

24th Annual General Meeting **minutes**

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**procès-verbal** du 24e assemblée générale





# MINUTES

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## CALL TO ORDER—Wednesday, November 23, 2005

15:36 the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson George Soule.

### 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' Union	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	Absent
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
Local103	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	Present
Local 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Present
Local102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Present by proxy
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Absent
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
	Association of Laurentian Part-Time Students*	Absent
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	Absent

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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 Students' Association*	Absent
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Absent
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	Absent
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present by proxy
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Present
Local 83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Local 51	Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants de l'Université de Moncton campus d'Edmundston*	Absent
Local 67	University of New Brunswick Graduate Students Association*	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 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	Cape Breton University 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 NSCAD University	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiants 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' Union	Present

\* Prospective member

National Chairperson George Soule declared that quorum had been achieved.

## 2. 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 in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He noted that Sioufi had chaired Federation national general meetings on several previous occasions.

**2005/11:001 MOTION**

Local 28/Local 27

Be it resolved that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the plenary speaker of the November 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.

**3. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

National Chairperson George Soule introduced Felix Eldridge, President of the National Union of Students-Australia.

Eldridge thanked the Federation for inviting him to attend the general meeting. He said that the National Union of Students was the national student organisation in Australia. He said that for the previous six years of the almost fifty years that the organisation had existed, it had been fighting to survive because of the government's attacks on their right to collect fees. He provided an overview of the of the National Union of Students-Australia's efforts to combat the government's regressive initiatives and offered analysis of the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS), the Australia's equivalent to Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment schemes.

Soule said that it was important that the Federation and the National Union of Students continue to work together. He said that the Canadian and Australian governments shared information, making it even more imperative that the two national students' unions work closely.

Local 27 delegate Simon Kiss asked how the Higher Education Contribution Scheme worked.

Eldridge said that individuals enrolling in university have the option of ticking a box allowing them to defer their study costs which had been set by the government. He said that the person who designed the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) was Bruce Chapman who was from the Australian National University. He said that Chapman was obsessed with equity and refused to acknowledge that there was a problem with HECS, citing the government's implementation of the program as the problem. He said that loan repayment commenced once the student earned over a certain amount, roughly \$35,000 a year, with the average wage being \$50,000. He said that any borrower able to repay the entire amount at once would be eligible for a 25 percent discount.

Local 98 delegate Walied Khogali asked if there was an alliance between the labour movement and the student movement.

Eldridge said that the labour movement in Australia included trade unions and the Labour Party. He said that right-wing trade unions, roughly one-half of the trade unions, supported HECS and the left-wing ones opposed it. He said that NUS-Australia had received a lot of support from the labour movement in their fight against the attacks on mandatory students' union dues collection. He said that in the previous year the government had introduced a number of regressive labour laws which had monopolised much of the labour movement's time and energy.

National Chairperson George Soule offered the following remarks:

"Good afternoon and welcome to the 24th annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Eighteen months ago, we met across the river at Carleton University the day before the federal elections. Tuition fees had been frozen in some provinces. And in other provinces, they had been reduced.

But many students in Canada still faced tuition fee hikes. And most of us in the room were still too young to have lived under a minority government.

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In that month of May, we developed a plan to put post-secondary education on the agenda of the federal elections campaign. We succeeded! We succeeded despite the fact that the election was held in summer, at a time when it was very difficult for us to mobilise our members. All the parties, the Liberals, the NDP, the Conservatives, and the Bloc, talked about the need to increase access to post-secondary education.

Now, admittedly they didn't all propose the best approach. But, when we look at where we are today, there can be no doubt that our high-profile Vote Education campaign to highlight student issues and evaluate campaign promises made it impossible for any would-be candidate to ignore the question of access to university or college. As a result, that election had a positive effect on post-secondary education in Canada. Let's talk for a moment about what we've achieved in the past 18 months, and even in the past six.

Let's focus in on the scale of the crisis that is student debt in Canada. With tuition fees still at their highest levels in modern Canadian history, with so many students blocked from public universities and colleges by the enormity of the barriers to access that have been imposed by governments—not just in Canada—but around the world, and with many self-interested decision-makers—those people who, when they were university or college students, benefited from a much more accessible system—who are now so seemingly committed to making sure that our generation of students don't have that same opportunity. With these politicians relentlessly pushing an agenda of higher fees, higher debt and discriminatory income contingent loan repayment schemes it is important that we take the time to remind ourselves of our victories.

We have turned a corner—not just in the public consciousness—but in the national and international political debate over the future of post-secondary education.

Who in this room is from a campus where tuition fees are regulated at inflation, frozen, or have been reduced in the past year. Keep your hands up. Look around. Here's what's most impressive about the range of hands that just went up: some of you have a New Democratic Party government in your province. Some of you have a Liberal government. And some of you have a Conservative government. It is because students have been able to shape the political debate which is the reason that today we have a cross party consensus on, at least, the political importance of regulating and reducing tuition fees. The NDP, the Liberals, and the Conservatives might not be able to agree on when an election should be called. But we have made their provincial counterparts agree that they must freeze or reduce tuition fees if they want to maintain political power. In Ontario, the Liberal's trotted out disgraced one-term NDP Premier Bob Rae in an attempt to give themselves an excuse to hike tuition fees. Some have said that we are lucky that he bungled that job as badly as he did his Premiership. However, the opposition he was up against was far more impressive than anything he ever met in the Ontario legislature.

In addition to discrediting Rae's deregulation agenda, we've conducted polling, to determine if our assessments are correct, that by working together in federal and provincial campaigns we have made access to post-secondary education a critical ballot box issue.

Let's look at what the polls say about whether voters agree with us. Now admittedly the numbers are a little bit closer than we'd like them. When we factor in the margin of error of plus or minus four percent or so, Canadians believe that governments should improve access to education by freezing or reducing tuition fees by a margin of almost eight to one. I don't know about you, but I'd feel more comfortable if that number was nine to one. But eight to one is not too bad.

So, how did we get there—when just ten years ago—our predecessors were up against a barrage of news stories about lazy, whiny, deadbeat student debtors—and the so called "need" to increase tuition fees. Well, our predecessors, worked incredibly hard. And so have all of us in this room. There are other organizations that have accepted tuition fee hikes as inevitable. They have accepted Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment Schemes as a fait accompli, and they have written off student debt loads of more than \$100,000 as nothing more than a repayment management problem.

But we have said, no way. We say that tuition fee increases are not natural. That life long debt is not acceptable. And we have said that Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment Schemes are not an option. Period. Because we never accepted what the opponents of accessible education were saying we did the impossible—we stopped the "inevitable". How did we manage that? I think that there are two possible conclusions.

The first is not probable. But I will propose it anyway. All of the hardcore elitist ideologues woke up one morning and said "We were wrong—tuition fees ARE a symptom of underfunding. They're not a solution after all". It's a heart warming tale but doubtful. But, let me suggest a second theory:

The advocates of higher tuition fees, of massive student debt, of government underfunding, and of privatisation—weren't telling the truth when they said each of these things were inevitable. And they knew it. What they didn't know was what they were up against. They underestimated the power of our national student movement.

Just look at what the power of our movement has given us in the last six months alone:

The Senate has finally heard us. After having pleaded ignorance for years, it has finally officially and publicly recognised that the federal funding crisis for post-secondary education really exists and that it is growing. And the Senate is working with us to find a solution. Then the federal government agreed. For the first time in Canada, the federal budget will provide funding to reduce tuition fees. We pressured the provinces. At the Provincial Premiers' general meeting, they said that increased federal funding for postsecondary education would be their first priority. We got over 100 million dollars in new funding for graduate students. Asking for grants instead of loans has struck a chord with the electorate, and on Parliament Hill.

Despite its imperfections, the creation of grants for low-income students is recognition on the part of the federal government that we were right all along. The best way to help students financially is to give them grants not loans, and certainly not by creating sensationalist so-called foundations. And now, starting with Nova Scotia and Québec, agreements have been signed by the federal and provincial governments to finally allow international students to work off-campus.

The power and importance of our Federation is obvious, and it's the reason why more and more students want to join the Canadian student movement and work with us.

Since last we met, the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union rejoined our Federation and the students at the University of Manitoba voted 86 percent in favour of adding their voices. Students at both of those institutions are now united with every other university student in their respective provinces. We also have three new prospective members: L'Association étudiante de La Cité collégiale, the Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson, and the Cariboo Student Society.

Our Federation has never been so strong. And we have to be. Opponents to accessible education have not given up, and they are coming back with a vengeance. In fact they are even digging up old ideas, such as Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment Schemes in order to justify their campaign for higher tuition fees and higher student debt. ICRs were killed and buried in 1995 by the largest Canadian student demonstration in history. But they are re-appearing in post-secondary education policy discussions.

Far too many people in the halls of power are saying far too much about these funding schemes. If allowed to surface, it won't be long before they make it into election platforms. And decision-makers will be looking for converts. We must be ready to take them on. And looking around this room I'm confident we will be. There are about 250 delegates representing the more than 500,000 members of Canada's student movement. We have the breadth and the depth of knowledge, experience, work ethic, and solidarity to enter into the upcoming federal election and put our vision of an accessible, nationally planned, and appropriately funded system of post-secondary education at the top of the priority list.

We have four days to figure out exactly how we're going to make that happen. This meeting is our chance to debate the issues and shape our campaigns for the next six months. We will also participate in workshops to develop our skills and our knowledge, to better represent and advocate for our members. Most importantly, we will remind ourselves why we are part of the student movement. Because we know that, even though our enemies refuse to admit it – education is a right.

And because we know that in order to make a difference we must stand together and demand to be heard. We owe it ourselves, to those we represent, and, in my opinion, most importantly, to those who may never get the chance to sit at a desk in a college or university because they simply can't afford it.

During the last six months, we turned a corner in the debate for accessible post-secondary education. Let's use the next four days to build on momentum, our strength and our unity.

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Thank you. Have a great meeting.”

### **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 had designated Local 19 as its proxy for the meeting;
- Local 102 had designated Local 19 as its proxy for the meeting; and
- Local 84 had designated Local 78 as its proxy for the opening plenary.

