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Assemblée générale annuelle nationale
Annual National General MeetingRégion d'Ottawa-Gatineau • du 21 au 24 novembre 2007
Ottawa-Gatineau Region • November 21 to 24, 2007**AGENDA****Budget Committee**

November 2007 National General Meeting

DAY ONE**1. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS****a. Ratification of the Committee Chair(s)**Standing Resolution 1, Section 4, *Committee Chairperson*, states that:

As its first order of business each standing general meeting committee shall either:

- ratify as the committee chairperson(s) the National Executive member(s) appointed to the committee; or
- elect a committee chairperson from within its membership.

The National Executive is recommending that National Treasurer Ben Lewis and Ontario Representative Dave Molenhuis be ratified as co-chairs for the Committee.

b. Roundtable Introductions**c. Review of the Committee Agenda****d. Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference**Committee members should be familiar with the responsibilities of the Budget Committee as established in the Federation's Standing Resolutions. Standing Resolution 1, Section 3.a) *Budget Committee*, states that at the spring general meeting the Committee shall:

- develop a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year for submission to the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting;
- assess the availability of funds for proposed projects and/or purchases, including donations; and
- discuss the Federation's long-term financial planning.

2. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS AND ISSUES**a. Orientation to the Finances of the Federation**

- i. Revenue Sources
- ii. Areas of Spending
- iii. Funds and Fund Balances

b. Overview of Current Financial Realities/Pressures (In-camera)**c. Review of 2007-2008 Budget and Year-to-date Statements**

The Committee will review the 2007-2008 budget and the comparative year-to-date statement of revenue and expenditures.

DAY TWO**3. REVISION OF THE 2007-2008 BUDGET**

The Committee will discuss the draft Revised 2007-2008 Budget and propose to the closing plenary any amendments it deems necessary.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

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26th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)
Wednesday, November 21 to Saturday, November 24, 2007

5. ADJOURNMENT

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REPORT

Budget Committee

November 2007 National General Meeting

Committee Composition

Caucus Representatives

Caucus of College and Institute Associations
Caucus of Large Institute Associations
National Aboriginal Caucus
National Graduate Caucus
Caucus of Small University Associations

Graham Case, Mark Norris and Joel Pike
Fuad Abdi, Stephanie Reid and Jamie Strachan
Brendon Johnson and Karen Pine Cheechoo
Jennifer Stacey
Bobby Chavarie

Provincial Representatives

Alberta
British Columbia
Manitoba
New Brunswick
Newfoundland and Labrador
Nova Scotia
Ontario
Prince Edward Island
Québec
Saskatchewan

vacant
Derrick Harder, Rob Mealey and Michael Olson
Sheri Connery and Harun Kibirige
Fern Paul
Mark Moriarity and Melissa Penney
Stephan Hancherow
Nora Loreto, Danielle Sampson and Avneil Yashpal
Haida Arsenault-Antolick
Shanice Rose
Mike Dubois

Constituency Group Representatives

Student Artists' Constituency Group
Students of Colour Constituency Group
Students with Disabilities Constituency Group
Francophone Students' Constituency Group
International Students' Constituency Group
Queer Constituency Group
Part-time and Mature Students' Constituency Group
Women's Constituency Group

Ben Johnson
Roohafza Rahimi
Laura MacKenrot, Jeff Peters and Michel Turcotte
Patrick Imbeau
Femi Adebayo and Aura Villanueva
Oren Howlett and Rick Telfer
Patrick Barbosa and Lyn Potts
Nedine Scott

Committee Coordinators

National Treasurer
Ontario Representative on the National Executive
Travel CUTS Board Chair

Ben Lewis
Dave Molenhuis
Dave Hare

1. MOTIONS DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE

BUDGET-1

MOTION

Local 78/Local 97

Be it resolved that the final draft Revised 2007-08 Budget be adopted. ✓

— with amendment

REVISED BUDGET - Final Draft

Canadian Federation of Students/Canadian Federation of Students-Services

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

	2006-2007 (Un-audited)	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE ITEMS				
Membership Fees (1)	3,164,190.46	3,069,300.00	868,293.65	3,115,800.00
Interest and Investments (2)	90,103.35	64,000.00	25,528.85	39,900.00
National Student Health Network (3)	81,609.99	25,000.00	(112,637.60)	73,000.00
Student Work Abroad Programme (4)	126,982.00	60,000.00	(136,856.00)	75,000.00
Student Traveller Magazine	32,726.94	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Referral Fee from CUTS (net of reinvestment)	44,163.00	90,000.00	15,418.84	40,500.00
Other	39,721.02	20,000.00	463.28	5,000.00
TOTAL NET REVENUE	3,579,496.76	3,329,300.00	660,211.02	3,349,200.00
EXPENSE ITEMS				
Administration and Office (5)	117,892.86	155,000.00	58,459.59	180,000.00
Amortisation	36,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
Audit	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00
Bad Debts	25,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
Bank and Interest Charges	865.77	500.00	88.10	750.00
Building Operations (6)	-	-	24,100.85	81,333.32
Campaigns and Government Relations (7)	376,946.58	475,000.00	176,694.18	475,000.00
Campaigns and Government Relations – Research (8)	88,011.61	147,000.00	28,314.59	122,150.00
Caucus and Component Allocations (9)	715,123.01	769,706.67	93,336.49	735,480.00
Coalitions and Memberships	13,294.17	9,000.00	2,050.51	9,000.00
Communications (10)	134,719.87	184,400.00	92,227.58	184,400.00
Constituency Allocation – Aboriginal Caucus	24,850.43	35,000.00	12,338.04	35,000.00
Constituency Allocation – General	30,197.83	51,039.50	15,896.72	51,737.00
General Meetings – Annual (11)	87,782.89	114,800.00	73,625.01	155,200.00
General Meetings – Semi-annual (12)	58,302.97	87,350.00	73,625.01	144,600.00
Hiring	180.30	2,500.00	2,334.72	4,000.00
Services – General	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	7,500.00
International Affairs	13,619.28	10,000.00	8,004.29	12,000.00
ISIC/Studentsaver Net Expenses (13)	109,507.42	115,236.00	170,777.08	157,857.41
Kevin Coleman Student Rights Defense Fund	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Legal (14)	83,285.70	75,000.00	14,050.63	75,000.00
Membership Development and Outreach (15)	10,124.17	35,000.00	1,862.28	35,000.00
Membership Drives and Referenda	12,363.75	45,000.00	0.00	75,000.00 60,000
National Executive Meetings (16)	44,699.13	68,700.00	21,520.05	62,700.00
National Executive Salaries (17)	146,094.27	141,020.00	52,563.00	151,120.00
Other	3,336.25	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Rent-Ottawa Office (18)	153,615.14	154,688.00	76,479.14	155,828.00
Students' Union Directory (19)	29,234.01	24,650.00	25,713.16	26,150.00
Translation	14,942.58	22,000.00	2,256.04	17,500.00
Contingency		92,079.00	0.00	93,474.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,374,989.99	2,995,669.17	1,026,317.06	3,167,779.73
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	1,204,506.77	333,630.83	(366,106.04)	181,420.27
Transfer to Designated Funds (20)	225,000.00	195,000.00		195,000.00
	979,506.77	138,630.83	(366,106.04)	(13,579.73)

SCHEDULE 1 – Membership Fees

	2006-2007 (Unaudited)	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
British Columbia				
Local 3-UBC (Okanagan)	27,622.10	23,000.00		27,000.00
Local 4-Selkirk College	5,108.09	4,500.00		5,000.00
Local 5-Capilano College	37,933.10	38,000.00		37,000.00
Local 13-College of New Caledonia	14,401.52	15,000.00	6,894.44	14,000.00
Local 15-Thompson Rivers University	40,036.45	35,500.00	18,732.81	38,000.00
Local 18-Douglas College	60,807.90	56,000.00	26,373.91	58,000.00
Local 23-Simon Fraser University	221,558.51	210,000.00		216,000.00
Local 26-Kwantlen University-College	75,788.11	71,000.00	32,222.30	73,000.00
Local 33-Emily Carr Institute of Art & Design	13,363.65	12,000.00	7,162.07	12,500.00
Local 44-University of Victoria undergraduates	102,936.62	97,000.00	39,328.91	100,500.00
Local 53-Okanagan College	18,486.63	17,500.00	7,300.44	17,500.00
Local 61-Malaspina University College	61,686.05	58,000.00	24,705.37	60,500.00
Local 66-Northwest Community College	8,688.59	8,000.00	3,249.11	8,000.00
Local 72-North Island College	11,308.31	10,500.00	5,983.30	11,000.00
Local 73-Vancouver Community College (DC)	27,983.12	22,000.00	7,615.64	26,000.00
Local 75-Camosun College	64,611.28	62,000.00	10,000.00	63,000.00
Local 76-Vancouver Community College (BC)	20,434.46	20,000.00	7,032.92	20,000.00
Local 86-College of the Rockies	9,000.00	9,000.00		9,000.00
Local 89-University of Victoria graduate students	25,267.74	25,000.00	6,593.22	25,000.00
Sub-total	847,022.20	794,000.00	203,194.41	821,000.00
Alberta				
Local 42-Alberta College of Art & Design	8,306.25	8,000.00		8,000.00
Local 21-University of Calgary graduate students	38,806.26	38,000.00		38,000.00
Sub-total	47,112.51	46,000.00	0.00	46,000.00
Saskatchewan				
Local 9-University of Regina	56,453.07	56,000.00	31,356.00	56,000.00
Local 90-First Nations University of Canada	2,000.00	5,000.00		2,000.00
Local 17-Uni. of Saskatchewan undergraduates	0.00	75,000.00		0.00
Local 101-Uni. of Saskatchewan graduate students	15,568.97	15,000.00		15,000.00
Sub-total	74,022.04	151,000.00	31,356.00	73,000.00
Manitoba				
Local 8-University of Winnipeg	69,759.51	69,000.00		69,000.00
Local 37-Brandon University	21,524.84	21,000.00	20,260.20	21,000.00
Local 38-College universitaire de Saint-Boniface	7,192.46	7,000.00	5,637.58	7,000.00
Local 96-University of Manitoba graduate students	24,291.31	23,500.00		23,500.00
Local 103-University of Manitoba undergraduates	158,046.84	157,000.00		157,000.00
Sub-total	280,814.96	277,500.00	25,897.78	277,500.00
Ontario				
Local 1-Carleton University undergraduates	140,131.43	138,000.00	105,274.82	135,000.00
Local 19-University of Toronto graduate students	84,660.80	78,000.00	51,189.53	82,000.00
Local 20-Nipissing University	25,300.90	24,000.00		24,000.00
Local 24-Ryerson University (full-time)	142,391.17	132,500.00	120,478.98	138,000.00
Local 25-Ontario College of Art and Design	21,171.38	21,000.00		21,000.00
Local 27-Queen's U. graduate & professional students	21,551.05	21,500.00		21,000.00
Local 28-York University (Atkinson)	15,250.00	15,250.00		15,000.00
Local 30-Laurentian University (eng. undergraduates)	36,000.00	28,500.00		35,000.00
Local 32-Lakehead University	48,051.04	44,000.00		46,000.00
Local 47-U. of Western Ontario graduate students	24,542.60	23,500.00		24,000.00
Local 48-University of Windsor graduate students	9,652.17	9,000.00		9,000.00
Local 49-University of Windsor f/t undergraduates	88,524.22	88,000.00		87,500.00
Local 54-University of Guelph undergraduates	117,052.50	115,000.00	57,898.10	115,000.00
Local 56-Wilfrid Laurier University graduate students	4,365.00	4,000.00		4,000.00
Local 62-University of Guelph graduate students	13,978.56	13,000.00		13,000.00

Local 68-York University undergraduates	220,866.79	200,000.00		215,000.00
Local 71-Trent University undergraduates	45,887.25	45,000.00	23,428.54	45,000.00
Local 78-Carleton University graduate students	21,889.16	20,000.00		21,000.00
Local 82-Algoma University	7,182.00	6,150.00		6,000.00
Local 84-York University graduate students	29,766.89	27,000.00		28,000.00
Local 85-Saint-Paul University	3,663.74	3,500.00		3,500.00
Local 88-Université Laurentienne (fr. undergraduates)	6,202.50	6,000.00		6,000.00
Local 92-George Brown College	98,828.94	86,000.00		93,000.00
Local 93-Glendon College	12,716.19	12,000.00		12,000.00
Local 94-University of Ottawagraduate students	34,840.32	29,000.00		32,000.00
Local 97-University of Toronto p/t undergraduates	37,784.67	35,000.00		35,000.00
Local 98-University of Toronto f/t undergraduates	332,772.30	310,000.00	179,612.94	320,000.00
Local 99-University of Toronto (Scarborough)	76,718.72	68,000.00		75,000.00
Local 102-Brock University graduate students	6,582.16	6,000.00		6,000.00
Local 104-Laurentian University p/t undergraduates	7,844.71	7,000.00		7,000.00
Local 105-Ryerson University p/t students	-	15,000.00		15,000.00
Local 106-University of Windsor p/t undergraduates	-	10,000.00		10,000.00
Sub-total	1,736,169.16	1,640,900.00	537,882.91	1,699,000.00
Québec				
Local 79-McGill University graduate students	42,732.83	42,000.00	22,136.00	42,000.00
Local 83-Concordia University graduates	32,115.80	32,000.00		32,000.00
Local 91-Concordia University undergraduates	89,743.67	86,000.00		88,000.00
Students' Society of McGill University	7,018.69	0.00		0.00
Sub-total	171,610.99	160,000.00	22,136.00	162,000.00
New Brunswick				
Local 67-U. of New Brunswick graduate students	8,452.13	5,000.00		7,500.00
Sub-total	8,452.13	5,000.00	0.00	7,500.00
Prince Edward Island				
Local 31-University of PEI undergraduates	24,000.00	24,000.00		24,000.00
Local 63-Holland College	2,100.00	2,100.00		2,100.00
Local 70-University of PEI graduate students	500.00	500.00		500.00
Sub-total	26,600.00	26,600.00	0.00	26,600.00
Nova Scotia				
Local 7-Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	7,365.47	6,500.00	3,470.47	6,500.00
Local 11-University of King's College	8,257.50	8,000.00	4,373.66	8,000.00
Local 34-Mount Saint Vincent University	8,551.50	16,000.00		16,000.00
Local 69-Université Sainte-Anne	2,813.43	2,500.00	1,534.43	2,500.00
Local 95-Cape Breton University	14,332.50	16,000.00		14,000.00
Sub-total	41,320.40	69,000.00	9,378.56	47,000.00
Newfoundland and Labrador				
Local 35-Memorial University undergraduates	87,943.59	87,000.00		87,000.00
Local 36-Grenfell College	9,322.50	9,000.00		9,000.00
Local 45-Marine Institute	4,477.50	4,400.00		4,400.00
Local 46-College of the North Atlantic	66,592.00	55,000.00	38,448.00	60,000.00
Local 100-Memorial University graduate students	16,242.02	17,000.00		16,000.00
Sub-total	184,577.61	172,400.00	38,448.00	176,400.00
Total Gross Membership Fee Revenue	3,417,702.00	3,342,400.00	868,293.65	3,336,000.00
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(382,739.29)	(273,100.00)		(220,200.00)
Recovered Membership Fees from Previous Years	129,227.76			
Total Net Membership Fee Revenue	3,164,190.46	3,069,300.00	868,293.65	3,115,800.00

SCHEDULE 2 – Interest and Investments

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Investment Portfolio	80,409.26	78,500.00	28,991.00	55,000.00
Investment Savings Account	27,127.43	0.00	377.52	1,150.00
Security Deposit (VISA)	145.83	1,500.00	552.33	1,750.00
Sub-total	107,682.52	80,000.00	29,920.85	57,900.00
EXPENSES				
Portfolio management fees	17,579.17	16,000.00	4,392.00	18,000.00
Sub-total	17,579.17	16,000.00	4,392.00	18,000.00
TOTAL NET REVENUE/(EXPENSES)	90,103.35	64,000.00	25,528.85	39,900.00

