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# MINUTES

May 24, 2007 to May 27, 2007

# PROCÈS-VERBAL

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51<sup>st</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
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## CALL TO ORDER—Thursday, May 24, 2007

14:46 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 76  | Broadway Campus (King Edward) Students' Union                                      | Present          |
| Local 75  | Camosun College Student Society  | Present          |
| Local 05  | Capilano Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 73  | Downtown Campus (City Centre) Students' Union                                      | Present          |
| Local 18  | Douglas Students' Union  | Present by proxy |
| Local 33  | Emily Carr Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 26  | Kwantlen Student Association   | Present          |
| Local 61  | Malaspina Students' Union  | Present          |
| Local 13  | College of New Caledonia Students' Union   | Present by proxy |
| Local 72  | North Island Students' Union   | Present          |
|           | Northern Lights College Students' Association*                                     | Absent           |
| Local 66  | Northwest Community College Students' Union  | Present          |
| Local 53  | Okanagan College Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 86  | College of the Rockies Students' Union   | Absent           |
| Local 04  | Selkirk Students' Union  | Present          |
| Local 23  | Simon Fraser Student 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                            | Absent           |
| Local 21  | University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association                               | Present          |
| Local 90  | First Nations University of Canada Students' Association                           | Present          |
| Local 09  | University of Regina Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 101 | University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association                          | Present          |
| Local 17  | University of Saskatchewan Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 37  | Brandon University Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 96  | University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association                              | Present          |
| Local 103 | University of Manitoba Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 38  | Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface | Absent           |
| Local 08  | University of Winnipeg Students' Association                                       | Present          |
| Local 82  | Algoma University Students' Union  | 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*                                       | Present          |
| Local 92  | Student Association of George Brown College  | Absent           |
| 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                                | Absent           |
| Local 104 | Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students                            | Present by proxy |
| Local 88  | Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne  | Present          |
| Local 39  | McMaster University Graduate Students' Association                                 | Absent           |

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| Local 20  | Nipissing University Student Union  | Present          |
| Local 25  | Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union   | Absent           |
| Local 94  | University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa | Absent           |
| 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   | Present          |
| Local 99  | Scarborough Campus Students' Union  | Absent           |
| 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          |
| Local 56  | Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association   | Absent           |
| Local 48  | University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society  | Present          |
|           | Organization of Part Time University Students (University of Windsor)                                     | Absent           |
| 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 Graduate Students' Association  | Absent           |
| Local 79  | Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill University  | Absent           |
|           | Students' Society of McGill University  | 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 by proxy |
| 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. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

Aziz 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 13 had designated Local 72 as its proxy for the meeting;
- Local 18 had designated Local 5 as its proxy for the meeting;
- Local 104 had designated Local 88 as its proxy for the meeting; and
- Local 45 had designated Local 46 as its proxy for the meeting.

### 3. 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.

2007/05:001      **MOTION**

Local 61/Local 36

Be it resolved that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the Plenary Speaker of the May 2007 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

15:08 Local 23-Simon Fraser Student Society joined the meeting.

### 4. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

National Chairperson Aziz offered the following remarks:

"Hello everyone and welcome to the 51st national semi-annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students. To all of you who have been to a national general meeting before, welcome back. And to those of you who are at your first national meeting, I'm very glad you could be here this weekend.

As you all hopefully know by now, the Canadian Federation of Students was formed with one primary goal in mind: to bring students together from across the country to work on issues of common concern. Issues that affect both our academic and non-academic lives. Our organization turned twenty-five this past fall, a feat that few national students organizations around the world can boast about. The milestone of our silver anniversary presented an opportunity to think seriously about where we, as an organization, have come from and where we're going.

Together, we've accomplished a lot—but the strength of our movement and the achievement of our goals is not without significant challenges. We've faced years of funding cuts and oppositional governments, including some members within the major political parties today. We've faced hostile campus administrations, such as the one here at Carleton, who have attempted to take away student space, we've even faced administrators that have taken over students' unions on their campus. And we've faced agenda-driven critics that take form through supposed "research" organisations and organisations that purport to be concerned with students, but who ultimately believe that post-secondary education is only for the elite.

We've faced all of these challenges, and together we have come out stronger. But there is no time to sit back and enjoy our successes. In my experience, the more effective our movement becomes, the more fierce the resistance from those who seek to defend the *status quo*. But they have the easy job. Running down what others have built is easy. Building something to be proud of, something that changes society for the better is hard work. Building something—an affordable, accessible, high quality university and college system—is why we're here. We're here because student debt continues to climb, because there's still an unacceptable participation gap between high- and low-income Canadians, we're here because privatisation of public services threatens our social safety net, and because together, we can stand up and fight back.

There is no shortage of reasons for us to work together, stay organised, and increase the pressure on our governments to turn a portion of Canada's unprecedented prosperity into an investment in post-secondary education. In coming together at this meeting, we should all take time to think about the circumstances that have brought us here. Some of us have had the good fortune of studying in provinces with tuition fee freezes. Some of us have had family support in helping pay for tuition fees and other costs. Some of us have had to borrow more than others. And some of us have had to work part- and full-time jobs just to finance our education. But in the end, all of us are here to represent the students on our campuses, and I would argue, to represent and stand up for all those to whom post-secondary education has, so far, been unattainable because they simply cannot afford it.

We've already heard from Premier Williams that student solidarity has had a profound impact in places like Newfoundland and Labrador. We'll hear from a panel of our peers tomorrow about other places where the student movement is enjoying success and working through challenges. We will also hear today from a friend from the United States Students' Association that student solidarity is not only a national concept, but an



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important international one too. International solidarity will be critical if students are going to play a role in resisting the consequences of free trade. A panel on Saturday will review the threat that free trade poses to the environment, to workers around the world, and to post-secondary education. Tomorrow we'll receive an update from the Canada Student Loans Program, to be followed by a session on Saturday about what the Loans Program might look like if education was a right in Canada.

[In French in the original:]

In addition to the workshops and guest speakers, this meeting is an opportunity for us, as members of the Federation, to come together and make decisions that will shape the type of work we need to accomplish, and the direction we want our organisation to take. They will consist of policy and campaign decisions for the student movement, for the following months and years to come, and we will also need to take a look at what the past year has meant for students and for post-secondary education.

