

**procès-verbal**  
*25e assemblée générale nationale  
du 22 au 25 novembre 2006*

**minutes**  
*25th national general meeting  
November 22 to 25, 2006*



Canadian  
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des étudiantes  
et étudiants



# MINUTES

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## CALL TO ORDER—Wednesday, November 22, 2006

15:24 the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Amanda Aziz.

### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

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| 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   | Absent           |
| Local 33  | Emily Carr Students' Union  | Present          |
| Local 76  | King Edward Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 26  | Kwantlen Student Association  | Absent           |
| Local 61  | Malaspina Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 13  | College of New Caledonia Students' Association  | Present          |
| Local 72  | North Island Students' 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  | Absent           |
| Local 15  | Thompson Rivers University Students' Union  | Present          |
| Local 89  | University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society                                     | Present          |
| Local 44  | University of Victoria Students' Society  | Present          |
| Local 42  | Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association                               | Present          |
| Local 21  | University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association                                  | Present          |
| Local 90  | First Nations University of Canada Students' Association                              | Absent           |
| Local 09  | University of Regina Students' Union  | Present          |
| 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<br>de Saint-Boniface | Present          |
| Local 08  | University of Winnipeg Students' Association  | Present          |
| Local 82  | Algoma University Students' Association   | Present          |
| Local 28  | Atkinson Students' Association  | Absent           |
| Local 102 | Brock University Graduate Students' Association                                       | Absent           |
| Local 78  | Carleton University Graduate Students' Association                                    | Present          |
| Local 01  | Carleton University Students' Association   | Present          |
|           | Association étudiante de la Cité Collégiale*  | Absent           |
| Local 92  | Student Association of George Brown College   | Present          |
| Local 93  | Glendon College Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 54  | University of Guelph Central Student Association                                      | Present          |
| Local 62  | University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association                                   | Absent           |
| Local 32  | Lakehead University Student Union   | Present          |
| Local 30  | Laurentian University Students' General Association                                   | Present by proxy |
| Local 104 | Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students                               | Present          |
| Local 88  | Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université<br>Laurentienne  | Present          |

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| Local 39  | McMaster University Graduate Students Association   | Absent           |
| Local 20  | Nipissing University Student Union  | Absent           |
| Local 25  | Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union   | Absent           |
| Local 94  | University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa | Present          |
| Local 27  | Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students  | Present          |
| Local 24  | Ryerson Students' Union   | Present          |
|           | Continuing Education Students' Association of 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' Union   | 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   | Present          |
| 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          |
| Local 91  | Concordia Student Union   | Present          |
| Local 83  | Concordia University Graduate Students' Association   | Absent           |
| Local 79  | Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill   | Present          |
| 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 Amanda Aziz declared that quorum had been achieved.

## 2. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

Aziz explained that the National Executive was recommending that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the Plenary Speaker. She 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. She noted that Sioufi had chaired Federation national general meetings on several previous occasions.

**2006/11:001 MOTION**

Local 13/Local 44

Be it resolved that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the plenary speaker of the November 2006 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**3. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

National Chairperson Aziz offered the following remarks:

"Welcome to the 25th National Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students. This meeting marks the student movement's 25th year as the Canadian Federation of Students. 25 years of challenges. 25 years of victories and defeats. 25 years of solidarity. As those of you who have attended a national general meeting before know, we talk a lot at these meetings about solidarity. So much so that I think we are in danger of taking it for granted, and in danger of losing its real meaning. In my remarks today, I'm not going to repeat the word over and over. Instead, I want to talk about what it means to me – and what it means in the context of the student movement.

To me the student movement is the democratic organisation of students for the purposes of advocacy, representation, and services. We organise because we know we are better off with representation than without. We organise because we believe that education is a right – and our elected governments do not. We organise because – if we didn't – we would lose out to competing interests – to shareholders – to tax cuts instead of tuition fee reductions – to corporate handouts instead of student grants.

We organise because – if we do not offer services – private interests will – and they will overcharge us.

We organise because – and I'm going to be a bit philosophical – we believe in a better world and because we have the passion and the commitment to make it happen.

We organize democratically because we believe that we are our most effective when we speak with one voice – and when that voice truly represents us. Democracy is not easy – and it certainly isn't elegant. It brings together disparate voices – with different values – different priorities – different interests – and different ambitions – and brings them to a single common position.

Inevitably, democracy creates winners and it creates losers. But when we all participate honestly and in good faith, when we all put the interests of our members, those we represent, ahead of anything else, democracy is how we function best. And true democracy – where minority opinions respect the will of the majority – and where the majority hears and respects the will of the minority – is what breeds solidarity.

Real solidarity is not enough to have a common cause. We must also have a commitment to respect each other. Respect requires honesty. It requires openness. And it requires accountability. It requires us to work through our disagreements and to move forward together on our collectively determined priorities. That is why we meet at general meetings twice a year.

A lot has happened since we met six short months ago. For starters, students have been faced with a new government that is less open to hearing from us. In the face of another federal surplus, instead of finally reinvesting in post-secondary education, students and other civil society groups were faced with cuts to essential programs in September. As you are all aware, the Conservatives cut half the budget of the Summer Career Placement program, a program that helped to employ around 50,000 students each summer. They also cut youth internship programs, literacy programs and women's advocacy funding.

During this meeting we will hear from a panel of individuals who will talk about the deep impacts many of these cuts made. There has also been fierce opposition to the Federation's goals, our objectives and our willingness to organise collectively.

But I don't want you to think that the last six months have all been negative. Students across the country have made access to post-secondary education an issue in local activities, whether that be in municipal elections or through the collection of tens of thousands of signatures on a petition to reduce tuition fees.

The last six months have also seen a growth in our membership – recognition that the only way to achieve our goals is through a united student movement.

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This meeting is a significant milestone in our organisation's history, and one that few national student organisations around the world have achieved.

*[In French in the original]*

This meeting marks our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. That is 25 years of student collaboration in the face of political changes which have often been spectacular. During those years, we have won many victories and many struggles. We have also seen the face of our organisation change radically. From the increased participation of international students, of visible minorities, of aboriginal students, and of women in our Federation, to the vast diversity of student associations.

And though we still have a long way to go, think of where we came from. We could not have won the victories that we achieved in the previous six months or face the challenges ahead if it wasn't for our predecessors. Almost 80 years ago, students in Canada came together to form the first national students' union this country has seen. The face of the union was much different then, as were the issues of the day.

On what issue did students come together?

Well, hopefully you've all heard in delegate prep what issues brought students together so many years ago, but just in case, let me remind you it didn't necessarily have to do with their education. But we came together nevertheless and the history of the Federation was born.

In the 1930s, the Depression hit and only the wealthy could afford to pursue a higher education. Given this, less than a decade after students began to formally organise, their focus quickly shifted from the bulk purchasing of sports equipment to the issue of access to post-secondary education. And so for the first time in history, the National Federation of Canadian University Students – NFCUS – found a political role, and called for a change in government policy. NFCUS called for a system of student financial aid in order to ensure that those without financial means could also participate in post-secondary education. At the time, students learned what solidarity meant, and that's that we need to look out for each other. That's that all people, no matter their financial resources, must have equal opportunity to get an education.

In the late 1960s, students were left with no union at the federal level after fierce opposition and disagreement about policy and how to deal with the issues of the day, but students soon realized that they could only affect change if working together, and came back to the table in the early 70s to form the National Union of Students.

As the face of the student movement changed radically throughout these years so too has it changed during the life of the Canadian Federation of Students. 25 years ago, students came together here in Ottawa to build a new national organisation that would unite us under one banner. However, it wasn't under just any banner that students came together. The Federation was founded on a number of principles that still hold strong within our work today. And most importantly, on the principle that education is a right, not a privilege.

In 1981, students came together in recognition that we had to be organised at both the provincial and federal levels to be successful. We came together in an effort to unite services and advocacy. And we came together to fight for equality in and outside of our classrooms. At the time we knew we had to be united under one banner to fight government underfunding. We knew we had to be united against harsh increases in user fees rendering our institutions inaccessible to many Canadian families. And we knew that only by speaking with one voice would we ever have an impact on changing policy and advocating for the interests of students at all levels.

As I said earlier, there have been ups and downs in the history of the student movement, as with all social movements. But if we look back over even the last 25 years, it's amazing to think of what students have accomplished. It has not always been easy. Every day we struggle against those who purport to care about low-income Canadians. We struggle against the think tanks who make money from championing research that hurts students. But in every circumstance, we have more tools, resources, and mobilisation power to overcome the message of these opponents. Take Bob Rae as an example. And that's just a recent example of our message being heard loud and clear.

In 1995, students organised the largest pan-Canadian student demonstration in opposition to income contingent loans. We sent such a strong message of opposition that most politicians today are still fearful to put the idea back on the table. In the last couple of years, we have organised effectively to put academic freedom and whistleblower protection on the national radar. And to bring us forward to just recently, in October the Federation held a series of lobby days on Parliament Hill. And in over 100 meetings with Members of Parliament, Senators and other decision makers, it was clear that the message that the Federation has been

advocating is being heard. Across party lines, Members and Senators agreed with our call for a dedicated education transfer. Most also agreed with our message about the importance of access to education for all Canadians.

We will wait to see if tomorrow's mini-budget includes some reference to a dedicated transfer to support tuition fee reductions and to strengthen the quality of Canadian post-secondary education. But even if it doesn't, I know that the energy in this room and on campuses across the country will make funding an issue that the Conservative Party won't be able to ignore.

Over the last 25 years, it's not only political victories that we have achieved. Our services and membership have grown tremendously. In 2002, our handbook service reached over 100,000 printed copies. Today, over 310,000 handbooks are printed each year. In the last five years, we have added ten new unions to our membership. In the same time, seven members have rejoined the Federation. In the same time, we've added a number of services to our bill, all with the principle of saving students money and competing with the private, for-profit interests, wishing to make a buck off of students.

All of the victories and achievements behind us bring us to today. And it's obvious that we still have a lot of work to do. It's our responsibility, those of us in this room, to continue the 25 or more years of hard work of those who came before us. And this responsibility comes not just for the over half a million students we represent on our respective campuses. Our responsibility is also to the people who will never make it into this room or onto a Canadian campus because they don't have enough money to attend post-secondary education. And that responsibility to me is true solidarity.

Six months ago, we came together and resolved to hold a national day of action on February 7, next year. In just over two months, we will be sending a message to Ottawa that students will not sit idly by while more and more Canadians are shut out of a post-secondary education because of high user fees. During the meeting, we will hear from a panel about the organising that is well under way. Across the country students are mobilising in support of accessible, high quality education. And, it's just getting started.

With all the work ahead, we know we need to be united and strong to accomplish our goals. As I've already said, in recent years we have welcomed a number of new members – please join me today in welcoming our newest full members, the Continuing Education Students Association of Ryerson. We are also welcoming new prospective members, the Students' Society of McGill University.

There is no doubt students across the country are better served when we work together. Before I close, I want to give a warm welcome to a friend in international solidarity who was able to join us at this meeting. Katharina Binz, from the National Union of Students in Germany, is here to talk to us about the struggle faced by students in her country as the German government begins to introduce tuition fees in a number of regions. For a long time, Canadian students have looked to Europe as a model – both because of the policies of accessibility in many European countries, but also because of the united student movement across the continent. I'd like to welcome Katharina to our meeting.

And finally, I'd like to end where I began... with the idea that solidarity means looking out for one another and working together even in the face of disagreement. In the face of proponents of higher tuition fees and student debt, of elite institutions and privatisation, I'm sure you'll agree that there is a lot of work to do, and that we can only accomplish it together. In solidarity, I wish all of you an exciting and productive meeting. And I look forward to working with you in the months ahead in building the biggest national student campaign the federal government has even seen."

Katharina Binz, a representative from the National Union of Students in Germany provided remarks.

#### **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 28 had designated Local 68 as its proxy for the meeting;
- Local 30 had designated Local 82 as its proxy for the meeting;
- Local 47 had designated Local 27 as its proxy for the meeting;
- Local 88 had designated Local 82 as its proxy for closing plenary.

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

#### **2006/11:002 MOTION**

Local 13/Local 05

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

**CARRIED**

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

#### **2006/11:003 MOTION**

Local 93/Local 48

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

**CARRIED**

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

#### **2006/11:004 MOTION**

Local 73/Local 105

Be it resolved that the minutes of the May 2006 national general meeting be adopted.

It was noted that Local 4 delegate Bryan Bergen had been omitted from the attendance.

**2006/11:004 CARRIED**

### **8. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES**

#### **a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures**

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.

#### **b. Overview of Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting**

Sioufi said that the Federation endeavoured to create an environment at its national general meetings free of harassment. She 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. She 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 noted that any discussions with her would be confidential.

#### **c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer**

National Treasurer Dave Hare explained that he served as the Staff Relations Officer for the Federation. He said that the staff of the Federation was unionised with the 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.



**9. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**a. Ratification of Full Membership Vote**

**2006/11:005 MOTION**

Local 3/Local 93

Be it resolved that the members of the Continuing Education Students' Association at Ryerson be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**b. Consideration of Prospective Membership Application**

**2006/05:006 MOTION**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that the Students' Society of McGill University be ratified as a prospective member of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**10. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS**

**a. Introduction of Electoral Officers**

Soufi said that, in accordance with Bylaw 6, Section 7, the National Executive had appointed Ashkon Hashemi, Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario Internal Coordinator, and Christine Bourque, Canadian Federation of Students-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 2007-2008 term commencing at the adjournment of the May 2007 general meeting. He said that an election would be conducted for a Travel CUTS position for the 2007-2009 term. He said that the National Executive was in receipt of a letter of resignation from National Deputy Chairperson Angela Regnier and a by-election would be conducted for the position for the remainder of the 2006-2007 term.

