

## AGENDA

### Opening Plenary

May 2007 National General Meeting

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#### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

The Federation's Bylaws require that no less than one-half of the voting members of the Federation having voting rights be present in-person or by-proxy at the general meeting for business to be conducted. A roll call of the voting members will be taken to determine attendance and to confirm that a quorum of voting members is present.

#### 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

The Federation's Bylaws enable a voting member that is unable to attend some or all of a general meeting to appoint another member to act as its proxy in its absence. The Speaker will announce all proxies that conform to the requirements established in Bylaw II, Section 7 b., Proxy Votes.

#### 3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

The plenary is the formal decision-making assembly at the general meeting. A Plenary Speaker chairs general meeting plenary sessions.

The National Executive is recommending that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the Speaker for the plenary. Sylvia has a long history of involvement with the Federation, having served as an elected director and as a researcher for the Federation. Sylvia has chaired Federation national general meetings on several previous occasions, including the three most recent meetings.

#### 4. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

At this time, National Chairperson Amanda Aziz will:

- provide welcoming remarks;
- introduce any guests who are present; and
- give an overview of and general orientation to the meeting.

#### 5. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

The plenary will consider the plenary agenda prepared by the National Executive. Any changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

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

The plenary will consider the proposed schedule for the four days of the general meeting. Any changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

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

The plenary will consider the minutes of the previous national general meeting.

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

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

A brief overview will be provided on Robert's Rules of Order, the system of meeting rules and procedures that the Federation employs for plenary sessions, plenary sub-committee meetings and caucus meetings, and additional rules and procedures established by standing resolution.

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

The Federation strives to create an environment at its national general meetings that is free of harassment. At each national general meeting the Federation employs an anti-harassment advisor who is available on a 24-hour basis to assist delegates.

At this time the Advisor will provide a brief orientation to the Federation's harassment policy as described in the policy manual.

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

National Treasurer Dave Hare, who serves as the Federation's Staff Relations Officer, will make a brief presentation on the collective agreement between the Federation and its employees as it pertains to the rights and responsibilities of Federation employees at national general meetings.

### **9. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

#### **a. Ratification of Full Membership Votes**

Since the previous national general meeting, the members of the Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS) at the University of Windsor voted to join the Federation. In accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 2-b-ix, the National Executive is recommending that the members of OPUS be ratified as full members of the Federation.

#### **b. Consideration of Prospective Membership Applications**

Since the previous national general meeting, applications for prospective membership have been received from the following students' unions:

- Dawson Student Union
- Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association

In accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 4 b., the National Executive has reviewed the applications and is recommending that the organisations be granted prospective membership in the Federation.

### **10. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS**

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

In accordance with Bylaw 6, Section 7, the National Executive has appointed Christine Bourque and Ashkon Hashemi, Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario Fieldworker and Internal Coordinator, respectively, as Electoral Officers for the elections to be conducted at this meeting.

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

The Electoral Officers will provide an overview of the election schedule and procedures at this time.

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

As per Standing Resolution 1, Section 1, the following plenary sub-committees and forum are automatically struck:

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

The plenary will consider the plenary sub-committee and forum agendas submitted by the National Executive. Any changes or additions to the agendas may be proposed at this time.

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

The Federation Bylaws require that all motions that seek to amend the Federation's Bylaws and Policy Manual or undertake campaigns be submitted no fewer than six weeks prior to the general meeting at which they are to be considered. The plenary will consider motions served with due notice.

### **a. Motions Served at the Previous Meeting**

#### **i. Policy on Performance Indicators**

The following motion was referred to the National Executive in November 2006 for study and recommendation to the next national general meeting in order to reduce duplication with the policy titled "Quality":

**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.

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

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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.

The National Executive recommends the following amendment to Motion 2006/11:010:

**2007/05:N01      MOTION TO AMEND**

Be it resolved that Motion 2006/11:010 be amended to read as follows:

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

**Performance Indicators**

**Preamble**

Beginning in the late 1990s, there has been an emphasis by governments to assess quality in post-secondary education as part of an effort to introduce accountability for public spending. Some provincial governments have relied upon "performance indicators" to evaluate their "return" on investment in post-secondary education by relying on a narrow range of output measures such as graduation and employment rates. In many instances, governments have tied public institutional funding to results on output measure examinations.

