

AGENDA

Opening Plenary

May 2008 National General Meeting

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

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

4. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

5. ADOPTION OF THE PLENARY AGENDA

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

6. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

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

7. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

8. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

- a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures
- b. Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting
- c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer

9. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

- a. Introduction of Electoral Officers
- b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

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

10. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS

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

- Budget Committee;
- Campaigns and Government Relations Forum;

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

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

11. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

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

a. Motion Served with Notice by the previous General Meeting

The following motion was served with notice by the November 2007 national general meeting:

2008/05:N01 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:

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

b. New Motions Served with Notice

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

2008/05:N02 MOTION Local 105/

Whereas the Polaris Institute is a Canadian think tank with a mandate to help empower citizens' movements toward democratic social change; and

Whereas the "Inside the Bottle" campaign is a Polaris Institute project designed to stimulate citizen awareness and concern about the bottled water industry; and

Whereas public ownership of water sources is the only way to ensure adequate, accessible and clean drinking water; and

Whereas enforced government regulations and guidelines of public water systems are the best and only way to ensure public trust in tap water for drinking and avoiding dependence on bottled water; and

Whereas container deposit laws are one of the most effective ways of cutting down the amount of bottles piling up in landfills and polluting the environment; therefore

Be it resolved that the Polaris Institute's "Inside the Bottle" campaign against the bottled water industry be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to hold events to create awareness about this campaign such as organising educationals and lobbying campus

administrations to ban the distribution of bottled water at all college and university events;
and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work together and with coalition partners to plan, promote and implement the "Inside the Bottle" campaign and promote awareness of the dangers of water privatisation.

2008/05:N03

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 105/

Whereas water privatisation has detrimental impacts on the environment and adds additional cost to the user; and

Whereas Canada's system of public water provision is reliable, subsidised and of high quality; and

Whereas the bottled water industry is seeking to undermine public confidence in the public water system in order to reap additional profits; and

Whereas the provision of bottled water at Federation meetings would contradict and undermine the campaign against water privatisation and add unnecessary cost to Federation meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operational Policy on "National General Meetings" be amended to include the following under "Miscellaneous":

Wherever possible, free, delicious and ice-cold public water, and not private, bottled water, shall be provided to delegates, guests and presenters at general meetings of the Federation.

2008/05:N04

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 105/

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy on "Bottled Water" be adopted:

Preamble

Water, like education, is a public right, not a privilege. Like the invasion of commercial values into education, the treatment of water as a commodity that can be sold poses the risk of potentially denying access to this life sustaining resource. It is a common responsibility of all people and governments to ensure that water is used sensibly to minimise negative environmental impacts and guarantee the free and universal access to clean drinking water into the future.

However, most city water in Canada is much more highly regulated and monitored for quality than bottled water. In addition, public water systems are the most responsible mechanism for ensuring that water is accessible.

In addition, mass production of bottled water has negative environmental impacts due to the creation of landfills full of empty bottles and plastic leaching toxins endangering the surrounding environment and communities and posing hazardous risks.

According to the Polaris Institute, the bottled water industry is presently growing at a rate of 18% annually, becoming one of the key products being pushed in the public school system and on college and university campuses across the country. Beverage exclusivity contracts on campuses are the marketing tool of choice for water bottling companies to guarantee access to the student and youth market.

Private beverage companies are engaged in aggressive marketing campaigns claiming that bottled water is the only safe source of drinking water available and creating a culture of dependence and reliance on private water sources that undermine public confidence in public water systems.

There are currently no legally enforced rules to protect water systems in Ontario and buying bottled water sends a powerful message to our elected leaders that there is little need to maintain and improve Canada's water infrastructure.

Policy

The Federation Supports:

- public ownership of natural water sources;
- adequate funding for clean and accessible public water systems;
- public drinking fountains in spaces and public buildings, including college and university campuses;
- enforced government regulations to establish standards and guidelines for public water systems that set international standards;

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- government initiatives to clean up polluted water sources;
- bottled water bans for all events held by municipal, provincial or federal governments or public institutions;
- the right of indigenous peoples to exercise control and influence over the use of natural resources;
- adequate funding and support for clean and accessible water systems (to reach all communities including indigenous communities);
- enforced government regulations to establish standards and guidelines for public water systems that set international standards and respect the autonomy of indigenous communities and their traditional governance; and
- container deposit laws and other effective ways of cutting down the amount of bottles piling up in landfills and polluting the environment.

