was in for, he began a nasty smear campaign against our Federation and fought students all the way. But, Bob Rae's review was a failure. When the budget was released in Ontario there were no ICRs, no deregulation of fees and over \$6.2 billion in new funding.

Even with these victories under our belts, the picture is not all rosy. Stephen Harper and the Conservatives are intent on wiping out the new money for post-secondary education in tonight's budget vote. Whatever we may think of Paul Martin's real life survivor act these past few weeks – its low-income students who will be voted off the island if Stephen Harper has his way. And if the amendments fail we need to double our efforts to make post-secondary education a key issue in the next election. And to make sure that all Members of Parliament who vote against an increase of post-secondary education funding tonight pay for their decision by losing their seat in Parliament.

At the provincial level, we have to remember that the tuition freezes we won are under attack by cynical pundits who boast of being researchers and by university presidents who will not stop until students are faced with tuitions fees in excess of \$10,000 and a debt for life.

Our victories have not been easy to win and the gains have not been easy to keep. But we will keep on fighting.

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During the last six months our strength and vision have met with some important internal victories. We have two new potential members in New Brunswick, L'Association générale des étudiants et étudiantes de l'Université de Moncton campus d'Edmundston, the University of New Brunswick Graduate Students' Association and one new trial member in Ontario, the Association of Laurentian Part-Time Students. These new prospective members continue what has been a wonderful period of growth for our Federation. This growth reflects the strength of our federation—and that strength is nothing more and nothing less than the solidarity we offer to each other—standing shoulder to shoulder on the basis of principle, not opportunism, on the basis of building an accessible system of post-secondary education not on short term expedient goals and finally on the basis making difficult decision and fighting when necessary. The strength of our Federation is bringing students from across the country together under a single banner and uniting on issues.

At this meeting we will hear from Christopher Radziminski, a graduate student who is fighting to expose how corporate influences on our campuses are threatening academic freedom. Chris' fight is our fight and it is a vivid example of a case in which the interest of graduate students, undergraduate students and college students intersect. If we don't all stand together to protect academic freedom, our classrooms will become devoid of debate and the quality of our education will suffer. There are those who claim that we can win these fights if we isolate ourselves into particular interests. But I don't need to tell any of you who have ever fought for what you believed, when you oppose the actions of those in power – you must have solidarity. And what we have is the collective voice of 500,000 students standing together for one cause. When corporate interests threaten public access to research we stand together. When an administration tries to kick students out of space that is rightfully theirs, and the local student union pushes back as they have here at Carleton we stand together. And when administrations try and buy off students by pitting graduate students versus undergraduate students we carry the day by working together.

As we look back on what has been accomplished in the past six months we must also look forward to the challenges ahead: a potential federal election and consolidating and extending our victories on the tuition fee front. We have the next four days to work together to develop a common strategy to work toward our goals. These next four days are the democratic lifeblood of our organisation. We bring diverse views and experience to these deliberations but I encourage you to listen to each other and to respect and celebrate the diversity that makes this organization unique. I'm sure that we will not always agree – listening to the other side of the argument does not mean agreeing with it – but what we must do is emerge from this meeting united. These have been a challenging and rewarding six months, I believe that we are poised to take advantage of the great work of those activists who stood here before us and did much of the heavy lifting. We inherit a trust from them to work in solidarity for a better system of post-secondary education and a more just way of funding that system – not one that puts someone \$40,000 in debt just because they weren't lucky enough to be born into a wealthy family.

We have a great privilege and a great responsibility the next few days and I challenge each us to think about not just those of us who are here today or even just those students we represent back on our campuses. I challenge all of you to reflect on those who never get the chance to study at college or university because they just can't afford it. Or that student who may have sat beside you in class last year but is not back because Gordon Campbell cut the grants program in BC or John Hamm eliminated the debt remission program in Nova Scotia or because Bernard Lord raised fees again. I hope you all agree with me that when we stop to consider all that is at stake in pushing our agenda forward we will find much more that unites us than divides us.

So, in solidarity, I wish you all a productive and exciting meeting."

President of the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec Francois Vincent provided an overview of the recent student strike in Québec.

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

a. Consideration of National Executive Recommendation

Soule 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.

2005/05:001 MOTION

Local 18/Local 44

Be it resolved that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the plenary speaker of the May 2005 national general meeting.

CARRIED

b. Overview of Plenary Rules

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 explained that the Federation's Bylaws enabled a voting member that was unable to attend all or portions of a general meeting to appoint another member to act as its proxy for all or portions of the meeting. She announced that Local 47-University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate students had designated Local 70-University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association as its proxy for the closing plenary.

5. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA**2005/05:002 MOTION**

Local 36/Local 13

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

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**2005/05:003 MOTION**

Local 44/Local 11

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

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**2005/05:004 MOTION**

Local 1/Local 24

Be it resolved that the minutes of the November 2004 national general meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

8. OVERVIEW OF ANTI-HARASSMENT PROCEDURES FOR THE GENERAL MEETING

Soule said that the Federation endeavoured to create an environment at its national general meetings that was free of harassment. He said that at each national general meeting the Federation employed an anti-harassment advisor who would be available on a 24-hour basis to assist delegates. He introduced Tara Connolly, the Anti-Harassment Advisor for the meeting.

Connolly said that the Federation had an anti-harassment policy to deal with any demeaning, abusive or threatening behaviour that might arise at the meeting. She said that the anti-harassment policy was a preventative measure and was not intended to discourage a jovial environment. She encouraged delegates to familiarise themselves with the policy and to be sensitive of how their actions could affect other delegates.

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She explained that she would circulate through the meeting to meet everyone. She noted that any discussions with her would be confidential.

9. PRESENTATION BY THE FEDERATION'S STAFF RELATIONS OFFICER

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

2005/05:005 MOTION TO RECESS

Local 19/Local 61

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for ten minutes.

CARRIED

16:24 the meeting recessed.

16:43 the meeting reconvened.

Sioufi noted that Local 83-Concordia Graduate Students' Association had joined the meeting.

10. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Soule explained that Bylaw V, Section 2 f., required the National Executive to 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 for delegates to distribute the report at the local level because it served as a comprehensive overview of the organisation's work. He said that the presentation would not highlight all of the work that had been undertaken over the preceding six-months but was merely an overview. He encouraged delegates to read the report in its entirety.

National Treasurer Dave Hare, National Deputy Chairperson Angela Regnier, National Chairperson George Soule and other members of the National Executive highlighted aspects of the report.

Report on Travel CUTS

Travel CUTS Board Chairperson Joey Hansen said that over the course of the year Travel CUTS had continued to meet and overcome a series of challenges. He said that since its inception, the company had worked to ensure that it had the best-trained staff in the industry who were well paid for their work. He said that the company's priority had been on one-to-one interaction and, while that remained an important part of CUTS' business approach it had started to bolster its internet presence. He said that in the past the company had been able to compensate for the lack of technological enhancements by providing personal attention from the staff; however, more and more customers demanded the ability to purchase tickets on-line or over the telephone. He said that it had significantly increased Travel CUTS' investment in technology. He explained that the technology was changing so quickly that as one team launched a web search engine, another team was already working on its replacement. He said that it posed a major financial challenge as the company had to invest millions more each year in technology upgrades and maintenance, but that it had improved the company's ability to secure cheaper fares and to locate the fares more quickly.

Hansen reported that earlier in the year Jetsgo had collapsed literally overnight. He said that the company had been selling tickets one day and had closed its doors by the next morning. He said that the federal government estimated that 17,000 Canadians had been stranded as a result of the collapse. He said that, following the collapse Travel CUTS had been the only national travel agency in the country that guaranteed its Jetsgo

customers that they would be reimbursed. He said that it was consistent with CUTS' mandate, which was not solely to generate profit but also to provide a service for students.

Hansen noted that provincial governments regulated travel agencies while the federal government regulated airlines. He said that the Ontario government had introduced regulations requiring all advertised fares include all service charges, airport departure taxes, and anything else that would be added to the cost of the ticket. He said that other provinces were likely to introduce similar measures. He said that generally it was a positive measure because students would know exactly how much their tickets would cost; however, the federal government had indicated that it would not apply the same restriction to airlines. He said that increasingly airlines were selling directly to the public, bypassing travel agencies. He said that it meant that on an average domestic flight an airline would have an \$80 to \$100 marketing advantage in comparison to travel agencies. He said that the company's senior management and the board were developing strategies to deal with the new measures.

Sioufi said that, although the French version of the National Executive report had been distributed, to ensure that the francophone delegates had ample opportunity to review it, she suggested that the question and answer period and acceptance of the report would be postponed to the closing plenary.

2005/05:006 MOTION

Local 24/Local 42

Be it resolved that the National Executive report be adopted.

2005/05:007 MOTION TO POSTPONE

Local 4/University of Manitoba Students' Union

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:006 be postponed to closing plenary.

CARRIED

2005/05:006 POSTPONED**11. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS****a. Consideration of Applications for Prospective Membership**

Soule said that since the previous national general meeting applications for prospective membership have been received from the following students' unions:

- Association générale des étudiants et étudiantes de l'Université de Moncton campus d'Edmundston;
- University of New Brunswick Graduate Students' Association; and
- Association of Laurentian Part-Time Students.

Sioufi said that in accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 4 b., the National Executive has reviewed the applications and was recommending that each students' union be granted prospective membership in the Federation.

2005/05:008 MOTION

Local 13/Local 88

Be it resolved that the Association générale des étudiants et étudiantes de l'Université de Moncton campus d'Edmundston be ratified as a prospective member of the Federation.

CARRIED

2005/05:009 MOTION

Local 78/Local 35

Be it resolved that the University of New Brunswick Graduate Students' Association be ratified as prospective members of the Federation.

CARRIED

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2005/05:010 MOTION

Local 24/Local 53

Be it resolved that the Association of Laurentian Part-Time Students be ratified as prospective members of the Federation.

CARRIED

b. Consideration of Applications for Prospective Membership Extensions

Soule said that there were currently five prospective member students' unions that had been granted prospective membership at previous national general meetings but that had not yet conducted referenda on full membership. He said that the member unions were:

- Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students;
- University of Manitoba Students' Union;
- Northern Lights College Student Association;
- University of Saskatchewan Students' Union; and
- Trent Graduate Students' Association;

He said that in accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 2 b., the National Executive was recommending that the prospective membership of each of the students' unions be extended in accordance with Bylaw 1, Article 2-b-xii.

2005/05:011 MOTION

Local 23/Local 72

Be it resolved that the prospective membership of Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, University of Manitoba Students' Union, Northern Lights College Student Association, University of Saskatchewan Students' Union and Trent Graduate Students' Association be extended in accordance with Bylaw 1, Article 2-b-xii.

CARRIED

12. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS

a. Introduction of Electoral Officers

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

b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

Hashemi explained that elections for the Alberta Representative, New Brunswick Representative, Prince Edward Island Representative, Saskatchewan Representative, Students of Colour Representative, Graduate Students' Representative, Francophone Students' Representative, and Women's Representative on the National Executive would be conducted at the general meeting. He noted that the elections were for the 2005-2006 term, which would commence at the adjournment of the national general meeting.

Hashemi said that delegates should refer to Bylaws V, VI and the Standing Resolutions 8, 19 and 20 for information about the election procedures and the positions.

13. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS

a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees

Souifi 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 at the previous three general meetings the plenary had decided that, instead of a Campaigns and Government Relations Committee, it would strike a Campaigns and Government Relations Forum. She said that the Forum structure was "one member local, one vote", thereby allowing more delegates to participate. She said that the National Executive was proposing that the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee be replaced in the Standing Resolutions with the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

2005/05:012 MOTION

Local 13/Local 18

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

Whereas recent national general meetings have seen an increase in the number of delegates sharing votes on the Committee; and

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

Whereas for the past three national general meetings—November 2003, May 2004 and November 2004—the Federation has, in place of the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee, experimented with a Campaigns and Government Relations Forum in which each local has a vote; and

Whereas the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum has allowed for greater direct participation by member locals in the development of the Federation's campaigns and government relations planning; and

Whereas to entrench the change from the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee to a Campaigns and Government Relations Forum requires amendments to the Standing Resolutions; therefore

Be it resolved that all references to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee in Standing Resolution 1 be deleted; and

Be it further resolved that the following standing resolution be adopted:

STANDING RESOLUTION 2

National General Meeting Campaigns and Government Relations Forum

1. Standing Forum

The Campaigns and Government Relations Forum will be struck at each annual and semi-annual national general meeting.

2. Voting Rights

Each member local association may exercise a vote in the Forum provided that it is present in the Forum.

