

MINUTES

27th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)
Wednesday, November 26 to Saturday, November 29, 2008

CALL TO ORDER—Wednesday, November 26, 2008

15:26 The meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Katherine Giroux-Bougard.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 03	University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan	Present
Local 76	Broadway Campus (King Edward) Students' Union	Present
Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local 73	Downtown Campus (City Centre) Students' Union	Present
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Union	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Union	Present by proxy ✓
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Union	Present
Local 53	Okanagan College Students' Union	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent ✓
Local 04	Selkirk College Students' Union	Present
Local 23	Simon Fraser Student Society	Absent ✓
Local 15	Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	Present
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Present
Local 42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Present
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Absent ✓
Local 90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 17	University of Saskatchewan Students' Union*	Present
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent ✓
Local 103	University of Manitoba Students' Union	Present
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Union	Absent ✓
Local 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Absent ✓
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Absent ✓
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 107	Association étudiante de La Cité collégiale	Absent ✓
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Absent ✓
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Present by proxy ✓
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Absent ✓
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 110	Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association	Present by proxy ✓
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 104	Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students	Absent ✓
Local 39	McMaster University Graduate Students' Association	Present by proxy ✓
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Absent ✓
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present

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Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Absent ✓
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
Local 105	Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson	Absent ✓
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Present
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present by proxy ✓
Local 109	University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union	Absent ✓
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Union	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
	Trent Graduate Students' Association*	Absent ✓
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent ✓
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 106	Organization of Part Time University Students (University of Windsor)	Absent ✓
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Absent ✓
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present by proxy ✓
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Absent ✓
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Present
Local 83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Association	Absent ✓
Local 108	Dawson Student Union	Present
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill University	Absent ✓
Local 67	University of New Brunswick Graduate Students Association	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent ✓
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Present by proxy ✓
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Absent ✓
Local 95	Cape Breton University Students' Union	Absent ✓
	Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students*	Absent ✓
Local 11	University of King's College Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Absent ✓
Local 07	Student Union of NSCAD University	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne	Present
Local 36	Grenfell College Student Union	Present
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Present
Local 100	Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland	Present
Local 35	Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Union	Present

* Prospective member

Giroux-Bougard declared that quorum had been achieved.

2. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Giroux-Bougard welcomed Maude Barlow, National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians and Senior Advisor on Water Issues for the United Nations. Barlow offered remarks.

Giroux-Bougard offered the following remarks:

[Original in French]

"We are here this week as representatives of our members and with that comes great responsibility. We are here to shape the direction of Canada's student movement. We are here because we care about those who are struggling to make ends meet while working two or three part-time jobs. We are here today because we think it's fundamentally unfair that someone has to pay 146 percent more for their education because they cannot afford to pay up front. We are here because frankly, it is quite unacceptable that talented and motivated people are not able to attend college or university simply because they cannot afford it. We are here today,

because we all believe that by working together, we can make change happen.

[End French]

But let's not kid ourselves. We certainly have our work cut out for us. Naysayers will tell us that students have little impact on governmental decision-making. That we shouldn't even try.

I disagree. And I'm assuming you disagree too because you are all here, ready to work to make real change. And we will succeed if we work together, as a national movement. Imagine if throughout history, students had listened to the naysayers and given up, before even trying.

Instead, in the sixties, students across the world stood together to fight for social justice, to fight for change. In 1968, students in France took to the streets to fight class discrimination and the political bureaucracy that controlled institutional funding. The same year, students took over campuses and marched in the United States protesting racism and the militarisation of their campuses. In Chile, students took over their campuses to demand socially conscious courses, financial support for working-class students, and greater student and faculty input in university affairs. In 1964, students in Canada fought and won the first system of student financial aid. In Quebec, a militant student movement won the province's first tuition fee freeze, which lasted continuously until last year. And in Newfoundland, we briefly won the abolishment of all tuition fees.