The Federation Opposes:

- the use of bottled water;
- the privatisation of water services;
- bulk water imports and exports;
- water takings by bottled water corporations of public water and public water sources;
- any change to public policy that serves the private and commercial interests of bottled water companies instead of the public interest;
- government under-funding of public water systems and water testing programmes;
- the allocation, sale or lease of land or natural resources by any level of government to bottled water companies; and
- national or international trade agreements that limit or undermine Canada's ability to regulate and protect public water systems.

2008/05:N05

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 105/

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy on "Elections" "Government Elections" be adopted:

Preamble

Youth and students are traditionally under-represented in municipal, provincial and federal elections and referenda. This lack of participation gives cause for many politicians, government officials and other decision-makers to ignore students and youth as an important constituency because they do not fear their impact at the ballot box.

However, the lack of student and youth participation in elections and referenda is not reflective of political apathy or disengagement, as evidenced by the high level of youth and student involvement in volunteerism, community service, and campaigns or initiatives to promote environmentalism, equity, social justice, human rights, and many other public causes.

Elections campaigns are important opportunities to raise public awareness about issues important to youth and students, capture the attention of the media, and to galvanise public support for such issues. Public concern and attention to social issues during an election can pressure candidates to change or affirm their commitments to addressing issues of public policy.

Increased participation of youth and students in elections and referenda will result in more political leverage for students on many important issues.

Post-secondary students and youth are often a highly transient population that face many barriers to voting in municipal, provincial and federal elections and referenda, including the lack of standard forms of identification and proof of residence.

Establishing voting habits in youth and students is an important aspect of developing a civic culture of voting that will extend throughout a lifetime.

Increasing student and youth voter turn-out in municipal, provincial and federal elections and referenda should be a public priority and all levels of government need to work to reduce the barriers between students and the ballot box.

Policy

Timing

The Federation supports:

- fixed election dates for all municipal, provincial, and federal elections; and
- the calling of elections when the majority of students are attending classes on campus.

The Federation opposes the calling of elections when the majority of students are not attending classes on campus.

Eligibility and Enumeration

The Federation supports:

- the use of the term "ordinary residence" for the purpose of determining a voter's electoral district;
- the right of dependent students to declare the electoral district of either their in-study residence or their family residence to be their ordinary residence for the purposes of enumeration and voting;
- the acceptance of post-secondary student identification cards as proof of identification for the purpose of enumeration and voting;
- the acceptance of post-secondary institutional documentation, official correspondence from post-secondary institutional administrations, residence agreements, and ministerial documentation, such as financial aid documents, as proof of residence for the purpose of enumeration and voting;
- the establishment of enumeration stations on university, college and institute campuses with a focus on creating as many opportunities for students to vote as possible, which may include a minimum of one; and
- the right of non-partisan organisations, like the Canadian Federation of Students, to register voters prior to commencement of the election period and during non-event times.

The Federation opposes:

- the use of the term "permanent residence" for the purpose of determining a voter's electoral district;
- any government legislation that restricts or limits a student's right or ability to vote, excluding age and citizenship requirements.

Voting & Polling Stations

The Federation supports:

- polling stations established at all university, college and institute campuses, even where no residence is available;
- a minimum of two weeks of advance polling, with a minimum of one day of advance polling to be held on every university, college and institute campus;
- the granting of academic amnesty for all post-secondary students for the purpose of voting on the official election date;
- polling hours that are accessible;
- campus polling stations that allow for simultaneous voter registration and voting;
- campus polling stations that allow for special ballot voting, wherein voters are able to register and vote in any electoral district; and
- the placement of polling stations in on-campus locations that is determined in consultation with campus students' union representatives.

The Federation opposes:

- the use of minimum pre-election voter registration rates as a pre-condition for establishing on-campus polling stations.

Student and Youth Voter Outreach Strategies

The Federation supports government-sponsored student and youth voter outreach strategies that:

- encourage student and youth participation in the electoral process;
- provide clear and consistent information to potential voters about their rights and the voting process;
- are developed in consultation with the Federation and campus students' unions; and
- post-election impact studies to evaluate government-sponsored student and youth voter outreach strategies.
- support active discussion between students' unions and the returning officers for their district.