### **5. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA**

#### **2005/11:002 MOTION**

Local 25/Local 5

Be it resolved that the agenda for the opening and closing plenaries be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

#### **2005/11:003 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 38

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

**CARRIED**

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

#### **2005/11:004 MOTION**

Local 88/Local 11

Be it resolved that the minutes of the May 2005 national general meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

Soulé said that the Federation endeavoured to create an environment at its national general meetings 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. 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 collective agreement. He said that the agreement outlined the rights and responsibilities of employees and the employer. He noted that the employees of the



Federation had the right to attend and participate in all meetings of the employer with the exception of those meetings that included discussions of discipline, discharge and negotiations. He said that the employees 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.

**10. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**a. Ratification of Full Membership Votes**

**2005/11:005 MOTION**

Local 1/Local 9

Be it resolved that the members of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:006 MOTION**

Local 91/Local 53

Be it resolved that the members of the University of Manitoba Students' Union be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**b. Consideration of Prospective Membership Applications**

**2005/11:007 MOTION**

Local 4/Local 24

Be it resolved that the Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson be ratified as a prospective member of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:008 MOTION**

Local 45/Local 62

Be it resolved that Cariboo Student Society be ratified as a prospective member of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:009 MOTION**

Local 15/Local 9

Be it resolved that Association étudiante de la Cité Collégiale be ratified as a prospective member of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**11. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS**

**a. Introduction of Electoral Officers**

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

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

Hashemi explained that elections for the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and National Treasurer on the National Executive would be conducted at the general meeting. He noted that the elections were for the 2006-2007 term commencing at the adjournment of the May 2006 semi-annual

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national general meeting. He said that, in addition, an election would be conducted for one member of the Travel CUTS Board of Directors for the 2006-2008 term.

Hashemi said that delegates should refer to Bylaws V, VI and the Standing Resolution 21 for information about the election procedures and the positions.

### **12. 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 struck automatically:

- Budget Committee;
- Campaigns and Government Relations Forum;
- Policy Review and Development Committee; and
- Organisational and Services Development Committee.

#### **b. Adoption of Sub-Committee Agendas**

#### **2005/11:010 MOTION**

Local 11/Local 91

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

**CARRIED**

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

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

Local 79 delegate Mehdi El Ouali asked about the status of a motion that the Local had submitted for consideration at the meeting. He said that it was with regards to adding a position on the National Executive for an international students' representative.

Sioufi asked if the motion had been sent to the national office.

El Ouali said yes, it had been.

Sioufi said that it had not been received in the national office.

#### **a. Motions Submitted by Member Local Associations**

#### **2005/11:011 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 30

Whereas gaining wide support for frozen or reduced tuition fees is necessary to pressure government when tuition fees are under review; and

Whereas when students, faculty, and staff are not working in a coordinated and united manner, it is easy for governments and university administrations to exploit divisions and ignore stakeholders; and

Whereas students, faculty, and staff often have the common concerns and goals that include promoting accessibility, quality, accountability, and public funding in post-secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to form campus coalitions that involve faculty and staff unions, with a goal of coordinating lobby efforts and developing common positions;

Be it further resolved that such coalitions seek to work collectively to develop a common approach to institutional governance bodies, including but not limited to boards of governors and academic councils or senates; and

Be it further resolved that these coalitions be encouraged to work together to mobilise the vote in the upcoming federal election and educate campus members about where political parties stand on the question of post-secondary education funding and access.

**2005/11:012 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:011 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:011 REFERRED**

**2005/11:013 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 30

Whereas decisions made at the Academic Council, Senate, or the equivalent institutional body often have a vast impact on the learning conditions of college and university students; and

Whereas student representatives on institutional academic bodies are often elected outside of the students' union elections and, in many cases, the election process is overseen by the institutional administration; and

Whereas a representative, accountable, and united student caucus on institutional academic bodies helps to ensure a more democratic, cohesive, and effective student voice; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to organise meetings with the student members of their respective Academic Council, Senate, or the equivalent institutional body for the purpose of coordinating strong, strategic, and effective student representation on all academic matters considered within the college or university governance structure.

**2005/11:014 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:013 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:013 REFERRED**

**2005/11:015 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 30

Whereas gaining wide public support for high-quality and affordable post-secondary education is necessary in order to successfully pressure governments to support dedicated federal transfer payments to the provinces for the purpose of increasing and guaranteeing funding for post-secondary education; and

Whereas tuition fee increases play a negative role in the educational experience of students; and

Whereas at most institutions the Academic Council, Senate, or the equivalent institutional body is mandated with the responsibility of protecting the quality of the educational experience of students at a given institution; and

Whereas at Ryerson University a motion endorsing the tuition fee freeze submitted by Local 24 and the Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson (CESAR), and directing the president of the university to write to the government to express support for the tuition fee freeze, was passed by the Academic Council; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to submit similar motions to their respective Academic Councils, Senates, or equivalent institutional bodies, calling for the official and public endorsement of tuition fee freezes and reductions.

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**2005/11:016 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:015 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:015 REFERRED**

**2005/11:017 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 30

Whereas students democratically organise through national, provincial, and campus students' unions in order to provide representation and services; and

Whereas students democratically determine levies to impose individually upon themselves in order to fund their respective students' unions; and

Whereas students' unions must be able to retain current membership lists to communicate with and serve their members effectively; and

Whereas lack of access to membership lists hinders a students' union ability to make their members aware of the benefits and services available to them; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to request full membership lists from their respective institutional administrations; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work together, where necessary, to lobby their respective provincial governments to establish a legal right for students' unions to have access to their membership lists.

**2005/11:018 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:017 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:017 REFERRED**

**2005/11:019 MOTION**

Local 78/Local 30

Whereas Standing Resolution 18 is currently silent on the process for filling vacancies on the National Graduate Caucus Executive; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 18 be amended to include the following:

**Vacancy in a Caucus Executive Position**

In the event of a vacancy in the position of Caucus Chairperson, Caucus Deputy Chairperson, or Graduate Student Representative on the National Executive:

- i. the Caucus Executive shall have the authority to appoint a member of the National Graduate Caucus to fill the position until the next national general meeting; and
- ii. an election for the position shall be conducted at the next Caucus general meeting as per the election procedures set out in Standing Resolution 18, Section 6.

**2005/11:020 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:019 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:019 REFERRED**

**2005/11:021 MOTION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE**

Local 78/Local 30

Be it resolved that the Policy on Research Councils be repealed; and

Be it further resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**Preamble**

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research provide public funds for research in Canada. The Canada Council for the Arts provides funding to artists and arts organizations. These councils are mandated to "promote the highest standards of research excellence". Public funding for research, scholarly, and artistic activities is integral to a strong Canadian intellectual and cultural fabric.

Recent federal activities, such as the "Innovation Strategy", have increased pressure to commercialise research in public universities. This shift has influenced the mandates of the granting councils to increasingly support applied research. The commercialisation of research poses threats to the ability of researchers to participate in curiosity-driven or basic research that does not have an immediate commercial interest. Under such a scheme it is also clear that applied social sciences will be funded over humanities research. A funding agenda that favours applied research also poses threats to research integrity.

In addition, although the majority of students are studying in the social sciences and humanities and the majority of faculty teach in the social sciences and humanities, funding to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council is significantly lower than the funding provided to the other two granting councils.

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- adequate public funding for research through the granting councils;
- adequate and sustained public funding for artists through the Canada Council for the Arts;
- equitable distribution of granting council funds among disciplines and institutions;
- adequate allocation of granting council funds towards basic research;
- granting councils research funding provided to support public, not private, interests; and
- granting councils ensuring that universities receiving funding uphold the highest standards of research by explicitly supporting the role of whistleblowers through the enactment of whistleblower protection policies.

**2005/11:022 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:021 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:021 REFERRED**

**2005/11:023 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 30

Whereas students at Dawson College in Montreal, Québec voted in favour of legal accreditation of the Dawson Students' Union in March, 2005; and

Whereas the Dawson Students' Union's accreditation was approved by the provincial government in April, 2005; and

Whereas Québec law empowers accredited students' unions with financial and political independence; and

Whereas in July, 2005 the Québec Superior Court upheld both the accreditation referendum and the democratic Dawson Students' Union executive committee election; and

Whereas the Dawson College administration continues to refuse to recognise the democratic vote of the students' to accredit the Dawson Students' Union; and

Whereas the Dawson College administration refuses to recognise the democratically elected leadership of the Dawson Students' Union; and

Whereas the Dawson College administration continues to refuse to transfer previously collected students' union dues to the Dawson Students' Union; and

Whereas the Dawson College administration has collected the students' union dues for the 2005-2006 academic year but refuses to transfer the funds to the Dawson Students' Union; and

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Whereas the Dawson College administration continues its campaign to discredit the Dawson Students' Union through a number of tactics including the dissemination of false information and assuming control of Dawson Students' Union services; and

Whereas legal and political campaigns are ongoing to force the administration to recognise the legitimacy of the democratically elected Dawson Students' Union executive and subsequently transfer the students' union dues to the Dawson Students' Union; therefore

Be it resolved that the Dawson Students' Union's campaign to have the Dawson College administration recognise the legal rights of the Dawson Students' Union as an accredited students' union be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the Dawson College administration and the Québec Minister of Education expressing support for the Dawson Students' Union's campaign to have its legal accreditation recognised and respected by the Dawson College administration.

**2005/11:024 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:023 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:023 REFERRED**

**2005/11:025 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 30

Whereas many member locals own and operate food service and beverage operations which purchase similar goods, equipment, and consumables; and

Whereas vendors for commonly used food and beverage service goods, equipment, and consumables are common across most of the country; and

Whereas significant financial benefit can be realized by member locals working together to bulk order products and services; and,

Whereas bulk purchasing of goods and services can create unique opportunities for membership development; therefore,

Be it resolved that the creation of a national student bar supplies consortium be created modeled after the structure of the National Student Health Network; and

Be it further resolved that the production of Federation crested food and beverage consumables be investigated.

**2005/11:026 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:025 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:025 REFERRED**

**2005/11:027 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 30

Whereas continued reductions to student services funding at post-secondary institutions have resulted in limited access to computing service; and

Whereas increased numbers of students are required to purchase personal computers to satisfy course or program requirements and for access to online resources; and

Whereas the purchase of a personal computer constitutes a significant expenditure for students from middle or low income backgrounds; therefore

Be it resolved that Studentsaver discounts from national computer equipment companies be solicited.