[End French in the original]

Since we met last November, our student movement has accomplished a lot, thanks in particular to an immensely successful national campaign and Day of Action in February. Thousands of students took to the streets to participate in rallies and other activities, all to send the message to policy makers and the public that post-secondary education is a priority that governments must act on immediately. And I must say that the work done by all of you, your predecessors, and all of the other students and staff on the ground to make our national campaign the success that it was is truly commendable.

Here in Ottawa, students gathered at both Carleton University and the University of Ottawa to make their voices heard and then headed in massive numbers through Ottawa's downtown streets to Parliament Hill. Passing by government building after government building, filled with curious onlookers from the top floors of their offices. The sheer number of students that gathered on Parliament Hill that day was an amazing sight, and the number of supporters participating in solidarity with us – including university and college faculty and staff, the labour movement, women's organisations, and so on – was inspiring.

Political parties saw the number of students arriving at their doorstep, and quickly gathered Caucus members to show their support. Members of Parliament from all parties joined the rally on Parliament Hill in support of our goals. It was truly remarkable to see the energy in the crowd. Thousands united for the same thing, and knowing that all of these students came out to support each other and the right for all to an accessible, high-quality education. Our message was heard loud and clear, from Stephen Harper's office to Premiers' offices across the country. Weeks later, the federal budget was announced, providing for the largest increase in the Canada Social Transfer in decades. Provincial budget after budget shouted victory for students, with tuition fee freezes maintained in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Newfoundland and Labrador, and a tuition fee reduction adopted in Prince Edward Island. And after tireless effort, success for students in Nova Scotia – a tuition fee freeze!

Moving forward, we have much to be excited about. But we also have a lot of hard work ahead. We are coming up on the long anticipated expiration of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation. We have a real opportunity to make our vision known for a national system of needs-based grants that actually gets new money to students across the country! Just think about the impact we could have. Canada is one of only two OECD countries without a national system of needs-based grants.

As we will discuss and debate, the campaigns strategy proposes some major goals for the year ahead. This year, an important addition has been made, and that's with regards to the environment. The Federation's long tradition of solidarity and coalition work with other like-minded organizations was further developed over the past six months.

Last fall, we attended the first ever Canadian Youth Climate Summit, which resulted in the creation of what is now the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition – a national group of dedicated people raising awareness of the consequences of climate change and lack of government leadership on the environment. This meeting was important in the context of the Federation's work, given that universities and colleges can and should play a significant role in training people to develop environmentally sustainable practices. As students, we have a major role to play in shaping the future of our country, both with respect to post-secondary education policy and beyond. But think about it, in almost every country that has attempted to or has undergone massive democratic change, students have been at the forefront of the fight, standing up for what is right and just.

Over the past decade, there has been a shift away from viewing education as a societal good to seeing it solely as an individual benefit. Starting in the mid 90s, the federal government began its retreat from

adequately funding social programs, including post-secondary education. At the federal level, we no longer have governments who are interested in governing. Instead, they shirk responsibility and download it for issues such as environmental sustainability and education to the individual. But we know that education does not simply benefit the individual. An educated population benefits all of society. We know that reputable study after reputable study links the importance of the level of a person's education with their reliance on the health care system, their ability to participate in the labour force, their overall standard of living, and so on. And we know that post-secondary graduates more than pay back the cost of their education through progressive taxation throughout their lifetime. But as long as there are those who ignore the facts in favour of elitist ideology, we must continue to stand together. And this means working together not only through our campaigns, but also in our services.

This meeting also serves as an important opportunity for us to review and advance the many services that we have developed as a collective to save our members money. When the Federation was established 25 years ago, our founding principles included the belief that education is a right. But the Federation was also founded upon the principle that by pooling our resources together, we can provide services to members for significant savings. Our responsibility to each other—to work together to perfect the not-for-profit programs—is more important today than perhaps ever before.

In November, I spoke a lot about the idea of solidarity. And I want to repeat that solidarity to me means looking out for one another and working together even in the face of disagreement. We should all keep that in the back of our minds throughout the meeting. This is a working meeting, and we should all be prepared to work hard over the next four days. To work through the debates and sometimes heated discussions. And through the democratic votes that occur at this meeting, which ultimately determine the outcome of an issue. Our meetings rely on good faith, honesty and respect. Although there will always be differences of opinion and priorities among us, the debate that we have at our meetings is the best way to ensure that our organisation is representative of our members and that our priorities are well developed.

There is no doubt that in the face of all the external pressures and opposition, it's as important as ever to maintain our momentum against those who oppose affordable, public education and a vocal and united student movement. A federal election could be on the horizon in the next six months, and this time, the Conservatives have a record on which to be judged. Long-standing tuition fee freezes are in jeopardy in provinces such as Québec and Manitoba, where students have struggled to remain united despite external pressure to "take on some of the burden of financing their own education"

[In French in the original:]

We will need to be prepared to work harder than ever, to maintain what we have won and achieve more victories. This movement defines itself by its commitment to achieve certain goals, and we should continue to do that in the way we have always known by making sure that it will be impossible for politicians and decision-makers to ignore us.

In the last few years, we have welcomed a number of new members to the Federation. Please join me today in welcoming our newest full member the Organization of Part-Time University Students at the University of Windsor. It's also exciting to be welcoming two new prospective members, the Dawson Student Union and the Laurentien University Graduate Students' Association.

[End French in the original]

Before closing, I would also like to welcome many guests to the meeting. We have with us guests from la Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec, a long-standing partner of the Federation in Québec.

I would also like to welcome guests from the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa and la Fédération des associations étudiantes du campus de l'Université de Montréal.

Last, but definitely not least, I want to give a warm welcome to two very special guests we have with us today.

Gabe Pendas, Vice-President of the United States Students' Association is here today to talk to us about the struggles faced by students in his country and to bring greetings from the over two and one half million members of the USSA, our partner in international solidarity. Having faced many of the same vocal opponents that our organisation has faced, we are very happy that Gabe was able to join us.

Jim Turk, the Executive Director of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, an organisation representing all of the faculty in the country, and a long time and strong partner of the Federation, is also with

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us today. In fact, I can't say enough good things about the CAUT and their role in pushing for accessible, high-quality post-secondary education. Welcome Jim, we are very happy you could join us also.