SCHEDULE 3 – National Student Health Network

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Administrative Fees	358,541.86	300,000.00	0.00	360,000.00
Sub-total	358,541.86	300,000.00	0.00	360,000.00
EXPENSES				
Administration and Office				
Amortisation	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Equipment and Supplies	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Office Supplies and Equipment	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Printing	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
Professional Fees	19,473.41	5,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Rent	15,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Telephone/Fax/Internet	720.31	6,000.00	812.72	6,000.00
Sub-total	35,193.72	35,250.00	812.72	33,250.00
Refund Processing				
Bank Charges	2,077.40	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Supplies (cheques, envelopes, forms, etc.)	1,173.11	5,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Cheque Issuing	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Postage and Shipping	1,721.84	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Sub-total	4,972.35	23,000.00	0.00	22,000.00
Network Service and Development				
Accommodation	111.57	500.00	0.00	500.00
Materials	2,353.15	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Per Diems	280.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Printing	46,265.77	10,000.00	44,898.90	10,000.00
Travel	4,095.81	5,500.00	73.14	5,500.00
Network Membership Meetings	6,676.29	10,000.00	394.68	10,000.00
Website	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Preferred Provider Network Development	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Other	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Sub-total	59,782.59	54,750.00	45,366.72	54,750.00
National Executive Meetings				
Accommodation	327.23	1,100.00	188.59	1,100.00
Per Diems	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00
Travel	325.60	2,000.00	287.97	2,000.00
Sub-total	652.83	3,900.00	476.56	3,900.00
National General Meetings				
Accommodation		1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Meals	200.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Travel	1,451.73	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
Sub-total	1,651.73	3,100.00	0.00	3,100.00
Network Staffing				
Wages and Benefits	174,678.65	155,000.00	65,981.60	170,000.00
Sub-total	174,678.65	155,000.00	65,981.60	170,000.00
Total Expenses	276,931.87	275,000.00	112,637.60	287,000.00
TOTAL NET REVENUE/(EXPENSES)	81,609.99	25,000.00	(112,637.60)	73,000.00

SCHEDULE 4 – Student Work Abroad Programme (SWAP)

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Gross Sales	2,206,871.00	2,300,000.00	791,460.00	2,250,000.00
Cost of Sales	(990,793.00)	(1,100,000.00)	(584,958.00)	(1,035,000.00)
Gross Income	1,216,078.00	1,200,000.00	206,502.00	1,215,000.00
Commission	(220,687.00)	(230,000.00)	(79,146.00)	(230,000.00)
Other Income	32,601.00	20,000.00	4,455.00	20,000.00
Total Income	1,027,992.00	990,000.00	131,811.00	1,005,000.00
EXPENSE				
Accounting	3,728.00	4,500.00	2,630.00	4,500.00
Administration and Office	50,942.00	45,000.00	12,995.00	45,000.00
Advertising and Promotion	191,750.00	220,000.00	58,457.00	220,000.00
Amortization and Depreciation	13,866.00	9,000.00	5,795.00	9,000.00
Bad Debt	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Communications	102,930.00	110,000.00	16,909.00	110,000.00
Computer/Equipment Rental	4,827.00	5,300.00	0.00	5,300.00
Conferences and Memberships	2,770.00	4,500.00	1,892.00	4,500.00
Office Rent	100,281.00	103,000.00	36,904.00	103,000.00
Professional Fees	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Other	2,597.00	2,000.00	1,213.00	2,000.00
Taxes and Licenses	1,063.00	1,200.00	25.00	1,200.00
Travel	18,798.00	20,000.00	3,608.00	20,000.00
Wages and Benefits	407,458.00	403,000.00	128,239.00	403,000.00
Total	901,010.00	930,000.00	268,667.00	930,000.00
TOTAL NET REVENUE/(EXPENSE)	126,982.00	60,000.00	(136,856.00)	75,000.00

SCHEDULE 5 – Administration

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
Office Expenses				
Equipment Lease & Maintenance	1,344.13	1,500.00	551.31	1,500.00
Equipment and Supplies	4,148.83	5,000.00	407.45	5,000.00
Insurance – Liability	3,825.36	4,000.00	4,206.60	4,000.00
Postage and Courier	1,139.75	3,000.00	1,156.56	3,000.00
Software	54.95	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Sub-total	10,513.02	17,000.00	6,321.92	17,000.00
Administration				
Wages and Benefits	103,243.69	130,000.00	51,325.85	155,000.00
Accounting Service	704.90	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Payroll Service	3,431.25	3,000.00	811.82	3,000.00
Sub-total	107,379.84	138,000.00	52,137.67	163,000.00
TOTAL	117,892.86	155,000.00	58,459.59	180,000.00

SCHEDULE 6 – Building Operations

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Rent, Suite 1A	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	33,000.00
Rent, Suite 3A	0.00	0.00	8,400.00	23,100.00
Rent, Suite 2B (4 months only)	0.00	0.00	8,226.68	8,226.68
Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	33,626.68	69,326.68
EXPENSES				
Operations				
Electricity	0.00	0.00	1,313.51	3,650.00
Gas	0.00	0.00	253.58	700.00
Water/Sewage	0.00	0.00	262.15	725.00
Insurance – Property and Casualty	0.00	0.00	492.48	5,500.00
Cleaning and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	1,355.00	7,500.00
Realty Tax	0.00	0.00	34.00	32,660.00
Sub-total	0.00	0.00	1,881.48	45,660.00
Professional Fees				
Legal, Engineering and Architectural Fees	0.00	0.00	55,846.05	105,000.00
Sub-total	0.00	0.00	55,846.05	105,000.00
Total Expenses	0.00	0.00	57,727.53	150,660.00
TOTAL NET EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	24,100.85	81,333.32

SCHEDULE 7 – Campaigns and Government Relations

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
Campaigns Strategy				
Campaigns	262,163.35	315,000.00	129,289.52	315,000.00
Constitutional Challenge	0.00	0.00	2,974.61	0.00
Campaign Donations	1,500.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Sub-total	263,663.35	320,000.00	132,264.13	320,000.00
Media Strategy				
Other	20,620.76	40,000.00	1,918.07	40,000.00
Sub-total	20,620.76	40,000.00	1,918.07	40,000.00
Campaigns Staff				
Wages and Benefits	92,662.47	115,000.00	42,511.98	115,000.00
Sub-total	92,662.47	115,000.00	42,511.98	115,000.00
TOTAL NET EXPENSES	376,946.58	475,000.00	176,694.18	475,000.00

SCHEDULE 8 – Campaigns and Government Relations – Research

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
Research Documents				
Publications	75.27	500.00	0.00	500.00
Subscriptions	1,027.20	1,350.00	706.66	1,350.00
Polling	22,686.65	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
Miscellaneous	5,020.00	150.00	225.00	300.00
Sub-total	28,809.12	27,000.00	931.66	27,150.00
Travel				
Accommodation, Per Diem and Travel	588.39	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Sub-total	588.39	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Research Staff				
Wages and Benefits	58,614.10	115,000.00	27,382.93	115,000.00
Savings due to vacancy				(25,000.00)
Sub-total	58,614.10	115,000.00	27,382.93	90,000.00
TOTAL	88,011.61	147,000.00	28,314.59	122,150.00

SCHEDULE 9 – Caucus and Provincial Allocations and Subsidies

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
British Columbia Locals				
Per Member Allocation	139,670.37	130,833.33	33,865.74	135,333.33
Sub-total	139,670.37	132,333.33		135,333.33
Graduate Student Locals				
Per Member Allocation/Spending	66,529.98	94,270.00	17,582.13	96,580.00
Sub-total	66,529.98	94,270.00		96,580.00
Newfoundland and Labrador Locals				
Wages and Benefits	40,209.55	58,000.00	7,065.18	58,000.00
Savings due to vacancy				(9,500.00)
Sub-total	40,209.55	58,000.00		48,500.00
Maritime Locals				
Fieldworking				
Accommodation	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Per Diem	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
Travel	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	651.33	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sub-total	651.33	3,400.00		3,400.00
Staff				
Wages and Benefits	54,400.03	58,000.00	3,949.56	58,000.00
Savings due to vacancy				(25,000.00)
Sub-total	54,400.03	68,620.00		33,000.00
Sub-total (Total Maritime)	55,051.36	72,020.00		36,400.00
Ontario Locals				
Per member allocation	286,819.86	270,941.67	89,647.15	280,666.67
Sub-total	286,819.86	255,416.67	89,647.15	280,666.67
Prairie Locals				
Fieldworking				
Accommodation	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Per Diem	240.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Travel	460.08	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Sub-total	700.08	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
General				
Office Expense	822.36	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
Miscellaneous	605.99	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Sub-total	1,428.35	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
Staff				
Wages and Benefits	96,111.63	115,000.00	25,045.33	115,000.00
Savings due to vacancy				(20,000.00)
Sub-total	96,111.63	115,000.00	25,045.33	95,000.00
Sub-total (Total Prairies)	98,240.06	131,000.00		111,000.00
Québec Locals				
Per Member Allocation	28,601.83	26,666.67	3,689.33	27,000.00
Sub-total	28,601.83	26,666.67	3,689.33	27,000.00
TOTAL	715,123.01	769,706.67	93,336.49	735,480.00

SCHEDULE 10 – Communications

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
General Communications				
Cable Service	613.07	600.00	211.96	600.00
ISP, E-mail, and Listserves	5,364.24	6,300.00	2,379.70	6,300.00
Photocopying	9,894.94	12,500.00	7,016.32	12,500.00
Telephone, Facsimile, etc.	11,721.87	14,000.00	3,618.33	14,000.00
Other	1,112.60	1,000.00	573.99	1,000.00
Sub-total	28,706.72	34,400.00	13,800.30	34,400.00
Membership Awareness Strategy				
Handbook and Communications Kit	51,047.53	85,000.00	55,945.79	85,000.00
Website Service	47,214.37	50,000.00	22,057.49	50,000.00
Website	7,751.25	15,000.00	424.00	15,000.00
Sub-total	106,013.15	150,000.00	78,427.28	150,000.00
TOTAL	134,719.87	184,400.00	92,227.58	184,400.00

SCHEDULE 11 – General Meetings, Annual (November)

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Fees – Delegates and Observers	104,025.00	100,700.00		109,250.00
Less "Free" First Delegate				(27,500.00)
Less the Small Budget Member's Subsidy	(7,401.87)	(8,000.00)		(9,500.00)
Total Revenues	96,623.13	87,200.00	0.00	72,250.00
EXPENSES				
Accommodation				
Accommodation – Delegates and Observers	46,450.68	55,000.00	35,000.00	50,000.00
Accommodation – National Executive	3,131.51	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Accommodation – Staff (Regular)	2,087.67	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Accommodation – Staff (General Meeting Staff)	521.92	750.00	0.00	750.00
Sub-total	52,191.78	61,750.00	35,000.00	56,750.00
Childcare				
Childcare – Delegates	135.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Childcare – Executive	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Childcare – Staff	1,347.84	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sub-total	1,482.84	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Meals and Per Diems				
Meals – Delegates	61,610.45	50,000.00	35,000.00	60,000.00
Meals – National Executive	3,702.66	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Meals – Staff (Regular)	2,777.01	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Meals – Staff (General Meeting)	462.83	400.00	0.00	400.00
Sub-total	68,552.95	56,900.00	35,000.00	66,900.00
Travel – Delegates				
Travel Pool Fees	(84,023.52)	(81,620.00)		(88,550.00)
Less "Free" First Delegate				22,500.00
Travel Costs	85,857.09	96,620.00		95,500.00
Subsidy of Smaller Members/Components	5,813.53	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
Sub-total	7,647.10	56,900.00	0.00	36,450.00
Travel – Executive and Staff				
Travel – Executive	2,372.75	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Travel – Staff	3,467.13	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Travel – Staff (General Meeting Staff)	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sub-total	5,839.88	29,500.00	0.00	50,950.00
Equipment Rental				
Room and Equipment Rental	174.47	300.00	0.00	300.00
Vehicle Rental and Gas	640.15	750.00	0.00	750.00
Sub-total	814.62	1,050.00		1,050.00
General Meeting Staff				
Harassment Advisors – Wages & Travel	2,250.00	2,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Plenary Speakers- Wages & Travel	600.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Sub-total	2,850.00	3,500.00		2,500.00
Translation & Interpretation				
Simultaneous Interpretation	17,400.17	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
Contract Translation	11,744.61	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
Other	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Sub-total	29,144.78	30,300.00	0.00	30,300.00
Other				
Guest Speakers – Fees, Travel, Accommodation, etc.	1,735.02	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Materials/Postage/Printing	14,147.05	12,000.00	3,625.01	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sub-total	15,882.07	15,500.00	3,625.01	15,500.00
Total Expenses	184,406.02	202,000.00	73,625.01	227,450.00
TOTAL NET EXPENSE	87,782.89	114,800.00	73,625.01	155,200.00

SCHEDULE 12 – General Meetings, Semi-annual (May)

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Fees – Delegates and Observers	114,950.00	100,700.00		109,250.00
Less "Free" First Delegate				(27,500.00)
Less the Small Budget Member's Subsidy	(7,586.55)	(8,000.00)		(9,500.00)
Total Revenues	107,363.45	87,200.00	0.00	72,250.00
EXPENSES				
Accommodation				
Accommodation – Delegates and Observers	52,712.75	55,000.00	35,000.00	55,000.00
Accommodation – National Executive	2,316.22	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Accommodation – Staff (Regular)	1,943.31	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Accommodation – Staff (General Meeting Staff)	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
Sub-total	56,972.28	61,750.00	35,000.00	61,750.00
Childcare				
Childcare – Delegates	1,580.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Childcare – Executive	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Childcare – Staff	570.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sub-total	2,150.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Meals and Per Diems				
Meals – Delegates	33,642.15	50,000.00	35,000.00	37,500.00
Meals – National Executive	1,255.72	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Meals – Staff (Regular)	1,535.36	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Meals – Staff (General Meeting)	23.23	400.00	0.00	400.00
Sub-total	36,456.46	56,900.00	35,000.00	44,400.00
Travel – Delegates				
Travel Pool Fees	(90,860.00)	(81,620.00)		(88,550.00)
Less "Free" First Delegate				22,500.00
Travel Costs	99,303.14	96,620.00		97,500.00
Subsidy of Smaller Members/Components	5,994.34	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
Sub-total	14,437.48	56,900.00	0.00	38,450.00
Travel – Executive and Staff				
Travel – Executive	3,041.88	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Travel – Staff	1,268.77	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Travel – Staff (General Meeting Staff)	481.46	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sub-total	4,792.11	29,500.00	0.00	52,950.00
Equipment Rental				
Room and Equipment Rental	4,326.35	300.00	0.00	4,500.00
Vehicle Rental and Gas	1,119.38	750.00	0.00	950.00
Sub-total	5,445.73	1,050.00		5,450.00
General Meeting Staff				
Harassment Advisors – Wages & Travel	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,000.00
Plenary Speaker – Wages & Travel	600.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Sub-total	600.00	3,500.00		3,000.00
Translation & Interpretation				
Simultaneous Interpretation	16,265.70	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
Contract Translation	10,079.84	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
Other	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Sub-total	26,345.54	30,300.00	0.00	30,300.00
Other				
Guest Speakers – Fees, Travel, Accommodation, etc.	481.46	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Materials/Postage/Printing	14,490.98	12,000.00	3,625.01	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	3,494.38	500.00	0.00	500.00
Sub-total	18,466.82	15,500.00	3,625.01	15,500.00
Total Expenses	165,666.42	202,000.00	73,625.01	216,850.00
TOTAL NET EXPENSE	58,302.97	114,800.00	73,625.01	144,600.00

SCHEDULE 13 – ISIC/Studentsaver Program

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Gross Sales of ISI Cards	983,071.64	1,091,493.95	187,791.00	950,000.00
Cost of Sales	(146,600.79)	(172,661.85)	(29,994.24)	(145,000.00)
Commission to Travel CUTS	(318,702.00)	(363,389.25)	(68,088.00)	(309,000.00)
Net Sales	517,768.85	555,442.85	89,708.76	496,000.00
ISTC Card Purchase Rebates / ISICConnect	89,897.15	63,571.15		60,392.59
Sub-Total	607,666.00	619,014.00	89,708.76	556,392.59
EXPENSES				
Administration and Promotion				
ISICs for Members and Voided ISICs	174,810.18	185,000.00	19,710.00	175,000.00
CUTS Administrative Costs	122,420.00	125,000.00	28,373.00	125,000.00
CUTS Advertising and Promotion, ISIC	90,225.00	110,000.00	6,528.00	95,000.00
Depreciation		1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Discount Solicitation – Honoraria/Material/Travel	16,362.99	20,000.00	82.60	20,000.00
Discount Solicitation – Courier & Postage	1,160.95	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Discount Guidebook – Printing	233,907.88	215,000.00	173,878.07	215,000.00
Discount Guidebook – Courier & Postage	709.06	1,500.00	6,358.29	6,500.00
Equipment and Supplies	1,058.98	1,500.00	34.92	1,500.00
ISIC Postage and Courier	1,900.79	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Other	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Per Diems	30.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Printing and Promotion	2,228.70	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Software development and upgrading	635.36	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Student Phones Promotion & Administration	13,173.33	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Telephone/Fax/Internet	576.72	500.00	0.00	500.00
Travel	3,137.54	500.00	23.00	500.00
Sub-total	662,337.48	684,250.00	234,987.88	664,250.00
Program Staff				
Wages and Benefits, and contracts	54,835.94	50,000.00	25,497.96	50,000.00
Sub-total	54,835.94	50,000.00	25,497.96	50,000.00
Reserve against inventory on hand at year-end				
Sub-total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	717,173.42	734,250.00	260,485.84	714,250.00
TOTAL NET EXPENSE	109,507.42	115,236.00	170,777.08	157,857.41