**Policy**

The Federation is opposed to performance indicators that:

- are used as a basis to allocate funding to post-secondary institutions and programs;
- do not recognise the diversity of programs, instructional techniques, and the general social climate of institutions; and
- establish hierarchies and foster a competitive environment amongst educational institutions."

**ii. Policy on Commercialisation**

The following motion was referred to the National Executive in November 2006 for study and recommendation to the next national general meeting:

**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 that 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.

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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.

The National Executive recommends the following amendment to Motion 2006/11:012:

### 2007/05:N02 MOTION TO AMEND

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

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

#### Commercialisation of Research

##### Preamble

The commercialisation of teaching and research broadly refers to the involvement of corporate and private interests in research and knowledge dissemination, and public policies that define research and knowledge in market terms. Corporate and private participation in research often takes the form of public-private partnerships, in which public and private funding are combined to support research and development.

Federal and provincial governments have pressured post-secondary institutions, using policies and funding mechanisms, to increase the amount of research conducted that is directly and immediately applicable to industry.

When university research is funded on the basis of profitability, applied research, mainly in science, technology, health services, and business studies, is typically favoured. Conversely, the emphasis on commercialisation creates a funding bias against those areas of study from which marketable knowledge is not easily derived.

The task of marketing research discoveries to investors imposes administrative and legal costs for post-secondary institutions. Students face a complex legal terrain, with little protection, in which they must protect their intellectual property rights. Faculty members who are focused on commercialising their research may have valuable time and resources redirected from teaching undergraduate and graduate students and sharing their research and knowledge with their peers. The quality of education can be compromised as a result of reduced emphasis on basic research and enquiry skills and increased emphasis on the development of entrepreneurial skills.

Such a commercial model of research can create a research environment characterised by secrecy and competition in which faculty members are prohibited from sharing developments in their research due to the risk of jeopardising their sponsors' competitive advantage.

The commercialisation of research can threaten research integrity. Researchers may be susceptible to pressure to manipulate methodologies and research results, and to delay publication, as a means of protecting the competitive advantage of private sponsors. Universities that rely on private sponsor are

placed in conflict when faced with pressure from those sponsors to discipline researchers who place the public interest ahead of those sponsors.

**Policy**

The Federation opposes:

- the prioritisation of commercially-driven or profit-oriented research over of basic, curiosity-driven research in post-secondary institutions;
- government research initiatives that promote increased research commercialisation in post-secondary institutions;
- requirements that public universities partner with industry to receive public research grants; and
- private sector use of public institutional research facilities for commercial gain; and
- interference by corporate research sponsors in public research.

The Federation supports:

- adequate public funding for research in post-secondary institutions;
- public research funding that supports curiosity-driven research projects;
- equitable funding for all disciplines;
- research being undertaken in the public interest; and
- the right of researchers to free speech and academic freedom, including the right to publish.

**b. Motions Served with Notice**

The following motions were served with notice and shall be considered at the meeting.

**2007/05:N03**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Whereas the Annual General Meeting of the Federation is held between October 15 and November 30 each year; and

Whereas the Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation is held between April 30 and May 31 each year; and

Whereas Bylaw X, Article 4, Auditors states that:

The voting members shall appoint auditors of the Federation at each Semi-Annual General Meeting of members, to audit the books of the Federation until the next Semi-Annual General Meeting, provided the directors may fill a vacancy in the post of auditor if one arises. The remuneration of the auditor may be fixed by the National Executive.

and

Whereas Bylaw II, Article 1.b states that:

At the Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other business that may be transacted, the report of the National Executive, the financial statement, and the report of the auditors will be presented; and the auditors for the ensuing year will be appointed; and the elections for the next National Executive will occur.

and

Whereas it does not make sense to appoint auditor at both the spring and fall national general meetings; and

Whereas completing the audit of the financial statements by October 15 poses a considerable challenge, due to a variety of factors, including:

- Approximately 30 percent of membership fee revenue for any given fiscal year is not determined until after the close of the year;
- Approximately 10 percent of membership fee revenue is still not remitted five months after the close of any given fiscal year;
- Historically, income and expenses for activity undertaken by Travel CUTS on behalf of the Federation is not confirmed, by audit, until the last week of September each year.
- A full reconciliation of income and some expenses related to the NSHN student health and dental insurance buying consortium is not usually available until the January following each fiscal year, as a result of a different fiscal year used in the insurance industry; and
- Expense claims from member locals and provincial components, for activity such the May national general meeting, are often not received until months after the close of the fiscal year; therefore