3. Terms of Reference

The Campaigns and Government Relations Forum shall:

- a. assess the recent and ongoing national campaigns of the Federation;
- b. at the May national general meeting, adopt a campaigns and government relations plan for the year ahead, for presentation to the closing plenary, that includes but is not limited to goals of the campaigns;
- c. at the fall national general meeting, review the campaigns and government relations plan and recommend to the closing plenary possible changes to the plan for the remainder of the academic year.
- d. make general recommendations concerning the implementation of the campaigns and government relations plan, including:
 - government relations strategy

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- research and information compilation;
- communications strategy;
- media strategy;
- membership mobilisation; and
- coalition work.

4. Forum Chair(s)

As its first order of business the Forum shall either:

- a. ratify as the Forum chair(s) the individual(s) recommended by the National Executive; or
- b. elect a committee chairperson from within its membership;

5. Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation of English and French will be provided in the Forum during the scheduled time allocated for the Forum.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent Standing Resolutions be renumbered accordingly.

CARRIED

b. Adoption of Sub-Committee Agendas

2005/05:013 MOTION

Local 101/Local 46

Be it resolved that the agendas for the plenary sub-committees and the Campaigns and Government Relations forum be adopted.

CARRIED

14. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

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

a. Motion Postponed by the Previous National General Meeting

2004/11:088 MOTION

Local 26/Local 5

Whereas sharing local campaign activities, campaign ideas, and campaign progress quickly would be beneficial to all locals; and

Whereas Federation locals are constantly attempting to come up with new means of sharing gained knowledge; and

Whereas to increase communication between locals, executive, council, and membership is one of the core purposes for the founding of the Federation; and

Whereas member locals are proud of what they have accomplished and what the Federation is accomplishing; and

Whereas more students will have access to the national reports and the progress of the Federation and Federation locals if they were on the Internet; therefore

Be it resolved that from now onward National Executive Reports be posted on the national Federation website.

2005/05:014 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2004/11:088 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2004/11:088 REFERRED

b. Motions Submitted by Member Local Associations

2005/05:015 MOTION

Local 61/Local 68

Whereas prospective membership is described in Bylaw I as a “trial membership of limited duration”; and

Whereas prospective membership exists in order to provide an opportunity for a students’ union to try membership before making a decision on full membership; and

Whereas in order to thoroughly and adequately try membership a students’ union should fully participate in the campaigns, use the services and participate in the decision-making structures; and

Whereas currently Bylaw I.2.b.viii states that “a prospective members association must hold a referendum on full membership in the Federation, in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw, within five (5) months following its acceptance as a prospective member unless an extension is granted by the National Executive of the Federation”; and

Whereas five months provides insufficient time to adequately try membership, especially if trial membership is granted at a November national general meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I.2.b.viii be amended to read:

“A prospective members association must hold a referendum on full membership in the Federation, in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw, within twelve (12) months following its acceptance as a prospective member unless an extension is granted by the National Executive of the Federation”.

2005/05:016 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:015 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2005/05:015 REFERRED

2005/05:017 MOTION

Local 61/Local 68

Whereas Standing Resolution 1, General Meeting Standing Committees states that the National Education and Student Rights Committee “shall review and make amendments to closing plenary on proposed amendments to the issues policy of the Federation, as proposed by Committee members and member locals on the plenary floor”; and

Whereas the current name of the committee does not clearly describe the role of the committee; and

Whereas this lack of clarity can lead to confusion amongst delegates at the general meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Education and Student Rights Committee be renamed the “Policy Review and Development Committee” in all applicable Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Policies.

2005/05:018 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:017 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2005/05:017 REFERRED

2005/05:019 MOTION

Local 61/Local 68

Whereas review and discussion of Federation services, such as the annual Handbook project, Students’ Union Directory, National Student Health Network, Federation discount project, on-line

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housing service, Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) and Canadian Universities Travel Service (CUTS), is the responsibility of the Organisational Development Committee; and

Whereas the current name of the committee does not clearly describe the role of the committee; and

Whereas this can lead to confusion amongst delegates at the general meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the Organisational Development Committee be renamed the "Organisational and Services Development Committee" in all applicable Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Policies; and

Be it further resolved that references to "programmes" be replaced with "services" in the terms of reference for the committee.

2005/05:020 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:019 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2005/05:019 REFERRED

2005/05:021 MOTION

Local 61/Local 100

Whereas Standing Resolution 23, Provincial Allocations, was intended to establish financial allocations from the national budget for provincial components in provinces in which the Federation does not directly employ Federation staff; and

Whereas Standing Resolution 23 currently sets out allocations for the British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario, Québec, and Saskatchewan Components; and

Whereas subsequent to the adoption of Standing Resolution 23 the Federation established nationally-funded employee positions in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador and in the region of Alberta and Saskatchewan; and

Whereas the funds currently being allocated to fund these employee positions exceeds the amount listed in the allocation; therefore

Be it resolved that Section 2, Newfoundland and Labrador Component Allocation, and Section 5, Saskatchewan Component Allocation, in Standing Resolution 23 be deleted.

2005/05:022 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:021 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2005/05:021 REFERRED

2005/05:023 MOTION

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas it is important that students' unions maintain an independent relationship and voice from their college or university administrators and that students' unions work to maintain student controlled space on campuses to ensure student-run and student-focused services are created and maintained; and

Whereas many students across the country have paid millions of dollars in levies to help fund student services and student centres but in many cases continue to have little or no democratic control over these student-funded spaces; and

Whereas it is the role of students' unions to act as representative agents for the best interest of students on their respective campuses today and in the future; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy motion be adopted:

Student Ownership of Campus Student Centres**Preamble**

On many campuses, students have responded to the lack of available student space for clubs, services and events by collecting separate student levies to fund the construction, development and operation of campus student centres. As such, campus student centres can provide a nexus for student life on campus and added value to the student experience on a given campus. For that reason, many college and university administrations have attempted to take an active role in supporting the construction of campus student centres in order to ensure that they maintain some degree of administrative control over these student-funded buildings and related services once operational.

Across the country, a wide a range of ownership and administrative models for campus student centres have been developed. One such model includes the creation of a third-party corporation that is not wholly owned and operated by students' unions to take over the management of the student campus centre. In some cases, these corporations begin to act as "shadow" students' unions, providing services that were previously offered through campus students' unions and thereby reducing the relevance and responsiveness of campus students' unions to their members.

Policy

The Federation supports campus student centres that:

- promote campus student life;
- promote the visibility and profile of campus students' unions;
- provide space for student clubs, groups and services;
- are wholly owned and operated by campus students' unions; and
- maintain students' union autonomy over governance, structure, space allocation and programming.

The Federation opposes the creation of campus student centres that:

- are owned and operated by private, for-profit companies;
- remove or replace the general operations or services of campus students' unions;
- place control in the hands of campus administrations or third party corporations that are not wholly owned and operated by campus students' unions.

2005/05:024 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:023 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED**2005/05:023 REFERRED****2005/05:025 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas post-secondary institutions are increasingly turning towards private sponsorship and corporate funding partnerships to build new buildings and to improve existing facilities; and

Whereas on most university and college campuses buildings, auditoriums, class rooms, benches and elevators now bear the name of corporate entities or private donors; and

Whereas students need to play a role in working to limit the corporate and private presence on, and control of, our campuses; and

Whereas given the extent that public institutions are engaging in private fundraising, specifically through benefactor naming rights, it is important that students work to ensure that there is student input over the development of naming policies and the allocation of naming rights; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Institutional Naming Rights**Preamble**

Systemic underfunding of Canadian college and university campuses has forced many public post-secondary education institutions to turn towards private sponsorship and corporate funding partnerships to finance the

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construction of new academic programs, buildings and to improve existing facilities. Increasingly, buildings, auditoriums, class rooms, programmes, departments and other campus sites now bear plaques proclaiming the names of various corporate sponsors or private donors. These benefactor names are, in many cases, replacing the names of prominent academics and community members who once served as reminders of the institution's history, academic mission and community orientation. In addition, benefactor names serve to entrench a culture of commercialisation on campus and reflect the privatisation of public institutions.

Policy

The Federation supports campus building, space and academic unit naming policies that:

- reflect the academic mandate and broader social mission of the institution;
- are determined by academic bodies within that institution where there is guaranteed participation from duly elected representatives of students, faculty and staff; and
- ensure that individual naming decisions are made by similarly representative academic bodies.

The Federation opposes campus building, space naming and academic unit naming policies that:

- enshrine benefactor naming rights;
- undermine the academic mandate and broader social mission of the institution;
- exclude duly elected representatives of students, faculty and staff from the naming process; and
- allow additional conditions or influence to accompany naming rights.

2005/05:026 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:025 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

2005/05:025 REFERRED

2005/05:027 MOTION

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas post-secondary institutions are not just academic sites of learning, teaching and research but they are also living and meeting places; and

Whereas Canadian student populations are increasingly culturally, religiously and ethnically diverse; and

Whereas university and college administrations have a responsibility to provide resources and support for the religious and cultural needs of all students; therefore

Be it resolved that the current policy under the heading "Religious Freedom" be given the sub-title "Religious/Spiritual Holidays".

Be it further resolved that the policy entitled "Religious Freedom" be amended to include the following subsection:

Campus Prayer Space

The Federation supports the right of students to have access to multi-faith prayer space on campus that is stable, accessible, adequate, and respectful to the religious needs of all students.

2005/05:028 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:027 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

2005/05:027 REFERRED

2005/05:029 MOTION

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas post-secondary institutions are not just academic sites of learning, teaching, and research but they are also living and meeting places; and

Whereas Canadian student populations are increasingly culturally, religiously, and ethnically diverse; and

Whereas university and college administrations have a responsibility to provide resources and support for the religious and cultural needs of all students; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to actively assist those members who are part of religious or cultural campus clubs and groups in lobbying for the creation of accessible and suitable multi-faith prayer space on campus where no such facilities currently exist.

2005/05:030 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:029 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2005/05:029 REFERRED

2005/05:031 MOTION

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas students' unions and post-secondary institutions across the country purchase thousands of dollars in apparel and promotional items each year for students on their campuses and this apparel is often used to promote either the students' union or the institution; and

Whereas it is in the interests of students' unions and their respective institutions to purchase goods and services from responsible manufacturers that provide quality products and services at competitive prices; and

Whereas there are many companies in the garment, apparel, and promotional industry that have faced numerous incidents and documented reports of workers' rights abuses and sweatshop conditions such as poverty wages, excessive work hours, discrimination, abuse and harassment, child and forced labour, and failure to provide the minimum statutory benefits for workers; and

Whereas sweatshop abuses flourish when the conditions of workers are hidden, kept private and where information on employment conditions is not made available to consumers, including individual students' unions and post-secondary institutions; and

Whereas students on various campuses throughout the United States and Canada have taken strong stances promoting worker's rights and ethical purchasing policies and in many cases they have successfully campaigned to pressure their institutions to adopt effective codes of conduct that impose apparel purchasing policies against products produced in sweatshop and illegal conditions; and

Whereas withholding student and institutional dollars from unethical apparel, garment and promotional item companies is an effective way to exert pressure on the industry to reform hiring conditions and eliminate sweatshop practices; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt "no sweat" purchasing policies for their respective students' unions and to make a firm commitment to purchase "sweat-free" apparel and goods wherever possible, with the goal of having such policy take effect prior to purchasing promotional items and clothing for the Fall 2005 orientation; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt "anti-sweatshop" campaigns to pressure their respective post-secondary institutions to join the 13 other Canadian post-secondary institutions in adopting codes of conduct or ethical purchasing policies against sweatshop made goods and that these campaign efforts be aimed at generating awareness and wide-spread public support and escalating pressure on institutional administrations using such lobbying tactics as petitions, letter-writing, sweatshop fashion shows, and sit-ins, as necessary; and

Be it further resolved that anti-sweatshop campaign materials be produced and/or distributed to member locals to assist with local organising efforts.

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2005/05:032 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:031 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2005/05:031 REFERRED

2005/05:033 MOTION

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas Federation members understand the importance of working together to collectively defend student rights; and

Whereas the Federation has adopted and taken a strong stance on the illegal and immoral human rights abuses of students and community members both locally and internationally; and

Whereas students should choose to allocate purchasing dollars ethically in order to promote worker's rights, human rights and social justice; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Ethical Purchasing

The Federation supports:

- joining and working with the Workers Rights Consortium to ensure effective implementation of Code of Conducts on apparel, textile and swag purchasing;
- the purchase of apparel, textiles and promotional items that are produced by companies and subcontractors that uphold international labour standards in workplaces, promote workers' rights and their right to initiate unionisation drives;
- the purchase of apparel, textiles and promotional items that are produced by companies and subcontractors that promote labour practices that are fair, equitable, free of harassment and discrimination and create healthy work environment for the workers.