SCHEDULE 14 – Legal

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
Legal				
Corporate	60.00		0.00	
Fee Collection Issues	64,046.77		10,060.62	
General Contracts	0.00		0.00	
Trademarking	5,430.53		3,990.01	
Other	10,999.68		0.00	
Western USC et al vs. Travel CUTS et al	2,748.72		0.00	
Sub-total	83,285.70	75,000.00	14,050.63	75,000.00
TOTAL	83,285.70	75,000.00	14,050.63	75,000.00

SCHEDULE 15 – Membership Development/Outreach

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
Fieldworking				
Accommodation	87.60	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Per Diem	631.80	3,500.00	70.00	3,500.00
Materials	1,085.96	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Travel	7,736.52	25,000.00	1,772.10	25,000.00
Other	582.29	1,000.00	20.18	1,000.00
Sub-total	10,124.17	35,000.00	1,862.28	35,000.00
TOTAL	10,124.17	35,000.00	1,862.28	35,000.00

SCHEDULE 16 – National Executive Meetings

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
Accommodation				
Accommodation – Executive	8,014.55	12,000.00	2,263.08	12,000.00
Accommodation – Staff	2,542.12	5,000.00	1,603.00	5,000.00
Sub-total	10,556.67	17,000.00	3,866.08	17,000.00
Childcare				
Childcare – Executive	0.00	750.00	550.00	750.00
Childcare – Staff	1,270.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Sub-total	1,270.00	1,750.00	550.00	1,750.00
Meals & Per Diems				
Per Diems – Executive	4,890.00	5,200.00	1,515.00	5,200.00
Per Diems – Staff (Regional Offices)	3,750.00	5,000.00	1,280.00	5,000.00
Sub-total	8,640.00	10,200.00	2,795.00	10,200.00
Meeting Rooms & Equipment Rental				
Meeting Rooms	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Equipment, Materials and Supplies	255.30	1,000.00	1,163.56	1,000.00
Sub-total	255.30	1,250.00	1,163.56	1,250.00
Travel				
Travel – Executive	16,383.46	28,000.00	9,081.33	24,000.00
Travel – Staff (Regional Offices)	7,613.70	10,500.00	4,064.08	8,500.00
Sub-total	23,977.16	38,500.00	13,145.41	32,500.00
TOTAL	44,699.13	68,700.00	21,520.05	62,700.00

SCHEDULE 17 – National Executive Member Salaries

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
National Chairperson				
Salary and Employer Contributions	41,224.16	42,840.00	16,146.80	42,840.00
Health Benefits	1,824.96	1,400.00	792.70	2,000.00
Sub-total	43,049.12	44,240.00	16,939.50	44,840.00
National Deputy Chairperson				
Salary and Employer Contributions	41,224.16	42,840.00	16,146.80	42,840.00
Health Benefits	1,824.96	1,400.00	792.70	2,000.00
Sub-total	43,049.12	44,240.00	16,939.50	44,840.00
National Treasurer				
Salary and Employer Contributions	41,224.16	42,840.00	16,146.60	42,840.00
Health Benefits	1,824.96	1,400.00	792.70	2,000.00
Sub-total	43,049.12	44,240.00	16,939.30	44,840.00
Transition				
Salary and Employer Contributions	12,435.59	6,000.00	1,586.16	12,000.00
Health Benefits	306.46	300.00	158.54	600.00
Moving Expenses	4,204.86	2,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Sub-total	16,946.91	8,300.00	1,744.70	16,600.00
TOTAL	146,094.27	141,020.00	52,563.00	151,120.00

SCHEDULE 18 – Office Rent

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
Office Rent and Related Costs				
Base Rent	75,887.52	75,888.00	37,943.76	75,888.00
Operating Costs	75,875.88	76,600.00	38,279.95	76,600.00
Office Security – Ottawa Office	456.38	500.00	255.43	900.00
Insurance – Ottawa Office	1,395.36	1,700.00		2,440.00
Sub-total	153,615.14	154,688.00	76,479.14	155,828.00
TOTAL	153,615.14	154,688.00	76,479.14	155,828.00

SCHEDULE 19 – Students' Union Directory

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
REVENUE				
Sale of Directories	10,011.10	10,000.00	6,450.20	8,500.00
Sub-Total	10,011.10	10,000.00	6,450.20	8,500.00
EXPENSES				
Production Contract	22,645.68	18,000.00	17,830.00	18,000.00
Printing	14,198.70	14,000.00	14,193.40	14,000.00
Courier and Postage	2,221.57	2,500.00	139.96	2,500.00
Other	179.16	150.00	0.00	150.00
Sub-total	39,245.11	34,650.00	32,163.36	34,650.00
Total Net Expense	29,234.01	24,650.00	25,713.16	26,150.00

SCHEDULE 20 – DESIGNATED FUNDS

	2006-2007 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 YEAR-TO-DATE	2007-2008 REVISED BUDGET (Final Draft)
Bilingualism Fund				
Beginning of the year	19,670.00	19,670.00		19,670.00
Transfer from non-designated funds	0.00	0.00		0.00
Disbursements	0.00	0.00		0.00
Fund, end of year	19,670.00	19,670.00		19,670.00
Capital Fund				
Beginning of the year	1,200,000.00	1,375,000.00		1,375,000.00
Transfer from non-designated funds	175,000.00	150,000.00		150,000.00
Disbursements				(1,141,932.50)
Fund, end of year	1,375,000.00	1,525,000.00		383,067.50
Constitutional Challenge Fund				
Beginning of the year	15,000.00	15,000.00		15,000.00
Transfer from non-designated funds	0.00	0.00		0.00
Disbursements	0.00	15,000.00		(15,000.00)
Fund, end of year	15,000.00	0.00		0.00
Kevin Coleman Student Rights Defense Fund				
Beginning of the year	22,885.15	27,885.15		27,885.15
Transfer from non-designated funds	5,000.00	20,000.00		20,000.00
Disbursements	0.00	0.00		0.00
Fund, end of year	27,885.15	47,885.15		47,885.15
Federal Campaigns Election Fund				
Beginning of the year	75,000.00	100,000.00		100,000.00
Transfer from non-designated funds	25,000.00	25,000.00		25,000.00
Disbursements	0.00	0.00		0.00
Fund, end of year	100,000.00	125,000.00		125,000.00
Legal Defense Fund				
Beginning of the year	181,227.00	181,227.00		181,227.00
Transfer from non-designated funds	0.00	0.00		0.00
Disbursements	0.00	0.00		0.00
Fund, end of year	181,227.00	181,227.00		181,227.00
Membership Drives and Referenda				
Beginning of the year	80,000.00	95,000.00		95,000.00
Transfer from non-designated funds	15,000.00	15,000.00		15,000.00
Disbursements	0.00	0.00		0.00
Fund, end of year	95,000.00	110,000.00		110,000.00
NGM Students with Disabilities Access Fund				
Beginning of the year	55,000.00	60,000.00		60,000.00
Transfer from non-designated funds	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
Disbursements				
Fund, end of year	60,000.00	65,000.00		65,000.00
Total Designated Funds				
Beginning of the year	1,648,782.00	1,873,782.00		1,873,782.15
Transfer from non-designated funds	225,000.00	215,000.00		215,000.00
Disbursements	0.00	15,000.00		(1,156,932.50)
Fund, end of year	1,873,782.00	2,103,782.15		931,849.65

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AGENDA

Campaigns and Government Relations Forum

November 2007 National General Meeting

DAY ONE

1. PREPARATION FOR FORUM DELIBERATIONS

- a. Roundtable Introductions
- b. Review of the Forum Agenda

2. REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2007-2008 CAMPAIGN STRATEGY

a. Presentations by Coalition Partners

The 2007-2008 Campaign Strategy includes a campaign for environmental sustainability. The themes of cutting emissions, reducing waste, and stopping the commodification of water guide the current campaign. The Federation has partnered with the Polaris Institute and the Sierra Youth Coalition (SYC) to strengthen the campaign and build additional ties to the environmental movement. Anjali Helferty of the SYC and Zoe Maggio of the Polaris Institute will give brief introductions to the work undertaken by their respective organisations on these issues.

b. 2007-2008 Campaigns Discussion

The committee will review the Campaign Strategy and discuss its implementation over the next six months.

DAY TWO

3. PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT FEDERAL ELECTION

In a minority parliament, elections can be triggered with very little notice. The Committee will discuss preparations for a potential federal election in spring 2008.

4. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

The following motions will likely be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum by the opening plenary:

2007/11:N04 MOTION

Be it resolved that a comprehensive research paper be prepared outlining the deficiencies in the student financial assistance system nationally and articulating the Federation's vision for student financial assistance.

2007/11:N05 MOTION

Local 84/

Whereas youth voter turnout is generally lower than that of the rest of the population;

Whereas in the 2007 Ontario Election Elections Ontario ensured there were enumeration tables and polling locations at every college and university campus in Ontario with residences;

Whereas Elections Ontario produced materials clearly communicating to students their right to declare their school address as their ordinary residence;

Whereas Elections Ontario recognised institutional student identity cards as proof of identification;

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Whereas Elections Ontario recognised government-issued student loan documents and institutional communication as proof of residence;

Whereas Elections Ontario hired "Youth Outreach Officers" for every riding with a college or university campus and adopted an on-campus youth outreach strategy;

Whereas this represents a commitment to encouraging youth voter-turnout in provincial elections; and

Whereas in the 2007 Ontario Election voter turnout in ridings with university and college campuses was generally higher than the provincial average; therefore

Be it resolved that, in anticipation of the next Federal election, Elections Canada be lobbied to ensure that:

- enumeration tables are setup at every college and university campus in Canada
- polling locations are setup at every college and university campus in Canada where residences are present
- one day of advanced polling take place with polling locations setup at every college and university campus in Canada where residences are present
- materials are produced clearly communicating to students their right to declare their school address as their ordinary residence
- institutional student identity cards with a signature are recognised as proof of identification
- government-issued student loan documents and institutional communication are recognised as proof of address
- "Youth Outreach Officers" are hired for every riding with a college or university campus and adopt an on-campus youth outreach strategy in conjunction with the local students' union

Be it further resolved that member local representatives be encouraged to write to The Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, Marc Mayrand, showing their support for such initiatives.

2007/11:N07

MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas since taking office, the Harper government has clearly stated its position for a reduced role of the federal government in provincial matters;

Whereas the throne speech identified the introduction of "legislation to place formal limits on the use of federal spending power for new shared-cost programs in areas of exclusive provincial jurisdiction" as a priority of the current government;

Whereas post-secondary education is defined by the Canadian Constitution as an area of provincial jurisdiction;

Whereas previous federal governments have made clear that post-secondary education is an area of sole provincial jurisdiction;

Whereas the federal government has always played and should continue to play an important role in providing funding for post-secondary education through provincial transfer payments; and
Whereas the federal government has always played and should continue to play an important role in providing financial assistance for post-secondary students; and

Whereas the federation has long believed that the provision of high-quality, affordable post-secondary education is the responsibility of all levels of government; therefore

Be it resolved that the federal government be lobbied on the importance of a federal role in providing high-quality and affordable post-secondary education in Canada;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to emphasize the need for a federal role in post-secondary education to Members of Parliament; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby local Members of Parliament to support Bill C-398, the Post-Secondary Education Act.

2007/11:N08

MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the 2007 federal budget increased funding to the Canada Social Transfer; and

Whereas \$800 million was announced as "earmarked" for post-secondary education; and

Whereas there is no guarantee that the money "earmarked" in the budget may actually be spent by provincial governments on post-secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby provincial governments to commit to spending the increased funding announced in the 2007 federal budget on post-secondary education, and more specifically on reducing tuition fees and increasing access to and the quality of post-secondary institutions; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Council of Ministers of Education Canada and the Council of the Federation urging provincial governments to spend the increased funding on post-secondary education.

2007/11:N13

MOTION

Local 24/

Whereas student union solidarity was critical in the dismantling of the South African apartheid system; and

Whereas there is a growing international movement declaring Israel an Apartheid State; and

Whereas Palestinian students are unable to access post-secondary education as a result of the Israeli military occupation and Israel's apartheid policies; and

Whereas current Federation policies encourage members to boycott the goods and services of corporations, institutions, government, political jurisdictions and individuals which have discriminatory practices or are engaged in human rights abuses or injustices; and

Whereas on July 9th 2005, the Palestinian Civil Society called for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel until it complies with international law and universal principles of human rights; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation create a task force to research the feasibility of a boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign;

Be it further resolved that locals be encouraged to file FIPPA requests at their respective institutions to determine ties to Israeli institutions and organizations; and

Be it further resolved that the committee that will research the feasibility of a boycott of Israel report back with recommendations to the May 2008 National meeting.

*objection
to
consideration
in
opening
plenary*

2007/11:N14

MOTION

Local 68/

Whereas the Federation has typically run a Vote Education campaign during federal elections; and

Whereas the Federation's election campaign includes an analysis of Party platforms; and

Whereas there could be a federal election within the next six months; and

Whereas political parties are still working on platform policy to be included in an upcoming federal election; and

Whereas the Liberal Party proposed a generous grants program in their election platform in 2006 but neglected to mention increased funding; and

Whereas the Conservative Party made no commitments to increasing student financial aid for students; and

Whereas the New Democratic Party committed to creating a Post-Secondary Education Act if elected; and

Whereas it is important for the Federation to put forward suggestions for party platform policy rather than simply respond to them; therefore

Be it resolved a letter be sent to parties represented in the House of Commons summarizing the electoral promises that comprised party platforms on post-secondary education from the last federal election, and recommendations for parties to include in their platforms in an upcoming election; and

Be it further resolved that federal parties be lobbied to include Federation campaign goals in their party platforms for post-secondary education.

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2007/11:N23 MOTION

Local 1/

Be it resolved that additional coalition partners be sought, including but not limited to other organizations that claim to represent students, for the campaign to replace the Millennium Scholarship Foundation with a national system of need-based grants.

2007/11:N24 MOTION

Local 1/

Whereas the Conservative government announced a review of the Canada Student Loans Program in the 2007 federal budget;

Whereas the department of Human Resources and Social Development Canada has been conducting a review over the summer; and

Whereas the results of the review are rumoured to be announced in the next federal budget; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to meet with provincial student aid branches and communicate the Federation's goals for a national system of needs-based grants.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Need-based Grants

Background

In Canada, more than half of all post-secondary students require some financial assistance. Three-quarters of those receiving student loans believe they would be unable to participate in higher education without this assistance. A national system of need-based grants would reduce daunting levels of student debt and improve access to universities and colleges.

In 1998, the federal government belatedly acknowledged the student debt crisis by creating the Millennium Scholarship Foundation (MSF). The Foundation was endowed with \$2.5 billion to disburse by 2008.

Regrettably, the Foundation has proven to be a public relations stunt and, under the guise of "research", has downplayed the effects of higher tuition fees and higher student debt on access to post-secondary education.

As a result of the Foundation's politicised research projects and failure to provide student financial assistance, the Federation has adopted a campaign to lobby for the MSF to be replaced with a national system of need-based grants.

In the 2007 federal budget, the government reannounced a review of the Canada Student Loans Program. It is anticipated that the review will be fully underway by summer 2007, and the Federation has been invited to make a submission.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to replace the Millennium Scholarship Foundation with a national system of need-based grants.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will continue to undertake research on the detrimental effects of student debt on access to public post-secondary education, as well as on the economic and social consequences of indebting post-secondary graduates. The Federation will release a comprehensive paper that articulates a vision for administering and financing a national system of need-based grants.

Government Relations: By coordinating an intensive lobbying session in fall 2007, the Federation will lobby federal decision-makers to implement a national system of need-based grants that is accessible to both full- and part-time students. Member locals will be encouraged to meet with their local Members of Parliament to discuss replacing the Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

The Federation will continue to work with MPs from all parties to introduce private member legislation that seeks to improve affordability and reduce student debt.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will develop a centrally coordinated communications strategy that calls public attention to the impact of high tuition fees on access to post-secondary education. Member locals will be provided with template news releases and sample opinion articles for submission to campus and local newspapers.

Membership Mobilisation: The Federation will prepare and assist member locals with the implementation of a comprehensive membership awareness strategy. The strategy will include the development of materials for distribution on campuses. Member locals will be encouraged to distribute materials at various events including welcome weeks and public forums.