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Be it resolved that Bylaw X, Article 4, Auditors be amended to read:

- a. The voting members shall appoint the auditors of the Federation at each Semi-Annual General Meeting of members, to audit the financial statements of the Federation for the subsequent fiscal year.
- b. In the event of a vacancy in the position of auditors, the National Executive shall have the authority to fill the vacancy and fix the remuneration.
- c. The audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year shall be presented to the voting members at each Semi-Annual General Meeting.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II, Article 1, be amended to read:

### **Regular General Meetings**

- a. The Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation will be held between April 30 and May 31 of each year.
- b. The Annual General Meeting of the Federation will be held between October 15 and November 30 of each year.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II, Article 2, be deleted and all subsequent articles in Bylaw II be re-numbered accordingly.

**2007/05:N04**

### **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 105/

Whereas Bylaw III, Policy of the Federation, establishes the process by which policy of the Federation is created; and

Whereas Bylaw III, Article 1 used to establish a time period at which point policies of the Federation would expire; and

Whereas many policies of the Federation are outdated and require review and either updating or repealing;

Be it resolved that Bylaw III, Article 1 be amended to include:

- e. All policies of the Federation will expire at the close of the final plenary of the general meeting closest to five years after which they were adopted, unless otherwise renewed.

**2007/05:N05**

### **MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY**

Be it resolved that the "Programmes" section of the Operations Policy be renamed "Services".

**2007/05:N06**

### **MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY**

Whereas the Operations Policy Manual includes a policy that states that:

The Federation shall not use acronyms in any of its written documents except where previously spelt out in the documents.

and

Whereas the Operations Policy Manual includes, under the section Printed Material, the following policy:

The Federation encourages organisations of which the Federation is a member, such as CYNAPS, to produce documents and materials in both French and English. Any document produced by an organisation of which the Federation is a member, and which is distributed to members, shall be available in both French and English.

and

Whereas no one on the National Executive has ever heard of the organisation, CYNAPS, let alone knows for what CYNAPS is an acronym; therefore

Be it resolved that the words "such as CYNAPS" be removed from the tenth policy listed under the section Printed Materials in the Operations Policy Manual.

**2007/05:N07**

### **MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY**

Be it resolved that the policy on Harassment in the National General Meeting section of the Operations Policy Manual be re-titled "Anti-Harassment" and amended to read as follows:



### **Preamble**

Harassment is the abusive or demeaning treatment of a person that has the effect of creating a hostile or intimidating environment for that person, Harassment may occur in the following situations:

- through the abuse of power that one person holds over another, or through the misuse of authority;
- through offending or demeaning a person on the basis of their race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, nationality, religion or religious beliefs, family or marital status, physical or mental ability, age, gender, sexual orientation, or gender orientation, whether these be actual or perceived; and/or
- through abusive treatment which leaves a person feeling threatened or intimidated.

Sexual harassment is a display, by word or deed, of sexual attentions towards another person of a nature which may be reasonably considered to be vexatious, abusive, or threatening. Without limiting the generality of that definition, sexual attention shall be deemed to be "vexatious, abusive, or threatening" if the harasser, directly or indirectly, offers the harassee an advantage or opportunity, real or perceived, in return for sexual favours, or directly or indirectly threatens or imposes on the harassed any denial of advantages or opportunity.

### **Policy**

The Federation does not tolerate harassment of any form. The Federation shall employ the following procedure for dealing with incidents of harassment which may occur at any Federation event. Throughout this process the principles of confidentiality and due process shall be strictly adhered to:

#### **1. Advisor**

The Federation shall retain for the duration of all general meetings the services of a Harassment Advisor who will be available on a 24-hour basis. The Advisor shall be an experienced professional in dealing with incidents of harassment and sexual harassment, shall possess counselling skills, have an understanding for issues involving race and sexual orientation, and shall be bilingual.

The Advisor shall be available year-round to serve on Harassment and Grievance or Appeals committees, as per the remainder of this policy.

#### **2. Orientation**

Time will be allocated for a presentation on harassment policy during the opening plenary at every national general meeting.