Hashemi said that delegates should refer to Bylaws V, VI and Standing Resolution 17 and 18 for information about the election procedures and the positions. Bourque and Hashemi reviewed when elections would be held in each component and constituency group meeting.

**11. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS**

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

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

**2006/11:007 MOTION**

Local 91/Local 88

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

**CARRIED**

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

Prior to consideration of the motions, Aziz made a statement prepared by the National Executive about recent media reports and rumours regarding Local 18 in British Columbia.

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

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

#### **2006/11:008 MOTION**

Local 103/Local 96

Whereas the Federation supports the right to an affordable and accessible post-secondary education; and

Whereas the Federation supports the elimination of tuition and other incidental user fees; and

Whereas the Federation supports the democratization of governing boards of post-secondary institutions, with the intent of being representative of and accountable to the communities served by these institutions; and

Whereas unionized faculty and staff at post-secondary institutions commonly receive increases in wages approximately equivalent to the rate of inflation; and

Whereas university administrators, deans of faculties, and directors of schools and libraries are management, and have their salary increases determined by their peers with varying degrees of accountability to University boards; and

Whereas many universities have seen significant increases in the salaries of senior university administrators in the face of declining per-capita government funding, rising tuition fees and comparatively lower faculty and support-staff wage increases; therefore

Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the history of salary increases for university administrators, deans of faculties, and directors of schools and libraries across the country; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to campaign against administrative salary increases as long as tuition fees in Canada are rising.

#### **2006/11:009 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 3/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:008 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

#### **2006/11:008 REFERRED**

#### **2006/11:010 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 96/Local 103

Motion to repeal the "Performance Indicators" policy, and replace with the following:

##### **Preamble**

A quality learning experience for students is rooted in the maintenance of an accessible and publicly funded post-secondary education system within which individual institutions are governed autonomously, through local and transparent democratic structures. By establishing and maintaining the availability of the resources necessary to procure both the academic and physical infrastructure vital to the achievement of quality education, and by ensuring that such resources are allocated on the basis of peer review and democratic decision-making, students, faculty, and academic staff can best collaborate to meet the academic, educational, and research mission of our public post-secondary institutions. The foundation of our public institutions is their universality, meaning that all qualified individuals are entitled to participate in post-secondary education. It is, therefore, not possible to obtain quality in post-secondary education at the expense of affordability, as both factors affect the learning experience. Universality also cannot be guaranteed in a system within which publicly funded research is encouraged

to be commercially oriented and privately subsidised and owned. The quality of education must, therefore, be judged in light of:

- Accessibility and affordability;
- The degree to which decision-making, with respect to all aspects of a university's operation, are conducted in transparent, accountable, representative, and democratic bodies; and
- The extent to which research performed through a public institution is conducted free from private, corporate and commercial interest and ownership.

Therefore, the achievement of educational quality is dependent upon the availability of adequate public resources.

Post-secondary education funds need to be directed at ensuring quality and accessibility throughout the entire system. Geographic location should not play a role in determining quality or access.

Many attempts to measure quality in post-secondary education have been initiated by governments as part of an effort to introduce accountability and transparency in relation to public subsidies of colleges and universities. Such attempts often focus on evaluating the government's "return" on its investment and rely on very simple output indicators, including graduation and employment rates, and post-graduation earnings. In some instances, as is the case with Key Performance Indicators introduced in provinces such as Ontario, governments have punitively tied public institutional funding to such output measurements.

Just as quality cannot be determined simply by quantifying outputs so too can it not be determined by considering financial indicators, including tuition fees, endowment income, and research commercialisation, as positive indicators of institutional educational quality and "reputation." Such measures, which are often used in education "consumer guides", like the annual Maclean's rankings, ignore the fact that high tuition fees, corporate activity, and reliance on endowment revenue, like poor quality, are symptoms of insufficient government funding. In such a privatised environment, accessibility, diversity, and academic integrity inevitably suffer. Quality assessments that evaluate endowment levels and institutional "reputations" tend to exacerbate institutional inequalities by privileging older institutions, and those situated in major urban and financial centres.

The assessment of quality based on the evaluation of output measures, like those identified above, leads policy makers to disregard the importance of input factors, such as professor/student ratios, academic contact time, faculty workload, lab and technology resources, and the actual process of learning that takes place in colleges and universities.

### **Policy**

The Federation believes that any quality assessment council or body established at the federal or provincial level with the purpose of assessing or monitoring quality needs to be based on:

- Accountability and transparency of the councils or bodies themselves;
- Stakeholder involvement that includes vital members of the university community; students and faculty; and
- The use of systematic definitions of quality designed through a process involving major stakeholders that go beyond methodologically simplistic "indicators".

The Federation supports a definition of educational quality, assessment tools, and funding initiatives that:

- emphasise universal accessibility and affordability;
- emphasise the importance of public funding;
- are determined by the needs of the specific learning environment;
- consider academic resource indicators that include, but are not limited to: class size; faculty-to-student ratios; number of full-time to part-time lecturers; faculty job security (e.g. tenure); level of faculty education; faculty workload; frequency of student contact with faculty and/or other advisors; the diversity of faculty; faculty publication rates and/or professional experience;
- consider institutional resource indicators that include, but are not limited to: the number of library holdings; the availability and breadth of student support services; information technology services; research infrastructure; institutional facilities; and physical plant;

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- consider educational outcomes that emphasise accessibility and student success, including, but not limited to: diversity of enrolment; persistence, retention and graduation rates; educational satisfaction; and continued education;
- consider educational outcomes that emphasise graduate skill sets, including, but not limited to: critical thinking; problem solving; analytic reasoning; interpersonal understanding; written communication; technical knowledge; creativity, innovation and creative thinking; and applied skills;
- consider educational outcomes that emphasise social value, including, but not limited to: civic engagement; literacy; and workforce competitiveness;
- are based on consideration of specific institutional structures and levels of democratic involvement, facilities of peer review, and levels of student consultation; and,
- consider, only as a final measure, educational outcomes that emphasise individual value, including, but not limited to: graduation rates; employment rates; post-graduation earnings; and job-satisfaction.

The Federation supports government policy that:

- ensures adequate public funding for the promotion of high levels of quality throughout and within the system of public post-secondary education;
- allows public post-secondary education institutions to be autonomous and realise their potential for excellence without compromising access; and
- establishes public standards in educational quality, while remaining sensitive to differences between and among institutions.

The Federation opposes definitions of educational quality, assessment tools, and funding initiatives that:

- ties public funding for public post-secondary education institutions, in any way, to output measurements;
- emphasises "competitiveness" amongst public institutions;
- undermines the consistency of quality between and among public institutions; and
- attempts to regulate the content of courses and/or teaching and/or research programs at institutional levels.

### **2006/11:011 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:010 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

### **2006/11:010 REFERRED**

### **2006/11:012 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 96/Local 103

Be it resolved that the two "Commercialisation" policies be repealed and replaced with the following:

#### **Preamble**

Public universities and colleges are meant to provide teaching and research in the public interest. The commercialisation of research broadly refers to the influence of corporate and private interests on research and knowledge, and the public policies which seek to define research and knowledge in market terms. Corporate and private participation in research often takes the form of a public-private partnership, where public and private funding are combined to support research and development.

Federal and provincial government initiatives have pressured post-secondary institutions through policies and funding mechanisms to increase the amount of market-driven research. These efforts have been coupled with claw backs to core federal funding for post-secondary education that have strained university operating budgets. In lieu of core public funding, funding for research is being increasingly tied with requirements for researchers to demonstrate matched funds secured from private sponsors.

When research is funded and assessed on the basis of profitability, support for various projects is skewed in favour of applied research, mainly in science, technology, health services, and business. Research in the arts, social sciences, and humanities is deemed less valuable by such a framework for supporting research.

The commercialisation of research also imposes administrative and legal costs for post-secondary institutions who are increasingly required to take on the task of marketing research products and innovations. Students are facing a complex legal terrain, with little protection, in which they must protect their intellectual property rights. Faculty focused on commercialising their research takes away valuable time and resources from teaching undergraduate and graduate students and sharing their research and knowledge with their peers. Students' quality of education is compromised by less emphasis on basic research and enquiry skills and increased pressure to develop entrepreneurial skills.

Because this model of research is driven by for-profit research interests, students are exposed to an increasingly closed research environment cloaked in secrecy and competition. This secrecy can stifle the learning environment for students as instructors are frequently prohibited from sharing developments in their research at the risk of jeopardising a sponsor's competitive advantage.

The commercialisation of research also threatens academic freedom and research integrity. Motivated by the promise of profits, researchers are susceptible to pressures to manipulate methodologies and research results, and to delay publications to protect the competitive advantage of the research sponsor. Universities, who are increasingly reliant on private sponsors, are placed in conflicts when faced with pressures from corporate sponsors to discipline university researchers who have spoken up to defend the public interest.

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- Public research initiatives which are accountable to the general public and which support the right of the researcher to free speech and academic freedom, including the right to publish;
- Increased funding for public research through the granting councils;
- Federal funding for research that supports curiosity-driven research projects and equitable support for all disciplines; and
- Regulations that prevent corporate research sponsors from interfering in public research.

The Federation opposes:

- the prioritisation of market-driven research over basic, curiosity-driven research in post-secondary institutions;
- federal research initiatives that push for the increase of research commercialisation in post-secondary institutions;
- Matched funding requirements for public research grants; and
- Private sector use of public institution research facilities for private gain.

**2006/11:013 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:012 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:012 REFERRED**

**2006/11:014 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 103

Whereas international students currently are not covered under most provincial health insurance plans; and

Whereas international students are required to take out such health coverage as a condition of their study permit; and

Whereas the purchase of such coverage is extremely costly and does not provide adequate coverage often providing assistance only in emergency situations; therefore

Be it resolved that provincial governments be lobbied to include international students in provincial health insurance plans at no cost to international students; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby their university administrations to support the right of international students to be included in these plans; and

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Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write to their respective provincial governments supporting the right of international students to be included in these plans.

**2006/11:015 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:014 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:014 REFERRED**

**2006/11:016 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 103

Whereas international students are required to study full-time in order to maintain their study permit; and

Whereas the democratically elected executive positions of many students' unions are full-time positions requiring that the elected leadership of students' unions take a lighter course load; and

Whereas this makes it difficult for international students to run for executive positions in their local students' union; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federal government be lobbied to have the position of elected leadership of a local students' union be recognized for course equivalency for the purposes of meeting the requirements of a study permit; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters supporting the right of international students to participate in their students' union.

**2006/11:017 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:016 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:016 REFERRED**

**2006/11:018 MOTION**

Local 91/Local 103

Whereas the Federation's press review is printed twice a year and is included in every general meeting delegate binder; and

Whereas, in recent years, the press review has been approximately 100 pages in length; and

Whereas the Federation strives to be as environmentally conscious as possible; therefore

Be it resolved that the press review be provided to general meeting delegates in digital format, such as on a compact disc, instead of hard copy.

**2006/11:019 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:018 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:018 REFERRED**

**2006/11:020 MOTION**

Local 91/Local 103

Whereas the fundamental goal of a students' union is to serve the best interests of its membership; and

Whereas proper planning and preparedness helps to increase the safety of the student population in the event of emergency; and

Whereas too few post-secondary institutions have prepared sufficient emergency plans for any event other than fire; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to meet with their institutional administrators to collectively discuss and develop emergency response plans; and

Be it further resolved that member locals ensure that students, faculty, and staff are made aware of all emergency procedures.

**2006/11:021 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:020 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:020 REFERRED**

**2006/11:022 MOTION**

Local 35/Local 103

Whereas the Newfoundland and Labrador government has frozen and reduced tuition fees for each of the last eight years; and

Whereas tuition fees in Newfoundland and Labrador are now the second lowest in Canada; and

Whereas the fee freezes and reductions in Newfoundland and Labrador have been matched with increased operating grants of 100% since 1999; and

Whereas the fee freezes and reductions have resulted in enrolment increases every year, after a massive enrolment decline when fees were rising in the 1990s; and

Whereas Premier Danny Williams responded to the Federation's call to eliminate tuition fees by saying that he was unable to do so because of pressure on the province to allow fees to rise; and

Whereas the elimination of tuition fees in Newfoundland and Labrador will put downward pressure on tuition fees in other provinces; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters to the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Newfoundland and Labrador component of the Federation, supporting the elimination of tuition fees.

**2006/11:023 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:022 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:022 REFERRED**

**2006/11:024 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson/Local 103

Be it resolved that the "Social Class" policy be repealed and replaced with the following "Socio-economic Barriers" policy:

**Preamble**

Post-secondary education is increasingly a necessity for participation in the labour market. The defining difference between those who have a post-secondary education and those who are forced into low-paying, low-skill work is financial resources. Upfront financial barriers, namely tuition fees, reinforce a profound participation disparity among Canadian families. Statistics Canada calculates that students from families with incomes in the lowest quartile are half as likely to participate in university as students from families with top quartile earnings, thereby creating an accessibility gap among individuals from different socio-economic backgrounds.

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**Policy**

The Federation acknowledges the accessibility gap in Canada's universities and colleges as being driven by the high cost of a post-secondary education, particularly for low-income families.

The Federation supports an accessible system of post-secondary education where any interested individual, regardless of socio-economic status, is able to participate in the post-secondary education of their choice without incurring debt.

**2006/11:025 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:024 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:024 REFERRED**

**2006/11:026 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 27/Local 103

Whereas many post-secondary institutions have Codes of Conduct in place; and

Whereas some post-secondary institutions are attempting to expand their codes of conduct to apply to students when they are neither on campus, nor attending events affiliated with their post-secondary institution; and

Whereas those same post-secondary institutions are not attempting to expand their codes of conduct with respect to other members of post-secondary communities; and

Whereas this expansion has more to do with concerns about the reputation of post-secondary institutions and their fundraising campaigns than with ensuring that post-secondary communities are safe and positive environments; and

Whereas students are concerned about the expectation that they will at all times act as representatives of their post-secondary institutions, and are opposed to efforts to expand the intrusion of their post-secondary institutions into the private lives of students; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**Preamble**

Codes of Conduct outline appropriate forms of behaviour. They are meant to ensure that post-secondary communities are safe and positive environments. They can be ambiguous in terms of the actions and behaviours that they are intended to cover.