Third-Party Campaigning

The Federation supports:

- the right of non-partisan organisations to inform potential voters about relevant issues at stake in an election or referendum;
- the right of membership-driven organisations, like students' unions, to engage in campaign strategies throughout the electoral period and on voting days, that include, but are not limited to:

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- presentations and classroom speaks;
- all-candidates' fora;
- postering;
- leaflet mailouts and distribution;
- residence literature drops and visits; and
- television, radio, print and online advertising;
- the consideration of all non-partisan campaign material, including issues-based material, as "public service announcements" for the purpose of regulation and financing; and
- reduced advertising rates, in all forms for media, for public service announcements.

The Federation opposes:

- the classification of any campaign material as "partisan" where it does not explicitly endorse a political party, candidate, or referendum position; and
- censorship of information and outreach campaign materials, especially by public services and corporations such as transit agencies.

Tracking and Participation Rates:

The Federation supports:

- collection of voter participation and anonymous demographic data, including data on the participation from groups covered under protected grounds;
- the collection of such data on a poll by poll basis;
- trend analysis of voter participation; and
- the public release of all voter participation and tracking data.

The Federation opposes any data collection that is non-anonymous or would otherwise compromise the secret ballot process.

2008/05:N06

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 105/

Whereas non-academic conduct is in existence in most universities and colleges in Ontario; and

Whereas non-academic conduct infantilizes students by seeking to police their behaviour by sanctioning penalties for activities deemed too insignificant to fall under the purview of the Criminal Code of Canada; and

Whereas students have a right to be treated with respect and dignity by the college or university administration, and are not privy to students behaviour while off campus; and

Whereas codes of non-academic conduct have been used to persecute and ban members of students' unions from acting on political beliefs that are different than those held by the university administration; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Non-Academic Codes of Conduct

Preamble

Non-academic codes of conduct generally exist at post-secondary education institutions across Canada as a means of penalizing students who are viewed by the administration to have acted in a way that is deemed destructive to the interests of the institution. These codes are often written with minimal or no student input and are adjudicated by bodies that are not administered by the students' union, or are otherwise accountable to students.

In many instances, non-academic codes of conduct are used to punish students for activities that are unrelated to their studies or their campus and may range from comments posted on internet social networking websites to political activities and demonstrations. As such, the application of such codes can be arbitrary, invasive, biased, and discriminatory.

Such codes seek to expand the institution's influence in the personal lives of students even while off-campus and threaten to limit or impede the free expression of students and their political activities. In addition, these codes treat students in a manner that is separate and distinct from other members of the post-secondary community, namely professors, administrators, and other staff of the institution.

Increasingly, post-secondary education institutional administrations have used the non-academic codes of conduct to penalize students who engage in political activities, especially when those political beliefs are not ones shared by the administration of the day. These codes threaten the

democratic rights of students to actively participate and engage in issues that they so wish to support.

Policy

The Federation opposes any post-secondary education institutional non-academic conduct policy that:

- seeks to regulate or penalise the off-campus conduct of students;
- seeks to regulate or penalise any conduct that is not relevant to or directly related to the student's role and responsibilities at the institution;
- sanctions or threatens sanctions that negatively impact a student's academic standing.
- applies different standards to students than those applied to administrators, professors, or other employees of the institution;
- is not developed, implemented, and adjudicated by a body comprised, in the majority, by students' union representatives;
- does not provide the basic principles of natural justice including, but not limited to, the following rights: notice of the allegations, due process, a hearing to be held within a reasonable time frame, the ability to investigate the evidence, the opportunity to prepare for and present a defence, the presentation of witnesses, access to an impartial appeals process;
- places the burden of proof on the accused and not the accuser;
- does not provide students with appropriate legal council at no cost to the student
- is applied to any students' union, group or campus organisation, or the registered leadership thereof;
- treats students acting individually, or as a representative of a students' union, club or campus organisation, who does not hold office or employ with the institution, as "Representatives" of a university or college for the purpose of punishment;
- seeks to penalize students for any incident for which the individual has already been penalized under the Criminal Code of Canada, or any other ordinance or statute;
- seeks to compel students to report misconduct when it has happened or remove themselves from situations in which misconduct is occurring;
- is applied to online social, or other, networks sites, such as Facebook, MySpace, Yahoo, AOL, MSN, and Google;
- limits, blocks, or hinders a students' right to free expression, political activity, assembly, or any other right under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms;
- penalizes students for political activity, including potentially disruptive behaviour; and
- is applied in an arbitrary, invasive, biased, or discriminatory way.