#### **3. Complaints**

Any participant at a Federation event who believes that she or he has been subjected to harassment is encouraged to utilise the Federation's process for dealing with incidents of harassment. If the person would like to make a direct request of the harasser in an attempt to prevent further incidents of objectionable behaviour, that person is encouraged to do so. Should the complainant wish to have the incident dealt with through the available process, the complainant may approach the Harassment Advisor, who shall hear complaint and counsel the complainant.

With the consent of the complainant, the Advisor may attempt to find an amicable resolution to the incident by speaking with the alleged harasser and by acting as an intermediary between the two parties.

At any time, the complainant may launch a formal complaint. The Advisor may assist in the formulation of the complaint, and shall remain available to advise the complainant throughout the process.

#### **4. The Harassment and Grievance Committee**

For each formal complaint brought forward, a committee shall be struck composed of the Harassment Advisor, one member of the National Executive, and one delegate from the meeting at which the alleged harassment took place. Both the delegate and the National Executive member must be satisfactory to both the complainant and the respondent. Committee members cannot have been involved in the case previously.

The Advisor on the committee shall advise both the complainant and the respondent of the nature of the allegation, the process to be followed, and their rights within that process.

The committee shall be empowered to undertake a confidential and independent investigation of the complaint. The committee may call witnesses who may prove useful in determining the nature of the incident. At all times the committee shall be cognisant of and respect the right of each party to know and respond to all allegations, as well as the principles of natural justice.

The complainant shall reserve the right to discontinue proceedings at any time.

All proceedings and records of the committee shall remain strictly confidential.

**5. Remedies**

Should the Grievance Committee determine that the incident(s) did constitute harassment, it may provide for a remedy. Any remedy should take into account such factors as the severity and frequency of the harassment, whether the harassment was deliberate or inadvertent, and any circumstances that either aggravated or mitigated the situation.

Remedies may include but shall not be limited to the following: an apology from the harasser to the harassed, recommendations for outside counselling for the harasser, and prevention of contact between the parties, which may be brought about by banning the harasser from all selected Federation activities.

A simple majority shall determine the Grievance Committee decision. Reprisals constitute further harassment. An appeal must be made in writing, stating the grounds of the appeal, to one of the harassment advisors or one of the At-large Members of the National Executive.

**6. Appeals**

An appeal may be launched within 30 days of the grievance committee's decision if either party wishes to question the findings, remedies or process of the committee. An appeal must be made in writing, stating the alleged breach(es), to one of the harassment advisors, or one of the At-Large members of the National Executive.

The Appeals Committee shall consist of one Harassment Advisor, one representative chosen by the appellant, and one representative appointed by the Grievance Committee, both of whom must have been a participant in the meeting at which the alleged harassment took place, as a delegate, a national or component elected representative, or as a national or component staff member. No member of the appeals committee shall have any previous involvement with the case. The appeals committee shall hear submissions from both the respondent and the appellant regarding the legitimacy of the process followed, the suitability of the remedy, or the finding(s) in question, and shall render their decision on a majority vote.

**7. Records**

Records of all cases shall be confidentially maintained by the National Chairperson, at the Federation, and only active committee members shall have access to these files, on a need-to-know basis, based on the relevancy of the file to the case they are currently working on.

The Harassment Advisors will submit, within six (6) weeks after the conclusion of each general meeting, a non-identifying report which will include the number of complaints, nature of complaints, number of cases resolved, number of cases not resolved.

**8. Provincial Components**

Any provincial component of the Federation may make this process available to participants at all of their events, upon the request of the component. The component shall, in making such a request, agree to be bound by any and all committee decisions regarding incidents at their events.

2007/05:N08

**MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Whereas circumstances can change; and

Whereas some flexibility may be required; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 24, Provincial Component Allocations be amended to read as follows:

**Provincial Component Allocations**

At least one-sixth of the membership fees collected in a province or region shall be allocated to provincial or regional organising, through either a per member allocation to an affiliated provincial or regional organisation or direct spending.