There is no doubt that students across the country and across continents are best served when we work together. And it's up to us to build on the work of our predecessors, and to forge ahead with a united and committed voice for students that cuts across borders and boundaries.

In solidarity, I wish us all a productive and exciting meeting, and I look forward to working with you in the months ahead building an even stronger student movement that will be impossible for the government to ignore. I'd like to now pass it to Jim and thank him again for joining us for our 51<sup>st</sup> semi-annual general meeting.

Thank-you and I wish you a good meeting."

Canadian Association of University Teachers' Executive Director Jim Turk offered greetings on behalf of the members of the Association.

United States Students' Association Vice President Gabe Pendas offered remarks.

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

**2007/05:002      MOTION**  
Local 47/Local 36  
Be it resolved that the agenda for the opening and closing plenaries be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

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

**2007/05:003      MOTION**  
Local 1/Local 103  
Be it resolved that the agenda for the general meeting be adopted.

**2007/05:004      MOTION TO AMEND**  
Local 3/Local 88  
Be it resolved Motion-2007/05:003 be amended to read:  
"Be it resolved that the agenda for the general meeting be adopted with the following amendment:  
- postpone the bilingualism forum to the November 2007 general meeting."  
**CARRIED**

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

**2007/05:005      MOTION**  
Local 7/Local 49  
Be it resolved that the minutes of the November 2006 national general meeting be adopted.

Aziz announced that Local 48 member Sanah Malik had not attended the meeting nor had Local 96 member Meghan Labine. She asked members to correct their minutes accordingly.

**2007/05:006      MOTION TO POSTPONE**  
Local 26/Local 75  
Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:005 be postponed to closing plenary.  
**CARRIED**

**2007/05:005      POSTPONED**

**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 Women's Representative Sarah Amyot.

Amyot 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. She encouraged delegates to familiarise themselves with the policy and to be sensitive of how their actions could affect other delegates.

**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.

**d. Logistical Announcements**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

**9. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**a. Ratification of Full Membership Vote**

2007/05:007     **MOTION**  
Local 48/Local 44

Be it resolved that the members of the Organization of Part-Time University Students (University of Windsor) be ratified as full members of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

**b. Consideration of Prospective Membership Application**

2007/05:008     **MOTION**  
Students' Society of McGill University/Local 78

Be it resolved that the Dawson Student Union be ratified as a prospective member of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

2007/05:009     **MOTION**  
Local 7 /Local 88

Be it resolved that the Graduate Students' Association of Laurentian University be ratified as a prospective member of the Federation.

**CARRIED**

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### 10. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS

#### a. Introduction of Electoral Officers

Sioufi said that, in accordance with Bylaw 6, Section 7, the National Executive had appointed Ashkon Hashemi, 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 announced that elections would be conducted for the Francophone Representative, Graduate Students' Representative, Prince Edward Island Representative, Saskatchewan Representative and Women's Representative on the National Executive at the general meeting. He noted that the elections were for the 2007-2008 term commencing at the adjournment of the general meeting.

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

Sioufi 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

2007/05:010

##### MOTION

Local 3/Local 53

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

2007/05:011

##### MOTION TO AMEND

Local 3/Local 53

Be it resolved Motion-2007/05:010 be amended to include:

"Be it resolved that Organisational and Services Development Committee agenda be amended to remove the division between Day 1 and Day 2."

**CARRIED**

2007/05:012

##### MOTION TO AMEND

Local 89/Local 5

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:010 be amended to include:

"Be it resolved that Organisational and Services Development Committee agenda be amended to include the following motion:

"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 concrete operational procedures be developed defining the process by which situations of extraordinary circumstances will be monitored, approved and reported."

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:010 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

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

### **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.

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

Sioufi said that the following motion had been referred to the National Executive by the November 2006 national general meeting for study and recommendation to the 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 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.

**2007/05:013 MOTION TO AMEND**  
Local 53/Local 47

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."

**2007/05:014 MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:013 and Motion-2006/11:010 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:013 REFERRED**

**2006/11:010 REFERRED**

**ii. Policy on Commercialisation**

**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.

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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.

2007/05:015

### MOTION TO AMEND

Local 53/Local 47

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.

2007/05:016 **MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:015 and Motion-2006/11:012 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

2007/05:015 **REFERRED**

2006/11:012 **REFERRED**

#### b. Motions Served with Notice

2007/05:017 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**  
Local 53/Local 47

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

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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 an 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

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.

2007/05:018

**MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:017 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

2007/05:017

**REFERRED**

**2007/05:019 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 105/Local 47

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; therefore

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.

**2007/05:020 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:019 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:019 REFERRED**

**2007/05:021 MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY**

Local 53/Local 47

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

**2007/05:022 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:021 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:021 REFERRED**

**2007/05:023 MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY**

Local 53/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:024 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:023 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**



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**2007/05:023      REFERRED**

**2007/05:025      MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY**  
Local 53/Local 47

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.

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**2007/05:026 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:025 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:025 REFERRED**

**2007/05:027 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 53/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:028 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:027 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:027 REFERRED**

**2007/05:029 MOTION TO RESCIND STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 53/Local 47

Whereas in February 2006 the Federation (CFS-Services) settled a 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.

**2007/05:030 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:029 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:029 REFERRED**

**2007/05:031 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 53/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:032 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:031 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:031 REFERRED**

**2007/05:033 MOTION TO ADOPT STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 04/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:034 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:033 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:033 REFERRED**

**2007/05:035 MOTION**

Local 53/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:036 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:035 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:035 REFERRED**

**2007/05:037 MOTION**

Local 04/Local 47

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

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

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**2007/05:038 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:037 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:037 REFERRED**

**2007/05:039 MOTION**

Local 04/Local 47

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).

**2007/05:040 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:039 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:039 REFERRED**

**2007/05:041 MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:042 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:041 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:041 REFERRED**

**2007/05:043 MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:044 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:043 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:043 REFERRED**

**2007/05:045 MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:046 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:045 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:045 REFERRED**

**2007/05:047 MOTION**

Local 53/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:048 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:047 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:047 REFERRED**



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**2007/05:049 MOTION**

Local 53/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:050 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 01/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:049 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:049 REFERRED**

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

Aziz, National Deputy Chairperson Brent Farrington, National Treasurer Dave Hare and other members of the National Executive highlighted sections of the report.