**2005/11:028 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:027 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:027 REFERRED**

**2005/11:029 MOTION**

Local 13/Local 30

Whereas lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited people are still facing discrimination on campuses and within society in general; and

Whereas the Federation's "Positive Space" campaign has not been updated in some time and is dormant; therefore

Be it resolved that the "Positive Space" campaign be revitalised; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive work with the Queer Constituency Group to revitalise the campaign.

**2005/11:030 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:029 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:029 REFERRED**

**2005/11:031 MOTION**

Local 89/

Whereas all students have the right to a full appeal when faced with expulsion, suspension or any serious disciplinary action; and

Whereas in international student appeal cases, international students are particularly vulnerable due to the fact the federal government delegates the power to determine an international students' legal status in Canada to educational institutions; and

Whereas the expulsions of international graduate students at the University of Victoria have resulted in loss of legal status in Canada for those students; and

Whereas non-status migrants do not have the right to financial aid or to earn an income in Canada and therefore international students in an appeal process can be left without income; and

Whereas the Federation has committed itself to the principle of international students' rights;

Be it resolved that Local 89's campaign to protect international students in appeal processes be adopted; and

Be it further resolved that the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration and other relevant federal authorities be called upon to create policy to protect international students undergoing appeal processes.

**2005/11:032 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:031 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:031 REFERRED**

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**2005/11:033 MOTION**

Local 68/Local 30

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students frequently works in coalition with the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec (FÉUQ); and

Whereas the FÉUQ shares many of the Federation's major goals with respect to post-secondary education; and

Whereas there is strength in numbers; therefore

Be it resolved that, where possible, work be undertaken with the FÉUQ during the next federal election.

**2005/11:034 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:033 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:033 REFERRED**

**2005/11:035 MOTION**

Local 68/Local 30

Whereas the Millennium Scholarship Foundation has failed miserably at improving access and reducing student debt; and

Whereas the Foundation has undertaken an aggressive public relations campaign to increase tuition fees; and

Whereas the Foundation's research project has proven to be biased and detrimental to the interests of Canadian students and their families; and

Whereas the Foundation's research project has doled out lucrative and untendered research contracts to former employees of the Foundation; and

Whereas Foundation employees have attempted to undermine students' unions by denouncing the goals and tactics of the student movement; and

Whereas the Foundation has already begun to lobby elected officials and bureaucrats to extend the Foundation's lifespan beyond 2008; therefore

Be it resolved that the campaign for the wind down of the Foundation be escalated.

**2005/11:036 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:035 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:035 REFERRED**

**b. Motion Submitted by the British Columbia Component**

**2005/11:037 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 30

Whereas the Federation honours the Canadian Labour Congress' requests to boycott specific companies and products in its day-to-day practices; and

Whereas the Federation has ethical purchasing policy that determines from which businesses it will solicit discounts for the Studentsaver and International Student Identity Card programmes; and

Whereas provincial, national, or international corporations interested in offering discounts to students would be subject to scrutiny as per Federation policies; and



Whereas many members of the Federation rely on the Federation's discount programmes to save money on necessities like food, clothing, and school supplies; and

Whereas it is important that the Studentsaver and ISIC discount programmes offer a wide variety of discounts to remain relevant and useful to students; and

Whereas discounts provided by provincial, national, and international corporations would improve the quality of the Studentsaver and ISIC discount programmes; and

Whereas member locals at Federation general meetings have repeatedly affirmed the need to secure a greater number of provincial and national discounts; therefore

Be it resolved that a strategy be developed to expand and improve solicitation of provincial and national discounts.

**2005/11:038 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:037 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:037 REFERRED**

**c. Motion Served Notice at the Previous National General Meeting**

Sioufi explained that the following motion had been served with notice at the previous national general meeting for consideration at the meeting.

**2005/11:039 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.

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**2005/11:040 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:039 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:039 REFERRED**

**14. 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 explained that the written report was still being photocopied and, therefore, was not yet ready for distribution. He said that, in addition, technical problems had developed with the Powerpoint presentation of the report. He proposed that the presentation of the report be postponed until the closing plenary.

**2005/11:041 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 3/Local 68

Be it resolved that the presentation of the National Executive report be postponed to closing plenary.

**CARRIED**

**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**16. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

**17. RECESS**

**2005/11:042 MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 3/Local 15

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until 14:00, Saturday, November 26, 2005.

**CARRIED**

17:56 the meeting recessed.

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## CALL BACK TO ORDER—Saturday, November 26, 2005

14:44 the meeting was called back to order by National Chairperson George Soule.

### 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 15	Cariboo Student Society*	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	Absent
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
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
Local 103	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	Present
Local 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Present
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Present by proxy
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
	Association étudiants de La Cité collégiale	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	Present
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
	Association of Laurentian Part-Time Students	Absent
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 39	McMaster University Graduate Students Association	Absent

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Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
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
	Continuing Education Students' Association at Ryerson	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 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 51	Association generale des étudiants et étudiantes de l'Université de Moncton campus d'Edmundston	Present
Local 67	University of New Brunswick Graduate Student Association	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 64	Acadia Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	Cape Breton University 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
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' Union	Present

\* Prospective member

Soule declared that quorum had been achieved.

## 2. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

### a. Consideration of National Executive Recommendation

Soule announced that Sylvia Sioufi, who had been ratified in the opening plenary as the Plenary Speaker, would not be available to chair the closing plenary. He said that the National Executive was recommending that Richard Smith be ratified as the Speaker. He said that Smith had a long history of involvement with the Federation, having served as the Chair of the National Graduate Caucus in the mid-1990s. He noted that Smith had chaired Federation national general meetings on several previous occasions.

2005/11:043 MOTION

Local 66/Local 53

Be it resolved that Richard Smith be ratified as the plenary speaker of the November 2005 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**3. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

National Treasurer Dave Hare said that the Budget Committee Report included the final, revised budget that the Budget Committee was recommending be adopted. He said that the Committee reviewed the various revenue sources of the Federation and the larger areas of spending. He noted that the revised budget included an additional line item for the website service, detailed in schedule 9, Communications. He said that the Committee was proposing increasing the donation amount in Schedule 7, Campaigns and Government Relations, from \$1000 to \$5000.

**2005/11:044 MOTION**

Local 1/Local 23

Be it resolved that the final draft Revised 2005-2006 Budget be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:045 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 17

Be it resolved that the Budget Committee Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL & SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

**2005/11:019 MOTION**

Local 78/Local 30

Whereas Standing Resolution 18 is currently silent on the process for filling vacancies on the National Graduate Caucus Executive; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 18 be amended to include the following:

**Vacancy in a Caucus Executive Position**

In the event of a vacancy in the position of Caucus Chairperson, Caucus Deputy Chairperson, or Graduate Student Representative on the National Executive:

- i. the Caucus Executive shall have the authority to appoint a member of the National Graduate Caucus to fill the position until the next national general meeting; and
- ii. an election for the position shall be conducted at the next Caucus general meeting in accordance with the election procedures set out in Standing Resolution 18, Section 6.

**2005/11:046 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 79/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:019 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 19 be amended to include the following:

**Vacancy in a Caucus Executive Position**

In the event of a vacancy in the position of Caucus Chairperson, Caucus Deputy Chairperson, or Graduate Student Representative on the National Executive:

- i. the Caucus Executive shall have the authority to appoint a member of the National Graduate Caucus to fill the position until the next Caucus general meeting; and
- ii. an election for the position shall be conducted at the next Caucus general meeting in accordance with the election procedures set out in Standing Resolution 19, Section 6."

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**CARRIED**

**2005/11:019 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2005/11:025 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 30

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Whereas vendors for commonly used food and beverage service goods, equipment, and consumables are common across most of the country; and

Whereas significant financial benefit can be realized by member locals working together to bulk order products and services; and

Whereas bulk purchasing of goods and services can create unique opportunities for membership development; therefore

Be it resolved that the creation of a national student bar supplies consortium be created modeled after the structure of the National Student Health Network; and

Be it further resolved that the production of Federation crested food and beverage consumables be investigated.

**2005/11:047 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 1/Local 98

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:025 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that an investigation into the creation of a national student food and beverage consortium modeled after the structure of the National Student Health Network be undertaken."

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:025 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2005/11:048 MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

Local 98/Local 97

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:025 be reconsidered.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:025 RECONSIDERED**

**2005/11:049 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 68/Local 30

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:025 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that an investigation into the creation of a national student food and beverage consortium modeled after the structure of the National Student Health Network be undertaken; and

Be it further resolved that the production of Federation crested food and beverage consumables be investigated."

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:025 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2005/11:027 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 30

Whereas continued reductions to student services funding at post-secondary institutions have resulted in students having limited access to computing service; and

Whereas increased numbers of students are required to purchase personal computers to satisfy course or program requirements and to gain access to online resources; and

Whereas the purchase of a personal computer constitutes a significant expenditure for students from middle- or low-income backgrounds; therefore

Be it resolved that Studentsaver discounts from national computer equipment companies be solicited.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:035 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 30

Whereas the Federation honours the Canadian Labour Congress' requests to boycott specific companies and products in its day-to-day practices; and

Whereas the Federation has ethical purchasing policy that determines from which businesses it will solicit discounts for the Studentsaver and International Student Identity Card programmes; and

Whereas provincial, national and international corporations interested in offering discounts to students would be subject to scrutiny as per Federation policies; and

Whereas many members of the Federation rely on the Federation's discounts programmes to offer a wide variety of discounts to remain relevant and be useful to students; and

Whereas it is important that the Studentsaver and ISIC discount programmes offer a wide variety of discounts to remain relevant and useful to students; and

Whereas discounts provided by provincial, national, and international corporations would secure a greater number of provincial and national discounts; therefore

Be it resolved that a strategy be developed to expand and improve solicitation of provincial and national discounts.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:050 MOTION**

Local 27/Local 71

Be it resolved that the Organisational and Services Development Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS TABLED FROM OPENING PLENARY**

National Chairperson 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 presented sections of the report.

**Report on Travel CUTS**

Former Travel CUTS Board Chairperson Joey Hansen said that he had been the Chair of the Travel CUTS Board for most of the period that had been covered in the Report. He said that for the period that ended June 30 he was happy to report that the company had made a profit of \$49,000. He said that the company was still faced by a number of difficult challenges that did not exist a few years ago; however, the first quarter of the current fiscal year, 2005-2006, had been fairly positive. He said that the number of individuals purchasing airline tickets continued to climb. He said that unfortunately the commission that airlines paid had decreased which contributed to the challenges the company faced. He said that CUTS had engaged in new tactics to improve its position. He said that, unfortunately, the commission that airlines paid had decreased, contributing to the challenges to company faced. He said that CUTS had engaged in new tactics to improve its market position. He said that a couple of years earlier the company had launched a website considered to be a state-of-the-art web sales engine at the time. He said that it was now considered an obsolete engine so, consequently, the company would be launching a new site with improved capabilities to search for fares. He said that it would enable CUTS to offer the most cost effective options to student travellers. He added that CUTS would continue with its price matching policy.