Coalition Work: The Federation will continue to build widespread awareness and support among like-minded organisations about the need for a comprehensive national system of need-based grants.

Income Contingent Repayment

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to halt any government initiatives to implement Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment schemes.

Background

In 1955, the late U.S. economist Milton Friedman devised Income Contingent Student Loan Repayment Schemes (ICR) as a way of reducing the role of the state in financing education. Instead of public funding, Friedman proposed that tuition fees be full cost recovery. In order for students to pay for these vastly higher tuition fees, he proposed that they have access to larger loans and that repayment be based on an individual's level of income after graduation (i.e. income contingent).

More recently, former Ontario Premier Bob Rae and the editorial board at the Globe and Mail newspaper have called for the national implementation of ICR. Their vision of ICR flows directly from Friedman's founding premise that the individual should be responsible for all or most of the cost of post-secondary education.

The Conservative Party of Canada has long supported Income Contingent Repayment Schemes for the Canada Student Loan Program (CSLP).

However, during the 2006 federal election campaign, the Conservatives reversed their position in support of ICR at the urging of the Federation. In a letter to the Federation, a party representative confirmed that, if elected "the Conservative Party of Canada will not introduce a system of Income Contingent Repayment Loans".

Under an ICR scheme, graduates with lower earnings repay their loans over a longer period of time, while high-income graduates can pay off their loans more quickly, avoiding most compound interest payments. Conversely, the less one earns after graduation, the more one pays for one's education, thus compounding systemic economic inequalities in Canadian society. Where ICR models have been implemented in

other countries, tuition fees have risen dramatically. In fact, ICR schemes facilitate fee hikes and hasten government under-funding of education. Most models also replace loan plans that are interest-free during the period of study (such as the CSLP) with loans that collect interest from the moment they are disbursed.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will continue to monitor the effects of ICR schemes in those jurisdictions outside of Canada where they have been implemented.

Government Relations: The Federation will continue to lobby the federal government to expressly exclude ICR schemes from the CSLP. The Federation will also campaign to ensure that ICR schemes are not introduced in provincial budgets or in federal-provincial student loan harmonisation agreements.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will continue to raise awareness among the membership and the public about the dangers of ICR schemes through the distribution of its ICR fact sheet and other research documents to member locals, coalition partners, the media, and government officials.

Federal Funding

Background

For more than two decades, the Federation has called for the establishment of national standards for post-secondary education and research. The Federation proposes that a Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Research be established and that a Post-Secondary Education Act, modeled on the principles of the Canada Health Act, be implemented. In creating a Ministry, a dedicated transfer payment, and corresponding legislation, the federal government could establish a coherent and enforceable national vision for post-secondary education and research.

Since the introduction of the Canada Health and Social Transfer in 1996, accountability and transparency for federal post-secondary education transfers have diminished. The situation did not improve with the creation of the Canada Social Transfer in 2004. In fact, there are currently no federal standards to guide provincial post-secondary education spending.

During the 2006 federal election campaign, Stephen Harper's Conservatives promised to create a dedicated transfer payment for post-secondary education. In February 2006, a summit on post-secondary education and research organised by Canada's premiers called for the reinvestment of the \$4.9 billion that has been cut from annual federal transfers to the provinces since 1993.

The 2007 federal budget pledged to restore \$800 million to federal transfers for post-secondary education, beginning in 2008. Despite this welcomed investment, cash transfers for post-secondary education are still roughly one

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks:

- the restoration of federal funding for post-secondary education to 1993 levels [adjusted for population growth and inflation];
- a dedicated federal cash transfer payment for post-secondary education;
- a federal Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Research; and
- a Post-Secondary Education Act that establishes guidelines for quality and accessibility in post-secondary education and research that includes recognition of the needs of Québécois and Aboriginal students.

billion dollars short of 1992 levels when accounting for inflation and population growth.

In February 2007, MP Denise Savoie (Victoria) introduced a private members' bill with the goal of enacting a Canada Post-Secondary Education Act modeled, in large part, after a proposal developed by the Federation and the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT).

Implementation

Government Relations: The Federation will work with the CAUT to garner support among all parties for MP Savoie's private members' bill.

National Awareness and Media:

The Federation will implement a communications strategy drawing public attention to the impact of federal under-funding on the accessibility and quality of Canada's universities and colleges. The strategy will focus attention on Prime Minister Stephen Harper's promise to create a dedicated transfer payment for post-secondary education.

Membership Mobilisation: A template letter to Members of Parliament seeking support for increased federal funding and a Post-Secondary Education Act will be provided to member locals.

Tuition and Ancillary Fees

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks:

- the progressive reduction of tuition and ancillary fees at public post-secondary institutions across the country;
- to address the exclusion of marginalised groups from post-secondary education caused by rising tuition fees; and
- the elimination of differential fees for international students.

Background

The Federation has widespread public support for freezing and reducing tuition fees. Polling consistently shows that a strong majority of Canadians oppose tuition fee increases.

The Federation's efforts have resulted in tuition fee freezes in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador. The challenge for the Federation is to maintain the momentum towards lower tuition fees in provinces where freezes and reductions have been established and to create pressure

in other provinces to reverse recent increases.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will assemble a research document describing the negative impacts of financial barriers to post-secondary education. Information will be collected describing different systems of post-secondary education in countries where no tuition fees exist. In particular, the Federation will rebut the research disseminated by proponents of higher tuition fees

such as former Ontario Premier Bob Rae, the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, the Educational Policy Institute and others.

Government Relations: The Federation will continue to lobby for the restoration of federal transfer payments for post-secondary education in meetings with federal officials. The positive benefits of coupling federal reinvestment with legislation that calls for the reduction of tuition fees will be articulated to federal and provincial governments. The Federation will advocate for the elimination of differential fees for international students.

National Awareness and Media:

The Federation will develop and implement a communications plan that illustrates the need for a national strategy for tuition fee reductions. The Federation will also continue to expose the regional and provincial disparities in accessibility across the country.

Membership Mobilisation: The Federation will encourage member locals to continue to campaign for tuition fee reductions for both Canadian and international students.

Coalition Work: Member locals will be encouraged to solicit support for and tuition fee reductions through the continued development of local coalitions. Special effort will be undertaken to seek the support of professional associations.

International Trade in Public Services

Background

Federal funding cuts over the past twenty years have starved post-secondary institutions, paving the way to increased reliance on private funding. Private involvement in public education manifests itself in corporate funding for university capital projects, corporate interference in course curricula and research projects and, increasingly, business-model governance of universities and colleges. For example, many campus services are being out-sourced to private corporations with a greater interest in turning a profit than supporting the campus community and workers' rights.

The federal government has implemented an aggressive commercialisation agenda for university research. In order to qualify for most new federal university research funding, matching private sponsorship or demonstrated commercial potential are required. Such requirements severely inhibit universities' ability to perform research in the public interest while protecting academic freedom.

Public post-secondary education is also under pressure from the creeping privatisation inherent in trade liberalisation. International free trade agreements like the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) have one purpose: to expose

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks:

- to stop the encroachment of privatisation and commercialisation in post-secondary education; and
- to stop trade negotiations on post-secondary education and other public services.

public services to market forces. As a public service, post-secondary education is vulnerable to privatisation under certain trade clauses.

Implementation

Government Relations: The Federation will continue to lobby the federal government for increased public funding for the national research granting councils that is free of requirements for matched funding from the private sector.

The Federation will also lobby the federal government to refrain from negotiating education and other public services into the GATS.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will publicise the dangers of privatisation and commercialisation in public post-secondary education.

When cases of corporate interference or academic misconduct arise, the Federation will support, where feasible, cases with national significance.

Membership Mobilisation: Member locals are encouraged to continue to gather information about examples of privatisation and commercialisation on campus.

Member locals are also encouraged to promote an environment where researchers who feel their academic work is compromised by private interests can speak out without fear of retribution.

Coalition Work: The Federation will continue to build widespread awareness and support among like-minded organisations about how the GATS threatened public education.

Environmental Sustainability

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks:

- to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, stop privatisation, and uphold environmental sustainability; and
- to make campuses more environmentally sustainable.

Background

In recent years, the true impact of human activity on climate change has become obvious. Accordingly, environmental sustainability has become a top priority for Canadians, and polls reveal that they have high expectations for government action.

As with the peace and civil rights movements, students have played a critical role in the environmental movement for decades. Through organisations such as the Sierra Youth Coalition, students are mobilising across Canada to put climate change and other environmental issues on the political radar.

Campuses are microcosms of local and global societies. Government under-funding of universities and colleges has contributed to ecologically harmful practices on campus, including the privatisation of food services and research, as well as the commercialisation of public spaces.

The federal Conservative government

has rejected the Kyoto Protocol. Instead, they have introduced deeply flawed legislation that will not bring about the needed reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. The Conservative government's alternative is not supported by a single environmental organisation.

The Sierra Youth Coalition, a youth environmental organisation, organises the "Sustainable Campuses Project", which aims to promote social, ecological, and economic sustainability on campus and in the local community. In November 2006, the Federation adopted a motion supporting the campaign "Students' Unions for Sustainability", encouraging member locals to take action for the environment on campus.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will coordinate a survey of campus sustainability by speaking to students, staff, faculty members, and knowledgeable members of the Aboriginal community about their

ideas for increasing the sustainability of campus and Canada. The Federation will develop progress indicators for the sustainability campaign.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will launch the results of the campus surveys at a press conference in Ottawa in the spring of 2008.

Government Relations: The Federation will work with the Sierra Youth Coalition to lobby the federal government to take action on issues such as climate change, privatisation, and other top environmental concerns. Lobby kits will be developed for distribution to members locals, including template letters that members can send to Members of Parliament, the provincial government, and local administrations.

Member locals will be encouraged to lobby provincial governments for provincial sustainability standards for all public institutions.

Membership Mobilisation: An action guide, outlining top environmental issues and concrete ways students can take action on their campuses, will be developed and distributed to members locals. Member locals will be encouraged to adopt environmental sustainability policies within their associations and encourage their institutions to do the same.

Coalition Work: The Federation will partner with environmental organisations to implement the campus survey. Member locals will be encouraged to work with local environmental groups on campus and in the community.

REPORT

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Forum Composition

Member Local Representatives

Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Isaac Cockburn
Local 03	University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan	Rob Nagai, Michael Ouellet and Adam Wylie
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Alex Krueger and Maya Maloff
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Giselle Aibens, Vina Brown, and Noah Fine
Local 07	Student Union of NSCAD University	Noah Logan
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Union	Rebekah Keyes
Local 15	Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	Vanessa Holte
Local 17	University of Saskatchewan Students' Union	Lindsey Levesque
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Margaret Leibbrandt
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Alyson Stone
Local 20	Nipissing University Students' Union	Josh Fortier
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Troy Eggum and Candice Powley
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Heather Kere, Laii Mohamed, Luis Mejicano, and Alicia Murrin
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	Steve Lee
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Jovan Groen
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Sébastien Perth
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Colleen Parry and Richard Longtin
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Amiel Logan
Local 35	Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union	Stella Magalios, Charmaine Penney, and Hans Rollman
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Jocelyn Turnbull
Local 38	Association étudiante du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Geneviève Clément
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Edward Pullman
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Alicia Campbell
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Union	Andrew Churchill
Local 49	University of Windsor Student Alliance	Carolyn Andary, Viva Dadwal, and Avneil Yashpal
Local 53	Okanagan College Students' Union	Andrew Bates and Sean Rossouw
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Cailey Campbell
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Laleh Samarbakhs
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Suzie Dunn and Mikael Jensen
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Nathan Harrun, Megan Nicholson, and Adam Schneider
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Laura Roimche
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Ben Keen and Fuad Abdi
Local 69	Association générale des étudiants de L'Université Ste. Anne	Isaac Schurman
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Colleen MacDougall
Local 71	Trent Central Students' Association	Tyler Roach
Local 72	North Island Students' Union	Tree Murdock
Local 73	Downtown Campus Students' Union	Vijay Krishnan
Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Matthew De Groot and Justyne Wallace
Local 76	Broadway Campus Students' Union	Sasha Burden and Donna Rose
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Sheila Grantham and Cynthia Shelswell
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Stephanie Nakitsas
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Eric Blondin
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Angelica Novoa
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Shona Bracken
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Federico Carvajal
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Aaron Glenn

Local 97 Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the
University of Toronto
Local 98 University of Toronto Students' Union

Local 101 University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association
Local 103 University of Manitoba Students' Union
Local 105 Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson
Dawson Student Union

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1. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

a. Proposal to Conduct Research on Student Financial Assistance

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:024) be defeated:

2007/11:024 MOTION
Local 8/Local 78

Be it resolved that a comprehensive research paper be prepared outlining the deficiencies in the student financial assistance system nationally and articulating the Federation's vision for student financial assistance.

b. Proposal to Adopt a Federal Election

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:026) be adopted:

2007/11:026 MOTION
Local 84/Local 8

Whereas youth voter turnout is generally lower than that of the rest of the population;

Whereas in the 2007 Ontario Election, Elections Ontario ensured there were enumeration tables and polling locations at every college and university campus in Ontario with residences;

Whereas Elections Ontario produced materials clearly communicating to students their right to declare their school address as their ordinary residence;

Whereas Elections Ontario recognised institutional student identity cards as proof of identification;

Whereas Elections Ontario recognised government-issued student loan documents and institutional communication as proof of residence;

Whereas Elections Ontario hired "Youth Outreach Officers" for every riding with a college or university campus and adopted an on-campus youth outreach strategy;

Whereas this represents a commitment to encouraging youth voter-turnout in provincial elections; and

Whereas in the 2007 Ontario Election voter turnout in ridings with university and college campuses was generally higher than the provincial average; therefore

Be it resolved that, in anticipation of the next Federal election, Elections Canada be lobbied to ensure that:

- enumeration tables are set up at every college and university campus in Canada
- polling locations are set up at every college and university campus in Canada where residences are present

- one day of advanced polling take place with polling locations set up at every college and university campus in Canada where residences are present
- materials are produced clearly communicating to students their right to declare their school address as their ordinary residence
- institutional student identity cards with a signature are recognised as proof of identification
- government-issued student loan documents and institutional communication are recognised as proof of address
- "Youth Outreach Officers" are hired for every riding with a college or university campus and adopt an on-campus youth outreach strategy in conjunction with the local students' union

Be it further resolved that member local representatives be encouraged to write to the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, Marc Mayrand, showing their support for such initiatives.

c. Proposal on Post-Secondary Education Act

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:030) be adopted:

2007/11:030 MOTION

Local 105/Local 8

Whereas since taking office, the Harper government has clearly stated its position for a reduced role of the federal government in provincial matters;

Whereas the throne speech identified the introduction of "legislation to place formal limits on the use of federal spending power for new shared-cost programs in areas of exclusive provincial jurisdiction" as a priority of the current government;

Whereas post-secondary education is defined by the Canadian Constitution as an area of provincial jurisdiction;

Whereas previous federal governments have made clear that post-secondary education is an area of sole provincial jurisdiction;

Whereas the federal government has always played and should continue to play an important role in providing funding for post-secondary education through provincial transfer payments; and

Whereas the federal government has always played and should continue to play an important role in providing financial assistance for post-secondary students; and

Whereas the Federation has long believed that the provision of high-quality, affordable post-secondary education is the responsibility of all levels of government; therefore

Be it resolved that the federal government be lobbied on the importance of a federal role in providing high-quality and affordable post-secondary education in Canada;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to emphasize the need for a federal role in post-secondary education to Members of Parliament; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby local Members of Parliament to support Bill C-398, the Post-Secondary Education Act.

d. Proposal on Funding for Post-Secondary Education

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:032) be adopted:

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Whereas the 2007 federal budget increased funding to the Canada Social Transfer; and

Whereas \$800 million was announced as "earmarked" for post-secondary education; and

Whereas there is no guarantee that the money "earmarked" in the budget may actually be spent by provincial governments on post-secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby provincial governments to commit to spending the increased funding announced in the 2007 federal budget on post-secondary education, and more specifically on reducing tuition fees and increasing access to and the quality of post-secondary institutions; and

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Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Council of Ministers of Education Canada and the Council of the Federation urging provincial governments to spend the increased funding on post-secondary education.

e. Proposal on Federal Election Promises

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:043) be adopted:

2007/11:043

MOTION

Local 68/Local 8

Whereas the Federation has typically run a Vote Education campaign during federal elections; and

Whereas the Federation's election campaign includes an analysis of Party platforms; and

Whereas there could be a federal election within the next six months; and

Whereas political parties are still working on platform policy to be included in an upcoming federal election; and

Whereas the Liberal Party proposed a generous grants program in their election platform in 2006 but neglected to mention increased funding; and

Whereas the Conservative Party made no commitments to increasing student financial aid for students; and

Whereas the New Democratic Party committed to creating a Post-Secondary Education Act if elected; and

Whereas it is important for the Federation to put forward suggestions for party platform policy rather than simply respond to them; therefore

Be it resolved a letter be sent to parties represented in the House of Commons summarizing the electoral promises that comprised party platforms on post-secondary education from the last federal election, and recommendations for parties to include in their platforms in an upcoming election; and

Be it further resolved that federal parties be lobbied to include Federation campaign goals in their party platforms for post-secondary education.

f. Proposal on Need-based Grants

→ amendment re: send the ltr to all registered political parties

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:061) be adopted:

2007/11:061

MOTION

Local 1/Local 8

Be it resolved that additional coalition partners be sought, including but not limited to other organizations that claim to represent students, for the campaign to replace the Millennium Scholarship Foundation with a national system of need-based grants, *regardless of minimum course load*

g. Proposal to Undertake Review of the Canada Student Loans Program

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:063) be adopted with the subsequent amendment (CMP-1):

2007/11:063

MOTION

Local 1/Local 8

Whereas the Conservative government announced a review of the Canada Student Loans Program in the 2007 federal budget;

Whereas the department of Human Resources and Social Development Canada has been conducting a review over the summer; and

Whereas the results of the review are rumoured to be announced in the next federal budget; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to meet with provincial student aid branches and communicate the Federation's goals for a national system of need-based grants.