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**15. RECESS**

**2007/05:051 MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 17/Local 7

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until 13:00, Sunday, May 27, 2007.

**CARRIED**

17:31 the meeting recessed.

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## CALL BACK TO ORDER—Sunday, May 27, 2007

13:37 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 76 | Broadway Campus (King Edward) Students' Union                                      | Present          |
| Local 75 | Camosun College Student Society  | Present          |
| Local 05 | Capilano Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 73 | Downtown Campus (City Centre) Students' Union                                      | Present          |
| Local 18 | Douglas Students' Union  | Present by proxy |
| Local 33 | Emily Carr Students' Union   | Present          |
| Local 26 | Kwantlen Student Association   | Absent           |
| Local 61 | Malaspina Students' Union  | Present          |
| Local 13 | College of New Caledonia Students' Union   | Present by proxy |
| 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' Union  | Present          |
| Local 23 | Simon Fraser Student Society   | Present          |
| 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                           | Present          |
| 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 | Absent           |
| Local 08 | University of Winnipeg Students' Association                                       | Present          |
| Local 82 | Algoma University Students' Union  | Present          |
| Local 28 | Atkinson Students' Association   | Absent           |
| 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*                                       | Present          |
| Local 92 | Student Association of George Brown College  | Absent           |
| 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                                | Absent           |
| Local104 | Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students                            | Present          |
|          | Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association                               | Present          |
| 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   | Absent           |
| Local 94  | University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa | Absent           |
| 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   | Present          |
| 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          |
| Local 56  | Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association   | Absent           |
| Local 106 | Organization of Part Time University Students (University of Windsor)                                     | 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           |
|           | Dawson Student Union  | Present          |
| Local 79  | Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill   | Absent           |
|           | Students' Society of McGill University  | 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 by proxy |
| 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          |

Sioufi declared that quorum had been achieved.

## 2. BUSINESS FROM OPENING PLENARY

2007/05:005      MOTION

Local 7/Local 49

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

**CARRIED**

The remainder of the National Executive report was presented.

**2007/05:052      MOTION**  
Local 27/Local 103  
Be it resolved that the National Executive Report be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

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

National Treasurer David Hare highlighted sections of the 2007-2008 budget. Hare noted that Local 37 delegate Steven Montague had been included in the attendance list twice. He said that Montague had been the Manitoba Representative on the Budget subcommittee and asked delegates to correct their reports accordingly.

**2007/05:053      MOTION**  
Local 46/Local 17  
Be it resolved that McLarty & Co, Chartered Accountants, be appointed as the Federation's auditor's until the close of the 53<sup>rd</sup> semi-annual general meeting.  
**CARRIED**

**2007/05:054      MOTION**  
Local 53/Local 21  
Be it resolved that the 2007/2008 final draft budget be adopted as presented.  
**CARRIED**

**2007/05:017      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**  
Local 53/Local 47  
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 an 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

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- 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

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.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:055**

### **MOTION**

Local 61/Local 71

Be it resolved that the Budget Committee Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:056**

### **MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 72/Local 48

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for one hour.

**CARRIED**

17:32 the meeting recessed. Local 99 left the meeting.

19:06 the meeting reconvened.

**2007/05:057**

### **MOTION**

Local 68/Local 103

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for ten minutes at 20:45.

**CARRIED**

## **4. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **a. National Executive Provincial Representative Elections**

#### **i. Alberta Representative**

**2007/05:058**

### **MOTION**

Local 42/Local 21

Be it resolved that Michael Kirsch (Local 42) be ratified as the Alberta Representative for the 2007-2008 term.

**CARRIED**

#### **ii. New Brunswick Representative**

**2007/05:059**

### **MOTION**

Local 67/Local 70

Be it resolved that Colin Curry (Local 67) be ratified as the New Brunswick Representative for the 2007-2008 term.

**CARRIED**

**iii. Prince Edward Island Representative**

**2007/05:060      MOTION**

Local 70/Local 67

Be it resolved that Faiz Ahmed (Local 70) be ratified as the Prince Edward Island Representative for the 2007-2008 term.

**CARRIED**

**iv. Saskatchewan Representative**

**2007/05:061      MOTION**

Local 17/Local 101

Be it resolved that Mike Burton (Local 9) be ratified as the Saskatchewan Representative for the 2007-2008 term.

**CARRIED**

**b. Election of Constituency Group and Caucuses Representatives**

**i. Students of Colour Representative**

**2007/05:062      MOTION**

Local 19/Local 47

Be it resolved that Fuad Abdi (Local 68) be ratified as the Students of Colour Representative for the 2007-2008 term.

**CARRIED**

**ii. Francophone Students' Representative**

**2007/05:063      MOTION**

Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association/Local 94

Be it resolved that Célia Jutras (Local 105) be ratified as the Francophone Students' Representative for the 2007-2008 term.

**CARRIED**

**iii. Graduate Students Representative**

**2007/05:064      MOTION**

Local 47/Local 96

Be it resolved that Meghan Gallant (Local 96) be ratified as the Graduate Students Representative for the 2007-2008 term.

**CARRIED**

**iv. Women's Representative**

**2007/05:065      MOTION**

Local 105/Local 66

Be it resolved that Shelley Melanson (Local 1) be ratified as the Women's Representative for the 2007-2008 term.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:066      MOTION**

Local 71/Local 3

Be it resolved that the Electoral Committee Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**



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### **6. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **a. Proposal for a "Sunset" Provision on Policy**

##### **2007/05:019 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS** Local 105/Local 47

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.

##### **2007/05:67 MOTION TO REFER** Local 61/Local 72

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:019 be referred to the National Executive.

**CARRIED**

##### **2007/05:019 REFERRED**

#### **b. Proposal to Rename Programmes Section of Operations Policy**

##### **2007/05:021 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY** Local 53/Local 47

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

**CARRIED**

#### **c. Proposal to Amend Operations Policy on Printed Materials**

##### **2007/05:023 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY** Local 53/Local 47

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.

**CARRIED**

#### **d. Proposal to Amend General Meeting Anti-Harassment Procedures**

##### **2007/05:025 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY** Local 53/Local 47

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 the 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.