The Federation opposes the purchase of apparel and promotional items that:

- are made using sweatshop labour or under unfair or forced labour conditions;
- are produced by a company or a sub-contractor that has been identified by the Workers' Rights Consortium to violate international labour standards; and
- are produced by private corporations who have a proven record of compromising labour standards, workplace safety or worker rights in order to promote increased profit.

2005/05:034 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:033 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2005/05:033 REFERRED

2005/05:035 MOTION

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas many students face additional financial barriers that are not directly related to educational fees, such as transit, books, housing and other living expenses; and

Whereas campus student residence spaces are often too expensive or too limited to accommodate all students and, therefore, many students are forced to commute to campus in order to save on housing costs; and

Whereas the Federation has been successful in bringing students together to realise savings through bulk-purchasing programmes and services such as the common handbook, Studentsaver and the National Student Health Network, all of which have served to directly save money for students and students' unions; and

Whereas the Federation has already successfully lobbied for international and domestic student travel discounts on VIA Rail, Air Canada and Greyhound Bus Lines, available through the International Student Identity Card (ISIC); and

Whereas the Federation has established policy and practice that supports and encourages members to utilise and support publicly-run services; and

Whereas several students' unions across the country have successfully negotiated student discounts on municipal and regional transit systems; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to collaborate with other member locals and non-member campus students' unions in their respective regions to develop a transit campaign and to lobby for discounted municipal and regional student passes for public transit systems; and

Be it further resolved that member locals that have successfully negotiated similar discount passes with public transit systems be encouraged to share their experiences and resources to assist other member locals to obtain transit discounts for students on other campuses and in other regions.

2005/05:036 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:035 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2005/05:035 REFERRED

2005/05:037 MOTION

Local 8/Local 68

Whereas the Federation organises the "Where's the Justice?" campaign in support of Aboriginal peoples' rights; and

Whereas Aboriginal women's rights should be of particular concern when it comes to human rights in Canada; and

Whereas according to the Stolen Sisters campaign Indigenous women in Canada between the ages of 25 and 44, with status under the Indian Act, are five times more likely than all other women of the same age to die as the result of violence; and

Whereas the purpose of Stolen Sisters, to call on all levels of government to work closely and urgently with Indigenous peoples' organizations, and Indigenous women in particular, to institute plans of action to stop violence against Indigenous women reflects the spirit of the "Where's the Justice?" campaign; and

Whereas more information about the Stolen Sisters campaign is available on the Internet at www.amnesty.ca/stolensisters/index.php; therefore

Be it resolved that the Stolen Sisters campaign be endorsed and incorporated into the "Where's the Justice?" campaign;

Be it further resolved that materials relating to the campaign be distributed to member locals and provincial offices; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with relevant groups in their community, to support and mobilise for the Stolen Sisters campaign.

2005/05:038 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:037 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2005/05:037 REFERRED

2005/05:039 MOTION

Local 38/Local 68

Whereas little research has been done on funding for minority-language post-secondary education; and

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Whereas funding for minority-language post-secondary institutions is provided through different levels of government and a number of distinct ministries; and

Whereas to ensure student representation within the ministries that fund their education work must be undertaken; therefore

Be it resolved that national research on funding for minority-language post-secondary education be undertaken.

2005/05:040 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:039 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2005/05:039 REFERRED

2005/05:041 MOTION

Local 38/Local 68

Whereas the Federation recognises a person's right to education and services in his or her first language; and

Whereas the Federation recognises as an injustice the fact that Anglophones in Canada have fewer barriers to overcome than non-Anglophones with regard to access to education and services in their first language; and

Whereas it is essential that minorities have access to post-secondary education, for social, cultural and economic reasons, as well as to prevent students from turning their backs on their culture; and

Whereas little research has been done on students who study in the language of the minority; therefore

Be it resolved that research on minority-language education be undertaken; and

Be it further resolved that the research focus on, among others things, program availability, accessible teaching tools, university research possibilities in the institutions and provide an analysis of the direct effects of these factors on the students.

2005/05:042 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:041 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2005/05:041 REFERRED

2005/05:043 MOTION

Local 98/Local 68

Whereas on the 23rd of June 1985 a bomb blew up in the Narita Airport, Japan killing two baggage handlers and 55 minutes later a second bomb blew up on Air India Flight 182 killing 329 people; and

Whereas it has been proven that the bombs originated from Vancouver; and

Whereas the majority of the victims were Canadian and of South Asian descent who were travelling to India to visit their loved ones; and

Whereas 80 children under the age of twelve were killed as were 20 families; and

Whereas there is clear evidence that the government of India had warned then-Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney about an impending attack on the aviation industry; and

Whereas the Canadian government took no precautionary measures; and

Whereas the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service destroyed 150 hours of surveillance tapes without transcribing them; and

Whereas the Royal Canadian Mounted Police failed to engage in 24 hour surveillance of one of the prime suspects; and

Whereas 20 years later many questions remain unanswered in the largest case of mass murder involving Canadians; and

Whereas these facts have given rise to allegations against the Canadian justice system of racism and deferential treatment of victims based on their ethnicity or place of origin; and

Whereas a public inquiry would assist in answering such questions and help to bring about progressive improvements in the Canadian intelligence and justice systems; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Paul Martin calling for a public inquiry into the Air India Bombings and the conduct of the Canadian intelligence system; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to collect signatures on the Air India Victims' Families Association petition; and

Be it further resolved all relevant campaign materials be distributed to member locals as they become available.

2005/05:044 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:043 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2005/05:043 REFERRED

2005/05:045 MOTION

Local 34/Local 68

Whereas tuition fees in Nova Scotia have more than doubled in the past decade, making Nova Scotia's tuition fees the highest in the country; and

Whereas in December 2004 the universities in Nova Scotia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Nova Scotia which caps tuition fee increases at 3.9% in each of the next three years, at which time average undergraduate tuition fees in Nova Scotia will exceed \$6700; and

Whereas international students, dentistry students, medical students, and full-cost recovery students are not included in the tuition fee cap; and

Whereas Nova Scotian students were not consulted during the development process of the Memorandum of Understanding; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters stating their discontent regarding the Nova Scotia Memorandum of Understanding; and

Be it further resolved that copies of the letters be sent to the Federation's Maritimes office.

2005/05:046 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:045 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2005/05:045 REFERRED

c. Motion Submitted by the Newfoundland and Labrador Component

Sioufi explained that the following motion had been submitted by the Newfoundland and Labrador Component with due notice for consideration at this meeting. She said that it would require a mover and seconder.

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2005/05:047 MOTION

Local 68/Local 44

Whereas the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation was established in 1998 with an endowment of \$2.5 billion with the stated purpose of reducing student indebtedness;

Whereas then-Finance Minister Paul Martin promised that the Foundation would reduce student debt by \$3000 per student for those in need, but most students have seen virtually no debt reduction since the creation of the Foundation;

Whereas the Foundation also has a \$10 million research budget that has been used to campaign for higher tuition fees and student debt;

Whereas the Federation has expressed concerns with the secretive, informal bidding process that the Foundation employs to award research contracts, and has bestowed lucrative, "no bid" contracts to former Foundation employee Alex Usher;

Whereas the Foundation is not subject to public accountability standards and Canada's Auditor General has recently expressed concern that Foundations are sitting on billions of dollars of taxpayer money but are exempt from "value for dollar" audits that determine the effectiveness of spending decisions;

Whereas the Foundation has mysteriously found money for a new grants program but is taking an ad hoc approach to spending and as a result is continuing to distribute funds unequally between students in different provinces; and

Whereas the Foundation has already signed agreements with the Governments of Quebec and British Columbia, but has not yet approached the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to initiate negotiations to create similar grants for students in this province, despite the fact that Newfoundland and Labrador students have the largest debts loads in Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the Foundation demanding that negotiations be initiate with every province to create low-income grants for students beginning in fall 2005.

2005/05:048 MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:047 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2005/05:047 REFERRED

15. OTHER BUSINESS

Soule welcomed two guests from the Students' Society of McGill University. He said that the representatives would only be present for the opening plenary and workshops later that evening and encouraged delegates to welcome them.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A series of logistical announcements were made.

17. RECESS

2005/05:049 MOTION TO RECESS

Local 4/Local 13

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until 13:30, Sunday, May 22, 2005.

CARRIED

17:12 the plenary recessed.

CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES

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CALL BACK TO ORDER—Sunday, May 22, 2005

14:11 the meeting was called back to order by Plenary Speaker Sylvia Sioufi.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 03	University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan	Present
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 College Student Association*	Absent
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Present
Local 53	Okanagan College Students' Union	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Present
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 90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Absent
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 17	University of Saskatchewan Students' Union*	Present
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Present
	University of Manitoba Students' Union*	Present
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
Local102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Absent
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
	Association of Laurentian Part-Time Students*	Absent
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 39	McMaster Graduate Student Association	Absent
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present

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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
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Absent
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
	Trent Graduate Student Association*	Absent
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present by proxy
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	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Present
Local 83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	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 51	Association générale des étudiants et étudiantes de l'Université de Moncton campus d'Edmundston*	Present
Local 67	University of New Brunswick Graduate Student Association*	Present
Local 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	University College of Cape Breton Students' Union	Present
	Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students*	Absent
Local 11	University of King's College 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 de l'Université Sainte-Anne	Present
Local 36	Grenfell College Student Union	Present
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Present
Local100	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

The Plenary Speaker declared that quorum had been achieved.

2. BUSINESS TABLED FROM OPENING PLENARY

2005/05:006 MOTION

Local 24/Local 42

Be it resolved that the National Executive report be adopted.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

National Treasurer Dave Hare said that the Budget Committee had reviewed sources of revenue and expenses, the Federation's designated funds and the 2004-2005 actuals. He said that the Committee also reviewed the 2005-2006 budget that had been prepared by the National Executive. He said that membership revenue was projected to be \$2.5 million which reflected a reduction in the allowance for doubtful accounts because of the collection and remittance of the fees from members of Locals 98 and 99. He said that the draft budget also included the full reinvestment into the company of the referral fee from Travel CUTS. He said that there was one proposed amendment which was to change the line that read "budgeted surplus" to "contingency".

Local 24 delegate Denise Hammond asked what the communications line item included. She said that the amount that had been budgeted was less than the amount that had been spent in 2003-2004; however, she believed that the Federation needed to continue to expand its communications work.

Hare said that most of the communications work was incorporated into the campaigns and government relations line item. He said that the schedule associated with the communication line item included basic communications expenses including telephone, fax and internet. He said that the membership awareness line item included the handbook project subsidy.

2005/05:050 MOTION

Local 42/Local 32

Be it resolved that the 2005/2006 budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2005/05:051 MOTION

Local 01/Local 46

Be it resolved that the Budget Report be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION & STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE REPORT

National Deputy Chairperson Angela Regnier noted that she and Graduate Students' Representative Phil Robinson had facilitated the National Education and Student Rights Committee. She said that National Researcher Michael Conlon had provided an overview about some of the policy issues that the Committee considered during its deliberations.

2005/05:023 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 24/Local 68

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- remove or replace the general operations or services of campus students' unions;
- place control in the hands of campus administrations or third party corporations that are not wholly owned and operated by campus students' unions.

2005/05:052 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 78/Local 11

Be it resolved that the wording "maintain students' union autonomy over governance, structure, space allocation, and programming" be amended to read "maintain students' union autonomy over governance, structure, space allocation, programming and naming-rights" in the policy proposed in Motion-2005/05:023.

CARRIED

Local 24 delegate Nora Loreto said that Local 24 had presented the motion because it had experienced a lot of problems with the University taking over student space. She said that the same problem had occurred at other institutions as well. She said that the Local believed that it was important that the Federation adopt policy supporting campus student centres that were owned and operated by students.

2005/05:023 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2005/05:025 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas post-secondary institutions are increasingly turning towards private sponsorship and corporate funding partnerships to build new buildings and to improve existing facilities; and

Whereas on most university and college campuses buildings, auditoriums, classrooms, benches, and elevators now bear the name of corporate entities or private donors; and

Whereas students need to play a role in working to limit the corporate and private presence on, and control of, our campuses; and

Whereas given the extent that public institutions are engaging in private fundraising, specifically through benefactor naming rights, it is important that students work to ensure that there is student input over the development of naming policies and the allocation of naming rights; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Institutional Naming Rights

Preamble

Systemic underfunding of Canadian college and university campuses has forced many public post-secondary education institutions to turn to private sponsorship and corporate funding partnerships to finance the construction of new academic programs, and buildings and to improve existing facilities. Increasingly,

buildings, auditoriums, class rooms, programmes, departments and other campus sites now bear plaques proclaiming the names of various corporate sponsors or private donors. These benefactor names are, in many cases, replacing the names of prominent academics and community members that served as reminders of the institution's history, academic mission and community orientation. In addition, benefactor names serve to entrench a culture of commercialisation on campus and reflect the privatisation of public institutions.