CMP-1

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 78/Local 7

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/11:063 be amended to read:

✓ "Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to meet with provincial student aid branches and communicate the Federation's goals for a national system of need-based grants; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to meet with provincial student aid branches and communicate the additional barriers to post-secondary education faced by marginalised groups."

→ amendment
re: inclusion of
part-time students

h. Case of Anti-War Activist Alison Bodine

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:065) be adopted with the subsequent amendment (CMP-2):

2007/11:065

MOTION

Local 5/Local 8

✓ *pull it*
Whereas Alison Bodine, a US citizen, is a Co-chair, spokesperson and central organiser with Vancouver antiwar coalition Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO), was for three years the president of the University of British Columbia's Coalition Against War on the People of Iraq and Internationally (CAWOPI), was a long-time executive committee member of the UBC Social Justice Centre, a prominent activist in solidarity with Cuba and a participant in the Pastors for Peace Caravan to Cuba, and is a supporter of immigrant and refugee rights in Canada and the US;

Whereas near midnight on Thursday September 13, 2007 Alison Bodine was unjustly arrested by the Canada Border Services Agency and detained by the RCMP when she went voluntarily to the US-Canada border to return to the US and retrieve political materials that were previously seized;

Whereas on Oct. 31, the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada upheld the CBSA charge of misrepresentation against Alison Bodine, and she was banned from Canada for two-years, as of Nov. 17 2007;

Whereas Alison's arrest, the charges against her and removal from Canada are an attack on the democratic and human rights of all individuals to organize and express their political views peacefully, an attack on the right to free speech, and an attack on immigrants, refugees, people without status, and non-residents of Canada;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students demand that Honorable Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Diane Finley lift the two year ban that has been ordered against Alison Bodine by the October 31 Immigration and Refugee Board decision and restore her right to freely travel between the US and Canada.

CMP-2

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 7/Local 69

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/11:065 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a letter be written to Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Diane Finley demanding that the two-year ban ordered against Alison Bodine by the Immigration and Refugee Board on October 31 be lifted, restoring her right to freely travel between the United States and Canada."

amendment
to amendment
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2. MOTION DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE

CMP-3

MOTION

Local 3/Local 53

Whereas Sharon McIvor is a First Nations woman from Merritt, BC who has successfully challenged continuing sex discrimination stemming from the application of sections of the 1985 Indian Act that refer to determination of Indian status; and

Whereas Sharon McIvor's case challenges the continuing preferential treatment given to males and those whose Indian status is traced from male ancestors as a violation of the Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the equality guarantee; and

Whereas the federal government is appealing the June 2007 BC Supreme Court ruling in favour of Sharon McIvor and her son, Jacob; and

Whereas the Court Challenges programme was cancelled by the federal government in October 2006; and

Whereas work on Sharon McIvor's case relied on funding from the federal Court Challenges programme that is no longer available; therefore

Be it resolved that, in consultation with the National Aboriginal Caucus, an amount at the discretion of the National Executive no lower than \$5,000 be donated to Sharon McIvor's court challenge

Be it further resolved that member locals be urged to support the Sharon McIvor case with donations in-kind; and

Be it further resolved that a letter condemning the cancellation of the federal Court Challenges programme be sent to the federal government.

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Forum Composition

Member Local Representatives

- Local 01 Carleton University Students' Association
 Local 03 University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan
 Local 04 Selkirk Students' Association
 Local 05 Capilano Students' Union

 Local 07 Student Union of NSCAD University
 Local 13 College of New Caledonia Students' Union
 Local 15 Thompson Rivers University Students' Union
 Local 17 University of Saskatchewan Students' Union
 Local 18 Douglas Students' Union
 Local 19 University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union
 Local 20 Nipissing University Students' Union
 Local 21 University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association
 Local 24 Ryerson Students' Union

 Local 26 Kwantlen Student Association
 Local 27 Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students
 Local 30 Laurentian University Students' General Association
 Local 32 Lakehead University Student Union
 Local 33 Emily Carr Students' Union
 Local 35 Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union

 Local 37 Brandon University Students' Union
 Local 38 Association étudiante du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface
 Local 44 University of Victoria Students' Society
 Local 45 Marine Institute Students' Union
 Local 46 College of the North Atlantic Students' Union
 Local 49 University of Windsor Student Alliance

 Local 53 Okanagan College Students' Union
 Local 54 University of Guelph Central Student Association
 Local 56 Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association
 Local 61 Malaspina Students' Union
 Local 62 University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association

 Local 66 Northwest Community College Students' Association
 Local 68 York Federation of Students
 Local 69 Association générale des étudiants de L'Université Ste. Anne
 Local 70 University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association
 Local 71 Trent Central Students' Association
 Local 72 North Island Students' Union
 Local 73 Downtown Campus Students' Union
 Local 75 Camosun College Student Society
 Local 76 Broadway Campus Students' Union
 Local 78 Carleton University Graduate Students' Association
 Local 84 York University Graduate Students' Association
 Local 88 Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne

 Local 91 Concordia Student Union
 Local 93 Glendon College Students' Union
 Local 94 University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association
 Local 96 University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association

- Isaac Cockburn
 Rob Nagai, Michael Ouellet and Adam Wylie
 Alex Krueger and Maya Maloff
 Giselle Aibens, Vina Brown, and
 Noah Fine
 Noah Logan
 Rebekah Keyes
 Vanessa Holte
 Lindsey Levesque
 Margaret Leibbrandt
 Alyson Stone
 Josh Fortier
 Troy Eggum and Candice Powley
 Heather Kere, Lali Mohamed,
 Luis Mejicano, and Alicia Murrin
 Steve Lee
 Jovan Groen
 Sébastien Perth
 Colleen Parry and Richard Longtin
 Amiel Logan
 Stella Magalios, Charmaine Penney, and
 Hans Rollman
 Jocelyn Turnbull
 Geneviève Clément
 Edward Pullman
 Alicia Campbell
 Andrew Churchill
 Carolyn Andary, Viva Dadwal, and Avneil
 Yashpal
 Andrew Bates and Sean Rossouw
 Cailey Campbell
 Laleh Samarbaksh
 Suzie Dunn and Mikael Jensen
 Nathan Harrun, Megan Nicholson, and
 Adam Schneider
 Laura Roimche
 Ben Keen and Fuad Abdi
 Isaac Schurman
 Colleen MacDougall
 Tyler Roach
 Tree Murdock
 Vijay Krishnan
 Matthew De Groot and Justyne Wallace
 Sasha Burden and Donna Rose
 Sheila Grantham and Cynthia Shelswell
 Stephanie Nakitsas

 Eric Blondin
 Angelica Novoa
 Shona Bracken
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 Aaron Glenn

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Dawson Student Union

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Observers

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Guests

Australia Youth Climate Coalition

Canadian Youth Climate Coalition

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Polaris Institute

Sierra Youth Coalition

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Sharma

Yixi Lu

Amanda Jonson

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Ian Boyko

Elizabeth Carlyle

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1. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

a. Proposal to Conduct Research on Student Financial Assistance

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:024) be defeated:

2007/11:024 MOTION

Local 8/Local 78

Be it resolved that a comprehensive research paper be prepared outlining the deficiencies in the student financial assistance system nationally and articulating the Federation's vision for student financial assistance.

b. Proposal to Adopt a Federal Election

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:026) be adopted:

2007/11:026 MOTION

Local 84/Local 8

Whereas youth voter turnout is generally lower than that of the rest of the population;

Whereas in the 2007 Ontario Election, Elections Ontario ensured there were enumeration tables and polling locations at every college and university campus in Ontario with residences;

Whereas Elections Ontario produced materials clearly communicating to students their right to declare their school address as their ordinary residence;

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The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:032) be adopted:

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Local 105/Local 8

Whereas the 2007 federal budget increased funding to the Canada Social Transfer; and

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The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:043) be adopted:

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Be it further resolved that federal parties be lobbied to include Federation campaign goals in their party platforms for post-secondary education.

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The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:061) be adopted:

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Be it resolved that additional coalition partners be sought, including but not limited to other organizations that claim to represent students, for the campaign to replace the Millennium Scholarship Foundation with a national system of need-based grants.

g. Proposal to Undertake Review of the Canada Student Loans Program

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:063) be adopted with the subsequent amendment (CMP-1):

2007/11:063 MOTION

Local 1/Local 8

Whereas the Conservative government announced a review of the Canada Student Loans Program in the 2007 federal budget;

Whereas the department of Human Resources and Social Development Canada has been conducting a review over the summer; and

Whereas the results of the review are rumoured to be announced in the next federal budget; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to meet with provincial student aid branches and communicate the Federation's goals for a national system of need-based grants.

CMP-1 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 78/Local 7

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/11:063 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to meet with provincial student aid branches and communicate the Federation's goals for a national system of need-based grants; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to meet with provincial student aid branches and communicate the additional barriers to post-secondary education faced by marginalised groups."

h. Case of Anti-War Activist Alison Bodine

The Forum recommends that the following motion (2007/11:065) be adopted with the subsequent amendment (CMP-2):

2007/11:065 MOTION

Local 5/Local 8

Whereas Alison Bodine, a US citizen, is a Co-chair, spokesperson and central organiser with Vancouver antiwar coalition Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO), was for three years the president of the University of British Columbia's Coalition Against War on the People of Iraq and Internationally (CAWOPI), was a long-time executive committee member of the UBC Social Justice Centre, a prominent activist in solidarity with Cuba and a participant in the Pastors for Peace Caravan to Cuba, and is a supporter of immigrant and refugee rights in Canada and the US;

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Whereas on Oct. 31, the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada upheld the CBSA charge of misrepresentation against Alison Bodine, and she was banned from Canada for two-years, as of Nov.17 2007;

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Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students demand that Honorable Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Diane Finley lift the two year ban that has been ordered against Alison Bodine by the October 31 Immigration and Refugee Board decision and restore her right to freely travel between the US and Canada.

CMP-2 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 7/Local 69

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/11:065 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a letter be written to Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Diane Finley demanding that the two-year ban ordered against Alison Bodine by the Immigration and Refugee Board on October 31 be lifted, restoring her right to freely travel between the United States and Canada.

Be it further resolved that members locals be encouraged to write letters to Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Diane Finley demanding that the two-year ban ordered against Alison Bodine by the Immigration and Refugee Board on October 31 be lifted, restoring her right to freely travel between the United States and Canada."

2. MOTION DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE

CMP-3 MOTION

Local 3/Local 53

Whereas Sharon McIvor is a First Nations woman from Merritt, BC who has successfully challenged continuing sex discrimination stemming from the application of sections of the 1985 Indian Act that refer to determination of Indian status; and

Whereas Sharon McIvor's case challenges the continuing preferential treatment given to males and those whose Indian status is traced from male ancestors as a violation of the Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the equality guarantee; and

Whereas the federal government is appealing the June 2007 BC Supreme Court ruling in favour of Sharon McIvor and her son, Jacob; and

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Whereas work on Sharon McIvor's case relied on funding from the federal Court Challenges programme that is no longer available; therefore

Be it resolved that, in consultation with the National Aboriginal Caucus, an amount at the discretion of the National Executive no lower than \$5,000 be donated to Sharon McIvor's court challenge

Be it further resolved that member locals be urged to support the Sharon McIvor case with donations in-kind; and

Be it further resolved that a letter condemning the cancellation of the federal Court Challenges programme be sent to the federal government.

AGENDA

Organisational and Services Development Committee November 2007 National General Meeting

DAY ONE

1. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS

a. Ratification of the Committee Chair(s)

Standing Resolution 1, Section 4, *Committee Chairperson*, states that:

As its first order of business each standing general meeting committee shall either:

- ratify as the committee chairperson(s) the National Executive member(s) appointed to the committee; or
- elect a committee chairperson from within its membership.

The National Executive is recommending that Deputy Chairperson Brent Farrington and BC Representative Dustin Grof be ratified as co-chairs for the Committee.

b. Roundtable Introductions

c. Review of the Committee Agenda

d. Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference

Committee members should be familiar with the responsibilities of the Organisational and Services Development Committee as established in the Federation's Standing Resolutions. Standing Resolution 1, Section 3.d) *Organisational and Services Development Committee* states that:

The Organisational and Services Development Committee shall:

- i. review and make recommendations to closing plenary on the national structure of the Federation, including:
 - the National Executive;
 - the national staffing;
 - the national office; and
 - all other national structures of the Federation;
- ii. review and make recommendations to closing plenary on the national programmes of the Federation;
- iii. review the development of the 'profile' of the Federation within member local associations;
- iv. review and make recommendations to closing plenary on the national communication tools of the Federation;
- v. review and make recommendations on development of new members;
- vi. review and make recommendations to the closing plenary on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Resolutions and Operations Policy.

2. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES

a. Communication Services

Handbook Service

This year, 62 students' unions in ten provinces participated in the service. Over 315,000 handbooks were produced. The Committee will discuss the progress of the service and ideas for the future.

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Website Service

The goal of the Students' Union Website Service, similar to that of the handbook/dayplanner service, is to produce a better quality service that meets the needs of students at an affordable price so that all member locals, regardless of their size, can improve communications with their members. The Committee will discuss the service.

b. Discount Programme

ISIC/Studentsaver

The Federation has run a national student discount program since its founding in 1981. The service utilises two discount cards: the International Student Identity Card (ISIC), which only full-time students are eligible to receive; and the Studentsaver card, which is available to all full- and part-time students belonging to the Federation.

Following a brief orientation to the discount programme, the Committee will discuss preparations and developments for the 2008-2009 discount programme.

Studentphones

The Federation has partnered with Studentphonestore to secure discounts on cellular telephone service. A presentation on the progress of the service will be provided.

On-Line Tax Filing Arrangement

In 2007 (February 15 to April 30), the Federation again offered through its website free income tax filing with Ufile, an on-line tax filing service. The Federation is in discussions with Ufile about extending the offer to future tax filing years. The Committee will discuss the service.

c. National Student Health Network

The National Student Health Network is a buying consortium for student health and dental insurance plans that the Federation established more than fifteen years ago. Following a brief orientation to the service, the Committee will discuss strategies for improving and promoting the service.

d. Student Work Abroad Programme (SWAP)

The Federation has been running the Student Work Abroad Programme for more than 20 years. Following a brief orientation to the service, the Committee will discuss developments with and ideas for the service.

e. Other

Time permitting, the Committee will discuss possible ideas for other services and programmes to be offered through the Federation.

3. DISCUSSION OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

DAY TWO

4. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

The following motions will likely be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee by the opening plenary.

2007/05:019 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 105/

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

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

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

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

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- 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.

The National Executive recommends the following amendment to Motion 2007/05:019:

2007/11:N01 MOTION TO AMEND

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:019 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Bylaw III, Policy of the Federation, Section 1 be amended to include:

- e. Policy older than five years will be considered repealed if it is served with notice and receives less than two-thirds support at a general meeting."