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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.

2007/05:068      **MOTION TO AMEND**  
Local 44/Local 53

Be it resolved that the phrase "mental or physical ability" in the definition of discrimination in the preamble in Motion-2007/05:027 be amended to read "mental or physical disability".

**CARRIED**

2007/05:025      **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

#### e. Proposal to Amend Standing Resolution 24

2007/05:027      **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**  
Local 53/Local 47

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.

**CARRIED**

**f. Proposal to Rescind Standing Resolution 29**

**2007/05:029 MOTION TO RESCIND STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 53/Local 47

Whereas in February 2006 the Federation (CFS-Services) settled a 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 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.

**CARRIED**

**g. Proposal to Amend Standing Resolution 32**

**2007/05:031 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 53/Local 47

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.

**CARRIED**

**h. Proposal to Adopt Proposal on General Meeting Attendance Costs**

**2007/05:033 MOTION TO ADOPT STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 4/Local 47

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.

**CARRIED**

**i. Proposal to Create Bulk Buying Service**

**2007/05:035 MOTION**

Local 53/Local 47

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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 service of the Federation; therefore

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

**CARRIED**

**j. Proposal to Expand Federation Website Content**

**2007/05:041 MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:069 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 61/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:041 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that all existing policies and bylaws be made publicly available on the Federation website."

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:070 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 26/Local 67

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:041 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that all existing policies, bylaws and standing resolutions be made publicly available on the Federation website."

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:041 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**k. Proposal Concerning National Executive Reporting**

**2007/05:043 MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 47

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.

**2007/05:071 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 26/Students' Society of McGill University

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:043 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a list of all semi-annual and annual general meeting motions giving directives and referring matters to the National Executive be included in the National Executive report in a separate section; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive append notes on how each has been carried out."

**CARRIED**

2007/05:043      **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**I. Proposal Concerning Media Presence at General Meetings**

2007/05:045      **MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/ Local 47

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.

2007/05:072      **MOTION TO AMEND**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 9

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:045 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a policy be devised to regulate the presence of the press into some of the proceedings of the general meeting."

**DEFEATED**

2007/05:045      **DEFEATED**

**m. Proposals about Aboriginal Student Participation**

2007/05:047      **MOTION**

Local 53/Local 47

Whereas the Federation recognises 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.

**CARRIED**

2007/05:049      **MOTION**

Local 53/Local 47

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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 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.

**2007/05:073      MOTION TO AMEND**  
Local 11/Local 66

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:049 be amended to read:

"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 at least one Aboriginal delegate to the National Aboriginal Caucus annual general meeting."

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:049      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**a. Proposal Concerning Media Presence at General Meetings**

**2007/05:074      MOTION TO ADOPT STANDING RESOLUTION**  
Local 1/Local 5

Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

**Media Presence at General Meetings**

The National Executive shall have the authority to extend invitations to the media to attend workshops and/or plenary sessions at national general meetings.

Members of the media shall not have speaking privileges in any of the sessions at which they are permitted to attend.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:075      MOTION**  
Local 96/Local 26

Be it resolved that the National Executive be immediately informed of the Canadian University Press' attempt to influence the decision making of the Organisational and Services Development Committee, and that the appropriate actions be undertaken.

A delegate from the Students' Society of McGill University objected to the consideration of Motion-2007/05:075.

The Speaker conducted a vote and the plenary voted to consider Motion-2007/05:075.

**2007/05:075      CARRIED**

**b. Proposal Concerning Childcare Services at General Meetings**

**2007/05:077      MOTION**  
Local 97/Local 24

Be it resolved that an investigation into the feasibility of the provision of on site child care at all national general meetings be undertaken and that a recommendation be presented at the November national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the current policy on childcare subsidies for general meeting delegates be reviewed in the context of current practices.



**2007/05:078      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 97/Local 47

Be it resolved that the Motion-2007/05:077 be amended to read:

"Be it further resolved that on-site child care be provided at all national general meetings; and

Be it further resolved that the current policy on childcare subsidies for general meeting delegates be reviewed in the context of current practices."

**DEFEATED**

**2007/05:079      MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 37/Local 90

Be it resolved that the Motion-2007/05:077 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that an examination of the Federation's general meeting child care policy including but not limited to the logistics and feasibility of the implementation of on site child care and the daily child care subsidy allowance, be conducted by the National Executive with a report to be presented at the November 2007 national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that child care expenses of up to \$150 per 24-hour period be reimbursed at the discretion of the National Executive, effective for the duration of the November 2007 national general meeting of the Federation."

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:077      CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**c. Proposal to Explore Options for Encouraging Equity among Delegation Sizes**

**2007/05:080      MOTION**

Local 96/Local 105

Be it resolved that options to further encourage equity among local delegation sizes be explored.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:081      MOTION**

Local 91/Local 35

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

**CARRIED**

20:38 the meeting recessed.

20:55 the meeting reconvened.

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

**a. Policy on Performance Indicators**

**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:

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- 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;
- 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.

2007/05:013

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 53/Local 47

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 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."

2007/05:082

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 17/Local 32

Be it resolved that the words "establish hierarchies and foster a competitive environment amongst educational institutions" be replaced with "establish hierarchies and foster a competitive environment amongst and within educational institutions" in Motion-2007/05:013.

**CARRIED**

2007/05:013

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

2006/11:010

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**b. Policy on Commercialisation**

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.

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.

**2007/05:015**

#### **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 53/Local 47

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.

2007/05:083

#### MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT

Local 101/Local 89

Be it resolved that the words "the prioritisation of commercially-driven or profit-oriented research over of basic, curiosity-driven research in post-secondary institutions", in the policy proposed in Motion 2007/05:15, be replaced with "the prioritisation of commercially-driven or profit-oriented research over non-commercial research, basic or applied".

**CARRIED**

2007/05:084

#### MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT

Local 101/Local 48

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:083 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the words "the prioritisation of commercially-driven or profit-oriented research over non-commercial research, basic or applied", in the policy proposed in Motion 2007/05:015 be amended to read: "commercially-driven or profit-oriented research"; and

Be it further resolved that the words "non-commercial research, basic or applied" be added as the first bullet point in the list under "The Federation supports" in the policy proposed in Motion 2007/05:015."