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### **2005/11:051 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 91

Be it resolved that the National Executive report be adopted.

Local 68 delegate Shamini Selvaratnam said that Local 68 had also joined homes4students which should be added to the Report. She thanked the national office for assisting with the development of the Local 68 website. She said that the National Executive had addressed the right of international students' right to work off campus. She asked for more information about the status of the programme in other provinces.

Soule said that the federal government agreed to allow international students to work off-campus. He said that the provinces were then asked to sign memorandums of understanding indicating their intention to allow for international students to work off-campus. He said that prior to signing the memorandum the provinces were required to sign agreements with each of the institutions in the province. He said that this was to ensure that the institutions would assume the additional responsibility of monitoring the status of international students. He said that in many provinces it had taken additional time to secure agreements between the institutions and the province.

Local 79 delegate El Ouali asked about the status of the review of the structure of the National Executive.

Hare said that a previous national general meeting had resolved that the structure and composition of the National Executive be reviewed. He said that the goal had been to provide the report at the general meeting; however, there had been considerable difficulty in contacting past members of the National Executive as required by the motion. He said that there had also been turnover on the National Executive so those individuals who had been assigned responsibility for the report were no longer members of the National Executive. He said that a draft had been prepared and it would be ready for the May national general meeting.

El Ouali asked if the report would be distributed in advance of the meeting.

Hare said that was the goal.

Local 24 delegate Denise Hammond said that she was aware that the Federation had a campaign on the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) campaign that focused on the threat to education as a tradable commodity. She asked for an update about any international discussions that had been held recently regarding the status of education in the GATS negotiations.

Soule said that the federal government had indicated that it would not allow public education to be included in the negotiations. He said that, however, it was a "slippery slope" in that it was allowing private post-secondary education to be included in the discussions. He said that it would be difficult to maintain the distinction between public and private. He said that the Federation had been working closely with the Canadian Association of University Teachers in monitoring the talks and conducting research to support the Federation and Association's positions.

Local 23 delegate Clement Apaak said that he was happy to report that the federal government and the BC government had signed an agreement allowing international students to work off-campus. He said that members from BC should meet with administrators from their respective institutions in order to encourage them to support the new rights of international students to work off-campus. He said that it was a very exciting development and a sign of the progress the Federation had made with respect to international student issues. He said that the motion requiring a review of the structure of the National Executive had, in some situations, been used to argue that the Federation was not doing enough for international students. He said that he wanted to state very clearly that it was not the case and that international students truly recognised and appreciated that the Federation had done a lot of work in helping improve the conditions of international students. He said that as someone who had studied on three continents that it was only as a member of the Federation that he as an international student had been allowed to fully participate. He said that the call for the inclusion of international students on the National Executive should not be seen as a sign of dissatisfaction or lack of appreciation.

Local 8 Kate Sjoberg thanked the National Executive for its report. She said that while the Federation pressured the federal government to winddown the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, the Foundation continued to spend money conducting research and lobbying against the Federation's position. She said that it depleted funds that should be available to reinvest in needs-based grants. She asked if it had been



communicated in meetings with government that a comparable amount of funds being used by the Foundation should be allocated to needs-based grants.

Soule said that the Federation had repeatedly requested that the government adequately fund a need-based grants programme. He said that the original premise of the endowment was that the funds would be deleted over the course of the Foundation's life. He said that the Foundation had made some very solid investments so at the conclusion of the Foundation's life, there may be funds remaining. He said that, despite that, the Federation had consistently called upon decision makers to invest in a needs-based grants programme.

Local 18 delegate Heidi Taylor said that her Union had been working to promote Studentphonestore on its campus and had been very successful. She asked what was being done to expand the promotion of Studentphonestore and to secure more discounts.

Hare said that there were ongoing discussions with Rogers who offered a discount through the programme but not one that was on par with the discount offered by Fido. He said that it was critical that more discounts, similar to those offered through Fido be secured. He said that part of the reason that Rogers had been willing to enter into discussions about a discount was because the discount with Fido had been so popular. He said that even if the Rogers negotiation was positive, there needed to be more movement from Bell and Telus.

Local 44 delegate Shamus Reid noted that a provincial election had recently been held in BC. He said that the Federation had conducted an effective campaign to register students to vote and that Elections BC had recently released a report indicating that voter turnout amongst youth voters had increased by almost ten percent. He said that the campaign had been a huge success. He asked if the National Executive could expand on how it thought that momentum could be used to increase youth voter turnout in the federal election.

Soule said that the success in BC had been remarkable and would be a good launching point for a national campaign. He said that one distinct advantage in BC for recruiting voters was the pre-established voting dates, allowing for planning and implementation months in advance of the campaign. He said that encouraging students to register other students to vote was an effective mechanism. He said that there had been an extensive discussion in the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum about voter registration.

Local 3 delegate Shayne Robinson said that the Federation had suffered a setback when its charter challenge to the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act was rejected by the courts. He asked if the National Executive had discussed how to reinvigorate the campaign and what the organisation's next steps should be.

Soule said that the proposed legislation to reduce the number of years before an individual could claim bankruptcy had skipped the committee stage in order to be considered before the government fell. He said that the Federation needed to continue raising the issue and calling attention to it.

Local 23 delegate Apaak said that at the May 2005 national general meeting a motion requiring that a letter be written by the National Executive regarding the situation in Darfur had been adopted. He asked if the letter had been written.

Soule said that the letter had been issued.

Local 79 delegate El Ouali offered congratulations to Travel CUTS for making a profit this year. He said that it was great news. He said; however, that he believed that the value of discounts available through Travel CUTS and the ISIC was declining. He asked if the National Executive thought that an indicator could be established to monitor the value of the ISIC in order to ensure that it continued to be effective.

Hansen said that he did not necessarily agree that the value of the ISIC had declined. He said that it had declined slightly for domestic flights because Air Canada no longer used the ISIC as proof of full time student status. He said that the Card was still very valuable on international flights and accommodation and cultural sites. He said that the cessation of use of the Card by Air Canada had been a result of a technological change in Air Canada. He said that CUTS had continued to work with Air Canada and, as a result, Travel CUTS continued to receive some of the best fares Air Canada could offer, with or without the ISIC. He said that the priority should be securing the lowest fares possible.

Local 21 delegate Kathleen Rhodes said that although the Travel CUTS' net income showed a sharp increase, the full financial documents showed that much of it was due to non-cash items and, in fact, the operation's cash in/cash out had been relatively flat. She said that it made her question if net income was truly the best

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primary method by which to gauge the financial health of the company. She asked what other criteria were used to measure the health of Travel CUTS and, by those measures, how the company had been faring.

Hansen said that the Federation used a number of measures. He said that it was important to recognise that Travel CUTS was not merely a business but the largest service the Federation offered. He said that one of the primary measures was how many students purchased flights at Travel CUTS every year. He said that presumably they were purchasing the flights because they were cheapest or they felt most comfortable buying from CUTS. He said, by that measure, the number of students who had purchased flights from CUTS had increased each year for the previous several years. He said that a few years earlier, the Travel CUTS Board had identified the need to be more proactive in promoting travel. He said that there had been an increase in international flights sold through CUTS, that the strategy had been effective.

**2005/11:051 CARRIED**

### **6. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICERS REPORT**

#### **a. Elections of At-Large Members of the National Executive**

At this point, the Electoral Officers announced that ballots from the election had been tabulated and the results were ready for release.

##### **i. National Chairperson**

Electoral Officer Ashkon Hashemi announced that one delegate, Local 103 delegate Amanda Aziz, had been nominated for the position of National Chairperson.

**2005/11:052 MOTION**

Local 98/Local 44

Be it resolved that Amanda Aziz (Local 103) be ratified as the National Chairperson for the 2006-2007 term.

**CARRIED**

##### **ii. National Deputy Chairperson**

Hashemi announced that one delegate, Local 11 delegate David Hare, had been nominated for the position of National Treasurer.

**2005/11:053 MOTION**

Local 17/Local 21

Be it resolved that Angela Regnier (Local 101) be ratified as the National Deputy Chairperson for the 2006-2007 term.

**CARRIED**

##### **iii. National Treasurer**

Hashemi announced that one delegate, Local 101 delegate Angela Regnier, had been nominated for the position of National Deputy Chairperson.

**2005/11:054 MOTION**

Local 34/Local 103

Be it resolved that Dave Hare (Local 11) be ratified as the National Treasurer for the 2006-2007 term.

**CARRIED**

#### **b. Election of Travel C.U.T.S Representative**

Hashemi announced that one candidate, Local 1 delegate Carole Saab, had been nominated for the position of Travel CUTS Board Representative.

**2005/11:055 MOTION**

Local 15/Local 28

Be it resolved that Carole Saab (Local 1) be ratified as the Travel CUTS Board representative for the 2006-2007 term.

**CARRIED**

**c. By-Election of National Graduate Caucus**

Hashemi announced that one candidate, Local 96 delegate Meghan Gallant, had been nominated for the position of National Graduate Caucus Deputy Chairperson.

**2005/11:056 MOTION**

Local 27/Local 33

Be it resolved that Meghan Gallant (Local 96) be ratified as the National Graduate Caucus Deputy Chairperson for the remainder of the 2005-2006 term.

**CARRIED**

**d. Ratification of the Electoral Committee's Report**

**2005/11:057 MOTION**

Local 13/Local 36

Be it resolved that the Electoral Committee Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:058 MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 68/Local 21

Be it resolved that the meeting be recessed for 90 minutes.

**CARRIED**

18:03 the meeting recessed.

19:11 the meeting reconvened.

**7. PRESENTATION OF THE POLICY REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

National Deputy Chairperson Angela Regnier said that the Policy Review and Development Committee had discussed several current issues about which the Federation should consider developing policy. She said that one issue concerned the concept of high-need versus low-income as it related to financial assistance. She said that the Committee discussed the concept of quality and what constituted quality in post-secondary institutions.