**2007/05:N09      MOTION TO RESCIND STANDING RESOLUTION**

Whereas in February 2006 the Federation (CFS-Services) settled a nuisance lawsuit that had been filed against it and Canadian Universities Travel Service (Travel CUTS) in 1997 by the University of Western Ontario University Students' Council and, eventually, one other students' union and two alma mater societies; and

Whereas under the terms of the settlement all parties owning shares in Travel CUTS must reinvest no less 85% percent of the annual referral fee payment into Travel CUTS unless all shareholders agree otherwise; and

Whereas the aforementioned term of settlement has rendered Standing Resolution 29 unenforceable; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Procedure for Purchasing Shares in Travel CUTS, be rescinded; and

Be it further resolved that all subsequent standing resolutions be re-numbered accordingly.

**2007/05:N10      MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Be it resolved that the words "\$.50 per student per semester, or \$1.00 per academic year" be replaced with "\$1.00 per student per semester, or \$2.00 per academic year" in Standing Resolution 32.

**2007/05:N11      MOTION TO ADOPT STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 4/

Whereas the Federation is composed of individual students who are represented within the Federation by their local university or college students' union, known within the Federation as voting members; and

Whereas it is implicit when students belonging to a given students' union vote to become members of the Federation that they are directing their union to represent them at Federation national general meetings; and

Whereas there should not be a financial impediment to those unions representing their members at Federation national general meetings; and

Whereas the cost of paying for the food travel and accommodation of one delegate from each member local meeting, for each Annual and Semi-annual General Meeting, would be approximately \$55,000 per meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the following standing resolution be adopted:

The Federation will assume the accommodation, food and travel costs for the first delegate from each member local union for each Annual and Semi-annual General Meeting, as described in Bylaw II.

**2007/05:N12      MOTION**

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario (CFS-O) has developed a bulk buying service for "orientation/back-to-school" merchandise; and

Whereas the service could be expanded into a national services of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that a negotiation be undertaken with CFS-O about expanding its bulk buying services into a national service to be coordinated by CFS-Services.

**2007/05:N13      MOTION**

Local 4/

Whereas climate change is one of the most important issues of this generation; and

Whereas there are groups already engaged in campaigns to reverse climate change; therefore

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Be it resolved that youth organisations, whose objective is to reverse climate change and encourage sustainable campuses, be supported by the Federation.

**2007/05:N14**

**MOTION**

Local 4/

Whereas insufficient student financial aid and high tuition fees pose significant barriers to access; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to adopt motions in support of private members bill C-284, an Act to amend the Canada Student Financial Assistance Act (Canada Access Grants).

**2007/05:N15**

**MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/

Whereas member locals receive only one physical policy binder; and

Whereas representatives from member locals frequently do not have access to the Federation's constitution and bylaws; and

Whereas members of the Federation who are not heavily involved with their student unions do not have access to documentation on the inner workings of the Federation; and

Whereas every student represented by a member local is also a member of the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation values student involvement and transparency; therefore

Be it resolved that all existing policies, bylaws and general meeting minutes be made publicly available on the Federation website.

**2007/05:N16**

**MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/

Whereas the National Executive submits reports to general meetings twice a year;

Whereas these reports serve to inform member locals on the work of the National Executive throughout each term; and

Whereas the reports currently contains no specific information relating to motions and ideas discussed at the previous general meeting; and

Whereas there are no institutional channels in place for member locals to follow up on motions passed at previous general meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that National Executive reports to general meetings include a section containing all action directly resulting from all motions passed by plenary at the previous general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that this section of the report contain the wording of the motion as adopted.

**2007/05:N17**

**MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/

Whereas the campus press plays a pivotal role in informing students on political issues; and

Whereas the motions discussed at annual general meetings generally deal with information that is not confidential; and

Whereas the CUP unanimously adopted a motion calling for total access (excluding in camera sessions) to CFS meetings, and condemned the lack of transparency of the Federation because of their previously denied access; and

Whereas the Federation seeks to be transparent, informative, and open to input from its members; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation allow all journalists from the Canadian University Press access to all aspects of the Federation's general meetings, with the exception of in camera and otherwise confidential sessions; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive devise a procedure to integrate press into the proceedings of general meetings, including the creation of "student press observer" general meeting credentials and conference fees.

**2007/05:N18 MOTION**

Whereas the Federation recognizes that Aboriginal students in Canada face unique challenges and barriers to post secondary education; and

Whereas the Federation promotes and supports diversity and equal representation from among all its members, and endorses means to ensure representation from traditionally underrepresented groups; and

Whereas many member locals ensure democratic representation for Aboriginal students by providing for an Aboriginal student representative position on their board of directors; therefore

Be it resolved that those member locals whose membership includes Aboriginal students and that do not currently have an Aboriginal student representative on their board of directors be encouraged to create such a position; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby their institutions to create mechanisms for Aboriginal student representation within institutional governance structures.