2007/11:N02 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Whereas, at the May, 2007 national general meeting, the National Executive was directed to examine the Federation's general meeting child care policy and report back at the November, 2007 national general meeting; and

Whereas the provision of on-site childcare was determined by the National Executive to be infeasible; therefore

Be it resolved that section 1 of the Operations Policy on Childcare be amended to read:

1. The Federation, upon receipt of a statement of expenses from a delegate to a national general meeting or a member of the National Executive attending a national executive or general meeting, shall reimburse the member (parent or guardian of the child) or the member local association up to a maximum of \$80.00 per day for 8-10 hour childcare services, and \$120.00 per day for 24 hour childcare services;

Be it further resolved that Section 3 of the Operations Policy on Childcare be amended to read:

3. A member of a member local association shall only be reimbursed for the days of the meeting, and the days travelling to and from the meeting where extra days for travel are required;

Be it further resolved that Section 4 of the Operations Policy on Childcare be amended to read:

4. The Federation shall not be responsible for supplying or arranging on-site child care for members attending meetings;

2007/11:N03 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Whereas the input of caucuses, constituency groups and provincial components is essential to ensure that decision made at general meetings are representative of the Federation; and

Whereas it should be the role of the representative(s) selected by caucuses, constituency group and provincial components to sit on each standing general meeting committee to represent their respective caucus, constituency group or provincial component to their designated committee; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 1, section 2 be amended to read as follows:

2. Committee Composition

Each caucus, constituency group and provincial component shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee to represent the caucus, constituency group or provincial component's members.

2007/11:N12 MOTION

Local 91/

Whereas twice a year, delegates from across the country gather at the Federation's national meetings;

Whereas many delegates must use air transport as their method of transportation to these meetings;

Whereas compared to other modes of transport, such a driving or taking the train, traveling by air has a greater climate impact per passenger kilometre and produces the most amount of emissions;

Whereas more and more companies and organizations, such as the Olympics, are going carbon neutral;

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Whereas carbon offsets are achieved by purchasing credits from projects such as wind farms, solar installations or energy efficient projects;

Whereas carbon offsets can be used to neutralize emissions from air travel;

Whereas the purchase of carbon offsets can be applied to emissions created by transportation to national general meetings; and

Whereas the purchasing of carbon offsets reduces delegates' impact upon the climate when traveling to Federation meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation purchase carbon offsets in order to neutralize the emissions caused by travel to and from national general meetings; and

Be it further resolved that Federation national general meetings move to a carbon neutral model.

2007/11:N15

MOTION

Local 26/

Whereas the Federation is the largest student lobby group in Canada;

Whereas knowledge about the Federation and their membership therein, comes to the membership by word of mouth and campaign materials;

Whereas the average member of the Federation has limited knowledge about the internal workings and goings-on of the Federation;

Whereas according to William Hart Coleridge, a famous bishop who advocated for the abolition of slavery, "There is an art of which every man should be a master the art of reflection. If you are not a thinking man, to what purpose are you a man at all?";

Whereas the Federation should take time and self reflect and ensure that we are acting in the best interests of our membership, are known to our membership and are doing what the membership want; and

Whereas a survey of the membership with relation to their perceptions of the Federation's identity, mission, campaigns and effectiveness, would be an exercise in self-reflection; therefore

Be it resolved that an independent survey/polling company, other than Catalyst Creative, be commissioned to survey Canadian students both within and outside of the Canadian Federation of Students' membership as to its identity, mission, campaign and effectiveness.

2007/11:N16

MOTION

Local 26/

Whereas at the May 2007 Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, a motion was passed directing the National Executive to post the Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and policies online;

Whereas the Standing Resolutions are not posted online; and

Whereas there is no link from the homepage or the 'About' section of the Federation's website to the Bylaws and Policies of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the direction to post the Standing Resolutions of the Federation online, as adopted at the May 2007 general meeting be fulfilled; and

Be it further resolved that links be posted either on the homepage or on the 'About' section of the Federation's website to the Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Policies of the Federation

2007/11:N17

MOTION

Local 26/

Whereas financial transparency is an important public relations tool;

Whereas posting the Federation's national budget on the website makes the Federation a more transparent organization; and

Whereas financial accountability to the general membership is a priority for the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that that the 2007 national budget and all future budgets be posted on the Federation's website;

Be it further resolved that the 2006 audited financial statements of the Federation, and all future financial statement be posted on the Federation's website; and,

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Be it further resolved that there be a link to the budgets and financial statements from the 'About' section of the Federation's website.

2007/11:N18 MOTION

Local 26/

Whereas the membership of the Federation has only manual access to the records of the Federation through their students' union;

Whereas the membership is more likely to visit the Federation's website for Federation records than their student union office;

Whereas it is in the best interests of the Federation to make its records as accessible as possible to the to encourage membership interest and involvement in the Federation; and

Whereas National Executive meeting minutes contain sensitive campaign and other time-sensitive information and therefore cannot be released immediately after the conclusion of a meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that all National Executive minutes and agendas be posted on the Federation's website, one year after the occurrence of the meeting.

2007/11:N19 MOTION

Local 26/

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations both lobby the federal government on issues relating to post-secondary education;

Whereas purposeful communication between organizations must be established to discourage zero-sum views of issues that students face;

Whereas the "strength in numbers" which a students' union realizes by working in a Federation with other students' unions is realized to an even greater extent when the Federation works in coalition with other groups and organizations; and

Whereas even on matters of disagreement, it is often prudent and advantageous to consult with other lobby organizations prior to engaging in lobbying campaigns and strategies; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Chairperson be directed to discuss the possibility of exploring lobbying goals and strategies, and other public relations matters, with CASA.

2007/11:N20 MOTION

Local 26/

Be it resolved that the National Executive be censured.

2007/11:N21 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 26/

Be it resolved that Bylaw X – Finances be amended by adding a new section 5, to read as follows:

5. Extraordinary Transactions

- a. For the purposes of this section, "extraordinary transaction" means any financial transaction that arises outside of the usual and predictable operations of the Federation, and includes:
 - i. any transaction that is unbudgeted; and,
 - ii. any gift or loan to a provincial component or student association over \$1,000.
- b. Any extraordinary transaction shall require the approval of the National Executive. This approval may not be delegated.
- c. The details of any extraordinary transaction shall be reported to the members in the National Executive Report required under Bylaw V, section 2 (f).
- d. The financial statements of the Federation shall include a note on every gift or loan over \$1,000 made by the Federation to any provincial component or student association.

2007/11:N22 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 26/

Whereas part of the nature of being a student in Canada often entails having to work full-time in addition to upholding academic, social, and family obligations;

Whereas the internal politics of the student movement in Canada are becoming more inaccessible to the average student who must work to put themselves through school due to more pressing time priorities; and

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Whereas it is critical for the Federation's ongoing survival as an organization that represents all students and not alienate time-pressed students and to innovate ways for her/him participate in their student movement; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw VI, section 1, subsection (b) be amended to read as follows:

- b. In addition to subsection (a), nominees for National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, and National Treasurer must be nominated by at least three member local student associations of the Federation. The Chief Returning Officer shall certify a candidate for National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, or National Treasurer if she has received, before August 15,
 - i. a signed letter from the nominee, confirming that she agrees to be a candidate for the given position; and
 - ii. signed letters of nomination from at least three member local student associations.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, section 2, subsection (a) be amended to read as follows:

- a. Timing of Elections of At-Large Members
 - i. The Chief Returning Officer shall send a list of all validly nominated candidates for National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, and National Treasurer to every member local student association before August 22.
 - ii. The election of the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, and National Treasurer shall be conducted between September 1 and September 30.
 - iii. Each member local student association shall be responsible for administering the election amongst its members.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, section 3, subsection (a) be amended to read as follows:

- a. Procedure for the Election of At-Large Members

Elections for National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and National Treasurer shall be conducted according to the following rules and procedures:

 - i. elections shall be conducted by secret ballot;
 - ii. each individual member of the Federation will be permitted one (1) vote in each election;
 - iii. the election shall be conducted using the Alternative Vote (AV) system of ranked-choice balloting;
 - iv. only individual members of the Federation may engage in campaigning on behalf of any candidate;
 - v. the Chief Returning Officer shall maintain a website, linked from the Federation's home page, which shall contain the names, photos, and a 250-word statement of candidacy, throughout the month of September;
 - vi. the Chief Returning Officer shall produce a report on the conduct of the election of the at-large officers, which shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting for ratification.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, section 4, subsection (a) be amended to read as follows:

- a. Term of Office for At-Large Members

The term of office for the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and National Treasurer shall commence at the end of the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting immediately following the annual general meeting at which they were ratified and shall expire at the end of the closing plenary of the following semi-annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, section 6, subsection (a) be amended to read as follows:

- a. Vacancy in an at-large National Executive Position

In the event of a vacancy in the position of National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, or National Treasurer, the National Executive shall have the authority to appoint a member of the National Executive to fill the position, until the next national general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, section 7 be amended to read as follows:

7. Chief Returning Officer and Elections Advisory Committee

- a. Elections Advisory Committee
 - i. The Elections Advisory Committee shall consist of five delegates elected at every semi-annual general meeting.
 - ii. The term of office of the members of the Elections Advisory Committee shall commence at the end of the semi-annual general meeting at which they were elected and shall expire at the end of the following semi-annual general meeting.
 - iii. The Elections Advisory Committee may meet and conduct business by teleconference.
 - iv. The Elections Advisory Committee shall elect a chairperson from amongst its own membership.

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- v. The Elections Advisory Committee shall:
 - recommend to the Federation the appointment of the Chief Returning Officer, and
 - advise the Federation on the conduct of the elections process.

b. Chief Returning Officer

- i. The Chief Returning Officer shall be appointed by the Federation at the annual general meeting.
- ii. The term of office of the Chief Returning Officer shall commence at the end of the annual general meeting at which they were elected and shall expire at the end of the following annual general meeting.
- iii. The Chief Returning Officer must have professional experience administering elections.
- iv. The Chief Returning Officer shall have oversight over the elections of the National Executive.
- v. The Chief Returning Officer shall receive remuneration, the amount of which shall be set by plenary.

c. Finances

The Federation's budget shall provide sufficient funding for the conduct of the elections process and for the functioning of the Elections Advisory Committee.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, section 8 be amended so as to read as follows:

8. Notice of Elections for National Executive Positions

- a. The Chief Returning Officer shall send notice of the election of the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, and National Treasurer to all member local student associations before July 15 containing the following information:
 - i. the rate of remuneration of the at-large officers;
 - ii. the outline of duties and responsibilities of the at-large officers;
 - iii. the outline of travel obligations and/or necessary relocation;
 - iv. the procedure and deadline for submitting nominations for the at-large offices;
 - v. the procedure and deadline for conducting the election and reporting the results of the election;
 - vi. the name and contact information of the Chief Returning Officer and of the chairperson of the Elections Advisory Committee.
- b. The notice of every annual and semi-annual general meeting shall include the following information for elections to be conducted at that general meeting:
 - i. the positions on the National Executive that are open for election at that meeting;
 - ii. an outline of duties and responsibilities of the positions that are open for election;
 - iii. an outline of the travel obligations of the positions that are open for election.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, section 9 be amended to read:

9. Announcement of Election Results

Following the tabulation of votes for at-large positions, the Chief Returning Officer will announce to the plenary:

- a. the nominees elected; and,
- b. the vote count for each candidate.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II, section 1, subsection (b) be amended to read:

- b. At the Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other business that may be transacted, the report of the National Executive, the financial statements, 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 (other than the at-large officers) will occur; and the election of the at-large officers shall be ratified.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V, section 1, subsection (a) be amended to read:

- a. The following at-large positions elected by the individual members of the Federation:
 - i. National Chairperson
 - ii. National Deputy Chairperson
 - iii. National Treasurer.

With the following provisos:

- (a) that the Elections Advisory Committee shall first be elected at the 53rd Semi-Annual General Meeting (May 2008); (b) that the Chief Returning Officer under the new elections process shall first be appointed at the 27th Annual General Meeting (November 2008); and (c) that the elections for the at-large elected officers under the new elections process shall first take place in 2009.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

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6. ADJOURNMENT

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Organisational and Services Development Committee November 2007 National General Meeting

Committee Composition

Caucus Representatives

Caucus of College and Institute Associations
Caucus of Large Institute Associations
National Aboriginal Caucus
National Graduate Caucus
Caucus of Small University Associations

Tiffany Kalanj, Lori MacDonald and Dave Westmacott
Andrea Armbrorst, Tracy Ho and Hamid Osman
Ryan Bruyere, Vern Cheechoo and Michael White
Neil Cole, Kelly Holloway and Brandy Sitili
Nathan Lane and Daniel Smith

Provincial Representatives

Alberta
British Columbia
Manitoba
New Brunswick
Newfoundland and Labrador
Nova Scotia
Ontario
Prince Edward Island
Québec
Saskatchewan

Troy Eggum
Valentine Crawford, Andrew Nelson and Orié Shiga
David Jacks, Matt McLean, Melissa Moffit and Garry Sran
Graham Cox
Cameron Campbell, James Farrel and Andrea Milley
Anne Healy, Kaley Kennedy and Victoria O'Neill
Catherine Dickinson, Walled Khogali and Brittany Smyth
Adam MacLean
Amy Cox and Noah Stewart
Christianne Pelletier and Thomas Roussin

Constituency Group Representatives

Student Artists' Constituency Group
Students of Colour Constituency Group
Students with Disabilities Constituency Group
Francophone Students' Constituency Group
International Students' Constituency Group
Queer Students' Constituency Group
Part-time and Mature Students' Constituency Group
Women's Constituency Group

James Bowen, Christine Comrie and Lauryn Morley
Rose Da Costa, Sandy Hudson and Gilray Massa
Vinay Iyer, Jeremy Salter and Sean Stewart
Marielle Gawryluk and Philippe Marchand
Mostafa Khaled
Wendy Case, Shelley Melanson and Jessica Squires
Shannon Barnard, Steven Beasley and Joanne Link
Gail Alivio, Nicole Kieley and Varenka Schwarz

Committee Coordinators

BC Representative on the National Executive
National Deputy Chairperson

Dustin Grof
Brent Farrington

Committee Staff

Director of Organising
Fieldworker (Ontario)
Health Plan Coordinator
Internal Coordinator (Ontario)
Organiser (Newfoundland and Labrador)

Lucy Watson
Christine Bourque
Tom Rowles
Ashkon Hashemi
Keith Dunne

Observers

CFS-British Columbia Chairperson

Shamus Reid

1. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

a. Proposal for a "Sunset" Provision on Policy

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/05:019) be adopted with the subsequent amendment (2007/11:018):

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2007/05:019 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 105/Local 8

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.

2007/11:018 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 8/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/05:019 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Bylaw III, Policy of the Federation, Section 1 be amended to include:

- e. Policy older than five years will be considered repealed if it is served with notice and receives less than two-thirds support at a general meeting."

b. Proposal to Amend Childcare Policy

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:020) be adopted with the subsequent amendment (OSD-1):

2007/11:020 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 8/Local 78

Whereas, at the May, 2007 national general meeting, the National Executive was directed to examine the Federation's general meeting child care policy and report back at the November, 2007 national general meeting; and

Whereas the provision of on-site childcare was determined by the National Executive to be infeasible; therefore

Be it resolved that Section 1 of the Operations Policy on Childcare be amended to read:

1. The Federation, upon receipt of a statement of expenses from a delegate to a national general meeting or a member of the National Executive attending a national executive or general meeting, shall reimburse the member (parent or guardian of the child) or the member local association up to a maximum of \$80.00 per day for 8-10 hour childcare services, and \$120.00 per day for 24 hour childcare services;

Be it further resolved that Section 3 of the Operations Policy on Childcare be amended to read:

3. A member of a member local association shall only be reimbursed for the days of the meeting, and the days traveling to and from the meeting where extra days for travel are required;

Be it further resolved that Section 4 of the Operations Policy on Childcare be amended to read:

4. The Federation shall not be responsible for supplying or arranging on-site child care for members attending meetings;

OSD-1

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 100/Local 98

Be it resolved that the first clause of Motion-2007/11:020 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that section 1 of the Operations Policy on Childcare be amended to read:

1. The Federation, upon receipt of a statement of expenses from a delegate to a national general meeting or a member of the National Executive attending a National Executive or general meeting, shall reimburse the member (parent or guardian of the child/dependent) or the member local association up to a maximum of \$80.00 per day for 8-10 hour child/dependent care services, and \$120.00 per day for 24 hour child/dependent care services;"

c. Proposal to Amend General Meeting Standing Committee

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:022) be adopted:

2007/11:022 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 8/Local 78

Whereas the input of caucuses, constituency groups and provincial components is essential to ensure that decisions made at general meetings are representative of the Federation; and

Whereas it should be the role of the representative(s) selected by caucuses, constituency groups and provincial components to sit on each standing general meeting committee to represent their respective caucus, constituency group or provincial component to their designated committee; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 1, section 2 be amended to read as follows:

2. Committee Composition

Each caucus, constituency group and provincial component shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee to represent the caucus, constituency group or provincial component's members.

d. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Carbon Neutral Model

The Committee recommends that the following motions (2007/11:040 and OSD-2) be referred to the National Executive:

2007/11:040 MOTION

Local 91/Local 8

Whereas twice a year, delegates from across the country gather at the Federation's national meetings;

Whereas many delegates must use air transport as their method of transportation to these meetings;

Whereas compared to other modes of transport, such as driving or taking the train, traveling by air has a greater climate impact per passenger kilometre and produces the most amount of emissions;

Whereas more and more companies and organisations, such as the Olympics, are going carbon neutral;

Whereas carbon offsets are achieved by purchasing credits from projects such as wind farms, solar installations or energy efficient projects;

Whereas carbon offsets can be used to neutralise emissions from air travel;

Whereas the purchase of carbon offsets can be applied to emissions created by transportation to national general meetings; and

Whereas the purchasing of carbon offsets reduces delegates' impact upon the climate when traveling to Federation meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation purchase carbon offsets in order to neutralise the emissions caused by travel to and from national general meetings; and

Be it further resolved that Federation national general meetings move to a carbon neutral model.