**2005/11:021 MOTION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE**

Local 78/Local 30

Be it resolved that the Policy on Research Councils be repealed; and

Be it further resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**Preamble**

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research provide public funds for research in Canada. The Canada Council for the Arts provides funding to artists and arts organisations. These councils are mandated to "promote the highest standards of research excellence." Public funding for research, scholarly, and artistic activities is integral to a strong Canadian intellectual and cultural fabric.

Federal government policies that offer incentives to commercialise research increase the pressure to produce private, for-profit research in public universities. This shift has influenced the mandates of the granting councils to increasingly support for-profit research. The commercialisation of research poses threats to the ability of researchers to participate in curiosity-driven or basic research that does not have an immediate commercial interest. In such an environment, it is clear that applied social sciences and for-profit research will be funded over humanities research. A funding agenda that favours applied research also threatens research integrity.

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In addition, although the majority of students are studying in the social sciences and humanities and the majority of faculty teach in the social sciences and humanities, funding to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council is significantly lower than the funding provided to the other two granting councils.

### **Policy**

The Federation supports:

- adequate public funding for research supported by the granting councils;
- adequate and sustained public funding for artists supported by the Canada Council for the Arts;
- equitable distribution of granting council funds among disciplines and institutions;
- adequate allocation of granting council funds for basic research;
- granting council research funding provided to support public, as opposed to private, interests; and
- granting councils that uphold the highest standard of research by explicitly supporting the role of whistleblowers through the enactment of whistleblower protection policies.

### **2005/11:059 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 98/Local 34

Be it resolved that the following point be added to the policy proposed in Motion-2005/11:021

"- a peer-reviewed, accountable and transparent system for allocating grants."

**CARRIED**

### **2005/11:060 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 24/Local 68

Be it resolved that the last sentence in the second paragraph of the policy proposed in Motion-2005/11:021 be amended to read, "A funding agenda that favours commercialisable research also poses threats to research integrity and to basic and exploratory research."

**CARRIED**

### **2005/11:061 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 75/Local 76

Be it resolved that all references to "universities" in the policy proposed in Motion-2005/11:021 be replaced with "public post-secondary institutions."

**CARRIED**

### **2005/11:021 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

#### **NOTED ABSTENTIONS**

Local 79

### **2005/11:062 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 1

Be it resolved that the Policy Review and Development Committee Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **8. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT**

### **2005/11:011 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 30

Whereas gaining wide support for frozen or reduced tuition fees is necessary to pressure government when tuition fees are under review; and

Whereas when students, faculty, and staff are not working in a coordinated and united manner, it is easy for governments and university administrations to exploit divisions and ignore stakeholders; and

Whereas students, faculty, and staff often have common concerns and goals that include promoting accessibility, quality, accountability, and public funding in post-secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to form campus coalitions that involve faculty and staff unions, with a goal of coordinating lobby efforts and developing common positions;

Be it further resolved that such coalitions seek to work collectively to develop a common approach to institutional governance bodies, including but not limited to boards of governors and academic councils or senates; and

Be it further resolved that these coalitions be encouraged to work together to mobilise the vote in the upcoming federal election and educate campus members about where political parties stand on the question of post-secondary education funding and access.

**CARRIED****2005/11:013 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 30

Whereas decisions made at the Academic Council, Senate, or the equivalent institutional body often have a vast impact on the learning conditions of college and university students; and

Whereas student representatives on institutional academic bodies are often elected outside of the students' union elections and, in many cases, the election process is overseen by the institutional administration; and

Whereas a representative, accountable, and united student caucus on institutional academic bodies helps to ensure a more democratic, cohesive, and effective student voice; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to organise meetings with the student members of their respective Academic Council, Senate, or the equivalent institutional body for the purpose of coordinating strong, strategic, and effective student representation on all academic matters considered within the college or university governance structure.

**CARRIED****2005/11:015 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 30

Whereas gaining wide public support for high-quality and affordable post-secondary education is necessary in order to successfully pressure governments to support dedicated federal transfer payments to the provinces for the purpose of increasing and guaranteeing funding for post-secondary education; and

Whereas tuition fee increases play a negative role in the educational experience of students; and

Whereas at most institutions the Academic Council, Senate, or the equivalent institutional body is mandated with the responsibility of protecting the quality of the educational experience of students at a given institution; and

Whereas at Ryerson University a motion endorsing the tuition fee freeze submitted by Local 24 and the Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson (CESAR), and directing the president of the university to write to the government to express support for the tuition fee freeze, was passed by the Academic Council; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to submit similar motions to their respective Academic Councils, Senates, or equivalent institutional bodies, calling for the official and public endorsement of tuition fee freezes and reductions.

**2005/11:63 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 72/Local 5

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:015 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to submit motions to their respective Academic Councils, Senates, or equivalent institutional bodies, calling for the official and public endorsement of tuition fee freezes and reductions."

**CARRIED****2005/11:015 CARRIED AS AMENDED****2005/11:017 MOTION**

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Local 24/Local 30

Whereas students democratically organise through national, provincial, and campus students' unions in order to provide representation and services; and

Whereas students democratically determine levies to impose individually upon themselves in order to fund their respective students' unions; and

Whereas students' unions must be able to retain current membership lists to communicate with and serve their members effectively; and

Whereas lack of access to membership lists hinders a students' union ability to make their members aware of the benefits and services available to them; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to request full membership lists from their respective institutional administrations; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work together, where necessary, to lobby their respective provincial governments to establish a legal right for students' unions to have access to their membership lists.

**CARRIED**

### **2005/11:023 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 30

Whereas students at Dawson College in Montreal, Québec voted in favour of legal accreditation of the Dawson Students' Union in March, 2005; and

Whereas the Dawson Students' Union's accreditation was approved by the provincial government in April, 2005; and

Whereas Québec law empowers accredited students' unions with financial and political independence; and

Whereas in July, 2005 the Québec Superior Court upheld both the accreditation referendum and the democratic Dawson Students' Union executive committee election; and

Whereas the Dawson College administration continues to refuse to recognise the democratic vote of the students' to accredit the Dawson Students' Union; and

Whereas the Dawson College administration refuses to recognise the democratically elected leadership of the Dawson Students' Union; and

Whereas the Dawson College administration continues to refuse to transfer previously collected students' union dues to the Dawson Students' Union; and

Whereas the Dawson College administration has collected the students' union dues for the 2005-2006 academic year but refuses to transfer the funds to the Dawson Students' Union; and

Whereas the Dawson College administration continues its campaign to discredit the Dawson Students' Union through a number of tactics including the dissemination of false information and assuming control of Dawson Students' Union services; and

Whereas legal and political campaigns are ongoing to force the administration to recognise the legitimacy of the democratically elected Dawson Students' Union executive and subsequently transfer the students' union dues to the Dawson Students' Union; therefore

Be it resolved that the Dawson Students' Union's campaign to have the Dawson College administration recognise the legal rights of the Dawson Students' Union as an accredited students' union be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the Dawson College administration and the Québec Minister of Education expressing support for the Dawson Students' Union's campaign to have its legal accreditation recognised and respected by the Dawson College administration.

### **2005/11:064 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 92/Local 8

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:023 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that the Dawson Students' Union's campaign to have the Dawson College administration recognise the legal rights of the Dawson Students' Union as an accredited students' union be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the Dawson College administration and the Québec Minister of Education expressing support for the Dawson Students' Union's campaign to have its legal accreditation recognised and respected by the Dawson College administration; and

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to provide financial support to Dawson Students' Union to assist with its legal fight, where possible."

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:023 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2005/11:029 MOTION**

Local 13/Local 30

Whereas lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited people are still facing discrimination on campuses and within society in general; and

Whereas the Federation's "Positive Space" campaign has not been updated in some time and is dormant; therefore

Be it resolved that the "Positive Space" campaign be revitalised; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive work with the Queer Constituency Group to revitalise the campaign.

**2005/11:065 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 13/Local 18

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:029 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that the "Positive Space" campaign be revitalised; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive work with the Queer Commissioner to revitalise the campaign."

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:029 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2005/11:031 MOTION**

Local 89/Local 30

Whereas all students have the right to a full appeal when faced with expulsion, suspension or any serious disciplinary action; and

Whereas in international student appeal cases, international students are particularly vulnerable due to the fact the federal government delegates the power to determine an international students' legal status in Canada to educational institutions; and

Whereas the expulsions of international graduate students at the University of Victoria have resulted in loss of legal status in Canada for those students; and

Whereas non-status migrants do not have the right to financial aid or to earn an income in Canada and therefore international students in an appeal process can be left without income; and

Whereas the Federation has committed itself to the principle of international students' rights;

Be it resolved that Local 89's campaign to protect international students in appeal processes be adopted; and

Be it further resolved that the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration and other relevant federal authorities be called upon to create policy to protect international students undergoing appeal processes.

**2005/11:066 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 89/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:031 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to actively campaign to protect international students undergoing appeals processes by lobbying the administration of their institutions to

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create policies that recognise the need for international students to maintain status throughout the duration of their appeals; and

Be it further resolved that the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada and other relevant federal departments be called upon to create policies that protect international students throughout their appeal processes.”

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:031 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2005/11:033 MOTION**

Local 68/Local 30

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students frequently works in coalition with the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec (FÉUQ); and

Whereas the FÉUQ shares many of the Federation's major goals with respect to post-secondary education; and

Whereas there is strength in numbers; therefore

Be it resolved that, where possible, work be undertaken with the FÉUQ during the next federal election.

Local 25 delegate Kate Farnworth asked why the Fédération étudiante collége du Québec (FÉCQ) had not been included in the motion.

Soule said that the Federation had worked with the Fédération étudiante collége du Québec on the "Restore Four" campaign. He said that the Federation was still building its relationship with the FÉCQ whereas its relationship with FÉUQ had been well established.

**2005/11:065 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 25/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:033 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that, where possible, work be undertaken with the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec (FÉUQ) and the Fédération étudiante collége du Québec (FÉCQ) during the next federal election.”

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:033 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

FÉUQ Researcher Arielle Reid thanked the Federation for the show of solidarity.