**2007/05:N19 MOTION**

Whereas the Federation recognizes that Aboriginal students in Canada face unique challenges and barriers to post secondary education;

Whereas the Federation promotes and supports diversity and equal representation from among all its members, and endorses means to ensure representation from traditionally underrepresented groups; and

Whereas representation of Aboriginal students within the Federation is reliant on member locals including Aboriginal representation in their delegations to provincial and national general meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to send at least one Aboriginal delegate to all national and provincial general meetings; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send one Aboriginal delegate to the National Aboriginal Caucus annual general meeting.

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

As per Bylaw V, Section 2-f., the National Executive will present a report to the plenary detailing the work of the Federation undertaken since the previous national general meeting.

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**16. RECESS**





## ORGANIZATION OF PART-TIME UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

November 30, 2006

National Executive Committee  
c/o Amanda Aziz, National Chairperson  
Canadian Federation of Students  
170 Metcalfe Street, Suite 500  
Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1P3

**RE: Full membership in the Canadian Federation of Students**

Dear Members of the National Executive Committee,

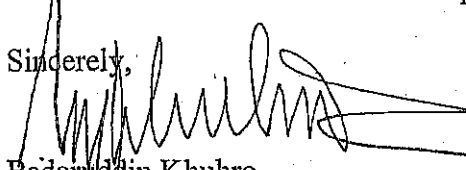
As you are aware, the Organization of Part-time University Students at the University of Windsor was granted prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services on May 25, 2006. In accordance with the terms and conditions of prospective membership, a referendum on the question of full membership in the Federation was held from November 28 to 30, 2006. The results were as follows:

In favour of membership:	145	88 %
Opposed to membership:	20	12 %
Spoiled ballots:	1	
Total Votes:	166	

The Organization of Part-time University Students at the University of Windsor acknowledges that it is bound by the results of the referendum, and is responsible for serving as the representative of its members within the Federation and acting as the agent of the Federation with respect to the collection of the Federation's full membership fees.

These results are official as of 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 4, 2006.

Sincerely,

  
Badaruddin Khuhro  
President,

Organization of Part-time University Students, University of Windsor







# DAWSON STUDENT UNION

March 7 2007

Amanda Aziz, Chairperson  
Canadian Federation of Students  
Suite 500, 170 Metcalfe Street  
Ottawa, ON  
K2P 1P3

Dear Amanda,

On March 7, 2007 the board of directors of the Dawson Student Union adopted the following motion:

**Be it resolved that the Union apply for prospective membership  
in the Canadian Federation of Students, the Canadian Federation of Students-  
Services, and the Canadian Federation of Students-Québec.**

Please accept this letter as our Union's formal application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.

On behalf of the members of the Dawson Student Union, I request that this application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students be accepted at the upcoming national general meeting of the Federation.

Best regards,

Marie Vigouroux  
Interim President





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April 30, 2007  
National Executive  
Canadian Federation of Students  
Suite 500, 170 Metcalfe Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1P3

Dear members of the National Executive,

At the April 27, 2007 Executive meeting of the Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association, the following motion was adopted:

"Be it resolved that the Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association submit an application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students, Canadian Federation of Students—Ontario"

As such, please consider this letter an application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students Ontario.

On behalf of the members of the Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association, I request that this application for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students Canadian Federation of Students—Ontario be accepted at the upcoming national general meeting of the Federation.

Sincerely,

Sarah Elsasser  
President

Patrick Imbeau  
Vice-President



## CREDENTIALS REPORT / LETTRES DE CRÉANCES

May 2007 National General Meeting / Assemblée générale nationale de mai 2007

Bylaw I, Section 3b. states that each voting member of the Federation will have one vote at and participate in general meetings of the Federation provided all outstanding delegate fees for past meetings have been paid in full.

As of the writing of this document, the following member locals will be present or present-by-proxy at the national general meeting:

L'article 3b. du Règlement I stipule que chacun-e des membres votants de la Fédération aura un vote et participera aux assemblées générales de la Fédération sous réserve que tous les frais en souffrance des délégué-e-s aux assemblées antérieures aient été payés au complet.