Codes of Conduct have been applied to students taking part in events that occur off-campus and that are not sanctioned by the post-secondary institution. There have been incidences of authorities not prosecuting alleged criminal acts because they think that Codes of Conduct will deal with the perpetrators. The application of Codes of Conduct to off-campus behaviour risks creating a two-tier system of justice, one for students and another for community members. It also disadvantages low-income students through financial penalties.

**Policy**

The Federation opposes the expectation that students will be representatives of their institutions at all times while off-campus.

The Federation condemns the use of Codes of Conduct as they are applied to non-academic activities that take place off-campus at events that are not sanctioned by or affiliated with the post-secondary institution.

**2006/11:027 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:026 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**



**2006/11:026 REFERRED**

**2006/11:028 MOTION**

Local 97/Local 103

Whereas the University of Toronto administration has threatened to evict Local 97, the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students, from its current office space at Woodsworth College; and  
Whereas in response to the actions of Local 97, the University has accepted a proposal for an alternative office site located, adjacent to Woodsworth College, which meets many of the needs and concerns of Local 97 and its diverse membership; and

Whereas the University of Toronto administration is now insisting that Local 97 accept this space under unfair conditions which would serve to stifle the Local's political expression and the accessibility to its members, specifically, by not providing a binding lease, or any assurance that accessibility upgrades and other renovations will be undertaken; therefore

Be it resolved that the University of Toronto Administration's refusal to offer Local 97 a binding lease for the proposed office relocation site, or any assurance that accessibility upgrades and other renovations will be undertaken, be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that the following demands presented by Local 97 be supported:

- The University grant Local 97 a lease arrangement for office space in the Margaret Fletcher Building and guarantee accessibility upgrades and other necessary renovations.
- The lease grant the space for an amount of time that will give Local 97 permanent access to the space (i.e. 50 years); and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters of support for the demands of Local 97.

**2006/11:029 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:028 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:028 REFERRED**

**2006/11:030 MOTION**

Local 17/Local 103

Whereas students unions and post-secondary institutions have large ecological footprints and significant purchasing power; and

Whereas students unions and post-secondary institutions across the country have stepped up to lead the sustainability movement on their campuses by implementing initiatives focused on improving ecological integrity, social equity, and economic security; and

Whereas on-campus sustainability initiatives can actively engage the knowledge of the university community to address the social and ecological challenges faced both now and in the future; and

Whereas student unions and post-secondary institutions have the potential to influence communities, governments, business, and industry in the adoption of sustainable practices; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to take up the "Student Unions for Sustainability" campaign by committing to strategically implement people, policy, planning and projects that will institutionalize sustainability comprehensively into the organization to effectively use limited financial resources; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to utilize the Sustainable Campuses "Student Unions for Sustainability" campaign database of Sierra Youth Coalition documents and become Sustainable Campuses Coalition Partners; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to develop as models of sustainable practices to advocate for sustainability on their campuses, as well as in communities, governments, business, and industry.

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**2006/11:031 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:030 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:030 REFERRED**

**2006/11:032 MOTION**

Local 75/Local 103

Whereas international students are now able to work off campus; and

Whereas there have been reports that some administrators are using right to work off campus to justify further tuition fee increases; and

Whereas the Federation worked for the right to work off to improve international students quality of life; therefore

Be it resolved that a campaign be commenced to lobby educational institutions and Canadian governments to ensure that International Students receive the full benefit of income earned from off-campus employment; and

Be it further resolved that the campaign to reduce tuition fees also include a reduction for international students.

**2006/11:033 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:032 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:032 REFERRED**

**2006/11:034 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 1/Local 103

Be it resolved that the "Student Financial Assistance" policy be amended to include the following:

**7. Post-Secondary Education Tax Credits**

**Preamble**

Since the mid-1990s, the federal government has increasingly resorted to tax expenditures as a substitute for direct funding for student financial assistance. Despite their large price tag, federal tax expenditures are a very poor instrument to either improve access to post-secondary education or relieve student debt.

Tax credits fail in addressing the up-front financial barriers that prevent many students from low-income backgrounds from enrolling in the first place. Moreover, since everyone who participates in post-secondary education qualifies for tax credits regardless of financial need, the federal government is directing public funding where it does not most effectively improve access for those students who are excluded from participating in post-secondary education because the financial burden is so high. As a result, tax credits are most likely to benefit those who already have enough money to afford post-secondary education.

In total, federal tax expenditures increased by more than 200% between 1996 and 2006 on programs such as the Education Tax Credit, the Tuition Fee Tax Credit, and through income tax exemptions. The net benefit of these programs is negligible, and most students do not earn enough to pay income tax, thereby deriving no benefit whatsoever from non-refundable tax credits.

Tax exemptions from scholarships, bursaries, and grants provide some benefit to students. However, most exemptions do not affect the majority of students as scholarship and grant monies are limited, and the level of most awards are still under the maximum level to receive benefits from the exemption.

**Policy**

The Federation is opposed to tax credits as a form of student financial assistance.

The Federation supports federal and provincial tax exemptions on scholarships, bursaries, and grants, however, does not support these measures as solutions to the need for increased grant monies and core post-secondary education funding.

The Federation believes that interest payable on a Canada Student Loan should be tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The Federation supports the phasing out of education and tuition fee credits in favour of up-front grants through a national system of needs-based grants.

**2006/11:035 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:034 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:034 REFERRED**

**2006/11:036 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 1/Local 103

Be it resolved that the "Taxation" policy be amended as follows:

**Preamble**

A progressive tax system, where people with more disposable income pay a higher percentage of their income in tax than do those with less income, combined with universally accessible social programs, such as health care and education, ensures equity in society regardless of income. Such a progressive system is necessary for the equitable well being of all members of society.

The Federation has long advocated that post-secondary education should be paid for through a progressive system of taxation rather than through up-front costs. Graduates of post-secondary education earn more throughout their lifetime, thereby contributing more in taxes to pay for the cost of their education. Such a system is required in order to fund the various social programs necessary for the advancement of a nation's goals, and also to reduce the up-front barriers of post-secondary education, and most specifically user fees.

**Policy**

The Federation supports a progressive system of taxation in Canada that recognises the financial stress on students in lower tax brackets.

The Federation also believes that a truly progressive tax system is the ideal way to pay for post-secondary education.

Further, the Federation supports enhanced funding for post-secondary institutions as a result of the revenue raised by increasing the number of higher tax brackets.

**2006/11:037 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:036 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:036 REFERRED**

**2006/11:038 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 1/Local 103

Be it resolved that the "Pan-Canadian Principles" and "Post-Secondary Education Agreement" policies be repealed and replaced with the following "Post-Secondary Education Agreement and Principles" policy:

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### **Preamble**

After years of federal funding cuts throughout the 1990s, the quality and accessibility of universities and colleges are at risk. Skyrocketing tuition fees, fewer instructors, larger classes, fewer course offerings, reduced library holdings, and the commercialisation of research are all symptomatic of the continuing and chronic public under-funding of post-secondary education.

There is an urgent need for a national strategy on both the level of funding and the mechanism and rules by which the federal government provides support for post-secondary institutions and students.

Legislation is needed to establish a long-term and predictable funding commitment from the federal government, and to create common standards and principles governing the delivery of post-secondary education across the country.

### **Policy**

The Federation supports the creation of a Post-Secondary Education Agreement between the provincial and territorial governments and the federal government that would:

- delineate the respective mandates of the federal and provincial/territorial governments;
- establish the standards based on pan-Canadian principles;
- establish mechanisms to enforce the principles; and
- outline funding and access formulas.

The Federation supports provincial/territorial governments also establishing their own legislation with respect to the principles.

The Federation supports the creation of Pan-Canadian Principles, which would ensure a high quality, publicly funded and publicly administered, fully accessible, comprehensive and accountable system of post-secondary education in Canada. The Federation defines the above terms as follows:

- **Public Administration:** Post-secondary education programs must be administered and operated on a non-profit basis by a public authority appointed or designated by the government of the province, which is responsible to the provincial government. The public authority must be open and transparent and be subject to audit of its accounts and financial transactions;
- **Comprehensiveness:** Post-secondary education institutions of a province must provide a reasonable range of programs and curricula in order to ensure that students have access to a variety of education options, including community colleges, professional and vocational training, distance education and continuing and adult education;
- **Accessibility:** Post-Secondary education programs must be open to all qualified persons with the desire and capacity to be educated, on uniform terms and conditions, irrespective of their background. Institutions must develop policies and programs that remove barriers to post-secondary education due to socio-economic status or membership in groups or classes of persons that are not fully served by existing post-secondary programs, including the elimination of all user fees. A national system of grants must be available to students in need, and students must be able to transfer credits between institutions without barriers;
- **Collegial Governance:** Post-secondary education institutions must be governed in a collegial manner that includes meaningful and effective representation on governing bodies from faculty and students; and
- **Academic Freedom:** Post-secondary education institutions must assure protection of the principle of free and independent academic inquiry and the government of the province must assure the academic and intellectual autonomy of post-secondary institutions.

The Federation believes that funding of post-secondary education for the province of Quebec must be subject to negotiations between Quebec and the federal government. Until there is a resolution of the Quebec-Canada relationship, the Federation recognises the need for special arrangements with Quebec, as well as consideration for the uniqueness of Aboriginal Peoples.

### **2006/11:039 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:038 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:038 REFERRED**

**2006/11:040 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 103

Whereas the federal Conservative government unilaterally cut funding for the Summer Career Placement Program by \$55 million in September of this year; and

Whereas this represents a 50 percent reduction in funding for the programme and will result in the elimination of up to 25,000 summer jobs for students; and

Whereas this decision was taken without any public or stakeholder consultation and without consideration of proposals for improving the programme; and

Whereas the Summer Career Placement Program plays an important role for small businesses and community organisations throughout Canada; and

Whereas the Summer Career Placement Program often provides opportunities for students to earn meaningful wages during the summer months and to gain valuable work experience in fields related to their studies; therefore

Be it resolved that the recent cuts to the Summer Career Placement Program be denounced; and

Be it further resolved that the Federal government be called upon to immediately restore funding to the Summer Career Placement Program; and

Be it further resolved that a campaign kit, including a fact sheet on the programme and a sample letter to Members of Parliament, be created and distributed to member locals.

**2006/11:041 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:040 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:040 REFERRED**

**2006/11:042 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 103

Whereas students' unions should strive to promote sustainability on their campuses; and

Whereas many students' unions have ethical purchasing policies already in place; and

Whereas these policies often extend to creating sustainable, environmentally sound campuses; and

Whereas very few recycling companies will recycle Styrofoam; and

Whereas Styrofoam is created from benzene, a known carcinogen that can cause bone marrow damage, a decrease in red blood cells, excessive bleeding and immune system depression, increasing the chance of infection; and

Whereas some universities in Canada, like Ryerson University, have opted to exchange Styrofoam for corn and sugar based products in their food service locations; and

Whereas these products are biodegradable; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby their institutions to replace Styrofoam containers with biodegradable alternatives; and

Be it further resolved that, wherever possible, member locals strive to replace Styrofoam containers with biodegradable alternatives in their own operations.

**2006/11:043 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:042 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

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**2006/11:042 REFERRED**

**2006/11:044 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 103

Whereas the federal Conservative government unilaterally cut \$5 million in funding from the \$13 million annual budget of the Status of Women Canada, a governmental agency which funds organisations that monitor and work to uphold Canada's accountability to the principles of equality enshrined in the Charter and in the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; and

Whereas the federal Conservative government also changed the mandate and operation of Status of Women Canada by dropping the word "equality" from the agency's goals and declaring that it would no longer fund women's groups that undertake advocacy, lobbying, or general research; and

Whereas this cut runs counter to Stephen Harper's campaign promise during the last federal election, in which he pledged to "take concrete and immediate measures...to ensure that Canada fully upholds its commitments to women"; and

Whereas the Status of Women Canada is an important agency that works to "advance equality for women by addressing women's economic, social, political and legal situation" and increase women's involvement in the decision-making or public policy process; therefore

Be it resolved that the recent cuts to the Status of Women Canada be denounced; and

Be it further resolved that the federal government be called upon to immediately restore all funding to the Status of Women and to reverse changes made to its mandate; and

Be it further resolved that a campaign kit, including a fact sheet on the Status of Women Canada and a sample letter to Members of Parliament be created and distributed to member locals; and

Be it resolved that the Statusreport.ca campaign, a non-partisan, unaffiliated campaign dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of the Status of Women Canada, be endorsed and supported.

**2006/11:045 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:044 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:044 REFERRED**

### **b. Motions Submitted by the Canadian Federation of Students-BC**

**2006/11:046 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 105/Local 13

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, Programmes be amended to include:

#### **Access to Federation Services**

The Federation shall make every attempt to ensure that all programmes shall be open to all individual members or member local associations regardless of age, sex, country of origin, race, national ethnic religion, disabilities, marital status, sexual orientation, political belief or socio-economic background.

**2006/11:047 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 105/Local 13

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:046 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:046 REFERRED**

**2006/11:048 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 105/Local 13

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, Programmes be amended to include:

**Participation in Student Work Abroad Programme**

Any new country wishing to participate in the Student work Abroad Programme shall satisfy the conditions outlined in the policy Access to Federation Services.

**2006/11:049 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 105/Local 13

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:048 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:048 REFERRED**

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

Aziz said that the National Executive report was being translated and would be distributed at provincial and regional component meetings. She explained that the report was a comprehensive overview of the work of the National Executive over the preceding six months. Aziz, National Deputy Chairperson Angela Regnier, National Treasurer Dave Hare and other members of the National Executive highlighted sections of the report.