Policy

The Federation supports campus building, space, and academic unit naming policies that:

- reflect the academic mandate and broader social mission of the institution;
- are determined by academic bodies within that institution where there is guaranteed participation from duly elected representatives of students, faculty, and staff; and
- ensure that individual naming decisions are made by similarly representative academic bodies.

The Federation opposes campus building, space naming, and academic unit naming policies that:

- enshrine benefactor naming rights;
- undermine the academic mandate and broader social mission of the institution;
- exclude duly elected representatives of students, faculty and staff from the naming process; and
- allow additional conditions or influence to accompany naming rights.

2005/05:053 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 5/Local 98

Be it resolved that the first part of the policy proposed in Motion-2005/05:025 be amended to include:

- recognises the public contributions to post-secondary education."

2005/05:054 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT

Local 68/Local 24

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:053 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the first part of the policy proposed in Motion-2005/05:025 be amended to include:

- recognises the taxpayers' contributions to post-secondary education."

Local 68 delegate Shamini Selvaratnam said that the term "public contribution" did not adequately describe the type of contribution. She said that it did not indicate if money had been contributed with no conditions or if in return for a service. She said that amending the language to "taxpayer" made it clear that it was from the public purse.

Local 79 delegate Adrienne Decker said that she was opposed to the amendment. She said that the general public contributed to public post-secondary education in many ways including financial contributions and volunteering. She said that limiting the policy to recognition of taxpayers' contributions was too restrictive and placed too much emphasis on financial contributions. She said that it excluded all those who contributed in other ways.

Local 78 delegate Riccardo Filipone said that the intention of the motion was to give authority for naming rights to students and the amendment further narrowed the scope of how students should be guided in that decision-making process.

Local 24 delegate Denise Hammond said that the intention of the motion was to address how donations to universities and colleges often influenced the names that were given to campus buildings. She said that the contributions from the public purse, contributed by taxpayers, should be acknowledged not just the contributions of private donors. She said that the intention was to widen the scope of the policy.

Local 27 delegate Michael Rosenstock said that he opposed the amendment. He said that the term "taxpayer" implied that those with more income or who paid more in taxes automatically had more legitimacy or authority.

2005/05:054 DEFEATED

Local 78 delegate Filipone said that the Federation recognised the contributions of the public in all of its work. He said that the policy should not place special emphasis on any specific group.

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Local 8 delegate Kate Sjoberg said that she supported the amendment. She said that it was intended to support the development of policies about naming buildings, not the specific names. She said that it was an important distinction.

Local 11 delegate Chris Parsons said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that the member Local associations of the Federation should not direct each other how their unions should make decisions on naming.

Local 79 delegate Decker said that students' unions and institutions should be given total autonomy to determine who they wanted to recognise with the naming rights. She said that it was not the Federation's role to influence that process.

Local 5 delegate Ben West said that the policy supported the development and implementation of naming rights policies. He said that voting against the motion was voting against the notion that public contributions be recognised. He said that the proposed amendment broadened the argument.

2005/05:053 CARRIED

2005/05:025 CARRIED AS AMENDED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS

Local 79

2005/05:027 MOTION

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas post-secondary institutions are not just academic sites of learning, teaching, and research but are also living and meeting places; and

Whereas Canadian student populations are increasingly culturally, religiously, and ethnically diverse; and

Whereas university and college administrations have a responsibility to provide resources and support for the religious and cultural needs of all students; therefore

Be it resolved that the current policy under the heading "Religious Freedom" be given the subtitle "Religious/Spiritual Holidays".

Be it further resolved that the policy entitled "Religious Freedom" be amended to include the following subsection:

Campus Prayer Space

The Federation supports the right of students to have access to multi-faith prayer space on campus that is stable, accessible, adequate, and respectful to the religious needs of all students.

Local 24 delegate Loreto said that over the course of the previous year the Students' Union had experienced many problems in its efforts to secure adequate prayer space on campus. She said that it had escalated into a battle over student-controlled space on campus. She said that the Local believed that it was a basic human right for students to be able to pray at their institution as required by their religion.

Local 49 delegate Jeff LaPorte said that he opposed the motion. He said that multi-faith prayer spaces were unfeasible, especially for Muslim students. He said that the policy lacked detail including a definition of the term "space". He said that the policy did not really address the issues that affected University of Windsor students.

Local 68 delegate Selveratnam said that the intent was to create a policy position for the Federation and that member locals were not required to adopt the policy within their individual associations. She said that it was a demonstration of support for the right of individual students to practice their religion while attending post-secondary institutions. She said that York University had a prayer space that was used by students of various religions.

2005/05:027 CARRIED

2005/05:033 MOTION

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas Federation members understand the importance of working together to collectively defend student rights; and

Whereas the Federation has adopted and taken a strong stance on the illegal and immoral human rights abuses of students and community members both Local ly and internationally; and

Whereas students should choose to allocate purchasing dollars ethically in order to promote worker's rights, human rights, and social justice; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Ethical Purchasing

The Federation supports:

- joining and working with the Workers' Rights Consortium to ensure effective implementation of Code of Conducts on apparel, textile and swag purchasing;
- the purchase of apparel, textiles, and promotional items that are produced by companies and subcontractors that uphold international labour standards in workplaces, promote workers' rights and their right to initiate unionisation drives;
- the purchase of apparel, textiles and promotional items that are produced by companies and subcontractors that promote labour practices that are fair, equitable, free of harassment and discrimination, and create healthy work environment for the workers.

The Federation opposes the purchase of apparel and promotional items that:

- are made using sweatshop labour or under unfair or forced labour conditions;
- are produced by a company or a sub-contractor that has been identified by the Workers' Rights Consortium to violate international labour standards; and
- are produced by private corporations who have a proven record of compromising labour standards, workplace safety or worker rights in order to promote increased profit.

Local 5 delegate West said that at a previous general meeting it had been resolved to develop a comprehensive partnerships policy. He asked for an update on the status of the policy. He asked how the policy would interrelate with the ethical purchasing policy.

Local 78 delegate Robinson said that the Canadian Association of University Teachers had resolved to develop a similar policy and had offered to work with the Federation to develop a common policy. He said that it was taking longer than anticipated.

Local 24 delegate Ram Sivapalan said that he supported the motion. He said that the Federation, as the national students' organisation, had a great deal of leverage over the corporations that treated their workers poorly. He said that the anti-sweatshop movement had gained a lot of momentum in the United States of America where over 200 institutions had similar policies. He said that it would be great if the Federation adopted a policy that would eventually influence institutions' purchasing practices.

Local 68 delegate Cory Sakaluk said that she supported the motion. She said that a "no-sweat" initiative had been initiated at York University. She said that the project would be launched during orientation events at the institution. She said that she, as a representative of the York Federation of Students, had presented a proposal to the York University Board of Orientation Directors regarding the no-sweat campaign and it had received unanimous support from the Board. She said that students should do whatever they could to make and support ethical purchasing choices.

Local 24 delegate Hammond said that since around 1997 a high number of universities and colleges had adopted "no-sweat" codes at the institutions. She explained that there had been huge success in galvanising support for the issue which had resulted in the formation of the United Students Against Sweatshops. She said that in conjunction with other groups, students had helped start the Workers' Rights Consortium. She said that the Workers' Rights Consortium was unique in that it was completely independent. She said that other organisations allowed chief executive officers from corporations to be involved in the monitoring of companies and determining whether the factories had been upholding ethical standards. She said that the Workers' Rights Consortium did not allow corporations to be involved in such a manner and was a student-based organisation.

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2005/05:033 CARRIED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS

Local 79

2005/05:055 MOTION

Local 25/Local 44

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

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICERS REPORT

a. Elections of Provincial Representative

i. Alberta Representative

2005/05:056 MOTION

Local 42/Local 21

Be it resolved that Jennifer Reid (Local 21) be ratified as the Alberta Representative on the National Executive for the 2005-2006 term.

CARRIED

ii. New Brunswick Representative

2005/05:057 MOTION

Local 67/Local 51

Be it resolved that Vicky Landry (Local 51) be ratified as the New Brunswick Representative on the National Executive for the 2005-2006 term.

CARRIED

iii. Prince Edward Island Representative

2005/05:058 MOTION

Local 70/Local 51

Be it resolved that Syed Faiz Ahmed (Local 70) be ratified as the Prince Edward Island Representative on the National Executive for the 2005-2006 term.

CARRIED

iv. Saskatchewan Representative

2005/05:059 MOTION

Local 100/Local 9

Be it resolved that Gavin Gardiner (Local 17) be ratified as the Saskatchewan Representative on the National Executive for the 2005-2006 term.

CARRIED

b. Election of Constituency Group and Caucuses Representatives

i. Students of Colour Representative

2005/05:060 MOTION

Local 18/Local 68

Be it resolved that Omari Mason (Local 68) be ratified as the Students of Colour Representative on the National Executive for the 2005-2006 term.

CARRIED

ii. Francophone Students Representative

2005/05:061 MOTION

Local 88/Local 38

Be it resolved that Katherine Boushel (Local 91) be ratified as the Francophone Students Representative on the National Executive for the 2005-2006 term.

CARRIED

iii. Graduate Students Representative

2005/05:062 MOTION

Local 94/Local 79

Be it resolved that Phil Robinson (Local 78) be ratified as the Graduate Students Representative on the National Executive for the 2005-2006 term.

CARRIED

iv. Women's Representative

2005/05:063 MOTION

Local 25/Local 61

Be it resolved that Sarah Amyot (Local 8) be ratified as the Women's Representative on the National Executive for the 2005-2006 term.

CARRIED

2005/05:064 MOTION

Local 37/Local 46

Be it resolved that the Electoral Committee Report be adopted.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

BC Representative Scott Payne said that, in addition to considering the motions that had been referred to the Committee, the Organisational Development Committee had engaged in smaller group discussions about a number of Federation services and membership development strategies

2004/11:088 MOTION

Local 26/Local 5

Whereas sharing locals' campaign activities, campaign ideas, and campaign progress quickly would be beneficial to all locals; and

Whereas Federation locals are constantly attempting to come up with new means of sharing gained knowledge; and

Whereas to increase communication between locals, executive, council, and membership is one of the core purposes for the founding of the Federation; and

Whereas member locals are proud of what they have accomplished and what the Federation is accomplishing; and

Whereas more students will have access to the national reports and the progress of the Federation and Federation locals if they were on the Internet; therefore

Be it resolved that from now onward National Executive Reports be posted on the national Federation website.

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2005/05:065 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 95/Local 79

Be it resolved the Motion-2004/11:088 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that the National Executive report be posted on a secure section of the national site with access via a log-in only to those approved by the Federation."

Local 99 delegate Tony Kao spoke in support of the amendment. He said that in order for the Federation to be transparent and accountable to its members the National Executive Report should be available on the Federation's website. He said that by adding the report to the site in a secure location the concerns about revealing sensitive information to non-members would be alleviated.

A delegate said that it was ironic that the members of the Federation argued in favour of public, post-secondary institutions being more transparent and subject to freedom of information requests when the member locals of the Federation were unwilling to provide similar information to their members. He said that any strategic information contained in National Executive reports should be removed. He said that almost 300 delegates were present at the meeting and anything contained in the report had already been made public.

Local 1 delegate Carole Saab said that the Federation was not a public institution and had no obligation to provide information to the general public in the way that public, post-secondary institutions did. She said that the two examples were not analogous and that delegates were not arguing that the information be withheld but rather were debating the most appropriate and effective way to provide it to members. She said that the Federation was successful in distributing information to its members and if there were concerns that general members did not have the information member Local associations had to do a better job of disseminating the information. She said that the National Executive Report contained strategies that should not be provided to those about whom the Federation was attempting to strategise.

Local 98 delegate Monique Ferdinand said that the issue had been debated at length in the Organisational Development Committee. She said that the amendment did not achieve the goal of the original motion which was to provide the information to whoever wanted access to it.

Local 79 delegate Alex Bourque said that he supported the amendment. He said that there had been occasions when information about the discussions or decisions made at national general meetings had been required at the Local level to inform the work of the Local. He said that rapid searching an electronic archive on the website to get more information would be useful. He added that the information should not necessarily be available to the general public.

2005/05:065 DEFEATED

Local 23 delegate Erica Halpern spoke in favour of the motion. She said that further increasing the transparency of the organisation was very important. She said that delegates who had concerns about specific information being posted on the site should proposed an amendment to omit those sections of the report from the posted version.

Local 26 delegate Manny Dhaliwal said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that the motion had been submitted by the former Executive members at Local 26; however, his Local no longer supported it. He said that it was not a good idea to post internal documents on the internet.