OSD-2 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 89/Local 44

Be it resolved that Motion-2007/11:040 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the Federation commit to becoming climate neutral by 2012."

OSD-3 MOTION TO REFER

Local 78/Local 4

Be it resolved that Motion 2007/11:040 and Motion-OSD-2 be referred to the National Executive.

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e. Proposal to Conduct Survey

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:045) be defeated:

2007/11:045

MOTION

Local 26/Local 8

Whereas the Federation is the largest student lobby group in Canada;

Whereas knowledge about the Federation and their membership therein, comes to the membership by word of mouth and campaign materials;

Whereas the average member of the Federation has limited knowledge about the internal workings and goings-on of the Federation;

Whereas according to William Hart Coleridge, a famous bishop who advocated for the abolition of slavery, "There is an art of which every man should be a master the art of reflection. If you are not a thinking man, to what purpose are you a man at all?";

Whereas the Federation should take time and self reflect and ensure that we are acting in the best interests of our membership, are known to our membership and are doing what the membership want; and

Whereas a survey of the membership with relation to their perceptions of the Federation's identity, mission, campaigns and effectiveness, would be an exercise in self-reflection; therefore

Be it resolved that an independent survey/polling company, other than Catalyst Creative, be commissioned to survey Canadian students both within and outside of the Canadian Federation of Students' membership as to its identity, mission, campaign and effectiveness.

f. Proposal Regarding Federation Documents

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:047) be defeated:

2007/11:047

MOTION

Local 26/Local 8

Whereas at the May 2007 semi-annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, a motion was passed directing the National Executive to post the Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and policies online;

Whereas the Standing Resolutions are not posted online; and

Whereas there is no link from the homepage or the 'About' section of the Federation's website to the Bylaws and Policies of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the direction to post the Standing Resolutions of the Federation online, as adopted at the May 2007 general meeting be fulfilled; and

Be it further resolved that links be posted either on the homepage or on the 'About' section of the Federation's website to the Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Policies of the Federation.

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:049) be defeated:

2007/11:049

MOTION

Local 26/Local 8

Whereas financial transparency is an important public relations tool;

Whereas posting the Federation's national budget on the website makes the Federation a more transparent organisation; and

Whereas financial accountability to the general membership is a priority for the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that that the 2007 national budget and all future budgets be posted on the Federation's website;

Be it further resolved that the 2006 audited financial statements of the Federation, and all future financial statement be posted on the Federation's website; and,

Be it further resolved that there be a link to the budgets and financial statements from the 'About' section of the Federation's website.

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The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:051) be defeated:

2007/11:051 MOTION

Local 26/Local 8

Whereas the membership of the Federation has only manual access to the records of the Federation through their students' union;

Whereas the membership is more likely to visit the Federation's website for Federation records than their student union office;

Whereas it is in the best interests of the Federation to make its records as accessible as possible to the to encourage membership interest and involvement in the Federation; and

Whereas National Executive meeting minutes contain sensitive campaign and other time-sensitive information and therefore cannot be released immediately after the conclusion of a meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that all National Executive minutes and agendas be posted on the Federation's website, one year after the occurrence of the meeting.

g. Proposal Regarding Coalition Work

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:053) be defeated:

2007/11:053 MOTION

Local 26/Local 8

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations both lobby the federal government on issues relating to post-secondary education;

Whereas purposeful communication between organisations must be established to discourage zero-sum views of issues that students face;

Whereas the "strength in numbers" which a students' union realizes by working in a Federation with other students' unions is realized to an even greater extent when the Federation works in coalition with other groups and organisations; and

Whereas even on matters of disagreement, it is often prudent and advantageous to consult with other lobby organisations prior to engaging in lobbying campaigns and strategies; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Chairperson be directed to discuss the possibility of exploring lobbying goals and strategies, and other public relations matters, with CASA.

h. Proposal to Amend Bylaws

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:056) be defeated:

2007/11:056 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 26/Local 8

Be it resolved that Bylaw X – Finances be amended by adding a new section 5, to read as follows:

5. Extraordinary Transactions

- a. For the purposes of this section, "extraordinary transaction" means any financial transaction that arises outside of the usual and predictable operations of the Federation, and includes:
 - i. any transaction that is unbudgeted; and,
 - ii. any gift or loan to a provincial component or student association over \$1,000.
- b. Any extraordinary transaction shall require the approval of the National Executive. This approval may not be delegated.
- c. The details of any extraordinary transaction shall be reported to the members in the National Executive Report required under Bylaw V, section 2 (f).
- d. The financial statements of the Federation shall include a note on every gift or loan over \$1,000 made by the Federation to any provincial component or student association.

2. MOTIONS DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE

OSD-4

MOTION

Local 15/Local 13

Whereas the Federation has had unqualified audits since its formation in 1981; and

Whereas throughout the history of the Federation, its finances have been managed responsibly and transparently; and

Whereas there are individuals and organisations who, despite evidence to the contrary, refuse to acknowledge or accept the evidence that the Federation has conducted itself properly with respect to the management of its finances and internal affairs; and

Whereas those individuals persist in a campaign to damage the Federation credibility as a means to achieve their own ends; and

Whereas the allegations these individuals and organisations continue to publish are merely a means to an end and have no basis in reality; and

Whereas unfounded allegations against the Federation damage the organisation's credibility with the general members, government, and the public; and

Whereas the Federation's credibility is vital in terms of its ability to serve the interests of its members; and

Whereas the dramatic increase over the course of the last few years in the number of personal weblogs ("blogs"), websites and online newspapers has resulted in the proliferation of these unfounded allegations; and

Whereas the more often a lie, accusation or unfounded allegation is repeated the more likely it is that people will assume it is fact and repeat it either verbally or in written form; and

Whereas despite efforts to correct the falsehoods, accusations and unfounded allegations and to stop their circulation by appealing to the ethics of the journalists in question it is increasingly difficult to secure a retraction, correction and apology; and

Whereas unless a correction and apology is printed and circulated the Federation appears guilty of the unfounded allegations; and

Whereas the National Executive is responsible for protecting the reputation of the Federation; and

Whereas it is sometimes necessary to secure legal assistance in order to 'set the record straight'; and

Whereas in the past the Federation has been reluctant to resort to legal action to correct wrongs against the organisation; and

Whereas this reluctance has largely benefited those who persist in circulating accusations and unfounded allegations because they have not been forced to correct the record and can simply continue to peddle their falsehoods; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive continue to take whatever steps necessary to secure corrections and apologies from media, organisations and individuals who publish false and defamatory statements about the Federation.

OSD-5

MOTION TO ADOPT STANDING RESOLUTION

Local 91/Local 68

Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

Quebec Component

The following Standing Resolution shall govern the affairs of the Quebec Component of the Federation:

1. Name

The name shall be known as the Quebec Component, hereinafter referred to as the Component.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Quebec Component shall be to facilitate the work of the Federation in Quebec.

3. Membership

The members of the component shall be all Federation member local associations in the province of Quebec.

4. Membership Fee

a. Full Membership

- i. Notwithstanding Section 4.a.ii. of this Standing Resolution, the Quebec Component fees for full member local associations shall be \$1.95 per semester, or \$3.90 per academic year, per local association individual member of the Quebec Component, pro-rated as per the policy of the member local association.
- ii. Beginning in 2008, the Quebec Component membership fee shall increase on August 1 each year by the rate of increase in the national Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar year.

b. Prospective Member

The fee for prospective membership in the Quebec Component shall be five per cent (5%) of the regular Component membership fee, notwithstanding that the fee may be reduced or waived by a majority vote of a national general meeting or the National Executive.

5. Voting

Each member local association shall be entitled to one (1) vote within the Component.

6. Steering Committee

The affairs of the Component shall be managed by a Steering Committee.

a. Composition

The Steering Committee shall be composed of the Quebec Representative on the National Executive, the Secretary-Treasurer and one representative from each member local association in Quebec.

b. Election

i. Election of the Representative on the National Executive

The Quebec Representative on the National Executive shall be elected at the May semi-annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Quebec member local associations.

ii. Election of the Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected at the May semi-annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Quebec member local associations.

iii. Election of Local Representatives

- The Local Representatives shall be elected by their respective local associations, in a manner consistent with the policy and bylaws of said member local association, and ratified at the Quebec Component Steering Committee Meeting at the May semi-annual national general meeting.
- If a member local association has not selected a Local Representative by the May semi-annual national general meeting, its Local Representative shall be ratified at the November annual national general meeting.

c. Term of Office

i. Term of Office of the National Executive Representative

The term of office for the Quebec Representative on the National Executive shall be one (1) year commencing at the adjournment of the May semi-annual national general meeting and ceasing at the adjournment of the subsequent May semi-annual national general meeting.

ii. Election of the Secretary-Treasurer

The term of office for the Secretary-Treasurer shall be one (1) year commencing at the adjournment of the May semi-annual national general meeting and ceasing at the adjournment of the subsequent May semi-annual national general meeting.

iii. Term of Office of Local Representatives

The term of office for a local representative shall be one (1) year commencing upon ratification to the Steering Committee at the May semi-annual general meeting and ceasing at the adjournment of the subsequent May semi-annual national general meeting.

7. Duties of the Steering Committee

a. Collective Duties of the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall manage the affairs of the Component, implement campaigns and services of the Federation in Quebec, and be responsible for the administration of Federation provincial resources in Quebec.

b. Duties of the National Executive Representative

The National Executive Representative:

- i. shall chair Quebec component meetings during national general meetings;
- ii. shall attend all meetings of the Federation National Executive;
- iii. shall be responsible for the communication between the Federation's National Executive and the component;
- iv. shall ensure that the concerns and interest of the component shall be represented at National Executive meetings of the Federation;
- v. shall, within budgetary limitations, be available to visit member associations and non-member associations wishing to know more about the component and the Federation's politics and operations;
- vi. shall assist component delegates representing the component on committees at Federation national general meetings and be available to present information to committees
- vii. shall present a written report to each component meeting detailing actions and decisions of the Federation National Executive;
- viii. shall see to the delivery of Federation services to member local associations.

c. Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer:

- i. shall oversee the keeping of accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Quebec Component, and shall deposit all monies or other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Component;
- ii. shall submit a written report at each meeting of the Quebec Component Steering Committee that includes, but is not limited to, a year-to-date financial statement for the component.

d. Duties of Local Representatives

The Local Representatives:

- i. shall be generally responsible for on-campus representation of the Federation, including but not limited to, coordinating the implementation of Federation:
 - campaigns at the member local associations; and
 - services at the member local associations;
- ii. shall communicate the perspectives of the member local associations to other members of the Steering Committee;
- iii. shall coordinate the implementation of Federation campaigns and services within their member local associations.

8. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Quebec Component shall be the same as that of the Federation.

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Policy Review and Development Committee November 2007 National General Meeting

1. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS

a. Ratification of the Committee Chair(s)

Standing Resolution 1, Section 4, *Committee Chairperson*, states that:

As its first order of business each standing general meeting committee shall either:

- ratify as the committee chairperson(s) the National Executive member(s) appointed to the committee; or
- elect a committee chairperson from within its membership.

The National Executive is recommending that Graduate Students' Representative Meghan Gallant and Québec Representative Melanie Thomas be ratified as co-chairs for the Committee.

b. Roundtable Introductions

c. Review of the Committee Agenda

d. Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference

Committee members should be familiar with the responsibilities of the Policy Review and Development Committee as established in the Federation's Standing Resolutions. Standing Resolution 1, Section 3.c) *Policy Review and Development Committee*, states that:

"The Policy Review and Development Committee shall review and make recommendations to closing plenary on proposed amendments to the issues policy of the Federation, as proposed by Committee members and member locals on plenary floor."

2. CURRENT POLICY ISSUES DISCUSSION

The Committee will discuss policy issues related to post-secondary education in Canada.

3. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

The following motions will likely be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee by the opening plenary:

2007/11:N06 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 84/

Whereas the Federation's current policy outlines the preferred date for elections;

Whereas Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia all have fixed dates for provincial elections; and

Whereas having fixed dates for elections allows for better planning and preparation in terms of campaign organizing; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy amendment be adopted:

The Federation supports fixed election dates for municipal, provincial and federal elections.

The Federation opposes the calling of municipal, provincial and federal elections when the majority of students are not attending classes.

2007/11:N09 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY
Local 105/

Whereas the Federation's policy on funding for post-secondary education has not been amended since the creation of the Canada Social Transfer and thus is out of date; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation's "Funding Education" policy be amended as follows:

Federal Transfer Payments

Preamble

The federal government's involvement in funding post-secondary education through transfer payments began with the Established Programs Financing (EPF) Act of 1977. The Act brought into existence a new federal contribution to the provinces that consisted of deferred tax points and cash payments, and allocated 29% of the EPF transfer for post-secondary education. However, no guarantee existed to ensure that the post-secondary education funds were allocated to universities and colleges, rather than to other provincial government priorities.

On April 1, 1996, the federal government combined virtually all of its transfers to the provinces into the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST), including federal transfer payments for post-secondary education, health, and social assistance services. Not only was the combined transfer accompanied by deep funding cuts of over \$7 billion, the very nature of federal responsibility for higher education shifted. The impact on access to post-secondary education was swift and severe, as provinces passed on the funding cuts to students and their families in the form of higher tuition fees and higher student debt. Like the EPF, the CHST lacked any accountability and assurance that funding designated for post-secondary education would make it to students and institutions.

At the behest of the provinces, the federal government split the CHST into two separate transfers in 2004, one for health funding and one for everything else (Canada Social Transfer). The primary motivation was to put a focus on federal-provincial negotiations for increased health care spending and mutual accountability. The Canada Social Transfer (CST) was treated as a side-effect of the split and was largely ignored during the first few years of its existence. Funding for the CST barely increased by inflation between 2004 and 2007. In 2007, the federal government increased spending for post-secondary education through the CST, but failed to create any conditions for the new spending. Without accountability for federal spending, there can be no guarantee that money earmarked for higher education is actually spent that way once it reaches the provinces.

Policy

The Federation supports the creation of a dedicated transfer payment for post-secondary education that is separate from the Canada Social Transfer, and provides stable federal funding to the provinces for higher education. The post-secondary education transfer should be guided by national principles and a national post-secondary education Act. The cash value of the dedicated post-secondary transfer should be set at a minimum 0.5% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and increase with inflation.

To ensure regional equity, the Federation supports the allocation of cash transfers to provinces on a per student basis for those attending public post-secondary institutions and equalization according to provincial GDP per capita.

2007/11:N10 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY
Local 76/

Be it resolved that the Federation's "Public Transportation" policy be amended as follows:

Preamble

Public transit is a crucial issue for post-secondary students and essential to both the quality of life and environmental health of communities.

When transportation costs were downloaded to municipal governments, transit systems were increasingly forced to rely on user fees for funding due to a lack of adequate government funding for public transportation. Like all user fees, fares for public transit adversely and disproportionately affect students and lower-income Canadians. In addition, vehicular transportation is among the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

The Canadian Urban Transit Association's 2006 national survey of Canadian transit systems reported a \$21 billion need for public transit capital infrastructure investment for the period 2006-2010. In March of 2007, the mayors of Canada's largest cities announced that \$2 billion a year was needed to upgrade and expand their transit systems as part of a national transit strategy.

Canada is the only "G8" country without a long-term federal transit-investment policy. In its Second Interim Report on the 2007-2008 Estimates released in June 2007, the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance recommended that a national urban strategy be created that included "permanent, long-term funding dedicated to urban transit." This recommendation is consistent with proposals from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Policy

The Federation supports:

the establishment of accessible and affordable municipal and inter-municipal public transportation for all post-secondary students regardless of age and status;
long-term sustainable federal funding for repairing existing services and expanding transit networks; and
the creation of a national urban transit strategy by the federal government, in conjunction with provincial governments and municipalities, that includes permanent, long-term funding dedicated to urban transit.