**2006/11:050 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 24

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

**CARRIED**

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

**2006/11:051 EMERGENCY MOTION**

Local 70/Local 84

Whereas the National Education of Workers Union - Section 22 (SNTE) of Oaxacan Teachers went on strike due to severely deteriorating standards of living and were met by Oaxaca government - sanctioned violent and repressive tactics to suppress the striking teachers in June 2006; and

Whereas in response to Oaxacan Governor Ulises Ruiz Ortiz's repression the People's Popular Assembly of Oaxaca (APPO) was created in order to promote community-based action, popular decision-making and the unification of more than 350 different organizations and groups committed to an alternative economic and political model; and

Whereas Mexico's President-elect, Felipe Calderon made clear to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in late-October 2006 that violence must not be used to solve the problems in Oaxaca; and

Whereas Mexican President Vicente Fox thereafter sent federal police into Oaxaca to dismantle the APPO in late-October 2006; and

Whereas over 85 citizens, including several teachers and students are known to be in the custody of federal police; and

Whereas approximately 50 citizens, including several students and teachers, have now been disappeared; and

Whereas federal police have shut-down several citizen-based free radio stations in Oaxaca;

Whereas teachers and APPO members have retreated to the autonomous university in Oaxaca City; and

Whereas the people of APPO are in imminent and constant danger of ongoing government-sanctioned violence and human-rights violations; and

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Whereas the people of APPO have sent out an urgent call for international support;

Whereas Jean Pierre Kingsley, CEO of Elections Canada, accepted Mexico's highest state award, the Aguila, in September 2006 for his role in supporting and consolidating democracy in Mexico; and

Whereas Canadians, the Canadian government, Elections Canada must not support government-sanctioned anti-democratic practices in Mexico by accepting awards celebrating Mexican democracy; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter condemning the actions of the Mexican government in Oaxaca and demanding the immediate release of all political prisoners, a federal investigation into disappearances, the prosecution of death squads, and the immediate resignation of Oaxacan Governor Ulises Ruiz Ortiz be written;

Be it further resolved that a letter condemning the inaction of the Canadian government in respect of the events in Oaxaca and demanding that the Canadian government make the same demands of the Mexican government as outlined above be written;

Be it further resolved that the Latin American Solidarity Committee campaign demanding that Elections Canada CEO Jean Pierre Kingsley return the Aguila award, which he recently received from the government of Mexico for helping to "consolidate democracy in Mexico" be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the letter writing campaign of the Latin American Solidarity Committee.

**2006/11:052 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 70/Local 84

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:051 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:051 REFERRED**

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

**16. RECESS**

**2006/11:053 MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 71/Local 93

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until 13:00, Saturday, November 25, 2006.

**CARRIED**

18:34 the meeting recessed.



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## CALL BACK TO ORDER—Saturday, November 25, 2006

14:46 the meeting was called back to order by Plenary Speaker Sylvia Sioufi.

### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

|          |  |                  |
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| 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  | Absent           |
| Local 33 | Emily Carr Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 76 | King Edward Students' Union  | Present          |
| Local 26 | Kwantlen Student Association   | Absent           |
| Local 61 | Malaspina Students' Union  | Present          |
| Local 13 | College of New Caledonia Students' Association                                     | Present          |
| Local 72 | North Island Students' 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   | Absent           |
| Local 15 | Thompson Rivers University Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 89 | University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society                                  | Present          |
| Local 44 | University of Victoria Students' Society   | Present          |
| Local 42 | Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association                            | Present          |
| Local 21 | University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association                               | Present          |
| Local 90 | First Nations University of Canada Students' Association                           | Absent           |
| Local 09 | University of Regina Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local101 | University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association                          | Present          |
| Local 17 | University of Saskatchewan Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 37 | Brandon University Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 96 | University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association                              | Present          |
| 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 by proxy |
| Local102 | Brock University Graduate Students' Association                                    | Absent           |
| Local 78 | Carleton University Graduate Students' Association                                 | Present          |
| Local 01 | Carleton University Students' Association  | Present          |
|          | Association étudiante de la Cité Collégiale*                                       | Absent           |
| Local 92 | Student Association of George Brown College  | Present          |
| Local 93 | Glendon College Students' Union  | Present          |
| Local 54 | University of Guelph Central Student Association                                   | Present          |
| Local 62 | University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association                                | Absent           |
| Local 32 | Lakehead University Student Union  | Present          |
| Local 30 | Laurentian University Students' General Association                                | Present by proxy |
| Local104 | Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students                            | Absent           |
| Local 88 | Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne  | Present by proxy |

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| Local 39  | McMaster University Graduate Students Association   | Absent           |
| Local 20  | Nipissing University Student Union  | Present          |
| Local 25  | Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union   | Present          |
| 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 105 | Continuing Education Students' Association of 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' Union   | 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          |
|           | University of Windsor Organization of Part-Time University Students*                                      | 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   | Absent           |
|           | Students' Society of McGill University*   | Present          |
| Local 79  | Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill   | Present          |
| 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

Sioufi declared that quorum had been achieved.

## 2. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

National Treasurer David Hare highlighted sections of the Revised 2006-2007 Budget.

### 2006/11:054 MOTION

Local 53/Local 3

Be it resolved that the final draft Revised 2006-2007 Budget be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:055 MOTION**

Local 27/Local 72

Be it resolved that the Budget Committee Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**3. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

BC National Executive Representative Shamus Reid said that the Organisational and Services Development Committee had undertaken an extensive review of the Federation services in addition to considering the motions that had been served with notice for consideration at the general meeting.

**2006/11:018 MOTION**

Local 91/Local 103

Whereas the Federation's press review is printed twice a year and is included in every general meeting delegate binder; and

Whereas, in recent years, the press review has been approximately 100 pages in length; and

Whereas the Federation strives to be as environmentally conscious as possible; therefore

Be it resolved that the press review be provided to general meeting delegates in digital format, such as on a compact disc, instead of hard copy.

**2006/11:056 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 76/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:018 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that one paper copy of the press review distributed at general meetings be provided to each member local;

Be it further resolved that the remaining general meeting delegates receive a copy of the press review in digital format, such as PDF; and

Be it further resolved that the press review be posted on the Federation's website; and

Be it further resolved that further ways to reduce the cost and environmental impact of all materials distributed to delegates at general meetings be investigated."

**2006/11:057 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 44/Local 48

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:056 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that one paper copy of the press review distributed at general meetings be provided to each member local;

Be it further resolved that the remaining general meeting delegates receive a copy of the press review in digital format, such as PDF;

Be it further resolved that with a minimum of two weeks advance notice prior to the start of a general meeting, member locals may request additional hard copy versions of the press review;

Be it further resolved that the press review be posted on the Federation's website; and

Be it further resolved that further ways to reduce the cost and environmental impact of all materials distributed to delegates at general meetings be investigated."

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:056 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/11:018 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

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**2006/11:046 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 105/Local 13

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, Programmes, be amended to include:

**Access to Federation Services**

The Federation shall make every attempt to ensure that all programmes shall be open to all individual members or member local associations regardless of age, sex, country of origin, race, national ethnic religion, disabilities, marital status, sexual orientation, political belief or socio-economic background.

**2006/11:058 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 42/Local 4

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:046 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, Programmes, be amended to include:

**Access to Federation Services**

The Federation shall make every attempt to ensure that the full range of its programmes and services shall be open and available to the entirety of its membership in keeping with the Federation's inclusive practices."

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:046 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/11:048 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 105/Local 13

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, Programmes be amended to include:

**Participation in Student Work Abroad Programme**

Any new country wishing to participate in the Student work Abroad Programme shall satisfy the conditions outlined in the policy Access to Federation Services.

**2006/11:059 MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 3

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:048 be substituted with the following:

"Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, Programmes, be amended to include:

**Participation in Student Work Abroad Programme**

The Federation shall seek to make available information regarding the social and political conditions in any country participating in the Student Work Abroad Programme, as it relates to the Access to Federation Services policy, to any participants requesting them.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:048 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/11:060 MOTION**

Local 42/Local 32

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students operates as a national organisation representing the needs and goals of many diverse perspectives;

Whereas the media may not in all instances report precisely what they are told; and

Whereas recent events have illustrated the need for effective and proactive communication with the media; therefore

Be it resolved that a focused review of existing communications policy be undertaken that ensures that a clear representation of the Federation's intentions, and unambiguous message be presented whenever dealing with the media.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:061 MOTION**

Local 13/Local 105

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

**CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY CAUCUSES AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS**

**a. Caucuses**

**Aboriginal Students**

Aboriginal Students' Representative Jarita Greyeyes said that the Aboriginal Caucus discussed the importance of supporting and contributing to AIDS Awareness Week. She encouraged locals to include Aboriginal delegates in their delegations to national general meetings.

**Graduate Students**

Graduate Students' Representative Meghan Gallant said that in addition to reviewing the motions that had been submitted with notice, the Caucus had reviewed its activities over the previous six months, including the campaign against the commercialisation of research and whistleblower protection. She reported that the Caucus had supported students and their intellectual property rights. She said that the Caucus had worked closely with the CNCS (Le Conseil nationale des cycles supérieures), the graduate component of the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec. She said that the Caucus adopted a motion formalising the relationship between the two bodies and agreeing to work together on issues of common concern.

**b. Constituency Groups**

**Student Artists Constituency Group**

No report.

**Students of Colour Constituency Group**

Amanda Aziz reported that the Students of Colour Constituency Group had discussed the name of the Group and whether it was still appropriate. She said that the Group also discussed the Day of Action and how to most effectively engage students of colour in the campaign.

**Students with Disabilities Constituency Group**

No report.

**Francophone Students Constituency Group**

Francophone Students' Representative Katherine Boushel said that among other issues, the Group discussed the work that member locals had been undertaking for the National Day of Action.

**International Students Constituency Group**

Local 38 delegate Fatima Bintou Nidiaye delegate said that the International Students Constituency Group discussed the importance of allowing international students to work off campus. She said that it was important to provide international students with support because they were often unfamiliar with the laws and the realities of living in Canada.

**Queer Students Constituency Group**

Local 75 delegate Jaden Keitlah and Local 1 delegate Katie McIntyre reported on a number of upcoming events that would address issues relating to queer students.

**Women Students' Constituency Group**

Women's Representative Sarah Amyot said that the Women Students' Constituency Group discussed both the Childcare Act, which passed its second reading in the House of Commons and the impact of federal funding cuts to childcare on all the provinces. She said that the Group also shared information on ways to effectively establish women's or equality centres on campus.

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15:36 the meeting recessed.

15:57 the meeting reconvened.

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

Aziz noted that the following delegates had attended the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee and had been omitted from the Committee report: Local 82 delegate Carson Sargent, Local 105 delegate Gail Alivio, Local 89 delegate Elizabeth Nijdam, Local 93 delegate Meghan King, Local 71 delegate Julia Fryer. She asked delegates to amend their reports accordingly.

#### **a. Proposal for Campaign about Administrator Salaries**

##### **2006/11:008 MOTION**

Local 103/Local 96

Whereas the Federation supports the right to an affordable and accessible post-secondary education; and

Whereas the Federation supports the elimination of tuition and other incidental user fees; and

Whereas the Federation supports the democratisation of governing boards of post-secondary institutions, with the intent of being representative of and accountable to the communities served by these institutions; and

Whereas unionised faculty and staff at post-secondary institutions commonly receive increases in wages approximately equivalent to the rate of inflation; and

Whereas university administrators, deans of faculties, and directors of schools and libraries are management, and have their salary increases determined by their peers with varying degrees of accountability to University boards; and

Whereas many universities have seen significant increases in the salaries of senior university administrators in the face of declining per-capita government funding, rising tuition fees and comparatively lower faculty and support-staff wage increases; therefore

Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the history of salary increases for university administrators, deans of faculties, and directors of schools and libraries across the country; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to campaign against administrative salary increases as long as tuition fees in Canada are rising.

##### **2006/11:062 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 27/Local 1

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:008 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the history of salary increases for senior university administrators, deans of faculties, and directors of schools and libraries across the country; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to campaign against senior administrative salary increases as long as tuition fees in Canada are rising."

**CARRIED**

##### **2006/11:063 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 75/Local 93

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:008 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the history of salary increases for senior post-secondary institution administrators, deans of faculties, and directors of schools and libraries across the country; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to campaign against senior administrative salary increases as long as tuition fees in Canada are rising."

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:008 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**b. Proposal for Campaign for International Students' Health and Dental Insurance**

**2006/11:014 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 103

Whereas international students currently are not covered under most provincial health insurance plans; and

Whereas international students are required to take out such health coverage as a condition of their study permit; and

Whereas the purchase of such coverage is extremely costly and does not provide adequate coverage, often providing assistance only in emergency situations; therefore

Be it resolved that provincial governments be lobbied to include international students in provincial health insurance plans at no cost to international students;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby their university administrations to support the right of international students to be included in these plans; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write to their respective provincial governments supporting the right of international students to be included in these plans.

**2006/11:064 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 94/Local 68

Be it resolved that the word "university" in Motion-2006/11:014 be replaced with the words "post-secondary institution".

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:014 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**c. Proposal for Campaign for International Students' to Seek Local Elections**

**2006/11:016 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 103

Whereas international students are required to study full-time in order to maintain their study permit; and

Whereas the democratically elected executive positions of many students' unions are full-time positions requiring that the elected leadership of students' unions take a lighter course load; and

Whereas this makes it difficult for international students to run for executive positions in their local students' union; therefore

Be it resolved that the federal government be lobbied to have the position of elected leadership of a local students' union be recognized for course equivalency for the purposes of meeting the requirements of a study permit; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters supporting the right of international students to participate in their students' union.