Local 68 delegate Selveratnam said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that the Federation was membership driven and it was the responsibility of member Local associations to disseminate the information to the membership. She said that the website was very comprehensive in that it included research documents, media releases, and information about services. She said that any individual members that wished to receive a copy of the report of the National Executive could request a copy from their member local associations, the provincial organisation or the national organisation.

Local 61 delegate Steve Beasley said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that the Federation's website was a tool that was used for campaigns. He said that the general membership and the general public were directed to the site for more information. He said that the Federation also used the site to promote its services so members could have better access to them. He said that the Federation already included portions of the National Executive Report on the website which was ultimately more accessible for members and the

public than a lengthy report. He said that the report was an internal document about the detailed operations of the organisation including financial information, membership development and campaigns' strategies. He said that making the Federation's internal documents available to the general public would ultimately jeopardise and undermine the goals of the Federation.

2004/11:088 DEFEATED**NOTED IN FAVOUR**

Local 79

NOTED ABSTENTIONS

Local 8

Local 37

Local 89

2005/05:015 MOTION

Local 61/Local 68

Whereas prospective membership is described in Bylaw I as a "trial membership of limited duration"; and

Whereas prospective membership exists in order to provide an opportunity for a students' union to try membership before making a decision on full membership; and

Whereas in order to thoroughly and adequately try membership a students' union should fully participate in the campaigns, use the services and participate in the decision-making structures; and

Whereas currently Bylaw I.2.b.viii states that "a prospective members association must hold a referendum on full membership in the Federation, in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw, within five (5) months following its acceptance as a prospective member unless an extension is granted by the National Executive of the Federation"; and

Whereas five months provides insufficient time to adequately try membership, especially if trial membership is granted at a November national general meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I.2.b.viii be amended to read:

"A prospective members association must hold a referendum on full membership in the Federation, in accordance with Section 5 of this Bylaw, within twelve (12) months following its acceptance as a prospective member unless an extension is granted by the National Executive of the Federation".

CARRIED**2005/05:017 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 68

Whereas Standing Resolution 1, General Meeting Standing Committees states that the National Education and Student Rights Committee "shall review and make amendments to closing plenary on proposed amendments to the issues policy of the Federation, as proposed by Committee members and member locals on the plenary floor"; and

Whereas the current name of the committee does not clearly describe the role of the committee; and

Whereas this lack of clarity can lead to confusion amongst delegates at the general meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Education and Student Rights Committee be renamed the "Policy Review and Development Committee" in all applicable Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Policies.

Local 24 delegate Nora Loreto said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that a great deal was lost by striking the words "National Education". She said that the current name sounded more interesting. She said that, if members required clarification on the role of the Committee, better definitions should be provided in the Standing Resolutions.

Local 68 delegate Selvaratnam said that new delegates did get confused about the role of the Committee and were surprised to learn that it was a policy review and development committee. She said that the proposed name change would better reflect the work actually undertaken in the Committee.

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Local 61 delegate Beasley said that the policy manuals addressed a wide range of issues so it seemed odd that two general areas of policy would be highlighted in the name of the Committee. He said that the proposed name was more accurate.

Local 95 delegate Dave Boutilier said that he supported the motion. He said that as a first time delegate he found the names of the committees confusing. He said that a succinct, accurate title would reduce confusion in future.

2005/05:066 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 69/Local 95

Be it resolved the Motion-2005/05:017 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that the National Education and Student Rights Committee be renamed the “Policy Review and Student Rights Committee” in all applicable Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Policies.”

A Local 69 delegate said that the words “student rights” should be included in the name of the committee because it was an accurate summary of the work of the committee.

Local 1 delegate Saab said that she was opposed to the amendment because all of the Federation’s subcommittees were focused on student rights.

2005/05:066 DEFEATED

2005/05:017 CARRIED

2005/05:019 MOTION

Local 61/Local 68

Whereas review and discussion of Federation services, such as the annual Handbook project, Students’ Union Directory, National Student Health Network, Federation discount project, on-line housing service, Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) and Canadian Universities Travel Service (CUTS), is the responsibility of the Organisational Development Committee; and

Whereas the current name of the committee does not clearly describe the role of the committee; and

Whereas this can lead to confusion amongst delegates at the general meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the Organisational Development Committee be renamed the “Organisational and Services Development Committee” in all applicable Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Policies; and

Be it further resolved that references to “programmes” be replaced with “services” in the terms of reference for the committee.

CARRIED

2005/05:021 MOTION

Local 61/Local 100

Whereas Standing Resolution 23, Provincial Allocations, was intended to establish financial allocations from the national budget for provincial components in provinces in which the Federation does not directly employ Federation staff; and

Whereas Standing Resolution 23 currently sets out allocations for the British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario, Québec, and Saskatchewan Components; and

Whereas subsequent to the adoption of Standing Resolution 23 the Federation established nationally-funded employee positions in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador and in the region of Alberta and Saskatchewan; and

Whereas the funds currently being allocated to fund these employee positions exceeds the amount listed in the allocation; therefore

Be it resolved that Section 2, Newfoundland and Labrador Component Allocation, and Section 5, Saskatchewan Component Allocation, in Standing Resolution 23 be deleted.

CARRIED

2005/05:067 MOTION

Local 17/Local 23

Be it resolved that the Organisational Development Report be adopted.

Payne noted that Local 44 delegate Shamus Reid had been omitted from the attendance list in the Report. He asked delegates to correct their reports.

2005/05:021 CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT

National Chairperson George Soule said that the Campaigns and Government Relations strategy was intended to act as a guide, to guide the work of the Federation and individual member local associations. He said that Campaigns and Government Relations Forum had reviewed the 2005-2006 campaigns strategy.

Soule highlighted sections of the 2005-2006 Campaigns and Government Relations strategy. He noted that Local 89 delegate Angela Provost's name had been listed incorrectly and asked delegates to amend their reports accordingly.

2005/05:068 MOTION

Local 24/Local 46

Be it resolved that the 2005-2006 campaigns and government relations strategy be adopted.

2005/05:069 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 84/Local 19

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:068 be amended to include:

"Be it resolved that an additional component of the Federal Election Strategy, with the title: *End the Commercialisation of Education*, be developed; and

Be it further resolved that the additional component address the following issues:

- open access and copyright;
- whistleblower legislation; and
- the inclusion of universities under access to information legislation; and

Be it further resolved that it be presented for consideration at the November 2005 national general meeting."

Local 84 delegate Eric Newstadt said that his local thought it important to expand the campaigns strategy. He said that although there had been positive movement to reduce or freeze tuition fees, there had been a lot of ground lost on the issue of public-private partnerships and the commercialisation of research in Canada. He said that there was a relationship between the two issues.

2005/05:069 CARRIED

2005/05:068 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2005/05:029 MOTION

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas post-secondary institutions are not just academic sites of learning, teaching, and research, but they are also living and meeting places; and

Whereas Canadian student populations are increasingly culturally, religiously, and ethnically diverse; and

Whereas university and college administrations have a responsibility to provide resources and support for the religious and cultural needs of all students; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to actively assist those members who are part of religious or cultural campus clubs and groups in lobbying for the creation of accessible and suitable multi-faith prayer spaces on campus where no such facilities currently exist.

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2005/05:070 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 91/Local 28

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:029 be amended to read as follows:

“Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to actively assist those members who are part of religious or cultural campus clubs and groups in lobbying for the creation of accessible, suitable, and stable multi-faith prayer spaces on campus where no such facilities currently exist.”

Local 24 delegate Alam Ashraful said that he supported the motion. He said that his local had been working to secure additional prayer space on campus over the course of the previous year. He said that his local had built a new campus student centre which incorporated prayer space but that, unfortunately, the prayer space had been built in front of the pub, posing difficulties for some students. He said that before building or designating space it was important to consult with those who would use it.

2005/05:070 CARRIED

2005/05:029 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2005/05:031 MOTION

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas students' unions and post-secondary institutions across the country purchase thousands of dollars in apparel and promotional items each year for students on their campuses and this apparel is often used to promote either the students' union or the institution; and

Whereas it is in the interests of students' unions and their respective institutions to purchase goods and services from responsible manufacturers that provide quality products and services at competitive prices; and

Whereas there are many companies in the garment, apparel, and promotional industry that have faced numerous incidents and documented reports of workers' rights abuses and sweatshop conditions such as poverty wages, excessive work hours, discrimination, abuse, and harassment, child and forced labour, and failure to provide the minimum statutory benefits for workers; and

Whereas sweatshop abuses flourish when the conditions of workers are hidden, kept private and where information on employment conditions is not made available to consumers, including individual students' unions and post-secondary institutions; and

Whereas students on various campuses throughout the United States and Canada have taken strong stances promoting worker's rights and ethical purchasing policies and in many cases they have successfully campaigned to pressure their institutions to adopt effective codes of conduct that impose apparel purchasing policies against products produced in sweatshop and illegal conditions; and

Whereas withholding student and institutional dollars from unethical apparel, garment, and promotional item companies is an effective way to exert pressure on the industry to reform hiring conditions and eliminate sweatshop practices; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt “no sweat” purchasing policies for their respective students' unions and to make a firm commitment to purchase “sweat-free” apparel and goods wherever possible, with the goal of having such policy take effect prior to purchasing promotional items and clothing for the Fall 2005 orientation; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt “anti-sweatshop” campaigns to pressure their respective post-secondary institutions to join the 13 other Canadian post-secondary institutions in adopting codes of conduct or ethical purchasing policies against sweatshop made goods and that these campaign efforts be aimed at generating awareness and wide-spread public support and escalating pressure on institutional administrations using such lobbying tactics as petitions, letter-writing, sweatshop fashion shows and sit-ins, as necessary; and

Be it further resolved that anti-sweatshop campaign materials be produced and/or distributed to member locals to assist with local organising efforts.

2005/05:071 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 1/Local 18

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:031 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt 'no sweat' and 'justice' purchasing policies for their respective students' unions and to make a firm commitment to purchase 'sweat-free' and 'justice' apparel and goods wherever possible, with the goal of having such policy take effect prior to purchasing promotional items and clothing for the Fall 2005 orientation;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to incorporate recognition of the over-representation of women in the sweatshop industry and the disproportionately high risk of sexual abuse and assault these women face;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt "anti-sweatshop" and "justice" campaigns to pressure their respective post-secondary institutions to join the 13 other Canadian post-secondary institutions that have already adopted codes of conduct or ethical purchasing policies against sweatshop made goods and that these campaign efforts be aimed at generating awareness and wide-spread public support and escalating pressure on institutional administrations using such lobbying tactics as petitions, letter-writing, sweatshop fashion shows and sit-ins, as necessary; and

Be it further resolved that anti-sweatshop campaign materials be produced and/or distributed to member Locals to assist with Local organising efforts."

2005/05:072 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 25

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:071 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that member Locals be encouraged to adopt "no sweat" and "justice" purchasing policies for their respective students' unions and to make a firm commitment to purchase 'sweat-free' and 'justice' apparel and goods wherever possible, with the goal of having such policy take effect prior to purchasing promotional items and clothing for the Fall 2005 orientation;

Be it further resolved that member Locals be encouraged to incorporate recognition of the over-representation of women, children, people of colour and new immigrants in the sweatshop industry and the disproportionately high risk of sexual abuse and assault that women face;

Be it further resolved that member Locals be encouraged to adopt "anti-sweatshop" and "justice" campaigns to pressure their respective post-secondary institutions to join the 13 other Canadian post-secondary institutions that have already adopted codes of conduct or ethical purchasing policies against sweatshop made goods and that these campaign efforts be aimed at generating awareness and wide-spread public support and escalating pressure on institutional administrations using such lobbying tactics as petitions, letter-writing, sweatshop fashion shows and sit-ins, as necessary; and

Be it further resolved that anti-sweatshop campaign materials be produced and/or distributed to member locals to assist with Local organising efforts."

Local 24 delegate Hammond said that the amendment had initially been proposed and discussed in the Women's Constituency Group. She said that her local supported the idea of recognising the disproportionately high risk of sexual assault and abuse faced by women in sweatshops. She said that it was also important to recognise that there was a high proportion of children that were forced to work. She said that it was also important to realise that sweatshops existed in Canada and a high proportion of people in the sweatshops were people of colour and new immigrants.

2005/05:072 CARRIED

2005/05:073 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 11/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:071 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt "justice" and "no sweat" purchasing policies for their respective students' unions and to make a firm commitment to purchase

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“sweat-free” and “justice” apparel and goods wherever possible, with the goal of having such policy take effect prior to purchasing promotional items and clothing for the Fall 2005 orientation;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to incorporate recognition of the over-representation of women, children, people of colour and new immigrants in the sweatshop industry and the disproportionately high risk of sexual abuse and assault that women face;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt “justice” and “anti-sweatshop” campaigns to pressure their respective post-secondary institutions to join the 13 other Canadian post-secondary institutions that have already adopted codes of conduct or ethical purchasing policies against sweatshop made goods and that these campaign efforts be aimed at generating awareness and wide-spread public support and escalating pressure on institutional administrations using such lobbying tactics as petitions, letter-writing, sweatshop fashion shows and sit-ins, as necessary; and

Be it further resolved that anti-sweatshop campaign materials be produced and/or distributed to member locals to assist with Local organising efforts.”