2008/05:N07

MOTION **Local 44/**

Whereas according to the Fourth Assessment Report (November 2007) of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): "Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, as is now evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice, and rising global average sea level"; and

Whereas the impact of unsustainable human activities such as industrial manufacturing, industrial agriculture, natural resource extraction and mass transportation have exacerbated and accelerated this warming by increasing concentrations of atmospheric greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane; and

Whereas the most positive and pragmatic approach to addressing this emergency is for individuals, organizations and nations to become not just climate-neutral, but to move beyond being climate-neutral; and

Whereas 'beyond climate-neutral' means that individuals, organizations and nations work to reduce their impact on the climate to net-zero and, in addition, work to contribute to larger climate change solutions (i.e. they do more to solve the problems of climate change than they do cause them); therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive consult and work with the David Suzuki Foundation, Aboriginal people experienced in sustainable indigenous ecological practices, and any other relevant experts in order to make all national meetings of the Federation and the operations of the national office beyond climate-neutral by May of 2010; and

Be it further resolved that material and informational support be provided to all locals who wish to make the transition to move beyond climate-neutral.

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2008/05:N08 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Preamble

The general public, and students in particular, are increasingly calling for stronger environmental regulations and initiatives. Properly maintaining campus green space and aging infrastructure along with the implementation of new, efficient equipment and technology are important components to sustainable campuses. Ultimately government is responsible for establishing environmental standards for public institutions and meeting those standards with public funds. Therefore students should not be forced to pay for environmental upgrades through additional user or ancillary fees.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- funding from government for the purpose of campus greening and the development of sustainable infrastructure at Canada's public universities and colleges.
- zero emissions standards for all new buildings built on Canadian campuses.
- student and community input in developing campus-level environmental enhancements and priorities.

The Federation opposes additional fees being charged to students in order to fund environmental upgrades and campus greening projects.

2008/05:N09 MOTION Local 84/

Whereas the Trade in Investment Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) is an inter-provincial agreement between Alberta and British Columbia to force the removal of regulations that protect local needs around trade, investment and labour mobility between the two provinces; and

Whereas provincial regulations exist to allow the provinces to create standards or policies to meet and protect locally-determined needs; and

Whereas inter-provincial agreements such as TILMA may threaten democratic decisions such as ethical purchasing or the maintenance of locally-determined labour standards; and

Whereas TILMA enhances the rights of corporations to sue provincial or municipal governments over public-interest regulations that they believe infringe upon corporate trade or investment interests; and

Whereas such disputes are adjudicated through an unaccountable panel with the power to penalise governments with fines as high as \$5 million should a regulation be interpreted as a barrier to trade or investment; and

Whereas there is a risk that TILMA will be expanded to other provinces; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby their provincial governments to reject the Trade in Investment Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) or any inter-provincial trade, investment or labour agreement that seeks to remove provincial or municipal authority to protect the public-interest in favour of for-profit and corporate interests.

2008/05:N10 MOTION Local 84/

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy on "Inter-Provincial Trade Agreements" be adopted:

Inter-Provincial Trade Agreements

Preamble

Inter-provincial trade agreements, such as the Trade and Investment Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA), threaten the ability of provinces and its public agents (e.g. municipalities) to maintain or create policies in the public interest relating to trade, investment and labour standards. TILMA was signed by British Columbia and Alberta on April 28, 2006 to create a "free trade" like agreement between the provinces. TILMA seeks to enhance corporate rights in such sectors as energy, transportation, agriculture and investment. Much like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), TILMA does not allow regulations to restrict trade, investment or labour mobility between

the two provinces, nor allow preferential treatment for a province's people, goods or investments. This may have the effect of a 'race to the bottom' placing a downward pressure on standards as provinces compete with each other to attract investment at the expense of protecting the public interest.

Corporations often view provincial regulations as "barriers" rather than necessary protections that are needed to ensure social, environmental, economic and labour standards. TILMA enhances the rights of corporations to sue provincial or municipal governments over public-interest regulations that they believe infringe upon corporate trade or investment interests. Disputes are adjudicated by a NAFTA style panel that has the power to penalise and issue fines as high as \$5 million should a regulation be interpreted as a barrier to trade or investment. The panel is unelected and its mandate is to determine the extent to which a regulation violates TILMA provisions.