**2006/11:064 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 17/Local 103

Be it resolved that the first clause of Motion 2006/11:016 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the federal government and administrations be lobbied to have the position of election leadership of a local students' union be recognized for course equivalency for the purposes of meeting the requirements of a study permit; and"

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:016 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

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### **d. Proposal for Emergency Response Plans**

#### **2006/11:020 MOTION**

Local 91/Local 103

Whereas the fundamental goal of a students' union is to serve the best interests of its membership; and

Whereas proper planning and preparedness helps to increase the safety of the student population in the event of emergency; and

Whereas too few post-secondary institutions have prepared sufficient emergency plans for any event other than fire; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to meet with their institutional administrators to collectively discuss and develop emergency response plans; and

Be it further resolved that member locals ensure that students, faculty, and staff are made aware of all emergency procedures.

#### **2006/11:065 MOTION TO AMEND**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 17

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:020 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to share the information with each other."

**CARRIED**

#### **2006/11:066 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 4/Local 105

Be it resolved that the second clause of Motion 2006/11:020 be amended to read:

"Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to ensure that students, faculty, and staff are made aware of emergency procedures."

**CARRIED**

#### **2006/11:020 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

### **e. Proposal for Campaign to Eliminate Tuition Fees**

#### **2006/11:022 MOTION**

Local 35/Local 103

Whereas the Newfoundland and Labrador government has frozen and reduced tuition fees for each of the last eight years; and

Whereas tuition fees in Newfoundland and Labrador are now the second lowest in Canada; and

Whereas the fee freezes and reductions in Newfoundland and Labrador have been matched with increased operating grants of 100% since 1999; and

Whereas the fee freezes and reductions have resulted in enrolment increases every year, after a massive enrolment decline when fees were rising in the 1990s; and

Whereas Premier Danny Williams responded to the Federation's call to eliminate tuition fees by saying that he was unable to do so because of pressure on the province to allow fees to rise; and

Whereas the elimination of tuition fees in Newfoundland and Labrador will put downward pressure on tuition fees in other provinces; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters to the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Newfoundland and Labrador component of the Federation, supporting the elimination of tuition fees.

**CARRIED**



**f. Proposal for Campaign to Support Students' Space**

**2006/11:028 MOTION**

Local 97/Local 103

Whereas the University of Toronto administration has threatened to evict Local 97, the Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students, from its current office space at Woodsworth College; and  
Whereas in response to the actions of Local 97, the University has accepted a proposal for an alternative office site located, adjacent to Woodsworth College, which meets many of the needs and concerns of Local 97 and its diverse membership; and

Whereas the University of Toronto administration is now insisting that Local 97 accept this space under unfair conditions which would serve to stifle the Local's political expression and the accessibility to its members, specifically, by not providing a binding lease, or any assurance that accessibility upgrades and other renovations will be undertaken; therefore

Be it resolved that the University of Toronto Administration's refusal to offer Local 97 a binding lease for the proposed office relocation site, or any assurance that accessibility upgrades and other renovations will be undertaken, be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that the following demands presented by Local 97 be supported:

- The University grant Local 97 a lease arrangement for office space in the Margaret Fletcher Building and guarantee accessibility upgrades and other necessary renovations.
- The lease grant the space for an amount of time that will give Local 97 permanent access to the space (i.e. 50 years); and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters of support for the demands of Local 97.

**2006/11:067 MOTION**

Local 97/Local 103

Be it resolved that the first clause in Motion 2006/11:028 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Local 97 be supported in efforts to secure adequate office space with required accessibility and renovation upgrades."; and

Be it further resolved that the second clause be deleted.

**2006/11:068 MOTION**

Local 54/Local 88

Be it resolved that the last clause in Motion 2006/11:028 be amended to read:

"Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters of support for these demands."

**2006/11:069 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 97/Students' Society of McGill

Be it resolved that Motions-2006/11:028, 2006/11:067 and 2006/11:068 be postponed indefinitely.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:068 POSTPONED**

**2006/11:067 POSTPONED**

**2006/11:028 POSTPONED**

**g. Proposal for Sustainable Students' Unions Campaign**

**2006/11:030 MOTION**

Local 17/Local 103

Whereas students unions and post-secondary institutions have large ecological footprints and significant purchasing power; and

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Whereas students unions and post-secondary institutions across the country have stepped up to lead the sustainability movement on their campuses by implementing initiatives focused on improving ecological integrity, social equity, and economic security; and

Whereas on-campus sustainability initiatives can actively engage the knowledge of the university community to address the social and ecological challenges faced both now and in the future; and

Whereas student unions and post-secondary institutions have the potential to influence communities, governments, business, and industry in the adoption of sustainable practices; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to take up the "Student Unions for Sustainability" campaign by committing to strategically implement people, policy, planning and projects that will institutionalize sustainability comprehensively into the organization to effectively use limited financial resources; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to utilize the Sustainable Campuses "Student Unions for Sustainability" campaign database of Sierra Youth Coalition documents and become Sustainable Campuses Coalition Partners; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to develop as models of sustainable practices to advocate for sustainability on their campuses, as well as in communities, governments, business, and industry.

**CARRIED**

**h. Proposal for Campaign for International Students' Tuition Fees Reduction**

**2006/11:032 MOTION**

Local 75/Local 103

Whereas international students are now able to work off campus; and

Whereas there have been reports that some administrators are using right to work off campus to justify further tuition fee increases; and

Whereas the Federation worked for the right to work off to improve international students quality of life; therefore

Be it resolved that a campaign be commenced to lobby educational institutions and Canadian governments to ensure that International Students receive the full benefit of income earned from off-campus employment; and

Be it further resolved that the campaign to reduce tuition fees also include a reduction for international students.

**2006/11:069 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 48/Local 105

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:032 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that an awareness campaign be developed and undertaken to raise awareness and debunk misconceptions about issues surrounding international students such as international students are wealthy, through the production of materials including posters and flyers."

**2006/11:070 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 27/Local 98

Be it resolved the Motion-2006/11:069 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved the Motion-2006/11:032 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that an awareness campaign be developed and undertaken to raise awareness and debunk misconceptions about issues surrounding international students."

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:069 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/11:071 MOTION**

Local 38/Local 44

Be it resolved that the first clause in Motion-2006/11:032 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a campaign be undertaken to lobby educational institutions and Canadian governments to ensure that international students receive the full benefit of off-campus employment; and"

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:032 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**i. Proposal for Campaign to Restore Funding for Summer Career Placement Program**

**2006/11:040 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 103

Whereas the federal Conservative government unilaterally cut funding for the Summer Career Placement Program by \$55 million in September of this year; and

Whereas this represents a 50 percent reduction in funding for the programme and will result in the elimination of up to 25,000 summer jobs for students; and

Whereas this decision was taken without any public or stakeholder consultation and without consideration of proposals for improving the programme; and

Whereas the Summer Career Placement Program plays an important role for small businesses and community organisations throughout Canada; and

Whereas the Summer Career Placement Program often provides opportunities for students to earn meaningful wages during the summer months and to gain valuable work experience in fields related to their studies; therefore

Be it resolved that the recent cuts to the Summer Career Placement Program be denounced;

Be it further resolved that the federal government be called upon to immediately restore funding to the Summer Career Placement Program; and

Be it further resolved that a campaign kit, including a fact sheet on the programme and a sample letter to Members of Parliament, be created and distributed to member locals.

**CARRIED**

**j. Proposal for Campaign to Promote Sustainability**

**2006/11:042 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 103

Whereas students' unions should strive to promote sustainability on their campuses; and

Whereas many students' unions have ethical purchasing policies already in place; and

Whereas these policies often extend to creating sustainable, environmentally sound campuses; and

Whereas very few recycling companies will recycle Styrofoam; and

Whereas Styrofoam is created from benzene, a known carcinogen that can cause bone marrow damage, a decrease in red blood cells, excessive bleeding and immune system depression, increasing the chance of infection; and

Whereas some universities in Canada, like Ryerson University, have opted to exchange Styrofoam for corn and sugar based products in their food service locations; and

Whereas these products are biodegradable; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby their institutions to replace Styrofoam containers with biodegradable alternatives; and

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Be it further resolved that, wherever possible, member locals strive to replace Styrofoam containers with biodegradable alternatives in their own operations.

**CARRIED**

### **k. Proposal for Campaign to Restore Status of Women Funding**

#### **2006/11:044 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 103

Whereas the federal Conservative government unilaterally cut \$5 million in funding from the \$13 million annual budget of the Status of Women Canada, a governmental agency which funds organisations that monitor and work to uphold Canada's accountability to the principles of equality enshrined in the Charter and in the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; and

Whereas the federal Conservative government also changed the mandate and operation of Status of Women Canada by dropping the word "equality" from the agency's goals and declaring that it would not longer fund women's groups that undertake advocacy, lobbying, or general research; and

Whereas this cut runs counter to Stephen Harper's campaign promise during the last federal election, in which he pledged to "take concrete and immediate measures...to ensure that Canada fully upholds its commitments to women"; and

Whereas the Status of Women Canada is an important agency that works to "advance equality for women by addressing women's economic, social, political and legal situation" and increase women's involvement in the decision-making or public policy process; therefore

Be it resolved that the recent cuts to the Status of Women Canada be denounced;

Be it further resolved that the federal government be called upon to immediately restore all funding to the Status of Women Canada and to reverse changes made to its mandate;

Be it further resolved that a campaign kit, including a fact sheet on the Status of Women Canada and a sample letter to Members of Parliament be created and distributed to member locals; and

Be it resolved that the Statusreport.ca campaign, a non-partisan, unaffiliated campaign dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of the Status of Women Canada, be endorsed and supported.

**CARRIED**

### **l. Proposal to Support Striking Mexican Teachers**

#### **2006/11:051 MOTION**

Local 84/Local 70

Whereas the National Education of Workers Union – Section 22 (SNTE) of Oaxacan Teachers went on strike due to severely deteriorating standards of living and were met by Oaxaca government-sanctioned violent and repressive tactics to suppress the striking teachers in June 2006; and

Whereas in response to Oaxacan Governor Ulises Ruiz Ortiz's repression, the People's Popular Assembly of Oaxaca (APPO) was created in order to promote community-based action, popular decision-making and the unification of more than 350 different organizations and groups committed to an alternative economic and political model; and

Whereas Mexico's President-elect, Felipe Calderon made clear to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in late-October 2006 that violence must not be used to solve the problems in Oaxaca; and

Whereas Mexican President Vicente Fox thereafter sent federal police into Oaxaca to dismantle the APPO in late-October 2006; and

Whereas over 85 citizens, including several teachers and students are known to be in the custody of federal police; and

Whereas approximately 50 citizens, including several students and teachers, have now disappeared; and

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Whereas federal police have shutdown several citizen-based free radio stations in Oaxaca; and  
Whereas teachers and APPO members have retreated to the autonomous university in Oaxaca City; and

Whereas the people of APPO are in imminent and constant danger of ongoing government-sanctioned violence and human-rights violations; and

Whereas the people of APPO have sent out an urgent call for international support; and

Whereas Jean Pierre Kingsley, CEO of Elections Canada, accepted Mexico's highest state award, the Aguila, in September 2006 for his role in supporting and consolidating democracy in Mexico; and

Whereas Canadians, the Canadian government, and Elections Canada must not support government-sanctioned anti-democratic practices in Mexico by accepting awards celebrating Mexican democracy; therefore

Be it resolved that the a letter condemning the actions of the Mexican government in Oaxaca and demanding the immediate release of all political prisoners, a federal investigation into disappearances, the prosecution of death squads, and the immediate resignation of Oaxacan Governor Ulises Ruiz Ortiz be sent; and

Be it further resolved that a letter condemning the inaction of the Canadian government in respect of the events in Oaxaca and demanding that the Canadian government make the same demands of the Mexican government as outlined above be sent; and

Be it further resolved that the Latin American Solidarity Committee campaign demanding that Elections Canada CEO Jean Pierre Kingsley return the Aguila award, which he recently received from the government of Mexico for helping to "consolidate democracy in Mexico" be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the letter writing campaign of the Latin American Solidarity Committee.

Local 13 delegate Valentine Crawford stated that his Local was in a conflict of interest and as a result, had to abstain.

**2006/11:072 MOTION TO DIVIDE**

Local 27/Local 21

Be it resolved that Motion-200611:051 be divided.

**2006/11:051-A MOTION**

Local 84/Local 70

Be it resolved that a letter condemning the actions of the Mexican government in Oaxaca and demanding the immediate release of all political prisoners, a federal investigation into disappearances, the prosecution of death squads, and the immediate resignation of Oaxacan Governor Ulises Ruiz Ortiz be sent; and

Be it further resolved that a letter condemning the inaction of the Canadian government in respect of the events in Oaxaca and demanding that the Canadian government make the same demands of the Mexican government as outlined above be sent.

**CARRIED**

**ABSTENTION: Local 13**

**2006/11:051-B MOTION**

Local 84/Local 70

Be it resolved that the Latin American Solidarity Committee campaign demanding that Elections Canada CEO Jean Pierre Kingsley return the Aguila award, which he recently received from the government of Mexico for helping to "consolidate democracy in Mexico" be supported; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the letter writing campaign of the Latin American Solidarity Committee.