**DEFEATED**

2007/05:015

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

2006/11:012

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

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**2007/05:085 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 44/Local 89

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education policy "Commercialisation" be renamed "Commercialisation of Campuses".

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:086 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 44/Local 89

Be it resolved that the Related Student Issues policy "Commercialisation" be renamed "Commercially Owned Electronic Cash Systems".

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:087 MOTION**

Local 7/Local 3

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

**CARRIED**

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

Aziz said that there were a number of amendments to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum attendance list. She said that Local 42 delegate Andrea Walker, Local 89 delegate Patrick Reed and Local 103 delegate Marlo Ostrow should be added to the attendance list and that delegates from Local 26, 90 had been present. She said that the individuals listed as observers from the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec were actually from the Fédération des associations étudiantes du campus de l'Université de Montréal. She said that two individuals should be added as observers from FEUQ; Jean Patrick Brady and Pierre Alain Benoit. She also noted that Local 96 delegate Meghan Gallant's name had been spelled incorrectly.

Aziz said that the translation of the section "International Coalition Work" in the Campaigns Strategy was incorrect. She also said that there was typographical error in the research section in the Environmental Sustainability campaign. She said that the language "organisations" should be changed to "knowledgable members of the Aboriginal Community".

**2007/05:088 MOTION**

Local 72/Local 68

Be it resolved that the 2007-2008 Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy be adopted.

**2007/05:089 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 96/Local 8

Be it resolved that the phrase "and knowledgable members of the Aboriginal community" in the Environmental Sustainability campaign in 2007-2008 Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy be amended to read: "...by speaking to students, staff, faculty and members of the Aboriginal community...."

**DEFEATED**

**2007/05:088 CARRIED**

**2007/05:090 MOTION**

Local 78/Local 24

Whereas civil society, including students, in 2000 defeated the Multilateral Agreement on Investment because it would allow corporations to use governments for perceived "unfair competition" infractions in the form of government subsidies, thereby opening up post-secondary education and other publicly funded services to widespread privatisation; and

Whereas civil society, including students, defeated the FTAA through a combination of public pressure and mobilisations from 2001 to 2005, for the same reasons; and

Whereas the next step in this agenda, the SPP or "Security and Prosperity Partnership" of North America, was launched by US President George W. Bush, Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin at a summit in Waco, Texas in March 2005; and



Whereas the SPP is not a signed treaty debated in parliaments but a process driven by executive levels of government in close collusion with business leaders; and

Whereas the SPP works towards harmonising regulations (to the lowest common denominator) via the "North American Competitiveness Council" (NACC), made up of CEOs from large companies in the 3 countries, including the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, whose agenda is privatisation; and

Whereas the NACC deliberates behind closed-doors, systematically bypassing the legislatures in the three countries as well as civil society representatives like unions, churches, students and environmental groups; and

Whereas the SPP is moving Canada quickly toward a continental resource pact, a North American security perimeter, and harmonised military and security policies; and

Whereas the negotiations for the SPP have occurred behind closed doors expressly for the purpose of avoiding public accountability; and

Whereas, at a meeting of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives attended by then-U.S. secretary of defence Donald Rumsfeld, Canadian Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier, Pengrowth Corp. CEO James Kinnear and Lockheed Martin executive Ron Covais, Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day made a speech that he refuses to release to the media; and

Whereas the SPP would give the green light to drastic deregulation and other agreements that will severely restrict government ability to regulate, be it on toxins or air quality or pesticides, especially since these agreements on deregulation allow private corporations to sue government for any policy business perceives as restricting investment; and

Whereas the first report of the SPP negotiations stated that, "we must remove barriers to trade, investment, research and education"; and

Whereas the SPP would see even closer ties between the Canadian and American military and defence industries, giving the Canadian Government the green light to involve Canadian troops and money in wars that benefit only the elites of the countries, thereby tying up resources that should be used for social programmes including post-secondary education; and

Whereas there is a summit of the three countries leaders planned for August 21 in Montebello, Quebec, near Ottawa; and

Whereas students know that removing trade barriers means privatisation of institutions and downloading of costs onto individual students and their families; therefore

Be it resolved that the opposition to the Security and Prosperity Partnership and the Council of Canadians campaign and other peaceful campaigns against the SPP be supported and that member locals be encouraged to participate in educational events and mobilisations in their area against the SPP, and if no such events are organised, to initiate them;

Be it further resolved that locals in the Ontario and Québec areas be encouraged to participate in any peaceful actions planned for on or around August 21 in Ottawa and Montebello; and

Be it further resolved that the United States Students' Association and the Mexican student movement be approached about a joint campaign against the SPP.

**CARRIED**

2007/05:091

**MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 88

Whereas the minority government of Jean Charest has announced the end of the tuition fee freeze in Québec;

Whereas the Québec Student Movement is preparing massive mobilisations to both oppose the de-freeze of tuition fees and make further gains for the students of Québec; and

Whereas the Federation strives to make education universally accessible across Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation reiterates its support for all students of Québec in their struggle for accessible education; and



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Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages its members in Québec to fight for, at minimum, the maintenance of the tuition fee freeze, and to reject any settlement that does not include at least the maintenance of the tuition fee freeze on tuition fees.

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:092**

### **MOTION**

Students' Society of McGill University/Local 88

Be it resolved that the Federation only work with and support student groups in Québec fighting for the freeze or reduction of tuition fees in Québec.

**2007/05:093**

### **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 78/Local 1

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:092 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the Federation work with and support student groups in Québec fighting for the freeze or reduction of tuition fees in Québec."

**CARRIED**

### **NOTED IN OPPOSITION:**

Local 71

Local 88

Local 79

Local 97

Students' Society of McGill University

**2007/05:092**

### **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2007/05:094**

### **MOTION**

Local 44/Local 103

Whereas the Aboriginal community of Canada has initiated a Day of Action, to take place on June 29, 2007 to assert its right to full and effective enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms—both collective and individual—including the right to self determination, without hindrance or adverse discrimination, as recognised in international law and in section 35 of Canada's own Constitution Act, 1982.