**2005/11:035 MOTION**

Local 68/Local 30

Whereas the Millennium Scholarship Foundation has failed miserably at improving access and reducing student debt; and

Whereas the Foundation has undertaken an aggressive public relations campaign to increase tuition fees; and

Whereas the Foundation's research project has proven to be biased and detrimental to the interests of Canadian students and their families; and

Whereas the Foundation's research project has doled out lucrative and untendered research contracts to former employees of the Foundation; and

Whereas Foundation employees have attempted to undermine students' unions by denouncing the goals and tactics of the student movement; and

Whereas the Foundation has already begun to lobby elected officials and bureaucrats to extend the Foundation's lifespan beyond 2008; therefore

Be it resolved that the campaign for the wind down of the Foundation be escalated.

Local 89 delegate Tayfun Ince said that the Federation had used many tactics in order to effect the winddown of the Foundation. He asked what other tactics would be employed in the escalation.

Soule said that the Federation would prioritise the call for the winddown of the Foundation and put more emphasis on it when meeting with decision-makers.



**2005/11:068 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 95

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:035 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved the campaign for the wind down of the Foundation be escalated; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to their Member of Parliament explaining the rationale for the Federation's call for the wind down of the Foundation and encouraging them to support the Federation's call."

Local 8 delegate Sjoberg argued that the language in the original motion was too general.

**2005/11:068 CARRIED**

**2005/11:035 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**Local 99 Abstention**

**2005/11:039 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 SINALTRIANL, 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.

**2005/11:069 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 24/Local 38

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:039 be amended to read as follows:

"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 member locals be encouraged to adopt "Stop Killer Coke" campaigns, and work with United Students Against Sweatshops (a U.S.-based students'

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organisation) to pressure their respective post-secondary institutions to eliminate Coca-Cola exclusivity contracts; and

Be it further resolved that these campaign efforts be aimed at generating awareness and wide-spread public support to escalate pressure on institutional administrations to end Coca-Cola and other beverage exclusivity contracts; and

Be it further resolved that "Stop Killer Coke" campaign materials be produced and/or distributed to member locals to assist with local organising efforts."

### **2005/11:070 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 44/Local 46

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:069 be amended to read as follows:

"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 member locals be encouraged to adopt "Stop Killer Coke" campaigns, and work with United Students Against Sweatshops (a U.S.-based students' organisation) to pressure their respective post-secondary institutions to eliminate Coca-Cola exclusivity contracts; and

Be it further resolved that these campaign efforts be aimed at generating awareness and wide-spread public support to escalate pressure on institutional administrations to end Coca-Cola and other beverage exclusivity contracts."

Local 44 delegate Reid said that the organisation was heading into a year that had a lot of potential for students. He said that the Federation was heading into a federal election in which it could have a significant voice and put significant pressure on the candidates to make firm commitments. He said that the Federation needed to focus on producing materials for use during the federal election campaign and distributing to member locals as quickly as possible. He said that producing and distributing the "Stop Killer Coke" materials would detract from that priority. He said that materials had been developed by other organisations for the "Stop Killer Coke" campaign. He said that interested locals could assume responsibility for distributing those materials to other locals.

A Local 24 delegate said that the original motion merely required the distribution of materials. He said that the motion encouraged locals to participate in the campaign and did not force them to participate. He said that there was no timeline; rather, it was an ongoing campaign that could commence after the federal election had concluded.

Local 8 delegate Mathew Gagne spoke in support of the amendment. He said that some campuses had exclusivity agreements with Pepsi so the campaign would be ineffective at those institutions.

Local 36 delegate Igbo-Osagie Imuetinyan said that the original motion only encouraged locals to raise awareness which was not as resource intensive.

### **2005/11:070 CARRIED**

### **2005/11:071 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 8/Local 5

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:069 be amended to read as follows:

"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 be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt "Stop Killer Coke" campaigns, and work with United Students Against Sweatshops (a U.S.-based students' organisation) to pressure their respective post-secondary institutions to eliminate Coca-Cola exclusivity contracts; and

Be it further resolved that these campaign efforts be aimed at generating awareness and wide-spread public support to escalate pressure on institutional administrations to end Coca-Cola and other beverage exclusivity contracts."

Local 8 delegate Sjoberg said that the amendment would remove the language "until the Coca-Cola Co. ends its human rights abuses in Colombia". She said that it implied that the Federation would support Coca-Cola if it

ended its human rights abuses in Columbia. She said that abuse took many forms and the company would likely continue to engage in those actions.

Local 68 delegate Selveratnam said that the amendment completely altered the intention of the motion. She said that the motion called for the cessation of Coca-Cola's activities in Columbia. She said that if Coca-Cola improved its conduct or left Columbia, the campaign would conclude.

Local 23 delegate Apaak said that he supported the amendment. He said that Coca-Cola would be condemned regardless of where its human rights abuses occurred. He said that the amendment would help keep the company more accountable.

**2005/11:071 DEFEATED**

**2005/11:069 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2005/11:072 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 25/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:039 be amended to read as follows:

"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, be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt "Stop Killer Coke" campaigns, and work with United Students Against Sweatshops (a U.S.-based students' organisation) to pressure their respective post-secondary institutions to eliminate Coca-Cola exclusivity contracts; and

Be it further resolved that these campaign efforts be aimed at generating awareness and widespread public support to escalate pressure on institutional administrations to end Coca-Cola and other beverage exclusivity contracts."

Local 25 delegate Farnworth said that the word "Columbia" should be removed. She said that Coca-Cola engaged in human rights violations in a number of places around the world and it should be condemned for those activities.

Local 53 delegate Pat Barbosa said that the Federation did not control the "Stop Killer Coke" campaign but was merely endorsing it. He said that the campaign had been initiated by another group and had focused specifically on stopping human rights abuses in Columbia.

Local 27 delegate Kiss said that he supported the amendment. He said that from his experience with the campaign it was much broader than Columbia.

Local 24 delegate Nora Loreto said that the campaign had been developed by labour workers in Columbia who had been targeted and killed for their organising activities. She said that those delegates who felt strongly about the issue should develop and serve a different motion.

**2005/11:072 DEFEATED**

**2005/11:039 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2005/11:073 EMERGENCY MOTION**

Local 54/Local 13

Whereas the University of Guelph will host a 2006 Job Fair where companies that produce offensive military weapons are welcome, most notably the world's largest producer of missiles;

Whereas their website features slogans such as "Mission Solutions for the Warfighter" and "Bringing Home the Promise of Missile Defence"; and

Whereas the military-industrial complex has recently shown an increasing interest in Canada's academic institutions, most notably at the University of Toronto, which has been approached by the Pentagon to conduct research into military vehicles, directed energy weapons, kinetic energy missiles, technology that violates personal privacy and "immunomodulation" (defined as a change in the body's immune system, caused by agents that activate or suppress its function); and

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Whereas one University of Guelph researcher has conducted highly technical physics research for Sandia National Laboratories, one of the largest producers of nuclear weapons in the world, whose activities are in violation of both the Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty; and

Whereas the Ontario component of the Federation recently passed policy against offensive military research; and

Whereas the role of Canada's academic institutions should not be to assist in the production of such offensive military weapons but rather should promote peace, understanding and conflict resolution; and

Whereas Canadian universities would not allow on-campus recruitment by industries such as those that produce hardcore pornographic videos for a range of reasons; and

Whereas on many campuses the sale of cigarettes and the advertising of credit cards is banned, not because those who use credit cards or smoke cigarettes are unwelcome;

Whereas the sale of cigarettes and the advertising of credit cards are unwelcome simply because they are not necessary for the normal functioning of an academic institution and their presence may be construed as the university officially endorsing the product or the practices of the given company; and

Whereas recent demonstrations at York University have focused on the presence of recruitment drives and have resulted in confrontations that could be avoided if the recruitment was simply not permitted; therefore

Be it resolved that the Local 54 campaign against military research and recruitment at the University of Guelph be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the President of the University of Guelph opposing military research and recruitment on the University of Guelph campus.

Local 54 delegate Scott Gilbert said that the Board at the University of Guelph that considered requests for useage of space in a common area on campus would be considering a motion prohibiting military recruitment drives in the University Centre courtyard. He said that the Students' Union had been working on the issue and would appreciate the support of the other members of the Federation to support the motion prohibiting recruitment.

Local 20 delegate Kyle Walsh said that the intent of the motion had been obscured in the resolutions. He said that the prevention of military recruitment and research was flawed. He said that the military was a stable and noble part of the community. He said that Nipissing University was situated next to a military base and he was from a military background. He said that the work the military engaged in had not necessarily been bad. He said that his father removed landmines as a member of the military and he could not support a motion that would prevent recruitment for that kind of work.

**2005/11:074 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 20/Local 89

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:073 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the Federation condemn activities and research on campus that promote the production and use of weapons for military purposes."

**2005/11:075 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 68/Local 5

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:074 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the Federation condemns activities and research on campus that promote the production and use of weapons for military purposes; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the University of Guelph University Centre Board and the University of Guelph President opposing activities and military research on the University of Guelph campus."

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:074 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2005/11:073 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2005/11:076 EMERGENCY MOTION**

Local 54/Local 36

Whereas, as the result of provincial cuts to social assistance rates and inflation, welfare rates are 40 percent lower in real monetary value than in 1995; and

Whereas current social assistance rates in Ontario do not provide enough money with which to live a healthy lifestyle; and

Whereas the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty (OCAP) and its allies in the Ontario Common Front have been utilising the Special Diet Allowance to garner extra funding for families living on social assistance (both Ontario Works and Ontario Disability); and

Whereas the \$250 provided through the Special Diet Allowance has made a significant difference in the lives of those living in low-income communities; and

Whereas this campaign has been supported by a number of groups including, but not limited to, medical professionals across Ontario, the Daily Bread Food Bank, the Toronto Board of Health, and labour, community and student groups throughout the province; and

Whereas the provincial government of Ontario announced on November 4 that the Special Diet Allowance would be eliminated; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to Community and Social Services Minister Sandra Pupatello affirming support for the Special Diet Allowance campaign and demanding that social assistance rates be increased by 40 percent, thereby returning them to their 1995 levels.

**2005/11:077 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 54/Local 32

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:073 be amended to include:

“Be it resolved that up to \$1000 be donated at the discretion of the National Executive in support of the Special Diet campaign.”

Local 53 delegate Barbosa said that, although he supported the campaign, the contribution should be made provincially as it was an Ontario specific issue.

**2005/11:077 CARRIED**

**2005/11:078 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local

Be it resolved that Motion-2005/11:076 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that a letter be written to Community and Social Services Minister Sandra Pupatello affirming support for the Special Diet Allowance campaign and demanding that social assistance rates be returned to their 1995 levels”.