The Federation opposes:

government cutbacks to funding for public transportation;
the lease or sale of public transportation systems to private operators; and
the establishment of private, for-profit municipal and inter-municipal mass-transit services in communities where public transit systems do not exist.

2007/11:N11 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY
Local 91/

Whereas climate change is one of the most pressing issues facing young people today;

Whereas the Federation has no policy related to climate change;

Whereas the Kyoto Protocol is an important tool in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas the current government has abandoned its responsibilities to reach the targets outlined in Kyoto; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Preamble

Climate change is considered by many scientists and organizations to be the most serious environmental threat facing the world today. In recent years, the true impact of human activity on climate change has become obvious. Accordingly, environmental sustainability has become a top priority for Canadians, and in particular, Canadian youth.

On February 16, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol officially entered into force. The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement that sets targets for reduction in greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change. Canada signed onto to the Protocol, but successive federal governments have not put in place plans to meet its targets. As of 2004, Canada's emissions were 27 per cent above the 1990 level, contrary to the Kyoto target of 6 per cent below the 1990 level for 2008-2012.

Policy

The Federation supports the Kyoto Protocol and other initiatives aimed of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and minimizing the environmental impact of human activity.

The Federation supports the regulation of industry in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Federation supports the creation of new technologies, employment and infrastructure that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and that have minimal impacts on the ecosystem.

The Federation supports the use of public policy to spur innovation, investment, technological progress, and behavioural change in support of environmental sustainability.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

5. ADJOURNMENT

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Policy Review and Development Committee

November 2007 National General Meeting

Committee Composition

Caucus Representatives

Caucus of College and Institute Associations

Caucus of Large Institute Associations

National Aboriginal Caucus

National Graduate Caucus

Caucus of Small University Associations

Provincial Representatives

Alberta

British Columbia

Manitoba

New Brunswick

Newfoundland and Labrador

Nova Scotia

Ontario

Prince Edward Island

Québec

Saskatchewan

Constituency Group Representatives

Student Artists' Constituency Group

Students of Colour Constituency Group

Students With Disabilities Constituency Group

Francophone Students' Constituency Group

International Students' Constituency Group

Part-time and Mature Students' Constituency Group

Queer Students' Constituency Group

Women's Constituency Group

Committee Coordinators

Québec Representative on the National Executive

Graduate Students' Representative on the National Executive

Committee Staff

Organiser (National Student Health Network)

Researcher

Paul Brown, Sheridan Clemson,

Christopher Gillespie

Derek Robertson

Ian Caplette, Jessie Hemphill, Wanda Noganosh

Hijaz Al-Ani, Ahmed El Saadany,

Brendan Lanigan

Ben Glassco, Andy Woolridge

Joseph Bardsley

Jonathan Degenhardt, Amanda Van Baarsen

Stephen Montague, Alan McGreevy

Kayla Costella, Katrina Hanlon

Krista Hull

Erin Copeland, Viva Dadwal, Phil Evans

Faiz Ahmed

Shandell Jack, Roland Nassim

Jessica Sinclair

Meghan King

Abdulkadir Omar

Valerie C. Doumani, Tucker Gordon,

Nathan Hauch

Amanda Sartori

Adnan Najmi, Hildah Otieno

Ilona Molnar, Ray Sanche

Jaden Keitlah, Greg West

Alexandra Caldwell, Caitlin Meggs,

Sterling Nelson

Melanee Thomas

Meghan Gallant

Joel Duff

James Beaton

1. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

a. Proposal to Amend Policy on Elections

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:028) be adopted:

2007/11:028 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 84/Local 8

Whereas the Federation's current policy outlines the preferred date for elections;

Whereas Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia all have fixed dates for provincial elections; and



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Whereas having fixed dates for elections allows for better planning and preparation in terms of campaign organizing; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation's "Elections" policy be amended as follows:

The Federation supports fixed election dates for municipal, provincial and federal elections.

The Federation opposes the calling of municipal, provincial and federal elections when the majority of students are not attending classes.

b. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Federal Transfer Payments

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:034) be adopted with the subsequent amendments (PRD-1, PRD-2, PRD-3, PRD-4, PRD-5):

2007/11:034 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 105/Local 8

Whereas the Federation's policy on funding for post-secondary education has not been amended since the creation of the Canada Social Transfer and thus is out of date; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation's "Funding Education" policy be amended as follows:

Federal Transfer Payments

Preamble

The federal government's involvement in funding post-secondary education through transfer payments began with the Established Programs Financing (EPF) Act of 1977. The Act brought into existence a new federal contribution to the provinces that consisted of deferred tax points and cash payments, and allocated 29% of the EPF transfer for post-secondary education. However, no guarantee existed to ensure that the post-secondary education funds were allocated to universities and colleges, rather than to other provincial government priorities.

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To ensure regional equity, the Federation supports the allocation of cash transfers to provinces on a per students basis for those attending public post-secondary institutions and equalisation according to provincial GDP per capita.

PRD-1

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 37/Local 75

Be it resolved that the words "and increase with inflation" be deleted from the policy proposed in Motion-2007/11:034.

PRD-2

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 53/Local 3

Be it resolved that the second clause in the policy proposed in Motion-2007/11:034 be replaced with the following:

To ensure regional equity, as well as financial accessibility, the Federation supports the allocation of cash transfers to provinces on a per students basis for those attending public post-secondary institutions and equalisation according to provincial GDP per capita.

PRD-3

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 104/Local 44

Be it resolved that the words "post-secondary education" be replaced with "public post-secondary education" throughout the policy proposed in Motion-2007/11:034.

PRD-4

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 61/Local 72

Be it resolved that the following words be added as the final paragraph in the policy proposed in Motion-2007/11:034:

The Federation opposes any decrease in provincial funding for post-secondary education as a result of any increase in federal transfer payments.

PRD-5

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 27/Local 32

Be it resolved that the words "national principles" be replaced with the words "the principles of public administration, comprehensiveness, accessibility, collegial governance, and academic freedom." in the policy proposed in Motion-2007/11:034.

c. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Public Transportation

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:036) be adopted:

2007/11:036

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 76/Local 8

Be it resolved that the Federation's "Public Transportation" policy be amended as follows:

Preamble

Public transit is a crucial issue for post-secondary students and essential to both the quality of life and environmental health of communities.

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Policy

The Federation supports:

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- the creation of a national urban transit strategy by the federal government, in conjunction with provincial governments and municipalities, that includes permanent, long-term funding dedicated to urban transit.

The Federation opposes:

- government cutbacks to funding for public transportation;
- the lease or sale of public transportation systems to private operators; and
- the establishment of private, for-profit municipal and inter-municipal mass-transit services in communities where public transit systems do not exist.

d. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Climate Change

The Committee recommends that the following motion (2007/11:038) be adopted with the following amendment (PRD-6):

2007/11:038 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY** Local 91/Local 8

Whereas climate change is one of the most pressing issues facing young people today;

Whereas the Federation has no policy related to climate change;

Whereas the Kyoto Protocol is an important tool in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas the current government has abandoned its responsibilities to reach the targets outlined in Kyoto; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Preamble

Climate change is considered by many scientists and organisations to be the most serious environmental threat facing the world today. In recent years, the true impact of human activity on climate change has become obvious. Accordingly, environmental sustainability has become a top priority for Canadians, and in particular, Canadian youth.

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Policy

The Federation supports the Kyoto Protocol and other initiatives aimed of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and minimising the environmental impact of human activity.

The Federation supports the regulation of industry in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Federation supports the creation of new technologies, employment and infrastructure that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and that have minimal impacts on the ecosystem.

The Federation supports the use of public policy to spur innovation, investment, technological progress, and behavioural change in support of environmental sustainability.

PRD-6 **MOTION TO AMEND** Local 44/Local 91

Be it resolved that the policy proposed in Motion-2007/11:038 be amended as follows:

Preamble

In 2007 the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) stated with very high confidence that the global atmospheric concentration of CO₂, methane, and nitrous oxide (greenhouse gasses) had increased markedly as a result of human activity since 1750 and now far exceeds pre-industrial levels determined from ice core samples spanning thousands of years.

Climate change is now the most serious threat to humanity and the true impact of human activity on climate change has become obvious. Accordingly environmental sustainability has become a top priority for Canadians and in particular Canadian youth.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- initiatives, such as those in the spirit of the Kyoto Protocol, that call for the urgent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to a level at least 6% lower than the 1990 levels and minimise the negative environmental impact of human activity;
- the regulation of industry in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- the creation of innovative solutions, including but not limited, to new technologies, employment and infrastructure that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and that will have minimal impact on the ecosystem;
- the use of public policy to spur innovation, investment, and behavioural change that supports environmental sustainability; and
- the inclusion of indigenous peoples in these activities for the purpose of researching and implementing traditional indigenous methods of environmentally sustainable living.

The Federation opposes:

- any government policies and/or initiatives that seek to undermine its commitments, present or past, towards environmental sustainability."

2. MOTION DEVELOPED BY THE COMMITTEE

NOTICE MOTION TO AMEND POLICY Local 37/Local 33

Be it resolved that the Federation's "Elections" policy be amended as follows:

For all municipal, federal, or provincial elections, the Federation supports:

- the establishment of enumeration tables on university, college and institute campuses;
- polling stations established at university, college and institute campuses (especially where residences are present);
- a minimum of two weeks of advance polling, with a minimum of one day of advance polling to be held on university, college and institute campuses;
academic amnesty be granted for all post-secondary students for the purpose of voting on the official election date; and
- the allowance of post-secondary students to choose for which riding or constituency to vote, either their permanent address or their address used while attending university or college.

For all municipal, federal, or provincial elections, the Federation opposes:

- the calling of elections when the majority of students are not attending classes on campus; and
- any government legislation that restricts or limits a student's right or ability to vote, excluding age and citizenship requirements.

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Katherine Giroux - Bouvard	- National Chairperson
Brent Furrishylen	- National Deputy Chairperson
Brandon Johnson	} - National Treasurer
Dave Molenhuis	
Amanda Aziz	- Travel COTS Board

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ELECTORAL REPORT

November 2007 National General Meeting

Chief Electoral Officers

Christine Bourque, Fieldworker – Ontario

Ashkon Hashemi, Internal Coordinator – Ontario

1. NATIONAL GRADUATE CAUCUS EXECUTIVE BY-ELECTION

2007/11:ER-1 MOTION

Local 67 / Local 19

Be it resolved that Graham Cox (Local 67) be ratified as the New Brunswick Representative on the National Executive for the remainder of the 2007-08 term.

2. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

a. National Chairperson

2007/11:ER-2 MOTION

Be it resolved that Katherine Giroux-Bougard (Local 35) be ratified as the National Chairperson for the 2008-09 term.

b. National Deputy Chairperson

2007/11:ER-3 MOTION

Be it resolved that Brent Farrington (Local 91) be ratified as the National Deputy Chairperson for the 2008-09 term.

c. National Treasurer

2007/11:ER-4 MOTION

Be it resolved that Dave Molenhuis (Local 105) be ratified as the National Treasurer for the 2008-09 term.

3. TRAVEL C.U.T.S. BOARD ELECTIONS

2007/11:ER-5 MOTION

Be it resolved that Amanda Aziz (Local 103) be ratified as the Travel C.U.T.S. Board Representative for the 2008-10 term.

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AGENDA

Provincial Component Meetings

November 2007 National General Meeting

1. PREPARATION FOR COMPONENT DELIBERATIONS

- a. Roundtable Introductions
- b. Review of the Component Agenda

2. PREPARATION FOR SUBCOMMITTEES

- a. Overview of Subcommittees
- b. Overview of Selection Process
- c. Subcommittees Section Process

Standing Resolution 1, Section 2, *Committee Composition* states that:

"Each caucus, constituency group and provincial component shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee."

The Component will select representatives for each of the following plenary sub-committees:

- Budget Committee;
- Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
- Policy Review and Development Committee.

3. REVIEW OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Component will review the motions that were submitted with notice for consideration at the November 2007 national general meeting and develop recommendations for the motions.

4. REVIEW OF MEETING LOGISTICS

Any questions or concerns about meeting logistics should be addressed at this time. Meeting coordinators will provide an overview of the transportation schedule from the meeting site to the airport.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA

National Aboriginal Caucus

November 2007 National General Meeting

1. ATTENDANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

An Elder from the community will provide welcoming remarks and delegates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. REVIEW OF CAUCUS TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Caucus will review Standing Resolution 18.2.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Delegates will consider the minutes of the previous meeting of the Caucus.

5. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

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The Caucus will review the motions that were served with notice for consideration at the November 2007 national general meeting.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Delegates will provide an update on activities at their respective locals.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Executive will present a report on work undertaken since the previous Caucus meeting. Delegates will have an opportunity to ask questions about the work of the Executive.

9. REVIEW OF CAUCUS CAMPAIGNS

The meeting will review the status of current and new campaigns including the *Where's the Justice?* and *Stolen Sisters* campaigns.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA

National Graduate Caucus

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SESSION 1 – Thursday, November 22, 2007

1. ROLL CALL OF MEMBER LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Local 3 University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan
- Local 23 Simon Fraser Student Society
- Local 89 University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society
- Local 21 University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association
- Local 9 University of Regina Students' Union
- Local 101 University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association
- Local 96 University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association
- Local 102 Brock University Graduate Students' Association
- Local 78 Carleton University Graduate Students' Association
- Local 62 University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association
- Local 32 Lakehead University Student Union
- Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association*
- Local 39 McMaster University Graduate Students' Association
- Local 94 University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant-e-s diplômé-e-s
- Local 27 Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students
- Local 24 Ryerson Students' Union
- Local 85 Saint Paul University Students' Association
- Local 19 University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union
- Trent Graduate Student Association*
- Local 47 University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students
- Local 56 Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association
- Local 48 University of Windsor Graduate Student Society
- Local 84 York University Graduate Students' Association
- Local 83 Concordia University Graduate Students' Association
- Local 79 Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill University
- Local 67 University of New Brunswick Graduate Students' Association
- Local 70 University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association
- Local 95 Cape Breton University Students' Union
- Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students*
- Local 34 Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union
- Local 100 Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland

* Prospective members / members eventual

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

3. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting will consider the minutes of the previous meeting of the Caucus.

SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

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- Budget Committee;
- Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
- Policy Review and Development Committee.

6. REVIEW OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Caucus will review the motions that have been submitted with due notice for consideration at the national general meeting.

SESSION 2 – Thursday November 22, 2007

7. REPORT ON CAUCUS ACTIVITIES BY THE CAUCUS EXECUTIVE

An overview of the work undertaken by the Caucus during the reporting period will be provided.

8. CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DISCUSSION

The meeting will discuss campaigns and government relations activities including:

- the campaign to expose the dangers of commercialisation of research;
- the campaign to maintain/restore post-residency fees;
- the campaign for whistleblower protection legislation;
- copyright and intellectual property; and
- creative commons.

9. REVIEW OF CAUCUS FINANCES

10. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AT LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY

Several graduate students at Laurentian University have been denied access to their research and data due to funding changes. Students and faculty have been advocating for resolution of the situation and for reinstated access to data for the graduate students affected. Representatives will be present to discuss the situation and to request support from the Caucus.

11. UPDATE FROM PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

Caucus representatives on each plenary sub-committee will report on the deliberations of the sub-committees.

SESSION 3 – Friday November 23, 2007

12. UPDATE FROM PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

Caucus representatives on each plenary sub-committee will report on the deliberations of the sub-committees.

13. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Caucus members will provide a local-by-local update on the status of implementation of Federation campaigns and services.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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Caucuses: Colleges and Institutes, Large Institutes, and Small Universities
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1. INTRODUCTIONS and OVERVIEW OF CAUCUS MEETING

- a. Roundtable Introductions
- b. Review of the Caucus Agenda
- c. Review of the Caucus Terms of Reference

2. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

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4. OTHER BUSINESS

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AGENDA

Constituency Groups

November 2007 National General Meeting

1. INTRODUCTIONS and OVERVIEW OF CONSTITUENCY GROUP MEETINGS

- a. Roundtable Introductions
- b. Review of the Constituency Group Agenda
- c. Review of the Constituency Group Terms of Reference

2. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

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The Constituency Group will select representatives for each of the following plenary sub-committees:

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- Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
- Policy Review and Development Committee.

3. REVIEW OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Constituency Group will review the motions that were served with notice for consideration at the general meeting for the purpose of giving general direction to the Group's representatives on the committees.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

5. ADJOURNMENT