Policy

The Federation supports provincial regulations that establish and protect social, environmental, economic or labour standards.

The Federation opposes:

- any agreement that prevents or limits the ability of provincial governments or municipalities to establish or protect regulations or policies that serve the public interest over private and corporate interests;
- any agreement that enhances the power of for-profit corporations to challenge social, environmental, economic or labour regulations;
- any negotiations that will give for-profit corporations the power to sue governments or public entities for policies that protect the public interest; and
- any inter-provincial negotiations that undermine social, environmental, economic or labour regulations and standards.

2008/05:N11

MOTION

Local 27/

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy, under the heading "Food Services" be adopted:

Local, Organic and Culturally Specific Food

Preamble

Food Services and Food Service Providers play an important role in providing adequate nutrition to students on campuses across Canada. As such, food services on campus must meet the cultural needs of students, and to not do so would be discriminatory. Appropriate meal options should also be provided to students who have, for a multitude of reasons, chosen to be vegetarian or vegan. It is also important to local economies and the environment to use foods that are locally produced. Students should also have the option of avoiding genetically modified foods and choosing organic food options.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- the provision of foods that are locally produced, organic, and culturally appropriate by food service providers on campus.
- the right of each and every student to have access to food on campus that is suitable to their personal beliefs, faith, and conscious choices and provides for a healthy balanced diet.
- open standards and policies for the identification of organic and genetically modified foods on campus.

The Federation opposes food service providers who deny access to culturally appropriate foods, or vegetarian and vegan food options because of claims of insufficient demand.

2008/05:N12

MOTION

Local 27/

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy, under the heading "Food Services" be adopted:

Exclusivity and Multi-Year Contracts in Food Services

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Preamble

Food Services and Food Service Providers play an important role in providing adequate nutrition to students on campuses across Canada.

The current trend in Food Service agreements is for contracts offering exclusivity to providers. Environments free of exclusivity and multi-year contracts foster competition, such competition leading to better services at lower rates and with more options for students.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- the inclusion of students in food service contract negotiations and contract reviews; and
- open and transparent food service contracts.

The Federation opposes all exclusive food services contracts.

2008/05:N13

MOTION

Local 76/

Whereas in 2001 Statistics Canada showed that there are 3,420,340 Canadians living with disabilities; and

Whereas in 2001 Statistics Canada showed that around 40% of Canadians with a disability have some form of post secondary education; and

Whereas in 2001 Statistics Canada estimated that the average income of a Canadian adult with a disability was \$22,228; and

Whereas the Federal government has chronically under funded post-secondary education accessibility programs for Canadians with permanent disabilities; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students supports the creation of publicly funded social programming instead of the programs aimed at benefiting individuals with disposable incomes such as Registered Education Savings Plans; and

Whereas the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) passed in the December 2007 Federal Budget; and

Whereas the RDSP is intended to help parents and others to save for the long-term financial security of a child with a disability; and

Whereas any person who is: a Canadian Resident; or a parent or legal representative of a person who is resident in Canada and is eligible for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) will be able to have an RDSP; and

Whereas the RDSP will allow funds to be invested tax-deferred until withdrawal; and

Whereas RDSP contributions will be eligible for the new Canada Disability Savings Grant (CDSG) at matching rates of one hundred, two hundred or three hundred percent depending on household income, up to a yearly maximum of \$3,500 to a maximum lifetime CDSG limit of \$70,000; and

Whereas RDSP contributions will be eligible for the new Canada Disability Savings Bond (CDSB) for individuals whose household is classified as low income (\$20,883) to moderate income (\$37,178) up to \$1000 a year, maximum lifetime CDSG limit of \$20,000; and

Whereas amounts withdrawn from a RDSP will not be taken into account for the purpose of calculating income tax benefits delivered through the income tax system; therefore

Be it resolved that the federal government be lobbied to increase the Canada Disability Savings Bond for individuals classified as low-income to create financial parity with savings opportunities available in the RDSP; and

Be it further resolved that the federal government be lobbied to make withdrawals from the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) for the use of post-secondary education tax exempt and able to be withdrawn before the 10 year "assistance holdback" period has elapsed without penalty.