**CARRIED**

**2005/11:076 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**NOTICE-1 MOTION**

Local 25/Local 46

Whereas art and design education is fundamental to understanding and creating a national identity; and

Whereas art and design based institutions create unique learning environments that are continuously being undervalued and under funded;

Whereas funding cut backs in education have been continuously targeting arts based learning; therefore

Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the history of under-funding and funding cuts in art based institutions and programs; and

Be it further resolved that a campaign calling for increased funding specifically for art- and design-based education be implemented nation-wide.

**NOTICE-2 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 89

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Whereas in the Darfur region of Western Sudan, armed conflict is generating an immense humanitarian crisis of which many Canadians know little and thus, in which the Canadian government is taking some action; and

Whereas the citizens of Darfur are struggling to survive the continual conflict and crimes against humanity as indicated by the deaths of over 400,000 people, the displacement of over 2 million people, the burning of villages and constant rape of women and girls who endure some of the worst forms of human torture; and

Whereas these atrocities are unacceptable, and there is the need for further international involvement in achieving an end to the crisis and holding those who are involved in these crimes accountable; and

Whereas a newly formed student organisation, Canadian Students for Darfur (CSFDarfur), (formally the Vancouver-Darfur committee of Simon Fraser University and endorsed by the Canadian Federation of Students at its May 2005 national general meeting) is seeking to:

- increase public awareness throughout Canada about the ongoing crisis in Darfur;
- fundraise to assist aid agencies working to help the victims of the tragedy in Darfur; and
- urge the Canadian government to become further involved in helping to resolve the Darfur crisis; and

Whereas all aid agencies working in Darfur have recognised the urgent need for humanitarian assistance from private sources in addition to that pledged by national governments (especially in light of the many natural disasters that have occurred in the past year leading to donor fatigue, which have in turn pushed issues like Darfur to the back burner); and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has set up a fund where donations can be made; and

Whereas the Canadian Students for Darfur fund aims to raise \$1 million in one year, and was launched on October 5th, 2005 at Simon Fraser University by Senator and former Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire; and

Whereas the fundraising strategy and campaign called "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" seeks to collect \$1 from each student and subsequently each person in Canada until the target is reached; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur and its fund-drive have been endorsed by former Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire, Senator Mobina Jaffer, Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton, MP David Kilgour, MP Peter Julian, MP Bill Siksay, Simon Fraser University President Dr. Michael Stevenson, musician Warren Flandez, the African Heritage Society of BC, the Teaching Support Staff Union of Simon Fraser University, the Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group, the Simon Fraser Student Society, the students unions of Vancouver Community College; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur currently has chapters and or contacts in the following institutions: Langara College; Simon Fraser University; Kwantlen University-College: Langley Campus; University College of the Cariboo; Kwantlen University-College: Newton Campus; University of British Columbia-Okanagan; McGill University; and, Douglas College; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur is currently working to establish more chapters and striving to work with all student unions and labour organisations, as well as city and municipal councils across Canada; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has hosted events with speakers from various aid and human rights agencies; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur works closely and collaboratively with Students Taking Action Now: Darfur-Canada (STAND) as well as aid agencies working to help the victims of the Darfur conflict including Oxfam Canada, Doctors without Borders (MSF), War Child and Canadian Red Cross; and

Whereas an advisory committee will be set up to disburse funds collected for Darfur, with membership to be drawn from Canadian Students for Darfur, STAND Canada, Canadian Federation of Students, academics, civil society and NGOs to ensure credibility and fairness in the handling and allocation of funds; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has undertaken many advocacy initiatives including exhibitions, talks, presentations, and a vigil; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has also launched a postcard campaign addressed to the Prime Minister Paul Martin, calling on his government to maintain its involvement in the resolution of the humanitarian crisis in Darfur; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has developed promotional material to help create awareness, including brown bracelets, t-shirts, pins and magnets urging action in Darfur; and

Whereas Canadian Students for Darfur has launched an online "Petition to World Leaders" campaign, targeting world leaders with the power to pressure the government of Sudan and the rebel groups to sit down and find a political solution to the crisis in Darfur; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Students for Darfur national fundraising drive "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" (aimed at raising 1 million dollars to help the victims of the Darfur crisis) be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that the national fundraising drive be promoted; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to endorse, support and collect money for the "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" campaign; and

Be it further resolved that coalition partners and sister organisations be encouraged to endorse and support the national fundraising campaign; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Paul Martin, calling on him to publicly recognise the genocide underway in Darfur and seek to increase the number of African Union troops in Darfur as well as a stronger mandate through the United Nations for the protection of civilians by the African Union; and

Be it further resolved that \$4,000 or an equivalent in-kind donation be contributed toward the production of awareness and promotional material aimed at enhancing the work of Canadian Students for Darfur such as petitions, postcards, posters, brochures, wristbands, newsletters, or magnets; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to help secure the endorsement and support of their university or college governing boards, senates or equivalents, and education councils for the "A Dollar a Student for Darfur" campaign; and

Be it further resolved that member locals without chapters or contact persons be encouraged to initiate chapters and/or encourage students on their campuses to start chapters or become contacts of Canadian Students for Darfur.

**NOTICE-3**

**MOTION**

Local 1/Local 24

Whereas for the last ten years campuses across the country have been targeted by major beverage corporations (Coca-Cola and PepsiCo) to sign long-term exclusivity contracts, exchanging cash for monopoly access to sell their beverages to the campus community; and

Whereas these contracts are typically negotiated in confidence with the administration and/or student governments and with little meaningful debate and involvement of the students, staff and faculty; and

Whereas two of the principal corporations pursuing exclusivity contracts, Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, have been involved in well-documented human rights abuses, an environmentally damaging manufacturing process, poor labour management practices and whose principal products contribute to poor health and the rise of obesity amongst young people; and

Whereas these corporations increasingly are shifting their profit centre to focus on bottled water, sports drinks and juice products, since these products can be marketed through exclusivity contracts, are exorbitantly priced and poorly regulated, while the water for these products comes from public water sources (direct from municipal tap water systems in the case of Coca-Cola and Pepsi products) and is extracted in such quantity that it depletes local water aquifers; and

Whereas these exclusivity contracts have become a specious form of revenue for student unions and university administrations in a context of post-secondary education under-funding; and

Whereas exclusivity contracts contribute to the commercialisation of public spaces; and

Whereas it is time for students' unions to show leadership on this issue and advocate for change; therefore

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Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with groups such as the Polaris Institute, the "Stop Killer Coke" campaign that are helping to raise awareness of the public policy threats associated with the bottled water/beverage industry; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to challenge the renewal and negotiation of exclusivity contracts on campuses and seek to terminate existing exclusivity agreements; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with allied groups to develop alternative beverage agreements on campuses that encourage campus/community partnerships and that are in keeping with ethical purchasing policies; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to strengthen lobby efforts to pressure provincial/federal/territorial governments to increase post-secondary education funding.

### **NOTICE-4 MOTION**

Local 23/Local 75

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby provincial governments and university and college administrations to allow international students to seek election to all university and college governing bodies.

Soule noted that Local 99 delegate Rashedul Amin had attended the Forum. He asked delegates to amend their reports accordingly.

### **2005/11:079 MOTION**

Local 54/Local 20

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

**CARRIED**

## **9. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY CAUCUSES AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS**

### **International Students' Constituency Group**

Local 44 delegate Jonny Morris said that the International Students' Constituency Group worked to give a voice and advocate for the issues that non-domestic students faced. He said that some of the issues the Group discussed included differential tuition fees which can be up to three times the average tuition fees, increasing delegation of powers to the institutional level and the previous restrictions on international students from working off-campus. He said that it was also important to note that the federal government administered all aspects of the international students' programme with provincial governments being key in authorising and signing the new agreements for off-campus work programmes. He said that the members of the Group wanted to acknowledge the significance of the Federation holding the only student seat on the Advisory Committee on International Students and Immigration (ACISI) and the great progress that had been made in introducing the off-campus work programme. He said that the Group also discussed those issues that persisted, the inclusion of a new rule for the Canadian Border Services, the branch that now dealt with international students and the limited amount of accommodation available to international students because of their lack of references. He said that there was a pressing need to build coalitions at the local level and move beyond local work to provincial work.

### **Students with Disabilities Constituency Group**

Local 97 delegate Jeff Peters said that the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group had a thorough discussion about the motions that had been served for consideration at the general meeting. He said that he had been re-elected as Commissioner of the Group.



**Students of Colour Constituency Group**

Local 98 delegate Monique Ferdinand said that the Group discussed on-campus initiatives relating specifically to students of colour. She said that a number of locals in the metro-Toronto area had been working in a coalition, Black Youth Against Violence Coalition, in response to the increasing violence against black youth.

**Women's Constituency Group**

Women's Representative Sarah Amyot said that the Women's Constituency Group continued to be an opportunity for women to gather and share experiences. She said that despite the fact that the Group was quite large, which sometimes inhibited conversation, the members had a valuable discussion about the status of the Federation's "No Means No" and "Sisters' in Spirit" awareness campaigns. She said that the Group also discussed administrative policies, in place at the campus level, designed to protect students from abuse. She said that the focus was on the absence of such policies. She said that the Group also discussed campus organising for December 6.

**Mature and Part-time Students' Constituency Group**

Regnier said that the Mature and Part-time Students' Constituency Group discussed a conference that was being convened in Toronto for mature and part-time students. She said that the Group also discussed the difficulties associated with the effect of eligibility requirements for the loans programme for part-time students.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

Local 23 delegate Apaak provided an overview of the work that Local 23 had undertaken on the Darfur campaign.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**2005/11:080 MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Local 53/Local 24

Be it resolved that plenary be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

21:29 the meeting adjourned.