Local 11 delegate Parsons said that it made more sense grammatically to switch the order of the words “justice” and “no sweat”.

2005/05:073 CARRIED

2005/05:071 CARRIED AS AMENDED

Local 24 delegate Sivapalan encouraged member locals to adopt the motion. He said that in Canada 13 institutions already had similar policies and a few months earlier Local 24 had adopted a similar policy. He said that in the United States a number of students’ unions had adopted these policies. He said that it was important that institutions see students’ unions playing a leading role on the issue that might ultimately pressure them to adopt similar policies.

Local 24 Ashraful said that he was an international student from Bangladesh which was the leading garment manufacturer in the world. He said that a few months earlier there had been a huge fire at a garment factory and over 200 labourers had been killed and hundreds more severely injured. He said that those who had been injured had only received \$200 in compensation. He said the families of those who had been killed in the fire had only received \$300. He said that most garment industry companies used child labour because it was much less costly to pay children.

Local 24 delegate Hammond said that Local 24 had produced resource materials that were available to other locals in an effort to facilitate the adoption of policies at institutions across the country.

2005/05:031 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2005/05:035 MOTION

Local 24/Local 68

Whereas many students face additional financial barriers that are not directly related to educational fees, such as transit, books, housing and other living expenses; and

Whereas campus student residence spaces are often too expensive or too limited to accommodate all students and, therefore, many students are forced to commute to campus in order to save on housing costs; and

Whereas the Federation has been successful in bringing students together to realise savings through bulk-purchasing programmes and services such as the common handbook, Studentsaver and the National Student Health Network, all of which have served to directly save money for students and students’ unions; and

Whereas the Federation has already successfully lobbied for international and domestic student travel discounts on VIA Rail, Air Canada and Greyhound Bus Lines, available through the International Student Identity Card (ISIC); and

Whereas the Federation has established policy and practice that supports and encourages members to utilise and support publicly-run services; and

Whereas several students’ unions across the country have successfully negotiated student discounts on municipal and regional transit systems; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to collaborate with other member locals and non-member campus students' unions in their respective regions to develop a transit campaign and to lobby for discounted municipal and regional student passes for public transit systems; and

Be it further resolved that member locals that have successfully negotiated similar discount passes with public transit systems be encouraged to share their experiences and resources to assist other member locals to obtain transit discounts for students on other campuses and in other regions.

Local 24 delegate Liz Diaz said that inexpensive transit and transportation was integral to accessible post-secondary education. She said that in Toronto and across Ontario transportation was very expensive for students. She said that member locals in the Greater Toronto Area were working to secure reduced rates for students. She said that by working together students' unions would be able to pressure municipalities to offer cheaper transit for students.

2005/05:074 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 70/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:035 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to engage public transportation coalitions to create or improve public transportation systems to improve access to public, post-secondary institutions for all students."

Local 70 delegate Faiz Ahmed said that he attended a smaller institution and the transportation system in the city was inadequate. He said that the amendment would make the campaign more inclusive and include those locals that had to work to create an adequate transit system.

2005/05:074 CARRIED**2005/05:035 CARRIED AS AMENDED****2005/05:037 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 68

Whereas the Federation organises the "Where's the Justice?" campaign in support of Aboriginal peoples' rights; and

Whereas Aboriginal women's rights should be of particular concern when it comes to human rights in Canada; and

Whereas according to the Stolen Sisters campaign Indigenous women in Canada between the ages of 25 and 44, with status under the Indian Act, are five times more likely than all other women of the same age to die as the result of violence; and

Whereas the purpose of Stolen Sisters, to call on all levels of government to work closely and urgently with Indigenous peoples' organisations, and Indigenous women in particular, to institute plans of action to stop violence against Indigenous women reflects the spirit of the "Where's the Justice?" campaign; and

Whereas more information about the Stolen Sisters campaign is available on the Internet at www.amnesty.ca/stolensisters/index.php; therefore

Be it resolved that the Stolen Sisters campaign be endorsed and incorporated into the "Where's the Justice?" campaign;

Be it further resolved that materials relating to the campaign be distributed to member locals and provincial offices; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with relevant groups in their community, to support and mobilise for the Stolen Sisters campaign.

CARRIED**2005/05:039 MOTION**

Local 38/Local 68

Whereas little research has been done on funding for minority-language post-secondary education; and

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Whereas funding for minority-language post-secondary institutions is provided through different levels of government and a number of distinct ministries; and

Whereas to ensure student representation within the ministries that fund their education work must be undertaken; therefore

Be it resolved that national research on funding for minority-language post-secondary education be undertaken.

2005/05:075 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 49/Local 38

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:039 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that national research on federal funding for official minority-language post-secondary education be undertaken; and

Be it further resolved that the research include an analysis of federal funding available from Heritage Canada."

Local 72 delegate Mike White said that he supported the amendment. He said that it was important to specify which minority languages were to be included in the motion. He said that on the West Coast alone there were over 40 First Nations languages.

Local 17 delegate Mike Kowalsky said that in Saskatchewan there were more speakers of First Nations languages than French. He said that the amendment ignored the other minority languages such as Urdu, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Ukrainian. He said that the amendment rendered the motion too exclusive.

Local 38 delegate Solange Buisse noted that in the French version of the motion the incorrect governmental department had been noted. She said that different funding mechanisms existed in each province. She said that the amendment specified official languages because that was how the funding was to be used.

Local 79 delegate Bourque said that it was his understanding that the motion was intended to address the funding that was available for official minority languages; however, it had not been included in the original motion which was the reason for the amendment.

2005/05:075 CARRIED

2005/05:039 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2005/05:076 MOTION TO RECESS

Local 4/Local 45

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for one hour for dinner.

CARRIED

17:09 the meeting recessed

18:36 the meeting reconvened.

2005/05:041 MOTION

Local 38/Local 68

Whereas the Federation recognises a person's right to education and services in his or her first language; and

Whereas the Federation recognises as an injustice the fact that Anglophones in Canada have fewer barriers to overcome than non-Anglophones with regard to access to education and services in their first language; and

Whereas it is essential that minorities have access to post-secondary education, for social, cultural and economic reasons, as well as to prevent students from turning their backs on their culture; and

Whereas little research has been done on students who study in the language of the minority; therefore

Be it resolved that research on minority-language education be undertaken; and

Be it further resolved that the research focus on, among other things, program availability, accessible teaching tools, university research possibilities in the institutions, and provide an analysis of the direct effects of these factors on students.

CARRIED**2005/05:043 MOTION**

Local 98/Local 68

Whereas on the 23rd of June 1985 a bomb blew up in the Narita Airport, Japan killing two baggage handlers and 55 minutes later a second bomb blew up on Air India Flight 182 killing 329 people; and

Whereas it has been proven that the bombs originated from Vancouver; and

Whereas the majority of the victims were Canadian and of South Asian descent who were travelling to India to visit their loved ones; and

Whereas 80 children under the age of twelve were killed as were 20 families; and

Whereas there is clear evidence that the government of India had warned then-Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney about an impending attack on the aviation industry; and

Whereas the Canadian government took no precautionary measures; and

Whereas the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service destroyed 150 hours of surveillance tapes without transcribing them; and

Whereas the Royal Canadian Mounted Police failed to engage in 24 hour surveillance of one of the prime suspects; and

Whereas 20 years later many questions remain unanswered in the largest case of mass murder involving Canadians; and

Whereas these facts have given rise to allegations against the Canadian justice system of racism and deferential treatment of victims based on their ethnicity or place of origin; and

Whereas a public inquiry would assist in answering such questions and help to bring about progressive improvements in the Canadian intelligence and justice systems; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Paul Martin calling for a public inquiry into the Air India Bombings and the conduct of the Canadian intelligence system; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to collect signatures on the Air India Victims' Families Association petition; and

Be it further resolved that all relevant campaign materials be distributed to member locals as they become available.

2005/05:077 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 35/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:043 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Paul Martin calling for a public inquiry into the Air India bombings and the conduct of the Canadian intelligence system; and

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

2005/05:078 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 34

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:077 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Paul Martin calling for a public inquiry into the Air India bombings; and

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

Local 24 delegate Sivapalan said that the tragedy had occurred in 1985 and a public inquiry should have been convened sooner. He said that perhaps one of the reasons that a public inquiry had not been called was because it the issue affected racialised Canadians. He said that it was not too late to hold a public inquiry.

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2005/05:078 CARRIED

Local 24 delegate Loreto said that she supported the original amendment. She said that it was important to focus the Federation's efforts and be realistic about what the Federation could and should achieve.

Local 26 delegate Narinder Atwal said that she was opposed to the amendment and main motion. She said that even though the motivation behind the main motion had been to help the victims' families it would result in more negative responses to the Indo-Canadian community. She said that the media would not focus on the mistakes of government and the RCMP but would rather focus on the Sikh community.

2005/05:077 CARRIED AS AMENDED

Local 68 delegate Selveratnam said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that an inquiry had been initiated and, because of how high profile the case had been, there had already been a lot of money spent on the issue. She said that it would not result in anything that would positively affect the families. She said that the media portrayal of the Sikh community had been very negative in the past and there was no hope that it would not be so again.

Local 8 delegate Andriy Michalchyshyn said that the Federation had a responsibility to hold the federal government accountable. He said that the government had failed to adequately address the issue and, therefore, the Federation should seek to hold it accountable.

Local 91 delegate Mohamed Shuriye said that he supported the motion. He said that the Air India bombing had been one of the worst incidents in Canadian history. He said that it had not been adequately dealt with by the government or the police in part because some key individuals believed that it was an issue that the community had to resolve. He said that, in the event that the media focused negatively on the Sikh community, the Federation should respond.

Local 98 delegate Walled Khogali spoke in support of the motion. He said that many people believed that a lot of questions had not been answered sufficiently and, therefore, an inquiry was required.

Local 11 delegate Dave Jerome said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that the Federation had a limited amount of resources that should be directed to the issues that directly affect its members and post-secondary education. He said that he did not intend to minimise the affect the event had on society or the families involved; however, it was not the Federation's role to be involved in such an issue.

2005/05:043 DEFEATED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS

Local 4
Local 8
Local 68
Local 69
Local 95
Local 98
Local 99
Local 100

2005/05:045 MOTION

Local 34/Local 68

Whereas tuition fees in Nova Scotia have more than doubled in the past decade, making Nova Scotia's tuition fees the highest in the country; and

Whereas in December 2004 the universities in Nova Scotia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Nova Scotia which caps tuition fee increases at 3.9% in each of the next three years, at which time average undergraduate tuition fees in Nova Scotia will exceed \$6700; and

Whereas international students, dentistry students, medical students, and full-cost recovery students are not included in the tuition fee cap; and

Whereas Nova Scotian students were not consulted during the development process of the Memorandum of Understanding; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters stating their discontent regarding the Nova Scotia Memorandum of Understanding; and

Be it further resolved that copies of the letters be sent to the Federation's Maritimes office.

2005/05:079 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 11/Local 23

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:045 be amended as follows:

"Be it resolved that a letter be written stating discontent with the Nova Scotia Memorandum of Understanding; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send similar letters; and

Be it further resolved that copies of the letters be sent to the Federation's Maritimes office."

CARRIED

A delegate said that the cap on fees excluded a number of groups including graduate and professional students and international students. He said that many of the universities in the province had increased the fees for professional programs such as medicine and law in order to offset the cap. He said that it had also been predicted that there would be a fee increase for international students. He said that Nova Scotia had a minority government with the Conservative holding a slim majority; however, the government had negotiated the agreement unilaterally without consulting the Official Opposition New Democrats or the third party, the Liberals. He said that the manner in which the agreement had been negotiated might give the Federation a tactical advantage.

Local 34 delegate Chantal Brushett encouraged locals to submit letters denouncing the government's actions. She said that the tuition fee hikes had really harmed the province and it was important to respond to the government's short-sighted decisions.