**CARRIED**

**ABSTENTION: Local 13**

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**m. Proposal to Lobby Health Canada**

**2006/11:073 MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 98

Whereas Hema-Québec and Canadian Blood Services often undertake blood donation clinics on campus; and

Whereas the Federation has previously conducted a campaign to lobby Health Canada to change its policy on blood donation for men who have sex with men because it is discriminatory and gives students a false sense of security about what constitutes unsafe sex; and

Whereas current blood donation policies place a lifetime ban on, among other groups, men who have had sex with men; and

Whereas Hema-Québec acknowledges that the policy excluded potential donors based on irrelevant personal characteristics and not factors in blood safety and has called for a repeal of this policy; and

Whereas a policy change requires the consent of Health Canada, who has so far refused; therefore

Be it resolved that Health Canada and the U.S.A. Food and Drug Administration be lobbied to change their policy on blood donation from men who have had sex with men and from people who are prevented from donating blood based on other irrelevant personal characteristics; and

Be it further resolved that Hema-Québec and Canadian Blood Services be asked to participate in the campaign; and

Be it further resolved that materials be prepared and distributed to member locals who wish to use them.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:074 MOTION**

Local 3/Local 53

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

**CARRIED**

**9. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**a. National Deputy Chairperson By-Election**

**2006/11:075 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 95

Be it resolved that Brent Farrington (Local 91) be ratified as the National Deputy Chairperson for the remainder of the 2006-2007 term.

**CARRIED**

**b. National Executive Elections**

**i. National Chairperson**

**2006/11:076 MOTION**

Local 1/Local 103

Be it resolved that Amanda Aziz (Local 103) be ratified as the National Chairperson for the 2007-2008 term.

**CARRIED**

**ii. National Deputy Chairperson**

**2006/11:077 MOTION**

Local 91/Local 13

Be it resolved that Brent Farrington (Local 91) be ratified as the National Deputy Chairperson for the 2007-2008 term.

**CARRIED**

**iii. National Treasurer**

**2006/11:078 MOTION**

Local 24/Local 105

Be it resolved that Ben Lewis (Local 24) be ratified as the National Treasurer for the 2007-2008 term.

**CARRIED**

**c. Travel C.U.T.S Board Elections**

**2006/11:079 MOTION**

Local 7/Local 3

Be it resolved that Dave Hare (Local 11) be ratified as the Travel C.U.T.S. Board Representative for the 2007-2009 term.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:080 MOTION**

Local 33/Local 27

Be it resolved that the Electoral Committee Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**10. PRESENTATION OF THE POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2006/11:010 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 96/Local 103

Be it resolved that the "Performance Indicators" policy be repealed and replaced with the following:

**Preamble**

A quality learning experience for students is rooted in the maintenance of an accessible and publicly funded post-secondary education system within which individual institutions are governed autonomously, through local and transparent democratic structures. By establishing and maintaining the availability of the resources necessary to procure both the academic and physical infrastructure vital to the achievement of quality education, and by ensuring that such resources are allocated on the basis of peer review and democratic decision-making, students, faculty, and academic staff can best collaborate to meet the academic, educational, and research mission of our public post-secondary institutions. The foundation of our public institutions is their universality, meaning that all qualified individuals are entitled to participate in post-secondary education. It is, therefore, not possible to obtain quality in post-secondary education at the expense of affordability, as both factors affect the learning experience. Universality also cannot be guaranteed in a system within which publicly funded research is encouraged to be commercially oriented and privately subsidised and owned. The quality of education must, therefore, be judged in light of:

- Accessibility and affordability;
- The degree to which decision-making, with respect to all aspects of a university's operation, are conducted in transparent, accountable, representative, and democratic bodies; and
- The extent to which research performed through a public institution is conducted free from private, corporate and commercial interest and ownership.

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Therefore, the achievement of educational quality is dependent upon the availability of adequate public resources.

Post-secondary education funds need to be directed at ensuring quality and accessibility throughout the entire system. Geographic location should not play a role in determining quality or access.

Many attempts to measure quality in post-secondary education have been initiated by governments as part of an effort to introduce accountability and transparency in relation to public subsidies of colleges and universities. Such attempts often focus on evaluating the government's "return" on its investment and rely on very simple output indicators, including graduation and employment rates, and post-graduation earnings. In some instances, as is the case with Key Performance Indicators introduced in provinces such as Ontario, governments have punitively tied public institutional funding to such output measurements.

Just as quality cannot be determined simply by quantifying outputs, so too can it not be determined by considering financial indicators, including tuition fees, endowment income, and research commercialisation, as positive indicators of institutional educational quality and "reputation." Such measures, which are often used in education "consumer guides", like the annual Maclean's rankings, ignore the fact that high tuition fees, corporate activity, and reliance on endowment revenue, like poor quality, are symptoms of insufficient government funding. In such a privatised environment, accessibility, diversity, and academic integrity inevitably suffer. Quality assessments that evaluate endowment levels and institutional "reputations" tend to exacerbate institutional inequalities by privileging older institutions, and those situated in major urban and financial centres.

The assessment of quality based on the evaluation of output measures, like those identified above, leads policy makers to disregard the importance of input factors, such as professor/student ratios, academic contact time, faculty workload, lab and technology resources, and the actual process of learning that takes place in colleges and universities.

### **Policy**

The Federation believes that any quality assessment council or body established at the federal or provincial level with the purpose of assessing or monitoring quality needs to be based on:

- Accountability and transparency of the councils or bodies themselves;
- Stakeholder involvement that includes vital members of the university community; students and faculty; and
- The use of systematic definitions of quality designed through a process involving major stakeholders that go beyond methodologically simplistic "indicators".

The Federation supports a definition of educational quality, assessment tools, and funding initiatives that:

- emphasise universal accessibility and affordability;
- emphasise the importance of public funding;
- are determined by the needs of the specific learning environment;
- consider academic resource indicators that include, but are not limited to: class size; faculty-to-student ratios; number of full-time to part-time lecturers; faculty job security (e.g. tenure); level of faculty education; faculty workload; frequency of student contact with faculty and/or other advisors; the diversity of faculty; faculty publication rates and/or professional experience;
- consider institutional resource indicators that include, but are not limited to: the number of library holdings; the availability and breadth of student support services; information technology services; research infrastructure; institutional facilities; and physical plant;
- consider educational outcomes that emphasise accessibility and student success, including, but not limited to: diversity of enrolment; persistence, retention and graduation rates; educational satisfaction; and continued education;
- consider educational outcomes that emphasise graduate skill sets, including, but not limited to: critical thinking; problem solving; analytic reasoning; interpersonal understanding; written communication; technical knowledge; creativity, innovation and creative thinking; and applied skills;
- consider educational outcomes that emphasise social value, including, but not limited to: civic engagement; literacy; and workforce competitiveness;
- are based on consideration of specific institutional structures and levels of democratic involvement, facilities of peer review, and levels of student consultation; and,



- consider, only as a final measure, educational outcomes that emphasise individual value, including, but not limited to: graduation rates; employment rates; post-graduation earnings; and job-satisfaction.

The Federation supports government policy that:

- ensures adequate public funding for the promotion of high levels of quality throughout and within the system of public post-secondary education;
- allows public post-secondary education institutions to be autonomous and realise their potential for excellence without compromising access; and
- establishes public standards in educational quality, while remaining sensitive to differences between and among institutions.

The Federation opposes government policy that:

- ties public funding for public post-secondary education institutions, in any way, to output measurements;
- emphasises "competitiveness" amongst public institutions;
- undermines the consistency of quality between and among public institutions; and
- attempts to regulate the content of courses and/or teaching and/or research programs at institutional levels.

**2006/11:081 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion 2006/11:010 be referred to the National Executive for study and recommendation to the next national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that as much as possible, duplication with Federation policy on "Quality" be removed from the draft policy.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:010 REFERRED**

**2006/11:012 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 96/Local 103

Be it resolved that the two "Commercialisation" policies be repealed and replaced with the following:

**Preamble**

Public universities and colleges are meant to provide teaching and research in the public interest. The commercialisation of research broadly refers to the influence of corporate and private interests on research and knowledge, and the public policies which seek to define research and knowledge in market terms. Corporate and private participation in research often takes the form of a public-private partnership, where public and private funding are combined to support research and development.

Federal and provincial government initiatives have pressured post-secondary institutions through policies and funding mechanisms to increase the amount of market-driven research. These efforts have been coupled with claw backs to core federal funding for post-secondary education that have strained university operating budgets. In lieu of core public funding, funding for research is being increasingly tied with requirements for researchers to demonstrate matched funds secured from private sponsors.

When research is funded and assessed on the basis of profitability, support for various projects is skewed in favour of applied research, mainly in science, technology, health services, and business. Research in the arts, social sciences, and humanities is deemed less valuable by such a framework for supporting research.

The commercialisation of research also imposes administrative and legal costs for post-secondary institutions who are increasingly required to take on the task of marketing research products and innovations. Students are facing a complex legal terrain, with little protection, in which they must protect their intellectual property rights. Faculty focused on commercialising their research takes away valuable time and resources from teaching undergraduate and graduate students and sharing their research and knowledge with their peers. Students' quality of education is compromised by less emphasis on basic research and enquiry skills and increased pressure to develop entrepreneurial skills.

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Because this model of research is driven by for-profit research interests, students are exposed to an increasingly closed research environment cloaked in secrecy and competition. This secrecy can stifle the learning environment for students as instructors are frequently prohibited from sharing developments in their research at the risk of jeopardising a sponsor's competitive advantage.

The commercialisation of research also threatens academic freedom and research integrity. Motivated by the promise of profits, researchers are susceptible to pressures to manipulate methodologies and research results, and to delay publications to protect the competitive advantage of the research sponsor. Universities, who are increasingly reliant on private sponsors, are placed in conflicts when faced with pressures from corporate sponsors to discipline university researchers who have spoken up to defend the public interest.

### **Policy**

The Federation supports:

- Public research initiatives which are accountable to the general public and which support the right of the researcher to free speech and academic freedom, including the right to publish;
- Increased funding for public research through the granting councils;
- Federal funding for research that supports curiosity-driven research projects and equitable support for all disciplines; and
- Regulations that prevent corporate research sponsors from interfering in public research.

The Federation opposes:

- the prioritisation of market-driven research over basic, curiosity-driven research in post-secondary institutions;
- federal research initiatives that push for the increase of research commercialisation in post-secondary institutions;
- Matched funding requirements for public research grants; and
- Private sector use of public institution research facilities for private gain.

### **2006/11:082 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 09/Local 01

Be it resolved that Motion 2006/11:012 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the heading Commercialisation of Research":

#### **Preamble**

Public universities and colleges are meant to provide teaching and research in the public interest. The commercialisation of research broadly refers to the influence of corporate and private interests on research and knowledge, and the public policies which seek to define research and knowledge in market terms. Corporate and private participation in research often takes the form of a public-private partnership, where public and private funding are combined to support research and development.

Federal and provincial government initiatives have pressured post-secondary institutions through policies and funding mechanisms to increase the amount of market-driven research. These efforts have been coupled with claw backs to core federal funding for post-secondary education that have strained university operating budgets. In lieu of core public funding, funding for research is being increasingly tied with requirements for researchers to demonstrate matched funds secured from private sponsors.

When research is funded and assessed on the basis of profitability, support for various projects is skewed in favour of applied research, mainly in science, technology, health services, and business. Research in the arts, social sciences, and humanities is deemed less valuable by such a framework for supporting research.

The commercialisation of research also imposes administrative and legal costs for post-secondary institutions who are increasingly required to take on the task of marketing research products and innovations. Students are facing a complex legal terrain, with little protection, in which they must protect their intellectual property rights. Faculty focused on commercialising their research takes away valuable time and resources from teaching undergraduate and graduate students and sharing their research and knowledge with their peers. Students' quality of education is compromised by less emphasis on basic research and enquiry skills and increased pressure to develop entrepreneurial skills.

Because this model of research is driven by for-profit research interests, students are exposed to an increasingly closed research environment cloaked in secrecy and competition. This secrecy can stifle the learning environment for students as instructors are frequently prohibited from sharing developments in their research at the risk of jeopardising a sponsor's competitive advantage.

The commercialisation of research also threatens academic freedom and research integrity. Motivated by the promise of profits, researchers are susceptible to pressures to manipulate methodologies and research results, and to delay publications to protect the competitive advantage of the research sponsor. Universities, who are increasingly reliant on private sponsors, are placed in conflicts when faced with pressures from corporate sponsors to discipline university researchers who have spoken up to defend the public interest.

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- Public research initiatives which are accountable to the general public and which support the right of the researcher to free speech and academic freedom, including the right to publish;
- Increased funding for public research through the granting councils;
- Federal funding for research that supports curiosity-driven research projects and equitable support for all disciplines; and
- Regulations that prevent corporate research sponsors from interfering in public research.

The Federation opposes:

- the prioritisation of market-driven research over basic, curiosity-driven research in post-secondary institutions;
- federal research initiatives that push for the increase of research commercialisation in post-secondary institutions;
- matched funding requirements for public research grants; and
- private sector use of public institution research facilities for private gain."

**2006/11:083 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 79/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motions 2006/11:012 and 2006/11:082 be referred to the National Executive for study and recommendation to the next national general meeting.

**2006/11:084 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 79/Local 48

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:083 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Motions 2006/11:012 and 2006/11:082 be referred to the National Executive for study and recommendation to the next national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the current policy entitled Funding Education be taken into consideration in the study and recommendation."

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:083 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/11:082 REFERRED**

**2006/11:012 REFERRED**

**2006/11:024 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 105/Local 103

Be it resolved that the "Social Class" policy be repealed and replaced with the following "Socio-economic Barriers" policy:

**Preamble**

Post-secondary education is increasingly a necessity for participation in the labour market. The defining difference between those who have a post-secondary education and those who are forced into low-paying, low-skilled work is financial resources. Upfront financial barriers, namely tuition fees, reinforce a profound participation disparity among Canadian families. Statistics Canada calculates that students

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from families with incomes in the lowest quartile are half as likely to participate in university as students from families with top quartile earnings, thereby creating an accessibility gap among individuals from different socio-economic backgrounds.

**Policy**

The Federation acknowledges the accessibility gap in Canada's universities and colleges as being driven by the high cost of a post-secondary education, particularly for low-income families.