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## Delegations

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### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### Local 3

University of British Columbia  
Students' Union-Okanagan

Heather Cook  
Starleigh Grass  
Rob Nagai  
Shayne Robinson  
Dan Sloan  
Buffy Mills

#### Local 75

Camosun College Student Society

Vishal Ahuja  
Michael Glover  
Brendan Hogg  
Michel Turcotte  
Laura Zenman

#### Local 5

Capilano Students' Union

Mariposa Dumont  
Suzie Dunn  
Christine Ellis

#### Local 15

Cariboo Students' Union

Nathan Lane  
Terry Monteleone  
Jessy Sahota  
Yeshwant Selvaratnam  
James Studer

#### Local 73

City Centre Students' Union

Lacey Fry  
Joanna Hoover  
Tiffany Kalanj  
Brook MacRae

#### Local 18

Douglas Students' Union

Brandon Ferguson  
Inderjit Gill  
Joey Hansen  
Sean Hibbits  
Yasmin Irani  
Ryan Lam  
Heidi Taylor

#### Local 33

Emily Carr Students' Union

Elham Ansari  
Zahra Habib  
Sheldon Lawlor

#### Local 76

King Edward Students' Union

Bobbi-Joe Delorme  
Anoush Ekmekjian  
Tracy Ho  
Christa Peters

#### Local 26

Kwantlen Student Association

Jatinder (Joey) Atwal  
Shameel Mohammed Fareed  
Bikram Gills  
Kulvir Gill  
Jamsheed Kahn  
Jaivin Khatri  
Satinder Sandhu  
Arvinder Sanghera  
Aaron Thakar

#### Local 61

Malaspina Students' Union

Steve Beasley  
Kelly Muir  
Rick Powelson  
Katie Rycroft  
Kim Smith

#### Local 13

College of New Caledonia  
Students' Association

Valentine Crawford  
Jessica Sandy

#### Local 72

North Island Students' Association

Lindsay Bourque  
James Bowen

#### Local 66

Northwest Community College  
Students' Association

Andrew Alfred  
Justin Dmedeiros  
Hali Downs  
Judy White

#### Local 53

Okanagan College Students' Union

Patrick Barbosa  
Eli Erikson  
Donald Forbes  
Samantha Johnston  
Phaedra Oddy

**Local 4**  
**Selkirk Students' Association**  
Dustin Grof  
Joanna Groves  
Holly Smee  
David Westmacott

**Local 23**  
**Simon Fraser Student Society**  
Hattie Aitken  
Clement Apaak  
Ariel Hornstein  
Garett Humchitt  
Shawn Hunsdale  
Colleen Williams

**Local 89**  
**University of Victoria**  
**Graduate Students' Society**  
Leah Getchell  
Tayfun Ince

**Local 44**  
**University of Victoria Students' Society**  
Penny Beames  
Ami Brosseau  
Susan Farmer  
Jonny Morris  
Shamus Reid

## **ALBERTA**

**Local 21**  
**University of Calgary**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Jennifer Reid  
Kathleen Rhodes

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

**Local 9**  
**University of Regina Students' Union**  
Hillary Aitken  
Chris Eirich

**Local 101**  
**University of Saskatchewan**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Carmen Baker  
Gaganpreet Chawla

**Local 17**  
**University of Saskatchewan**  
**Students' Union**  
Brett Campbell  
Sarah Connor  
Gavin Gardiner  
Michael Kowalsky  
Kelly Tolley

## **MANITOBA**

**Local 37**  
**Brandon University Students' Union**  
Jessica Currie  
Jan Ek  
Mitch Obach  
Stacy Senkbeil

**Local 96**  
**University of Manitoba**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Sola Ajiboye  
Meghan Gallant

**Local 103**  
**University of Manitoba**  
**Students' Union**  
Amanda Aziz  
Rachel Gotthilf  
Cathy Van De Kerckhove

**Local 38**  
**Association étudiante du Collège universitaire**  
**de Saint-Boniface**  
Marc Foidart  
Jean Grenier  
Renaud Lafond  
Chantal Thérour

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

## **ONTARIO**

**Local 82**  
**Algoma University Students' Union**  
Arlene Pitts

**Local 28**  
**Atkinson Students' Association**  
James Anderson  
Sameer Kassam  
Lulwa Saffarini

**Local 78**  
**Carleton University**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Lorna Coombs  
Riccardo Filippone  
Laura Haylock  
Liam Lynch

**Local 1**  
**Carleton University Students' Association**  
Shelley Melanson  
James Pratt  
Carole Saab  
Erin Stevens  
Shawn Menard  
**Association étudiante de la Cité Collégiale**  
Marc-Hugo Louizaire

**Local 92**  
**Students' Association**  
**of George Brown College**  
Vanessa Archer  
C.O. Grant Odife  
Ashley Singh

**Local 54**  
**University of Guelph**  
**Central Student Association**  
Scott Gilbert

**Local 62**  
University of Guelph  
Graduate Students' Association  
Marshall Gallardo Castaneda

**Local 32**  
Lakehead University Student Union  
Karen Bailey  
William (Matt) Charter  
Bendon Johnson  
Adam Krupper  
Chad O'Halloran  
Bonnie Wilson

**Local 30**  
Laurentian University  
Students' General Association  
Luke Norton

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

**Local 20**  
Nipissing University Students' Union  
Kyle Marsh

**Local 25**  
Ontario College of Art and Design  
Student Union  
Kate Farnworth  
Erin Jacobson

**Local 94**  
University of Ottawa  
Graduate Students' Association des  
étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s  
Shoshanah Jacobs  
Sascha Maicher

**Local 27**  
Queen's University  
Society of Graduate and Professional Students  
Chris Canning  
Simon Kiss  
Gwen MacDonald  
Jennifer Stacey  
Continuing Education Students at Ryerson  
Adam Challeff-Freudenthaler  
Elizabeth Majic  
Marc Pandi-Bapaga  
Jeremy Salter

**Local 24**  
Ryerson Students' Union  
Ahmed El-Kaffas  
Denise Hammond  
Muhammad Ali Jabar  
Annie Lau  
Nora Loreto  
Ram Sivapalan  
Tara Spencer

**Local 99**  
Scarborough Campus Students' Union  
Rashedul Amin  
Tony Kao  
Rob Wulkan

**Local 19**  
University of Toronto  
Graduate Students' Union  
Rose Da Costa  
Nancy Dawe  
Claire Hurtig  
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  
Andréa Amborst  
Paul Bretscher  
Monique Ferdinand  
Jen Hassum  
Walled Khogali  
Shalia Kibria  
Samson Romero  
James Wardlaw

**Local 71**  
Trent Central Student Association  
Nadia Bedok  
Catherine Dickinson

**Local 48**  
University of Windsor  
Graduate Student Society  
Pamela Cook  
Sonia Melancon

**Local 49**  
University of Windsor Students' Alliance  
Jacqueline Alderton  
Adam Buck  
William Ma  
Vanessa Voakes

**Local 68**  
York Federation of Students  
Sean Prabakaran  
Shamini Selveratnam  
Safiya Williams  
Jeff Zavala

**Local 84**  
York University  
Graduate Students' Association  
Eric Newstadt  
Serife Tekin

## QUÉBEC

**Local 83**  
Concordia University  
Graduate Students' Association  
Heather Fussell  
Sian Madoc-Jones

**Local 91**  
Concordia Student Union  
Steven Rosenshein  
Sarah Salamoun  
Mohammed Shuriye

**Local 79**  
Post-Graduate Students' Society  
of McGill University  
Adriana Decker  
Mehdi El Ouali

## **NEW BRUNSWICK**

**Local 51**  
Association générale des étudiants et  
étudiantes de l'université de Moncton campus  
d'Edmundston  
Marie-Christine Emond  
Kevin Roussel

**Local 67**  
University of New Brunswick  
Graduate Student Association  
Colin Curry  
Graham Cox

## **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**Local 70**  
University of Prince Edward Island  
Graduate Students' Association  
Margaret Mizzi

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

**Local 95**  
Cape Breton University  
Students' Union  
Scott Thomas

**Local 11**  
University of King's College  
Students' Union  
Dave Jerome  
Anna Wilson

**Local 34**  
Mount Saint Vincent University  
Students' Union  
Chantal Brushett

**Local 7**  
Student Union of the  
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design  
Gregory Denton  
Sacha Kopelow

**Local 69**  
Association générale des étudiants de  
l'Université Sainte-Anne  
Martin Frenette

## **NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR**

**Local 36**  
Grenfell College Student Union  
Steven Cranford  
Igho-Osagie Imuetnyan

**Local 45**  
Marine Institute Students' Union  
Lisa Guest  
James Shaw

**Local 100**  
Graduate Students' Union of the  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Leisha Sagan  
Carolyn Shimmin

**Local 35**  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Students' Union  
James Farrell  
Cletus Flaherty  
Katherine Giroux-Bourgard  
Mike Lovell  
Stella Magalios  
Hans Rollmann

**Local 46**  
College of the North Atlantic  
Students' Association  
Jessica Crotty  
Michael Hickey  
Sherrilynn Lundrigan

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**Saskatchewan Representative**

Gavin Gardiner

**Women's Representative**

Sarah Amyot

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**National Union of Students-Australia**  
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**Graduate Students' Association**  
**Brock University**

George Soule  
National Chairperson  
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Suite 500, 170 Metcalfe Street  
Ottawa, ON.

Dear Mr. Soule,

Please be advised that the Local 102, the Brock University Graduate Students' Association, will be unable to send delegates to the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students.

In recognition of this, our Executive Committee passed the following motion at our meeting:

Be it resolved that Local 102, the Brock University Graduate Students' Association wishes to appoint Local 19, [University of Toronto, Graduate Students' Union] to act as our proxy for the duration of the 24th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students."

I trust that this letter satisfies the proxy provisions in the Federation's bylaws.

In solidarity,

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November 21 2005

George Soule  
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Dear Mr. Soule,

Please be advised that the Local 47, the Society of Graduate Students, will be unable to send delegates to the 24th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students.

In recognition of this, our Executive Committee passed the following motion at our November meeting:

"Be it resolved that Local 47, the Society of Graduate Students wishes to appoint Local 19, the Graduate Student Union of the University of Toronto to act as our proxy for the duration of the 24th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students."

I trust that this letter satisfies the proxy provisions in the Federation's bylaws.

In solidarity,

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By Fax: (613) 232-0276

Dear Mr. Soule,

Please be advised that the Local 84 delegates to the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students will not be arriving in time for Opening Plenary. In recognition of this, our Executive Committee passed the following motion at our meeting on November 22nd:

Be it resolved that Local 84, the York University Graduate Students' Association wishes to appoint Local 78, the Carleton University Graduate Students' Association to act as our proxy for the duration of Opening Plenary at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students."

I trust that this letter satisfies the proxy provisions in the Federation's bylaws.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Newstadt', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Eric Newstadt, President  
York University Graduate Students' Association  
Local 84, Canadian Federation of Students