2005/05:045 CARRIED AS AMENDED**2005/05:047 MOTION**

Local 68/Local 44

Whereas the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation was established in 1998 with an endowment of \$2.5 billion with the stated purpose of reducing student indebtedness;

Whereas then-Finance Minister Paul Martin promised that the Foundation would reduce student debt by \$3000 per student for those in need, but most students have seen virtually no debt reduction since the creation of the Foundation;

Whereas the Foundation also has a \$10 million research budget that has been used to campaign for higher tuition fees and student debt;

Whereas the Federation has expressed concerns with the secretive, informal bidding process that the Foundation employs to award research contracts, and has bestowed lucrative, "no bid" contracts to former Foundation employee Alex Usher;

Whereas the Foundation is not subject to public accountability standards and Canada's Auditor General has recently expressed concern that Foundations are sitting on billions of dollars of taxpayer money but are exempt from "value for dollar" audits that determine the effectiveness of spending decisions;

Whereas the Foundation has mysteriously found money for a new grants program but is taking an ad hoc approach to spending and as a result is continuing to distribute funds unequally between students in different provinces; and

Whereas the Foundation has already signed agreements with the Governments of Québec and British Columbia, but has not yet approached the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to initiate negotiations to create similar grants for students in this province, despite the fact that Newfoundland and Labrador students have the largest debts loads in Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the Millennium Scholarship Foundation demanding that negotiations be initiated with every province to create low-income grants for students.

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2005/05:080 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 8/Local 1

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:047 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the Millennium Scholarship Foundation demanding the new budget for low income grants be transferred to the federal government to be administered via the Canada Student Loans Program low-income grants system, effective September 2005.”

Local 8 delegate Mathew Gagne said that the Millennium Scholarship Foundation could not administer the scholarships program adequately so it should not be entrusted to distribute low-income grants. He said that the Foundation should simply be directed to transfer the money to the government.

Local 79 delegate Decker said that it was her understanding that the Foundation monies were being provided directly to the provincial government and not administered through the Canada Student Loans program.

Soule explained that a separate agreement existed between the Foundation and Québec. He said that the money addressed in the motion had already been allocated and would be used for the grants program. He said that the motion would not affect the allocation of funds in Québec.

Local 24 delegate Loreto asked if the amendment would alter the original intent to transform the funds into grants for low-income students.

Soule said that it would not alter the original intent; instead, it would alter which body would administer it.

Local 79 delegate Bourque said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that his reading of the motion was that it proposed that those deals that had already been negotiated be nullified.

Boyko said that the Québec government had opted out of the Canada Student Loans Program. He said that the Québec government had basically opted out of the Foundation so the money that would be transferred to Québec under either program was without conditions. He said that the motion was not applicable to Québec.

Local 79 delegate Decker said that she was opposed to the motion. She said that the amendment directed how the low-income loans would be secured. She said that the important aspect was that the money from the Foundation be used for low-income grants not how that was achieved. She said that the way in which the low-income grants were secured should not be dictated.

Local 68 delegate Selvaratnam said that if the desire was to have the grants delivered by September 2005 and if there was no system established to distribute them through the loans program students would not receive their funding.

Soule said that a low-income grants program had been introduced in the 2004 federal budget. He said that any additional funds could simply be added to that existing grants program.

University of Manitoba Students' Union delegate Amanda Aziz spoke in favour of the amendment. She said that, whenever representatives from Manitoba met with decision-makers, one of the concerns they voiced was that the Foundation had not been administering its funds in a consistent manner that provided students with the maximum benefits. She said that the amendment was consistent with the Federation's position that the Foundation be dismantled and the federal government administer the grants directly.

2005/05:080 CARRIED

2005/05:081 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 23/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/05:047 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the Millennium Scholarship Foundation demanding the new budget for low income grants be transferred to the federal government to be administered via the Canada Student Loans Program low-income grants system, effective September 2006.”

Local 23 delegate Shawn Hunsdale said that he was concerned that the transfer and distribution of the grants could not happen prior to September 2005.

2005/05:081 DEFEATED

2005/05:047 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2005/05:082 MOTION

Local 101/Local 46

Whereas student research in Aboriginal communities is increasing; and

Whereas respectful research processes strive to build a collaborative, participatory, and culturally reflective research environment for students, researchers, and communities; and

Whereas university and federal ethical research guidelines do not always reflect Aboriginal protocol; and

Whereas student researchers are not always aware of community concerns and the expectations of the use of Indigenous Knowledge; therefore

Be it resolved that research be undertaken on respectful research practices and approaches in Aboriginal communities; and

Be it further resolved that a fact sheet be produced and circulated on respectful research practices on and with Aboriginal peoples and Indigenous Knowledge.

Local 101 delegate Tasha Hubbard said that, although the motion had been proposed for a variety of reasons, it was primarily because the number of people applying for tri-council funding to undertake research in Aboriginal communities had been increasing. She said that it was not necessarily Aboriginal people who had been applying. She said that the goal was to ensure that incoming researchers did not repeat mistakes that had been made in the past: going into a community, extracting the information, making promises that could not be kept and not providing the research to the community.

Local 89 delegate Angela Provost said that she supported the motion. She said that the University of Victoria had strived to create a research environment that was respectful of the needs of Aboriginal communities. She said that the University of Victoria had a program which worked in conjunction with the Human, Ethics and Research Policy. She said that the program's protocol acknowledged Indigenous values and ownership of research. She said that the program was very specific to Coast Salish in BC and there needed to be a broader awareness and support for respecting First Nations communities.

2005/05:082 CARRIED

2005/05:083 EMERGENCY MOTION

Local 8/Local 37

Whereas the Government of Manitoba reduced tuition fees by 10% in September 2000 and has frozen tuition fees since that time; and

Whereas the provincial government has allowed individual faculties to increase tuition fees via referendum, in which those eligible to vote would not be affected by the increases; and

Whereas last month the Brandon University Board of Governors implemented an ancillary fee increase of \$412.50 and a registration fee increase of \$100, effective September 2005; and

Whereas the University of Manitoba Board of Governors plans to implement an ancillary fee increase of about \$400.00 at its May 17, 2005 meeting; and

Whereas the Vice President Finance and Administration of the University of Winnipeg stated that the University of Winnipeg is discussing implementing similar increases; and

Whereas the provincial government's argument that it is unable to stop ancillary fee increases because universities are autonomous is flawed because it ignores the government's responsibility to legislate the freeze and to ensure accessibility; and

Whereas the provincial government has so far failed to stop increases at Brandon University, and has taken no steps to prevent the proposed increase at the University of Manitoba; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the Government of Manitoba expressing support for the tuition fee freeze and opposition to ancillary fee increases, and urging the Government of Manitoba to stop or repeal the increases; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the Government of Manitoba and to senior administrators and boards of governors/regents of Manitoba universities

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expressing support for the tuition fee freeze and opposition to ancillary fee increases, and urging the Government of Manitoba to stop or repeal the increases.

Soule provided an explanation of the emergency motions and explained the notice requirements for campaigns motions. He said that motions that addressed issues that had developed within the six-week window were considered emergency motions.

Local 8 delegate Gagne said that university presidents had been undermining the freeze by implementing ancillary fees. He said that the University of Manitoba had announced that it intended to follow University of Winnipeg. He said that the students' unions in Manitoba had been lobbying the government to implement legislation to cease the increases. He said that the Minister of Advanced Education had been "soft" on the issue so it was crucial to submit as many letters as possible.

A delegate said that Québec had instituted a tuition fee freeze for many year, but that ancillary fees had steadily increased over the course of the freeze. He said that ancillary fees were being used to tax students.

Local 17 delegate Gavin Gardiner said that the ancillary fee increases in Manitoba would result in fee increases of 15-17 percent. He said that it was important to keep in mind the effect it would have on campuses across the country. He said that the tuition fee freezes were under attack. He said that the Federation had to stop ancillary fee increases before the idea was adopted throughout the country by those looking to circumvent tuition fee freezes.

2005/05:083 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE-1 MOTION

Local 54/Local 36

Whereas some U.S.-based multinational corporations have taken advantage of an environment in Colombia where paramilitaries and other illegal armed groups attack unions and their members attempting to organise and negotiate with such companies; and

Whereas this includes the Coca-Cola Co., whose Colombian bottlers have openly collaborated with paramilitaries in the torture, wrongful detention and murder of trade unionists from SINALTRAINAL, the National Union of Food Industry Workers, at Coca-Cola bottling plants in Colombia; and

Whereas the United Steelworkers of America and the International Labour Rights Fund have filed a lawsuit under the Alien Tort Claims Act against The Coca-Cola Co. and its Colombian bottlers charging that Coca-Cola bottlers contracted with or otherwise directed paramilitary security forces that utilised extreme violence and murdered, tortured, unlawfully detained or otherwise silenced trade union leaders; and

Whereas in January 2004, New York City Council member Hiram Monserrate led a delegation of labour, student and academic representatives on a 10-day fact finding tour in Colombia to investigate Coca-Cola's alleged human rights violations; and

Whereas the delegation's final report released in April 2004 concluded that Coca-Cola is complicit in human rights abuses of its workers in Colombia and its complicity is deepened by its repeated pattern of bringing criminal charges against union activists who have spoken out about the company collusion with paramilitaries; and

Whereas the Coca-Cola Co. refuses to support or participate in an independent investigation by legitimate human rights organisations of allegations of human rights abuses against workers at its bottling plants in Colombia; and

Whereas Royal Bank of Canada board member J. Pedro Reinhard is on the Board of Directors of the Coca-Cola Co., and Chief Financial Officer and board member of Dow Chemical, both of which are involved in widespread environmental atrocities and abuses; therefore

Be it resolved that the call by the worldwide "Campaign to Stop Killer Coke to ban the sale and distribution of all Coca-Cola products from all college and university campuses, until the Coca-Cola Co. ends its human rights abuses in Colombia, be supported; and

Be it further resolved that the call by the worldwide "Campaign to Stop Killer Coke" to remove J. Pedro Reinhard from the Board of Directors of the Royal Bank of Canada be supported.

NOTICE-2 MOTION

Local 23/Local 89

Whereas Sudan's government and the pro-government Arab militias (Janjaweed) are accused of war crimes against the region's black African population, although the United Nations has stopped short of terming it a genocide, but human rights groups, the U.S. Congress and former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell say that genocide is occurring in Darfur; and

Whereas refugees from Darfur say that the Janjaweed militia rode and still ride into villages on horses and camels, slaughtering men, raping women and many women report being abducted by the Janjaweed and held as sex slaves for more than a week before being released; and

Whereas Prime Minister Paul Martin announced \$170 million in aid and 100 troops for Sudan's war-ravaged region of Darfur, and the money will be used to train and equip an African Union-led peacekeeping mission, while the soldiers will provide military expertise and take part in the peacekeeping mission; and

Whereas the United Nations says the world's worst humanitarian crisis has been unfolding in Sudan's western region of Darfur, where more than two million people are estimated to have fled their homes and at least 180,000 are thought to have died during the crisis; and

Whereas the UN warns that over the next 18 months, up to four million people may be affected by food shortages; and

Whereas after strong international pressure and the threat of sanctions, the government promised to disarm the Janjaweed but there is little evidence of this so far; therefore

Be it resolved that the "Save Darfur Campaign" started by the Vancouver-Darfur Committee of Simon Fraser University, aimed at raising awareness about the current humanitarian crisis unfolding in the African nation of Sudan, through talks, rallies and letter writing/postcard campaigns, and organising events to raise funds and solicit donations for a Darfur fund (to be set up to help victims of the Darfur crisis through recognised aid agencies or Local organisations helping victims and refugees in Darfur and neighbouring Chad) be endorsed and supported; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Prime Minister of Canada encouraging him to keep exploring various avenues to help resolve the Darfur conflict; including working within the context of the United Nations, working with the African Union and with other world leaders to find an immediate and lasting solution to the Darfur crisis; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt the "Save Darfur Campaign" started by the Vancouver-Darfur Committee of Simon Fraser University or initiate their own activities aimed at creating awareness about the Darfur crisis.

2005/05:084 MOTION

Local 73/Local 42

Be it resolved that the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum Report be adopted.

CARRIED**8. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY CAUCUSES AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS****Student Artists' Constituency Group**

MacLeod said that, in addition to discussing the business of the meeting, the Student Artists' Constituency Group also discussed issues that had recently been affecting student artists on campus. She said that two issues that arose were the increased commercialisation of art on campus and the growing pressure to incorporate private partnerships into art programs on campuses. She reported that Local 25 delegate Erin Jacobsen had been elected Student Artists' Constituency Group Commissioner.

Queer Students' Constituency Group

Manitoba Representative Sarah Amyot reported that Local 13 member Valentine Crawford had been elected as the Queer Students' Constituency Group Commissioner. She said that the Group had discussed the important

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role that constituency groups play in the work of the general meeting and suggested that a history of constituency groups be incorporated into the delegate prep session in future.