A l'écriture de ce document, les représentant-e-s des sections locales suivantes sont inscrits à l'assemblée générale nationale :

### British Columbia / Colombie-Britannique

- Local/Section 3 University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan
- Local/Section 75 Camosun College Student Society
- Local/Section 5 Capilano Students' Union
- Local/Section 73 Downtown Campus Students' Union
- Local/Section 18 Douglas Students' Union
- Local/Section 33 Emily Carr Students' Union
- Local/Section 76 Broadway Campus Students' Union
- Local/Section 26 Kwantlen Student Association
- Local/Section 61 Malaspina Students' Union
- Local/Section 13 College of New Caledonia Students' Association
- Local/Section 72 North Island Students' Union
- Northern Lights College Students' Association\*
- Local/Section 66 Northwest Community College Students' Association
- Local/Section 53 Okanagan College Students' Union
- Local/Section 86 College of the Rockies Students' Union
- Local/Section 4 Selkirk Students' Association
- Local/Section 23 Simon Fraser Student Society
- Local/Section 15 Thompson Rivers University Students' Union
- Local/Section 89 University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society
- Local/Section 44 University of Victoria Students' Society

### Alberta

- Local/Section 42 Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association
- Local/Section 21 University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association

### Saskatchewan

- Local/Section 23 First Nations University of Canada Students Association
- Local/Section 9 University of Regina Students' Union
- Local/Section 101 University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association
- Local/Section 17 University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

### Manitoba

- Local/Section 37 Brandon University Students' Union
- Local/Section 96 University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association



Local/Section103 University of Manitoba Students' Union  
Local/Section 38 Association étudiante du Collège universitaire de Saint Boniface  
Local/Section 8 University of Winnipeg Students' Association

**Ontario**

Local/Section 82 Algoma University Students' Union  
Local/Section102 Brock University Graduate Students' Association  
Local/Section 78 Carleton University Graduate Students' Association  
Local/Section 1 Carleton University Students' Association  
Association étudiante de La Cité collégiale\*  
Local/Section 92 Student Association of George Brown College / Association des étudiants du Collège  
Local/Section 93 Glendon College Student Union  
Local/Section 54 University of Guelph Central Student Association  
Local/Section 62 University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association  
Local/Section 32 Lakehead University Student Union  
Local/Section 30 Laurentian University Students' General Association  
Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association  
Local/Section 88 Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne  
Local/Section 20 Nipissing University Student Union  
Local/Section 25 Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union  
Local/Section 94 University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa  
Local/Section 27 Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students  
Local/Section105 Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson  
Local/Section 24 Ryerson Students' Union  
Local/Section 85 St. Paul University Students' Association  
Local/Section 99 Scarborough Campus Students' Union  
Local/Section 19 University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union  
Local/Section 97 Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto  
Local/Section 98 University of Toronto Students' Union  
Local/Section 71 Trent Central Student Association  
Trent University Graduate Student Association\*  
Local/Section 47 University of Western Ontario Graduate Students' Society  
Local/Section 48 University of Windsor Graduate Student Society  
University of Windsor Organization of Part-time University Students\*  
Local/Section 49 University of Windsor Students' Alliance  
Local/Section 68 York Federation of Students  
Local/Section 84 York University Graduate Students' Association

**Québec**

Local/Section 91 Concordia Student Union  
Local/Section 79 Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill University  
Students' Society of McGill University\*  
Dawson Student Union\*

**New Brunswick / Nouveau-Brunswick**

Local/Section 67 University of New Brunswick Graduate Students' Association

**Prince Edward Island / Ile-du-Prince-Édouard**

Local/Section 70 University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association

**Nova Scotia / Nouvelle-Écosse**

Local/Section 64 Acadian Students's Union  
Local/Section 95 Cape Breton University Students' Union  
Local/Section 11 University of King's College Students' Union  
Local/Section 34 Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union

Local/Section 7 Students' Union of NSCAD University  
Local/Section 69 Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne

**Newfoundland and Labrador / Terre-Neuve et Labrador**

Local/Section 36 Grenfell College Student Union  
Local/Section 45 Marine Institute Students' Union  
Local/Section 100 Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Local/Section 35 Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union  
Local/Section 46 College of the North Atlantic Students' Union

\*Prospective members / membres éventuel