Whereas there are more than 800 outstanding specific land claims which have been officially recognised in Canada;

Whereas a lengthy treaty process negatively impacts the social and economic environment for Aboriginal people by creating millions of dollars in debt in government loans, in order to participate in the treaty negotiation process;

Whereas these social and economic issues negatively impact Aboriginal students' success in post secondary educational institutions;

Whereas the Federation has demonstrated a commitment to improving the success rates of Aboriginal students in post secondary educational institutions;

Whereas the Assembly of First Nations has called on all Aboriginal people, Canadian citizens and corporations, to stand together to insist that the Government of Canada respond to the crisis in Aboriginal communities; and

Whereas the minister for Indian and Northern Affairs, Jim Prentice, threatened in a letter to the Globe and Mail to audit any Aboriginal group receiving government funding that protests federal government policy; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter of support for the June 29 Day of Action be sent to the federal and provincial government officials responsible for hindering the treaty process;

Be it further resolved that \$1,500 be allocated to the Assembly of First Nations in support of the June 29 Day of Action and provide member locals with campaign resources; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to participate in educational events and mobilisations in their area in support of the June 29 Day of Action, and if no such events are organized, to initiate them in cooperation with Aboriginal students' organisations; and

Be it further resolved that campaigns materials be provided to member locals to help mobilise for the Day of Action.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2007/05:037**

**MOTION**

Local 4/Local 47

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

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

**RULED REDUNDANT**

**2007/05:039**

**MOTION**

Local 4/Local 47

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 member's bill C-284, an Act to amend the Canada Student Financial Assistance Act (Canada Access Grants).

**CARRIED**

**2007/05:095**

**MOTION**

Local 27/Local 103

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

**CARRIED**

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

### **a. Caucuses**

Aboriginal Chairperson Mike White reported on the work of the Aboriginal Caucus.

### **b. Constituency Groups**

There were no other reports.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

Aziz thanked all the outgoing members of the National Executive for their contributions to the work of the Federation. She also recognised outgoing provincial chairpersons.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**2007/05:096**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Local 9/Local 98

Be it resolved that plenary be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

22:26 the meeting adjourned.

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### **Delegations**

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#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

##### **Local 3**

University of British Columbia  
Students' Union-Okanagan  
Shannon Barnard  
Alexandra Caldwell  
David Lubbers  
Rob Nagai  
Michael Ouellet  
Adam Wylie

##### **Local 75**

Camosun College Student Society  
Jennifer Chapman  
Sarah Cook  
Michael Glover  
Matthew Martin  
Laurn Morley

##### **Local 5**

Capilano Students' Union  
Vina Brown  
Ewan MacLean

##### **Local 73**

City Centre Students' Union  
Zariyah Azam  
Tiffany Kalanj  
Joel Pike

##### **Local 33**

Emily Carr Students' Union  
Meghan King

##### **Local 76**

King Edward Students' Union  
Emelio De La Cruz  
Vijaya Krishnan  
Christa Peters

##### **Local 26**

Kwantlen Student Association  
Laura Anderson  
Titus Gregory  
Steven Lee  
Sara Pelegrin

##### **Local 61**

Malaspina Students' Union  
Steve Beasley  
Mikael Jensen  
Michael Olson

##### **Local 72**

North Island Students' Association  
Patrick Barbosa  
Ron Scow  
Mike White

##### **Local 66**

Northwest Community College Students'  
Association  
Jo-Anne Borgford  
Joyce Robinson

##### **Local 53**

Okanagan College Students' Union  
Jonathan Degenhardt  
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Gabriela Tisnados  
Dave Westmacott

##### **Local 4**

Selkirk Students' Association  
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##### **Local 23**

Simon Fraser Student Society  
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Derrick Harder  
James Papadopoulos

##### **Local 15**

Thomson Rivers University Students' Union  
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Scot Shea

##### **Local 44**

University of Victoria Students' Society  
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##### **Local 42**

Alberta College of Art and  
Design Students' Association  
Melinda Topilko  
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**Local 21**

**University of Calgary**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
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David Coletto  
Jennifer Reid

**SASKATCHEWAN****Local 9**

**University of Regina Students' Union**  
Christina Badgley  
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**Local 101**

**University of Saskatchewan**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Adams Frimpong  
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**University of Saskatchewan**  
**Students' Union**  
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James Pepler  
Jeremy Ring  
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**MANITOBA****Local 37**

**Brandon University Students' Union**  
Melissa Moffit  
Stephen Montague  
Nathan Peto  
Jocelyn Turnbull

**Local 96**

**University of Manitoba**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Matt McLean  
Aaron Glenn

**Local 103**

**University of Manitoba**  
**Students' Union**  
Michael Einarson  
Rachel Heinrichs  
Amanda Jonson  
Robert Marriott  
Marlo Ostrow  
Chris Rigaux  
Garry Sran

**Local 38**

**Association étudiante du Collège universitaire**  
**de Saint-Boniface**  
Papa Ahadou Ndiaye

**Local 8**

**University of Winnipeg Students' Association**  
Cheryle Dreaver  
Vinay Iyer  
David Jacks  
Murray Jowett

Scott Nosaty  
Amanda Shiplack

**ONTARIO****Local 78**

**Carleton University**  
**Graduate Students' Association**  
Oren Howlett  
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Cynthia Shelswell  
Jessica Squires

**Local 1**

**Carleton University Students' Association**  
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Shelley Melanson  
James Pratt  
Britany Smyth

**Local 92**

**Students' Association**  
**of George Brown College**  
Femi Adebayo  
Leon Johnson  
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**Local 93**

**Glendon College College Student Union**  
Shona Bracken

**Local 54**

**University of Guelph**  
**Central Student Association**  
Cailey Campell  
Evan Dalzell

**Local 32**

**Lakehead University Student Union**  
Ian Dasti  
Brendon Johnson  
Richard Longtin  
Frank Shaffer

**Local 88**

**Association des étudiantes et étudiants**  
**francophones de l'Université Laurentienne**  
Éric Blondin

**Local 104**

**Laurentian University Students' General**  
**Association**  
Patrick Imbeau

**Local 20**

**Nipissing University Students' Union**  
Josh Fortier

**Local 25**

**Ontario College of Art and Design**  
**Student Union**  
Shahreen Jahan  
Michael Monize

**Local 94**

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

**Local 27**

Queen's University  
Society of Graduate and Professional Students  
Jennifer Stacey  
Arash Farzam-Kia  
Jovan Groen