International Students' Constituency Group

Regnier announced that the International Students' Constituency Group had elected Local 24 member Ashrafal Alam as the International Students' Constituency Group Commissioner,. She said that the Group had discussed a number of issues facing international students including their ineligibility for tri-council grants and the general lack of appreciation for what international students offered at universities or colleges. She said that the Group also discussed the recent decision to allow international students to work off campus and to allow international graduate students to work in the country for two years instead of one following graduation.

Students with Disabilities Constituency Group

Hare said that the members of the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group had discussed issues of access on campuses and the various levels of resources that were available for students with disabilities. He announced that Local 97 member Jeff Peters had been elected as the Group's Commissioner.

National Aboriginal Caucus

Incoming Aboriginal Representative Starleigh Grass said that she wanted to recognise that the meeting was being held on Mohawk territory. She asked that delegates honour the fact that it had been their home since time immemorial. She noted that she had been elected the National Aboriginal Representative and outgoing Aboriginal Representative Joel Koette had been elected as Chairperson at the Caucus' meeting in April. She thanked member locals for adopting the Stolen Sisters campaign. She said that the members of the Caucus had discussed membership development including the recruitment of new members and teaching new members various skills. She said that the Caucus had discussed the future direction of the "Where's the Justice?" campaign. She said that the Caucus had also discussed the possibility of preparing a motion for the next general meeting about fish farming.

National Graduate Caucus

Eric Newstadt said that the National Graduate Caucus had a productive meeting and discussed a variety of campaigns. He said that the Caucus had discussed a number of the Caucus' campaigns including the "Copyright" campaign, an aggressive post-residency fees campaign and a campaign on the commercialisation of universities. He said that the Caucus had also been working on a campaign for the unionisation of Teaching Assistants and Adjuncts across the country. He said that Tim Mark, Chair of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries had attended the Caucus meeting and spoke about open access and current issues in publishing.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

2005/05:085 MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

Local 23/Local 18

Be it resolved that the rules be suspended in order to consider Motion-2005/05:

Local 23 delegate Clement Apaak said that he wished to suspend the rules so one of the motions that had been served at the meeting could be considered immediately. He explained that the conflict in the Sudan had escalated and that in the past month the situation had changed dramatically. He said that, in the past four weeks, a number of villages had been burnt and people killed. He said that Prime Minister Martin had recently announced that the Canadian government would contribute \$170 million in aid to the country and that soldiers would be deployed to assist with peace-keeping. He said that the United Nations had issued a report that stated that massive food shortages in the Sudan were looming and that more and more people were being displaced.

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Whereas Sudan's government and the pro-government Arab militias (Janjaweed) are accused of war crimes against the region's black African population, although the United Nations has stopped short of terming it a genocide, but human rights groups, the U.S. Congress and former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell say that genocide is occurring in Darfur; and

Whereas refugees from Darfur say that the Janjaweed militia rode and still ride into villages on horses and camels, slaughtering men, raping women and many women report being abducted by the Janjaweed and held as sex slaves for more than a week before being released; and

Whereas Prime Minister Paul Martin announced \$170 million in aid and 100 troops for Sudan's war-ravaged region of Darfur, and the money will be used to train and equip an African Union-led peacekeeping mission, while the soldiers will provide military expertise and take part in the peacekeeping mission; and

Whereas the United Nations says the world's worst humanitarian crisis has been unfolding in Sudan's western region of Darfur, where more than two million people are estimated to have fled their homes and at least 180,000 are thought to have died during the crisis; and

Whereas the UN warns that over the next 18 months, up to four million people may be affected by food shortages; and

Whereas after strong international pressure and the threat of sanctions, the government promised to disarm the Janjaweed but there is little evidence of this so far; therefore

Be it resolved that the "Save Darfur Campaign" started by the Vancouver-Darfur Committee of Simon Fraser University, aimed at raising awareness about the current humanitarian crisis unfolding in the African nation of Sudan, through talks, rallies and letter writing/postcard campaigns, and organising events to raise funds and solicit donations for a Darfur fund (to be set up to help victims of the Darfur crisis through recognised aid agencies or Local organisations helping victims and refugees in Darfur and neighbouring Chad) be endorsed and supported; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Prime Minister of Canada encouraging him to keep exploring various avenues to help resolve the Darfur conflict; including working within the context of the United Nations, working with the African Union and with other world leaders to find an immediate and lasting solution to the Darfur crisis; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt the "Save Darfur Campaign" started by the Vancouver-Darfur Committee of Simon Fraser University or initiate their own activities aimed at creating awareness about the Darfur crisis.

Local 23 delegate Apaak said that he was part of a coalition in BC that had been working on the issue. He said that last week Local 23 had struck a committee called the "Vancouver Darfur Committee". He said that the Committee had been struck in order to raise awareness about the tragedy that had been unfolding in Darfur. He said that the Committee would also work to secure resources for aid agencies. He said that the motion had been introduced in an effort to encourage other locals to undertake similar work. He said that the motion also directed the National Executive to write a letter to the Prime Minister encouraging him to continue his work with the United Nations. He said the Federation had a responsibility to work on the issues.

Local 84 delegate Newstadt said that he supported the motion and encouraged locals to support it. He said six months earlier he had attended a benefit reading that included a number of experts, all of whom had been in complete agreement that what had been happening in the Sudan was genocide. He said that students everywhere should take a strong stance on the issue.

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10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A series of logistical announcements were made.

Local 1 delegate Saab said that the Carleton University administration had launched an unprecedented attack on student space at Carleton. She said that Locals 1 and 78 had mobilised students and occupied the space and, as a result, a number of students had been arrested. She said that a lawsuit against the University had been filed and the campaign had been going well. She thanked locals for submitting letters of support and asked that locals continue to submit them.

Hare said that a number of members of the National Executive were finishing their terms at the close of the general meeting. He said that it included Saskatchewan Representative Leah Sharpe, Québec Representative Mehdi el Ouali, Prince Edward Island Representative Joy Elliott, Students of Colour Representative Rose Da Costa, Francophone Students' Representative Mike Ouellet, Women's Representative Shamini Selvaratnam and Aboriginal Representative Joel Koette. He thanked them for their work on behalf of the Federation.

11. ADJOURNMENT

2005/05:087 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Local 95/Local 98

Be it resolved that plenary be adjourned.

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20:17 the meeting adjourned.

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Delegations

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Local 3

University of British Columbia
Students' Union-Okanagan
Heather Cook
Starleigh Grass
Rob Nagai
Shayne Robinson

Local 75

Camosun College Student Society
May Freeborn
Mathew Klus
Derek Madson
Lindsay Parker
Michel Turcotte

Local 5

Capilano Students' Union
Mariposa Dumont
Christine Ellis
Ben West
Garth Yule

Local 73

City Centre Students' Union
Tiffany Kalanj
Xiang (Shirley) Liang
Samantha Syvret

Local 18

Douglas Students' Union
Jeremy Gervan
Jessica Gojevic
Joey Hansen
Yasmin Irani
Ryan Lam
Heidi Taylor

Local 33

Emily Carr Students' Union
Zahra Habib
Sheldon Lawlor

Local 76

King Edward Students' Union
Candace Bates
Bobbi-Joe Delorme

Local 26

Kwantlen Student Association
Narinder Atwal
Pavan Bassi
Jagmeen Dhaliwal
Jamsheed Kahn
Aaron Thakar

Local 61

Malaspina Students' Union
Pat Barbosa
Steve Beasley
Joanna Hesketh
Norlynn Maslak
Kelly Muir
Katie Rycroft

Local 13

College of New Caledonia
Students' Association
Valentine Crawford
Justin Simon

Local 72

North Island Students' Association
James Bowen
Liz Brooks
Gary Dawson-Quatell
Mike White

Local 66

Northwest Community College
Students' Association
John Ridsdale

Local 53

Okanagan College Students' Union
Christopher Colby
Nathan Lane
Danielle Lefebvre
Dave Lubbers

Local 4

Selkirk Students' Association
Dustin Grof
Jayme Hadikin
David Westmacott
Sam Wylie

Local 23

Simon Fraser Student Society
Hattie Aitken
Clement Apaak
Erica Halpern
Ariel Hornstein
Shawn Hunsdale

Local 89

University of Victoria
Graduate Students' Society
Tayfun Ince
Angela Provost

Local 44
University of Victoria Students' Society
Penny Beames
Susan Farmer
Loren Husband
Joe Kruger
Shamus Reid

ALBERTA

Local 42
Alberta College of Art & Design
Students' Association
Michael Kirsch
Concetta Zurzolo

Local 21
University of Calgary
Graduate Students' Association
Melanee Thomas

SASKATCHEWAN

Local 9
University of Regina Students' Union
Hillary Aitken
Chris Eirich
Shawn Fraser
Victor Thomas

Local 101
University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Jonathon Anuik
Matthew Dunn
Tasha Hubbard

Local 17
University of Saskatchewan
Students' Union
Evan Cole
Sarah Connor
Gavin Gardiner
Michael Kowalsky

MANITOBA

Local 37
Brandon University Students' Union
Jan Ek
Mitch Obach
Nathan Peto
Stacy Senkbeil

Local 96
University of Manitoba
Graduate Students' Union
Meghan Gallant

**University of Manitoba
Students' Union**
Amanda Aziz
John Einarsson
Rachel Gotthilf
Josh Mason
Cathy Van De Kerckhove

Local 38
Association étudiante du Collège universitaire
de Saint-Boniface
Jean-Daniel Boulet
Solange Buissé
Jean Grenier

Local 8
University of Winnipeg Students' Association
Mat Gagne
Jarita Greyeyes
Andriy Michalchyshyn
Kate Sjoberg

ONTARIO

Local 28
Atkinson Students' Association
Victor Antonucci
Katie Ellul
Diane Jung
Sameer Kassam

Local 78
Carleton University
Graduate Students' Association
Laura Haylock
Ricardo Filippone
Liam Lynch
Philip Robinson

Local 1
Carleton University Students' Association
Lyndon George
James Pratt
Carole Saab
Erin Stevens

Local 92
Students' Association
of George Brown College
Vanessa Archer
Dan Roffey

Local 54
University of Guelph
Central Student Association
Hanna Draper
Scott Gilbert
Luke Weiler

Local 32
Lakehead University Student Union
Adam Krupper
Richard Longtin
Chad O'Halloran

Local 30
Laurentian University
Students' General Association
Luke Norton

Local 88
Association des étudiantes et étudiants
francophones de l'Université Laurentienne
Patrick Imbeau

Association of Laurentian Part-time Students
Pierrette Gagnon
Ruth Szalay

Local 20

Nipissing University Students' Union
Tom Condotta
Kyle Marsh

Local 25

Ontario College of Art and Design
Student Union
Erin Jacobson

Local 94

University of Ottawa
Graduate Students' Association des
étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s
Shoshannah Jacobs
Lianne Pelltier

Local 27

Queen's University
Society of Graduate and Professional Students
Simon Kiss
Michael Rosenstock

Local 24

Ryerson Students' Union
Alam Ashraful
Liz Diaz
Denise Hammon
Nora Loreto
Ram Sivapalan

Local 99

Scarborough Campus Students' Union
Tony Kao
Haipeng Tian
Rob Wulkan

Local 19

University of Toronto
Graduate Students' Union
Rose Da Costa
Nancy Dawe
Gina Trubiani

Local 97

Association of Part-Time Undergraduate
Students of the University of Toronto
Murphy Brown
Jeff Peters

Local 98

University of Toronto
Students' Administrative Council
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Monique Ferdinand
Jen Hassum
Walied Khogali
Estefania Toledo

Local 71

Trent Central Student Association
Catherine Dickinson
Emily Penny

Local 47

University of Western Ontario
Society of Graduate Students
Aaron Keeler
Ayesha Williams

Local 48

University of Windsor
Graduate Student Society
Shah Chandon
Lena Mangoff
Katy Modaressi
Andrea Trudeau

Local 49

University of Windsor Students' Alliance
Delia Greco
Jeff LaPorte
David McGinley

Local 68

York Federation of Students
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Omari Mason
Corrie Sakaluk
Shamini Selveratnam
Nazareth Yirgalem

Local 84

York University
Graduate Students' Association
Eric Newstadt
Serife Tekin

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Concordia University
Graduate Students' Association
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Sian Madoc-Jones

Local 91

Concordia Student Union
Katherine Boushel
Sarah Salamoun
Mohamed Shuriye

Local 79

Post-Graduate Students' Society
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Alex Bourque
Adriana Decker

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Vicky Landry

Local 67

University of New Brunswick
Graduate Students' Association
Mary Miliken

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**Local 70**

University of Prince Edward Island
Graduate Students' Association
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Elmabrok Masaoud

NOVA SCOTIA

Local 95

Cape Breton University
Students' Union
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Students' Union
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NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR

Local 36

Grenfell College Student Union
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Local 45

Marine Institute Students' Union
Tracy Clarke
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Local 100

Graduate Students' Union of the
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