Be it further resolved that the federal government be lobbied to not classify the RDSP as an asset when calculating clients' eligibility for their monthly disability assistance; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to their federal Member of Parliament with the same requests as outlined above.

2008/05:N14 MOTION

Local 5/

Whereas terrorism organized in the U.S. against Cuba has killed 3500 civilians to date including the in air bombing of Air Cubana flight 455 in 1976 that killed all 73 innocent civilian passengers; and

Whereas five unarmed men, known as the "Cuban 5", Gerardo Hernandez, Ramon Labanino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando Gonzalez and Rene Gonzalez, were sent to Miami to peacefully gather information about groups responsible for this U.S. sponsored terror; and

Whereas when the "Cuban 5" handed over the information they had gathered to the FBI and the U.S government they were quickly arrested by the U.S. government; and

Whereas upon their arrest the "Cuban 5" were kept in solitary confinement for 17 months without access to legal representation or information about the charges to be laid against them and later given a trial by jury in the City of Miami, a city with the largest anti-Cuban community and mafia in the U.S.; and

Whereas the "Cuban 5" have been unjustly imprisoned in the U.S. for peacefully defending their people against U.S. sponsored terrorism; and

Whereas the "Cuban 5" have been imprisoned in the U.S. for over nine years; and

Whereas their sentences range from 15 years imprisonment to two life sentences plus 15 years based on charges of "conspiracy to Commit Murder" and "conspiracy to Commit Espionage"; and

Whereas the wives of two of the "Cuban 5", Olga Salanueva and Adriana Pérez, the wives of René González and Gerardo Hernández, have been continuously denied visitation rights, now for the eighth time, on the basis that they are a so-called "threat to National Security", and that the daughter of Rene Gonzalez, Ivette Gonzalez, had been granted the right to see her father for the first time only after eight years; therefore

Be it resolved that the international campaign to "Free the Cuban 5" be supported; and

Be it further resolved that campaign materials be developed in support of the "Cuban 5" and member locals be encouraged to implement the campaign; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to U.S. President George W. Bush and Condoleezza Rice demanding visitation rights for their family members and the "Cuban 5"'s immediate release from prison.

2008/05:N15 MOTION

Local 68/

Whereas the Canadian Peace Alliance (CPA) is the main umbrella peace organisation in Canada, comprising more than 150 labour, faith, community and social justice groups; and

Whereas the CPA works to build a broad-based and inclusive movement for peace in communities across Canada; and

Whereas students and youth have been an integral part of the movement for peace, both historically and today, in high schools, colleges and universities across Canada; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has participated in the movement for peace, opposing the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, supporting US war resisters and campaigning against racism and Islamophobia; therefore

Be it resolved that the commitment to the movement for peace be re-affirmed by formally joining the CPA; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to become active in the movement for peace locally and, where possible, to join existing peace organisations; and

Be it further resolved that an annual membership fee of \$600 be made to the CPA; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components of the Canadian Federation of Students be encouraged to join the CPA.

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2008/05:N16 **MOTION**
Local 68/

Be it resolved that member locals that refuse to allow anti-choice organisations access to their resources and space be supported; and

Be it further resolved that a pro-choice organising kit be created that may include materials such as a fact sheet, buttons, contact information for local pro-choice organisations and research on anti-choice organisations and the conservative think-tanks that fund them.

2008/05:N17 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 71/

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Preamble

Post-secondary establishments constitute a significant institutional consumer power through the procurement of specific goods. These institutions have a moral imperative to use their institutional buying power to purchase goods that have been produced under fair and dignified conditions.

Fair Trade certified products constitute one strategy that institutions can engage to have a concrete impact on upholding fair and sustainable practices in the production of various products purchased by schools or sold on campus.

Students across Canada have successfully mobilized to expand the availability of such products and in doing so, ensure fairness and dignity in the production processes of specific goods served and served on campuses.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- the efforts of student organizing to expand the support and provision of Fair Trade certified products at post-secondary institutions;
- the procurement goods which have been Fair Trade certified by Fairtrade Labeling Organizations International (FLO); and
- efforts to develop deepen and strengthen procurement and purchasing policies for Fair Trade certified products at post-secondary institutions.