**Local 105**

Continuing Education  
Students' Association of Ryerson  
Gail Alivio  
Célia Jutras  
Hildah Otieno  
Jeremy Salter  
Emily Shelton

**Local 24**

Ryerson Students' Union  
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Rochelle James  
Heather Kere  
Alex Kerner  
Nora Loreto  
Alicia Murrin  
Ibrahim Snobar  
Alicia Vandeweghe

**Local 99**

Scarborough Campus Students' Union  
Rajgumar Gunaratnam  
Tony Kao  
Sewthooran Uruthiralinge  
Arjune Selvarajan

**Local 19**

University of Toronto  
Graduate Students' Union  
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Bryn Knapp  
Arjune Selvarajan  
Chris Smith

**Local 97**

Association of Part-Time Undergraduate  
Students of the University of Toronto  
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Ilona Peter Molnar  
Shannon Young

**Local 98**

University of Toronto Students' Union  
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Camille Cendana  
Michal Hay  
Sandy Hudson  
Ahmad Khan  
Dave Scrivener  
Faraz Siddiqui  
Rick Telfer

**Local 71**

Trent Central Student Association  
Jacqueline Austin  
Catherine Dickinson  
Tyler Roach  
Robyn Tren

**Local 47**

University of Western Ontario  
Society of Graduate Students  
Abudi Awaysheh

**Local 48**

University of Windsor  
Graduate Student Society  
Sajid Rashid Ahmad  
Hijaz Al-Ani

**Local 49**

University of Windsor Students' Alliance  
Jen Collucci  
Zack Cranny  
Marla Cronin  
William Ma

**Local 68**

York Federation of Students  
Fuad Abdi  
Loveleen Kang  
Ben Keen  
Gilary Massa  
Hamid Osman

**Local 84**

York University  
Graduate Students' Association  
Kelly Holloway

**QUÉBEC****Local 83**

Concordia University  
Graduate Students' Association  
No delegation

**Local 91**

Concordia Student Union  
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Shandell Jack  
Angelica Novoa  
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**Local 79**

Post-Graduate Students' Society  
of McGill University  
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Pascal Tremblay  
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**Dawson Student Union**

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### **Local 67**

University of New Brunswick  
Graduate Student Association  
Graham Cox  
Adediyin Odukoy

## **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

### **Local 70**

University of Prince Edward Island  
Graduate Students' Association  
Adam Scanlon

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

### **Local 95**

Cape Breton University  
Students' Union  
Ryan Dubois  
Brendon Ferguson  
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Jill McPherson

### **Local 11**

University of King's College  
Students' Union  
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Mount Saint Vincent University  
Students' Union  
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Student Union of the  
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design  
Emily Davidson  
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### **Local 69**

Association générale des étudiants de  
l'Université Sainte-Anne  
Stephen Fraser  
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### **Local 36**

Grenfell College Student Union  
Jennifer Brown  
Daniel Smith  
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### **Local 100**

Graduate Students' Union of the  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Nicole Kieley

### **Local 35**

Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Students' Union  
Stella Magalios  
Hans Rollmann  
James Farrell  
Kimberly Gill  
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### **Local 46**

College of the North Atlantic  
Students' Association  
Rob Canning  
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Andrea Milley  
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# ***College of New Caledonia Students' Union***



May 9, 2007

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At it's meeting of May 8, 2007 the Executive Committee of the College of New Caledonia Students' Union (Local 13) passed the following motion:

**2007/05/09:006      MOTION**

Crawford/Sullivan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the North Island Students' Union (Local 72) be appointed to serve as Local 13's proxy at the 51<sup>st</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, as per Bylaw II, Section 7, Subsection b) of the Federation's Bylaws.

**CARRIED**

We therefore request that this proxy be recognized for the entire duration of the May 2007 National General Meeting. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a successful and productive week!

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Valentine Crawford'.

Valentine Crawford  
Chairperson

cc: Rebekah Keyes, External Affairs Coordinator  
Executive Committee – North Island Students' Union (Local 72)  
Seamus Reid, BC Chairperson



Local 18  
Douglas Students' Union  
May 22, 2007

Canadian Federation of Students, National Office,  
Suite 500 – 170 Metcalfe Street,  
OTTAWA, Ontario  
K2P 1P3

Attention: National Chairperson, Amanda Aziz

By Fax: 613-232-0276

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to authorize Capilano Students' Union, Local 5 to exercise a proxy vote on behalf of Douglas Students' Union, Local 18 according to Motion:07-05-02:025 passed by Douglas Students' Union Representative Committee:-  
"Be It Resolved That Capilano Students' Union, Local 5 be appointed proxy for the Douglas Students' Union, Local 18 to the 51<sup>st</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting, May 24<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Ottawa".

Sebastian Bubrick  
David Lam Campus Rep/  
CFS Provincial Executive Rep

Alysia MacGrotty  
External Relations Coordinator

Cc: Capilano Students' Union, Attention: Ewan McLean  
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**Local 104**

May 21, 2007

**RE: Proxy Vote for National General Meeting May 23-27<sup>th</sup> 2007**

Dear Members of the National Executive Committee

This letter is to inform you that Local 104 will not be sending a representative to the meeting. Please allow the Local 88 representatives to vote on our behalf.

Should you require any information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'R. Paquette'.

Richard L. Paquette

President; LAMPS: Local 104 of the Canadian Federation of Students

# MISU

Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland

The Marine Institute Students' Union

May 14, 2007

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

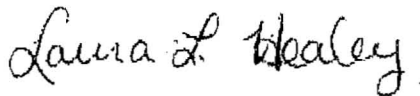
Dear Ms. Aziz,

On May 14th, the Executive of Local 45- Marine Institute Students' Union- adopted the following motion:

*Be it resolved that Local 46-College of the North Atlantic Students' Union be appointed as the proxy for the Marine Institute Students' Union for the duration of the 51<sup>st</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, to be held from May 23 to 28, 2007.*

Please accept this letter as notice of appointment of Local 46 as our proxy for the upcoming national general meeting.

Sincerely,



Laura Healey, VP Internal  
Marine Institute Students' Union