The Federation supports an accessible system of post-secondary education where any interested individual, regardless of socio-economic status, is able to participate in the post-secondary education of their choice without incurring debt.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:026 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 27/Local 103

Whereas many post-secondary institutions have Codes of Conduct in place; and

Whereas some post-secondary institutions are attempting to expand their codes of conduct to apply to students when they are neither on campus, nor attending events affiliated with their post-secondary institution; and

Whereas those same post-secondary institutions are not attempting to expand their codes of conduct with respect to other members of post-secondary communities; and

Whereas this expansion has more to do with concerns about the reputation of post-secondary institutions and their fundraising campaigns than with ensuring that post-secondary communities are safe and positive environments; and

Whereas students are concerned about the expectation that they will at all times act as representatives of their post-secondary institutions, and are opposed to efforts to expand the intrusion of their post-secondary institutions into the private lives of students; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

**Preamble**

Codes of Conduct outline appropriate forms of behaviour. They are meant to ensure that post-secondary communities are safe and positive environments. They can be ambiguous in terms of the actions and behaviours that they are intended to cover.

Codes of Conduct have been applied to students taking part in events that occur off-campus and that are not sanctioned by the post-secondary institution. There have been incidences of authorities not prosecuting alleged criminal acts because they think that Codes of Conduct will deal with the perpetrators. The application of Codes of Conduct to off-campus behaviour risks creating a two-tier system of justice, one for students and another for community members. It also disadvantages low-income students through financial penalties.

**Policy**

The Federation opposes the expectation that students will be representatives of their institutions at all times while off-campus.

The Federation condemns the use of Codes of Conduct as they are applied to non-academic activities that take place off-campus at events that are not sanctioned by or affiliated with the post-secondary institution.

**2006/11:084 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 11/Local 37

Be it resolved that the policy proposed in Motion 2006/11:026 be amended to read:

**Preamble**

Post-secondary institutional policies that regulate non-academic student conduct outline appropriate forms of behaviour and/or institutional response to that behaviour. They are meant to ensure that post-

secondary communities are safe and positive environments. They can be ambiguous in terms of the actions and behaviours that they are intended to cover.

Such policies have been applied to students taking part in events that occur off-campus and that are not sanctioned by the post-secondary institution. There have been incidences of civil authorities not prosecuting students who are alleged to have committed criminal acts off-campus because of the assumption that the administration of the post-secondary institution will deal with the alleged perpetrators internally, referencing institutional policies regulating non-academic student conduct. The application of institutional policies to off-campus behaviour risks creating a two-tier system of justice, one for students and another for community members. It also disadvantages low-income students through financial penalties.

**Policy**

The Federation opposes the expectation that students will be representatives of their institutions at all times while off-campus.

The Federation condemns the use of post-secondary institutional policies as they are applied to non-academic activities that take place off-campus at events that are not sanctioned by or affiliated with the post-secondary institution."

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:085 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 8/Local 89

Be it resolved that Motion-2006/11:026 be referred to the National Executive.

**DEFEATED**

**2006/11:026 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/11:034 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 1/Local 103

Be it resolved that the "Student Financial Assistance" policy be amended to include the following:

**7. Post-Secondary Education Tax Credits**

**Preamble**

Since the mid-1990s, the federal government has increasingly resorted to tax credits as a substitute for direct funding for student financial assistance. Despite their large price tag, federal tax expenditures are a very poor instrument to either improve access to post-secondary education or relieve student debt.

Tax credits fail in addressing the up-front financial barriers that prevent many students from low-income backgrounds from enrolling in the first place. Moreover, since everyone who participates in post-secondary education qualifies for tax credits regardless of financial need, the federal government is directing public funding where it does not most effectively improve access for those students who are excluded from participating in post-secondary education because the financial burden is so high. As a result, tax credits are most likely to benefit those who already have enough money to afford post-secondary education.

In total, federal tax expenditures increased by more than 200% between 1996 and 2006 on programs such as the Education Tax Credit, the Tuition Fee Tax Credit, and through income tax exemptions. The net benefit of these programs is negligible, and most students do not earn enough to pay income tax, thereby deriving no benefit whatsoever from non-refundable tax credits.

Tax exemptions from scholarships, bursaries, and grants provide some benefit to students. However, most exemptions do not affect the majority of students as scholarship and grant monies are limited, and the level of most awards are still under the maximum level to receive benefits from the exemption.

**Policy**

The Federation is opposed to tax credits as a form of student financial assistance.

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The Federation supports federal and provincial tax exemptions on scholarships, bursaries, and grants, however, does not support these measures as solutions to the need for increased grant monies and core post-secondary education funding.

The Federation believes that interest payable on a Canada Student Loan should be tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The Federation supports the phasing out of education and tuition fee credits in favour of up-front grants through a national system of needs-based grants.

**2006/11:086 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 32/Local 75

Be it resolved that the second sentence of the policy proposed in Motion 2006/11:034 be amended to read:

"The Federation supports federal and provincial tax exemptions on scholarships, bursaries, grants, and the Aboriginal Post-Secondary School Support Program, however, does not support these measures as solutions to the need for increased grant monies and core post-secondary education funding."

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:087 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 21/Local 98

Be it resolved that the third sentence of the policy proposed in Motion 2006/11:034 be amended to read:

"The Federation supports the deductibility of interest payable on Canada Student Loans for federal income tax purposes."

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:034 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/11:036 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 1/Local 103

Be it resolved that the "Taxation" policy be amended as follows:

**Preamble**

A progressive tax system, where people with more disposable income pay a higher percentage of their income in tax than do those with less income, combined with universally accessible social programs, such as health care and education, ensures equity in society regardless of income. Such a progressive system is necessary for the equitable well being of all members of society.

The Federation has long advocated that post-secondary education should be paid for through a progressive system of taxation rather than through up-front costs. Graduates of post-secondary education earn more throughout their lifetime, thereby contributing more in taxes to pay for the cost of their education. Such a system is required in order to fund the various social programs necessary for the advancement of a nation's goals, and also to reduce the up-front barriers of post-secondary education, and most specifically user fees.

**Policy**

The Federation supports a progressive system of taxation in Canada that recognises the financial stress on students in lower tax brackets.

The Federation also believes that a truly progressive tax system is the ideal way to pay for post-secondary education.

Further, the Federation supports enhanced funding for post-secondary institutions as a result of the revenue raised by increasing the number of higher tax brackets.

**2006/11:088 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 1/Local 98

Be it resolved that the policy statements proposed in Motion 2006/11:036 be amended to read:

**Policy**

The Federation supports a progressive system of taxation in Canada that recognises the financial stress on students in lower tax brackets.

The Federation also believes that a progressive tax system is the ideal way to pay for post-secondary education as post-secondary education is a public good.

Further, the Federation supports enhanced funding for post-secondary institutions as a result of the revenue raised by increasing the number of higher tax brackets."

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:036 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/11:038 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 1/Local 103

Be it resolved that the "Pan-Canadian Principles" and "Post-Secondary Education Agreement" policies be repealed and replaced with the following "Post-Secondary Education Agreement and Principles" policy:

**Preamble**

After years of federal funding cuts throughout the 1990s, the quality and accessibility of universities and colleges are at risk. Skyrocketing tuition fees, fewer instructors, larger classes, fewer course offerings, reduced library holdings, and the commercialisation of research are all symptomatic of the continuing and chronic public under-funding of post-secondary education.

There is an urgent need for a national strategy on both the level of funding and the mechanism and rules by which the federal government provides support for post-secondary institutions and students.

Legislation is needed to establish a long-term and predictable funding commitment from the federal government, and to create common standards and principles governing the delivery of post-secondary education across the country.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the creation of a Post-Secondary Education Agreement between the provincial and territorial governments and the federal government that would:

- delineate the respective mandates of the federal and provincial/territorial governments;
- establish the standards based on pan-Canadian principles;
- establish mechanisms to enforce the principles; and
- outline funding and access formulas.

The Federation supports provincial/territorial governments also establishing their own legislation with respect to the principles.

The Federation supports the creation of Pan-Canadian Principles, which would ensure a high quality, publicly funded and publicly administered, fully accessible, comprehensive and accountable system of post-secondary education in Canada. The Federation defines the above terms as follows:

- **Public Administration:** Post-secondary education programs must be administered and operated on a non-profit basis by a public authority appointed or designated by the government of the province, which is responsible to the provincial government. The public authority must be open and transparent and be subject to audit of its accounts and financial transactions;
- **Comprehensiveness:** Post-secondary education institutions of a province must provide a reasonable range of programs and curricula in order to ensure that students have access to a variety of education options, including community colleges, professional and vocational training, distance education and continuing and adult education;
- **Accessibility:** Post-Secondary education programs must be open to all qualified persons with the desire and capacity to be educated, on uniform terms and conditions, irrespective of their background. Institutions must develop policies and programs that remove barriers to post-secondary education due

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to socio-economic status or membership in groups or classes of persons that are not fully served by existing post-secondary programs, including the elimination of all user fees. A national system of grants must be available to students in need, and students must be able to transfer credits between institutions without barriers;

- Collegial Governance: Post-secondary education institutions must be governed in a collegial manner that includes meaningful and effective representation on governing bodies from faculty and students; and
- Academic Freedom: Post-secondary education institutions must assure protection of the principle of free and independent academic inquiry and the government of the province must assure the academic and intellectual autonomy of post-secondary institutions.

The Federation believes that funding of post-secondary education for the province of Quebec must be subject to negotiations between Quebec and the federal government. Until there is a resolution of the Quebec-Canada relationship, the Federation recognises the need for special arrangements with Quebec, as well as consideration for the uniqueness of Aboriginal Peoples.

**2006/11:089 MOTION TO AMEND**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 98

Be it resolved that the third sentence of the preamble of the policy proposed in Motion 2006/11:038 be amended to read:

"There is an urgent need for a pan-Canadian strategy on both the level of funding and the mechanism and rules by which the federal government provides support for post-secondary institutions and students."

Be it further resolved that the following be added as the fifth point of the first sentence in the policy proposed in Motion 2006/11:038:

"guarantee Quebec the right to opt-out."

Be it further resolved that the last paragraph of the policy proposed in Motion 2006/11:038 be amended to read:

"The Federation recognises the need for special arrangements with Quebec, as well as consideration for the uniqueness of Aboriginal Peoples.";

and

Be it resolved that the word "qualified" be deleted from the third point in the third sentence of the policy proposed in Motion-2006/11:038.

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:090 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 75/Local 72

Be it resolved that the introduction to the policy in Motion-2006/11:038 be amended to read:

"The Federation supports the creation of a Post-Secondary Education Agreement between the provincial and territorial governments and the federal government that includes the participation of Aboriginal leadership that would:"

**CARRIED**

**2006/11:038 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2006/11:091 MOTION**

Local 78/Local 1

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

**CARRIED**



**11. BUSINESS TABLED FROM OPENING PLENARY**

**2006/11:092 MOTION**

Local13 /Local 24

Be it resolved that the National Executive Report be adopted.

**2006/11:093 MOTION TO RECESS**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 91

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for ten minutes.

**DEFEATED**

Aziz noted that there was an error in the listing of the current National Executive and that Jarita Greyeyes was the current Aboriginal Representative. She asked delegates to amend their reports accordingly.

**2006/11:092 CARRIED**

A Local 42 delegate said that the Local wished to read a statement into the minutes that included a motion that the Local might serve for consideration at the next general meeting. She said that the Local wanted to strongly encourage the National Executive to consider their statement.

"Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is involved in many substantial transactions between its various components and affiliated organisations;

Whereas extenuating circumstances may require decisive and instantaneous decision making;

Whereas a democratic institution such as the Canadian Federation of Students is committed to transparency as a principle of just government;

Whereas the members of Canadian Federation of Students can be adversely affected by the perception, warranted or not, of any anomaly in Canadian Federation of Students' financial practices; therefore

Be it resolved that any transaction in an extraordinary circumstance, where extraordinary circumstance is one that arises outside of the usual and predictable operations of the Canadian Federation of Students, be monitored and approved by the National Executive and that the documentation of all such transactions be reported to the general meeting in clear and detailed reports within a reasonable timeframe; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive develop concrete operational procedures defining the process by which situations of extraordinary circumstances will be monitored, approved and reported."

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

Aziz reported that a number of organisations and individuals had sent letters of congratulations to the Federation on its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary including the following:

Speaker of the Senate, Hon. Noel Kinsella

Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Bill Graham

Member of Parliament (Victoria) and Post-Secondary Education Critic Denise Savoie

All African Students' Union

Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants du Québec

International Union of Students'

Canadian Association of University Teachers

Canadian Association of Foodbanks

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Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

Canadian Labour Congress

Canadian Union of Public Employees

Common Frontiers Canada

Council of Canadians

Polaris Institute

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**2006/11:093 MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Local 93/Local 99

Be it resolved that plenary be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

18:21 the meeting adjourned.