2008/05:N18 **MOTION**
Local 88/

Whereas food services in most universities and colleges in Canada are pitiful; and

Whereas a clear majority of universities and colleges are badly rated in surveys with regard to food services, especially in the survey done by the Globe and Mail and Maclean's; and

Whereas students have the right to access food services that provide healthy choices on campus so they can lead healthy lives, and this requires much more than a meagre selection of "healthy choices;" and

Whereas students make up the majority of consumers of food services in Canada universities and colleges; and

Whereas students should be consulted before food services agreements are made with third parties; and

Whereas students have the right to access the agreements made with third parties regarding the provision of food services on university and college campuses; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to submit a request for access to information to their university or college in order to obtain a copy of the contracts that were signed with food services providers; and

Be it further resolved that member locals submit a copy of the above-mentioned contracts to the Federation's National Office; and

Be it further resolved that the above-mentioned contracts be reviewed to inform member locals on the best strategic approaches for potential campaigns regarding food services; and

Be it further resolved that a national campaign be undertaken to lobby Canadian universities and colleges and food service providers so that they may raise standards significantly for food services; and

Be it further resolved that promotional materials be produced for the lobby campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the necessary funds be allocated to implement this lobby campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the lobby campaign advocate for sustainable food services.

2008/05:N19

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 1/

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 6, be amended to read as follows:

6. Referendum on Continued Membership

The individual members of the Federation belonging to a member local association may vote on continued membership, subject to the following rules and procedures:

a. Petition

As per Bylaw 1, Section 3.a.iii a petition calling for a referendum shall be signed by no less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the member local association and delivered to the National Executive of the Federation.

The petition shall be worded as follows: "We, the undersigned, petition the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students."

b. Schedule

i. Within 90 days of receipt of the petition described in Bylaw 1, Section 6.a, the National Executive will review the petition to determine if it is in order and, if it is, will schedule a referendum to be conducted not less than 60 days and not more than 90 days following, notwithstanding the provisions in Section 6.b.ii and subject to the following conditions:

- there shall be no fewer than two (2) and no greater than five (5) days of voting; and
- there shall be no less than seven (7) days and no greater than 21 days for campaigning, during which classes are in session, immediately preceding and during voting.

ii. No vote on continuing membership may be held between:

- April 15 and September 15; and
- December 15 and January 15.

iii. No referendum on continuing membership shall take place without compliance with Sections 6.b.i and 6.b.ii.

c. Referendum Oversight Committee

The referendum will be administered by a four (4) person Referendum Oversight Committee composed of two (2) members appointed by the National Executive and two (2) members appointed by the applicable member local association. Within fourteen (14) days following the scheduling of the referendum, the National Executive will appoint two (2) representatives to serve on the Committee and request in writing from the member local association the appointment of two (2) representative to serve on the Committee. The Referendum Oversight Committee shall be responsible for:

- i. establishing the notice requirement for the referendum in accordance with Section 6.d of this Bylaw and ensuring that notice is posted;
- ii. approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 6.f of this Bylaw and removing campaign materials that have not been approved;
- iii. deciding the number and location of polling stations;
- iv. setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 6.g.ii of this Bylaw;
- v. overseeing all aspects of the voting;
- vi. tabulating the votes cast;
- vii. adjudicating all appeals; and
- viii. establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

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d. Notice of Referendum

Notice of the referendum, that includes the referendum question and voting dates, shall be provided to the individual members of the member local association no less than two (2) weeks prior to the first voting date of the referendum.

e. Campaigning

- i. The member local association, the individual members from the member local association and the Federation not shall engage in any campaigning outside of the campaign period.
- ii. Only individual members and representatives of the member local association, representatives of the Federation and individual members and representatives of Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.

f. Campaign Materials

- i. Campaign materials shall include all materials developed specifically for the referendum campaign.
- ii. Materials produced by the Federation that promote campaigns and services of the Federation shall not be considered as campaign materials unless they include specific content about the referendum.
- iii. The Federation website shall not be considered a campaign material unless it includes specific content about the referendum.
- iv. The Federation's annual report, financial statements, research and submissions to government shall not be considered a campaign material.
- v. Campaign materials shall not be misleading, defamatory or false.

g. Voting and Tabulation

- i. Voting shall be conducted at voting stations.
- ii. There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) and no more than five (5) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting. In the event that voting is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting.
- iii. Unless mutually agreed otherwise by the member local association and the Federation, the referendum question shall be: "Are you in favour of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?"
- iv. The member local association and the Federation shall each be permitted to appoint one (1) poll clerk for each polling station.
- v. The member local association and the Federation shall each be permitted to appoint one (1) poll scrutineer to oversee the counting of ballots.

h. Quorum

Quorum for any referendum vote on continuing membership shall be that of the member local association or ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the local association, whichever is higher.

i. Appeals

Any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the referendum Oversight Committee shall be adjudicated by an appeals committee (the "Appeals Committee") composed of one (1) member appointed by the member local association and one (1) member appointed by the Federation, neither of whom are members of the Oversight Committee.

j. Advance Remittance of Outstanding Membership Fees

In addition to required compliance with Sections 6a, to i. and l. to n, in order for a referendum on continued membership to proceed, a member local association must remit all outstanding Federation membership fees not less than six (6) weeks prior to the first day of voting.

k. Minimum Period Between Continued Membership Votes

In addition to required compliance with Sections 6 a. to j. and l., in order for a referendum on continued membership to take place, a member local association may not have held a referendum on continued membership within the previous twenty-four

(24) months, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the National Executive.

I. Minimum Period Between Vote to Federate and Vote on Continued Membership

In addition to required compliance with Sections 6 a. to k., in order for a referendum on continued membership to proceed, a member local association may not have held a referendum to join the Federation within the previous twenty-four (24) months, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the National Executive.

2008/05:N20 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 1/

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 7 Procedure for Application for Withdrawal be repealed and replaced with the following:

7. Procedure for Application for Withdrawal

- a. Following the holding of a referendum in accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 6 pursuant to which it is determined that the relevant membership shall not continue, the applicable member local association may provide a letter in writing notifying the Federation of its intention to withdraw from the Federation. Within ninety (90) days of the receipt of such letter, the National Executive will examine the notification to determine whether it is in order, and will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the withdrawal.
- b. At the opening plenary of the next general meeting of the Federation, ratification of the withdrawal shall be put to a vote.
- c. The withdrawal shall take effect on June 30 following the ratification of the withdrawal provided that all outstanding membership fees payable to such date shall have then been received by the Federation.

2008/05:N21 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 1/

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 3.a.iii be amended to read as follows:

- iii. The individual members of the Federation collectively belonging to a member local association will this Bylaw, by submitting to the National Executive of the Federation a petition, signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the association, calling for the referendum.

2008/05:N22 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 34/

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1, 6.b.ii be amended to read:

- ii. Notice of a vote on defederating must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than three (3) months prior to the vote."

2008/05:N23 MOTION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE BYLAWS

Whereas the bylaws have been amended piecemeal over the course of the past 26 years; and

Whereas any amendments to the bylaws require Ministerial approval; and

Whereas, in the past, the Federation has submitted the bylaws in their entirety for approval to ensure that no bylaws have been overlooked and to ensure that all bylaws have received Ministerial approval; and

Whereas this process has not been undertaken in the previous five years; and

Whereas it is better to be safe than sorry; therefore

Be it resolved the bylaws be repealed and replaced in their entirety.

2008/05:N24 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 96/

Whereas Standing Resolution 19, section 8, item b currently reads, *One-quarter of the annual Federation membership fees paid by individual graduate students 'belonging to Federation member local associations shall be allocated to the Caucus.*

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Whereas the National Graduate Caucus is the largest national graduate student organization in Canada, representing over 60,000 graduate students; and

Whereas the National Graduate Caucus is the only national graduate student organization in Canada with membership in the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies; and

Whereas many graduate student issues in Canada are unique from college and undergraduate student issues; and

Whereas graduate school enrollment is one of the fastest growing student demographics in post-secondary education in Canada and within the Federation; and

Whereas many graduate student issues in Canada, including, but not limited to, academic freedom, research funding, research commercialization, intellectual property rights, and Whistleblower legislation are primarily Federal in nature; and

Whereas the Federation should allocate more revenue to hire staff and provide resources dedicated to enhancing research, advocacy and lobbying on behalf of graduate students in Canada: therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 19, section 8, item b, be amended to read:

b. Allocation of Regular Membership Fees

One-half of the annual Federation membership fees paid by individual graduate students belonging to Federation member local associations shall be allocated to the Caucus.

13. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

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

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. RECESS