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## Delegations

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### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### Local 3

University of British Columbia  
Students' Union-Okanagan

Bobby Chavarie

Rob Nagai

Mike Ouellet

Krystal Smith

Natasha Neuman

#### Local 75

Camosun College Student Society

Lara Berg

Michael Glover

Jaden Keitlah

Angela Miranda

Michel Turcotte

#### Local 5

Capilano Students' Union

Giselle Aiabens

Kiersten Ballard

#### Local 73

City Centre Students' Union

Zariyah Azam

Christina Clews

Anoush Ekmekjian

Tiffany Kalanj

#### Local 33

Emily Carr Students' Union

Meghan King

Lisa MacLeod

#### Local 76

King Edward Students' Union

Chantal Beaton

Vjay Krisham

Laura MacKenrot

Christa Peters

#### Local 61

Malaspina Students' Union

Steve Beasley

Sheridan Clemson

Michael Olson

Kate Rycroft

#### Local 13

College of New Caledonia  
Students' Association

Valentine Crawford

#### Local 72

North Island Students' Association

James Bowen

Mike White

#### Local 66

Northwest Community College  
Students' Association

Justin Demedeiros

Sameer Gill

#### Local 53

Okanagan College Students' Union

Patrick Barbosa

Samantha Clark-Johnson

Desiree Day

Jonathan Degenhardt

Nadine Scott

Dave Westmacott

#### Local 4

Selkirk Students' Association

Bryan Bergen

Laurence Bernard

Dustin Grof

Robin Phelan

#### Local 15

Thomson Rivers University Students' Union

Andrew Bratton

Blair Campbell

Max Harris

Heather Robinson

Nathan Lane

#### Local 89

University of Victoria

Graduate Students' Society

Amanda Finn

Elizabeth Nijdam

#### Local 44

University of Victoria Students' Society

Susan Farmer

Jeremy David Peters

Erin Sikora

Jamie Strachan

## ALBERTA

#### Local 42

Alberta College of Art and Design  
Students' Association

Lisa Benschop

Ian Ward

**Local 21**  
University of Calgary  
Graduate Students' Association  
Yonatan Porat  
Jennifer Reid

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

**Local 9**  
University of Regina Students' Union  
Mike Burton  
Amanda Smytaniuk  
Kathleen Wilson

**Local 101**  
University of Saskatchewan  
Graduate Students' Association  
Muyiwa Adaramola

**Local 17**  
University of Saskatchewan  
Students' Union  
Ryan Allen  
Alice Collins  
Brad Flavell  
Cody Lang  
Ashlee Smith

## **MANITOBA**

**Local 37**  
Brandon University Students' Union  
Kerri Dixon  
Ian Doherty  
Zoë Gross  
Yasmin Hajian  
Stacy Senkbell

**Local 96**  
University of Manitoba  
Graduate Students' Association  
Meghan Gallant  
Meaghan Labine  
Matt McLean

**Local 103**  
University of Manitoba  
Students' Union  
Rachel Gotthilf  
Amanda Jonson  
Robert Marriott  
Garry Sran  
Chris Rigaux  
Rachel Heinrichs

**Local 38**  
Association étudiante du Collège universitaire  
de Saint-Boniface  
Fabu Bintou Ndiaye  
Chantal Thérour  
Alain Vouriot  
Jennifer Winters

**Local 8**  
University of Winnipeg Students' Association  
Tammy Andrejowich  
Jarita Greyeyes  
David Jacks  
Dini Silveira  
Kate Sjoberg

## **ONTARIO**

**Local 82**  
Algoma University Students' Union  
Carson Sargent

**Local 78**  
Carleton University  
Graduate Students' Association  
Oren Howlet  
Lee Alexander Weiler  
Tara Westover

**Local 1**  
Carleton University Students' Association  
Blake Brooks  
Issac Cockburn  
Neil Grey  
Katy McIntyre  
Shelley Melanson  
Shawn Menard  
James Pratt

**Local 92**  
Students' Association of  
George Brown College  
Rajiv Bramhbatt  
Bradley Hansraj  
Co Grant Odife

**Local 93**  
Glendon College College Student Union  
Shona Bracken  
Hani El Masry

**Local 54**  
University of Guelph  
Central Student Association  
John Coombs  
Jonathan Odumeru  
Melissa Victor

**Local 32**  
Lakehead University Student Union  
William Matthew Chater  
John de Baker  
May Freeborn  
Brendon Johnson  
Isabelle Poniowski  
Ray Wesley

**Local 88**  
Association des étudiantes et étudiants  
francophones de l'Université Laurentienne  
Gabrielle Lémieux

**Local 104**  
Laurentian University  
Students' General Association  
Wanda Noganosh

**Local 20**

**Nipissing University Students' Union**  
Kyra Knapp

**Local 94**

**University of Ottawa**  
**Graduate Students' Association des**  
**étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s**  
Philippe Marchand  
Julia Morris

**Local 27**

**Queen's University**  
**Society of Graduate and Professional Students**  
Jovan Groen  
Andrew Sadler  
Jennifer Stacey

**Local 105**

**Continuing Education**  
**Students' Association of Ryerson**  
Gail Alivio  
Celia Jutras  
Jeremy Salter

**Local 24**

**Ryerson Students' Union**  
Muhammad Ali Jabbar  
Heather Kere  
Ben Lewis  
Nora Loreto  
Mandy Ridley

**Local 99**

**Scarborough Campus Students' Union**  
Emma Hyatt  
Alexandru Rascanu  
Uruthiralingham Senthoooran  
Arvid Shahwiry

**Local 19**

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

**Local 97**

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

**Local 98**

**University of Toronto Students' Union**  
Andréa Amborst  
Ashwin Balamohan  
Vlad Glebov  
Jen Hassum  
Ahmed Khan  
Adrian Najmi  
Emily Shelton  
Rick Telfer  
Andrew Brett

**Local 71**

**Trent Central Student Association**  
Scott Dempsey  
Julia Fryer  
Lauren Woodhall

**Local 48**

**University of Windsor**  
**Graduate Student Society**  
Sajid Rashid Ahmad  
Suryanarayanan Arunkishnan  
Sathiah Subramanian  
Sanah Malik

**Local 49**

**University of Windsor Students' Alliance**  
Viva Dadwal  
Emma Duggan  
David Fox

**Local 68**

**York Federation of Students**  
Maryam Nikhou  
Hamid Osman  
Corrie Sakaluk

**Local 84**

**York University**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Eric Newstadt  
Salimah Vaiya

**QUÉBEC****Local 91**

**Concordia Student Union**  
Nicholas Blessner  
Anika Henry  
Khaleed Juma  
Justin Levy

**Local 79**

**Post-Graduate Students' Society**  
**of McGill University**  
Mehdi El Ouali  
Roland Nassim

**Students' Society of McGill University**

Rachel Abs  
Adrian Angus  
Yahel Carmon  
Rob Church  
Aaron Donnie Clark  
Jake Itzkowitz  
Floh Herra-Vega  
Erika Meere  
Gill Prendergast  
Catheryn Roy-Goyette  
Boris Savoie-Doyer  
David Schecter  
Max Silverman  
David Sunstrum  
Finn Upham

**NEW BRUNSWICK****Local 67**

**University of New Brunswick**  
**Graduate Student Association**  
Graham Cox  
Colin Curry  
Joseph Mudge

## **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

### **Local 70**

University of Prince Edward Island  
Graduate Students' Association  
Faiz Ahmed

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

### **Local 95**

Cape Breton University  
Students' Union  
Adam Langer  
Austin Smith

### **Local 11**

University of King's College  
Students' Union  
Dave Jerome  
Kalay Kennedy  
Chris Parsons

### **Local 34**

Mount Saint Vincent University  
Students' Union  
Lloyd Nash

### **Local 7**

Student Union of the  
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design  
Lyndall Musselman  
Michael Peters

### **Local 69**

Association générale des étudiants de  
l'Université Sainte-Anne  
Jacqueline Lewis  
Christine Martin

## **NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR**

### **Local 36**

Grenfell College Student Union  
Doug Johnson  
Daniel Smith

### **Local 45**

Marine Institute Students' Union  
Laura Healey

### **Local 100**

Graduate Students' Union of the  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Natasha Paddock  
Leisha Sagan

### **Local 35**

Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Students' Union  
Kimberly Gill  
Katherine Giroux-Bourgard  
Stella Magalios  
Emille Martin  
Hans Rollmann  
Matthew Sheppard

### **Local 46**

College of the North Atlantic  
Students' Union  
Amanda Benoit  
Linda Davis  
Susan Hilts  
Matthew Penney

## **National Executive Members**

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### **Aboriginal Students' Representative**

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Shamus Reid

### **Students of Colour Representative (absent)**

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### **Graduate Students' Representative**

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### **Manitoba Representative**

Rachel Gotthilf

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### **Québec Representative**

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### **Prince Edward Island Representative (absent)**

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### **Saskatchewan Representative**

Alice Collins

### **Women's Representative**

Sarah Amyot

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**Canadian Federation of Students-  
Newfoundland and Labrador**  
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Ontario**  
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Québec**  
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**Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec**  
Trevor Hannah







November 20, 2006

To Amanda Aziz Chairperson  
170 Metcalfe Street, Suite 500  
Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1P3

Dear Amanda

I am sorry to inform you that the Atkinson Student Association Local 28 will not be attending the Semi Annual General Meeting Held November 21-25. In our absence, Local 28 wishes to designate Local 68 the York Federation of Students to serve as its proxy for the duration of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Junaid Khan, president  
ASA local 28





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November 21, 2006

Amanda Aziz, National Chairperson  
Canadian Federation of Students  
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Dear Ms. Aziz,

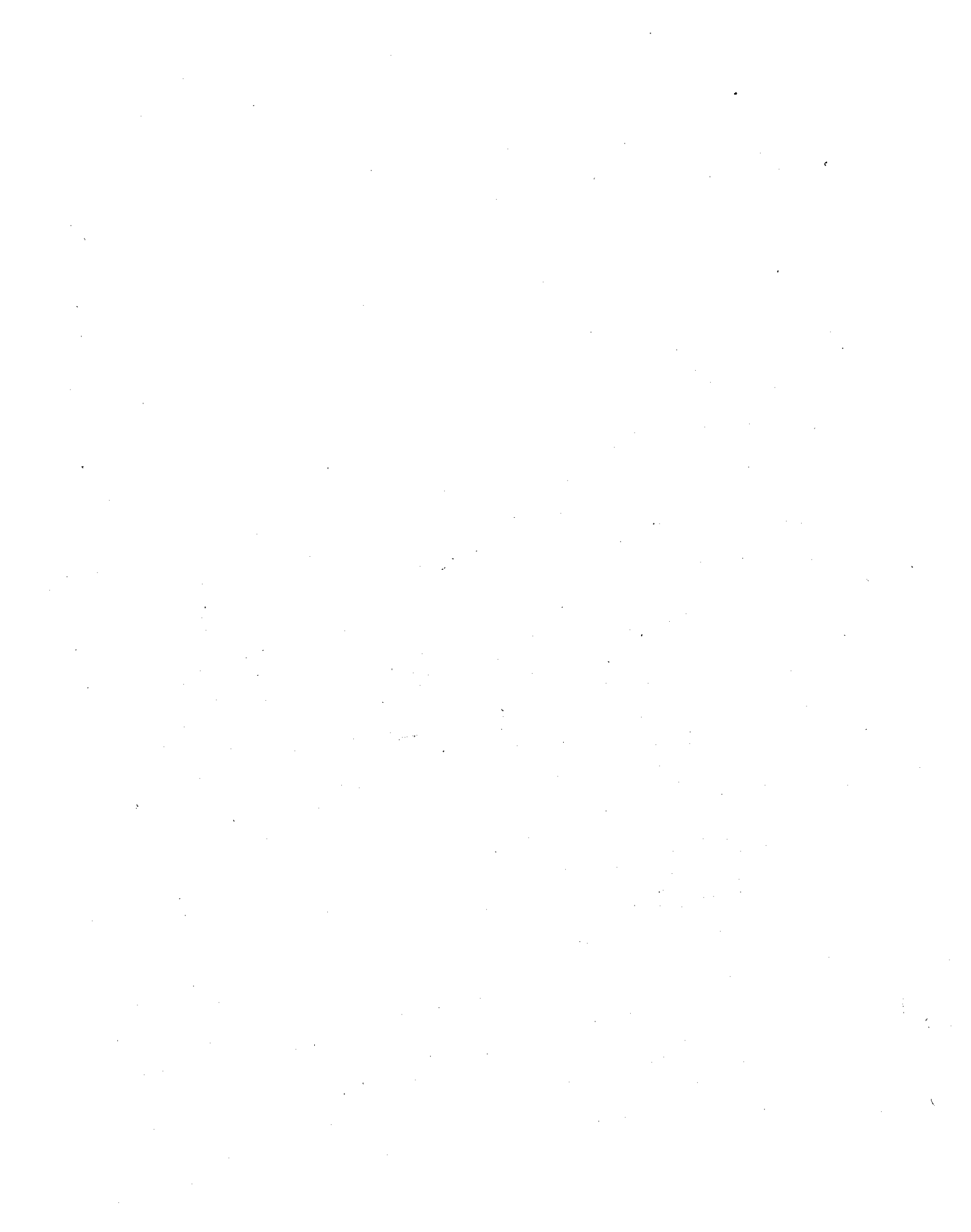
On November 21, 2006, the Executive of Local 47 (UWO Society of Graduate Students) adopted the following motion:

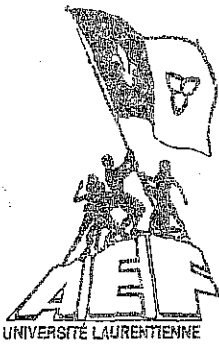
*Be it resolved that Local 27 (Queen's Society of Graduate and Professional Students) be appointed as the proxy SOGS for the duration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, to be held from November 22 to 25, 2006.*

Please accept this letter as notice of appointment of Local 27 as our proxy for the upcoming national general meeting.

Sincerely,

Shannon Dea, President  
UWO Society of Graduate Students  
CFS Local 47





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# Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones

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U n i v e r s i t é      L a u r e n t i e n n e

le 21 novembre 2006

**Objet : vote par procuration**

Chère Amanda Aziz,

Cette lettre a pour objet de vous aviser que les membres de la section 88, l'Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne laissent leur vote par procuration à la section 82, Algoma University Students' Union pour la plénière de fermeture de l'Assemblée Générale Nationale de la Fédération canadienne des Étudiantes et Étudiants en ce mois de novembre 2006.

Bien à vous,

Gabrielle Lemieux  
présidente  
AEF  
Section locale 88





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*association générale des étudiant(e)s*

November 21, 2006

**To Whom It May Concern:**

The Students' General Association (SGA) of Laurentian University, Local 30 would like to proxy their vote for the CFS National Meeting to Local 82, the Algoma University Students Union.

Justin Lemieux  
Vice-President Issues, SGA  
Laurentian University  
Local 30

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