[Original in French]

It is an undeniable fact that student demonstrations of solidarity have radically changed our society: wars have ended, in solidarity with the civil rights movement, racism was challenged, universities and colleges were transformed, students and faculty gained greater control of their institutions, financial assistance programs for those who could not afford to go to school were developed, and curriculum started to reflect an increasingly diverse student body and perspectives. More recently in Canada, we've seen a resurgence of the 60s spirit.

[End French]

In 1995, students from across the country hit the streets to denounce Income Contingent Loan Repayment Schemes and stopped Lloyd Axworthy from implementing his massive cuts to post-secondary education. In 2000, students in all provinces marched to demand action against skyrocketing tuition fees and student debt. Less than a decade later, all provinces have at some point reduced or frozen tuition fees. In 2005, in Quebec, students took to the streets for two months in a protest that forced the government to re-invest money in the grants system.

Students on campus have stood in solidarity with their peers to challenge homophobia, violence against women, islamaphobia, anti-Semitism, and racism. And when students' due process is under attack by administrations, students have stood in solidarity to fight unfair codes of conduct. Why? Because we refuse to accept the status quo when there is discrimination and injustice.

[Original in French]

Despite these victories, challenges still lie ahead. Increases in tuition fees continue to put post-secondary education out of the reach of many. Average student debt is now between \$25,000 and \$28,000 for a four-year program. In fact, the debt owed to the Canada Student Loan Program, which excludes provincial debt and private debt, is set to reach \$13 billion this January.

As students, we understand that we do not live in an academic bubble. We understand that we are active citizens in our society, that we have always been and will continue to be at the forefront of social change. And that we have a great responsibility to work towards a just and sustainable society.

Our Federation is part of a greater movement. One that fights for social justice. And in our fight, we are joined by many organisations who share a similar vision. Throughout this meeting, we will have the opportunity to hear from dedicated activists who join the Federation in its fight for social justice.

[End French]

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On October 14, another minority conservative government was elected. In the last federal election, the conservative government did not include post-secondary education in its platform. But don't think for a second that they weren't feeling pressure from students. In fact, Conservative candidates across the country were running scared of students. When students in Manitoba tried to organise a forum on campus, conservative staffers called it a "no-fly zone."

On Tuesday, Teresa Healy, editor of The Harper Record, will discuss the highs and lows of the previous session of parliament and the policies that defined it.

As the 40th session of Parliament resumes under a Conservative minority, it is important for us to prepare ourselves for the challenges that lie ahead. Over the summer, without any consultation with the academic community, the Conservative government tabled a regressive copyright act with an emphasis on big business instead of consumers and creators. The bill died when the federal election was called, but the Conservative party made it clear during the last election that it intends on tabling a similar bill this upcoming session. Tomorrow, we will have the opportunity to see the documentary "RIP: A remix manifesto," which highlights the fine line between inspiration and copyright infringement and the dangers that regressive copyright laws can have on fostering creativity.

The economic crisis south of the border has hit Canada and for the first time in history, Ontario is now a "have-not" province. In his throne speech on November 19th, Harper sent a strong message that his government will be initiating spending cuts. Our polling results show that postsecondary education is neither an issue of the left or the right but rather an issue that transcends political lines. Canadians overwhelmingly believe that the cost of post-secondary education is too high.

Now more than ever, we need to mobilise our members to make sure that our interests as students are served because post-secondary education is truly an investment. I don't have to tell you that having an educated workforce benefits us all and ensures healthy communities and engaged citizens. Having an educated population is the very foundation of a solid economy. And for this reason, now is the time to invest in post-secondary education, not cut funding and off-load debt onto the shoulders of students and their families.

[Original in French]

When 70 percent of all new jobs require some post-secondary education, access to university or college is not a privilege but a necessity. We already have a model on how to solve the economic crisis. In the 1990s, Ireland was facing a similar economic crisis and the government (and it wasn't a socialist government, but a conservative government) decided to eliminate tuition fees because it recognised that it was essential in order to transition to a knowledge-based economy.

[End French]

On Thursday, Andrew Jackson from the Canadian Labour Congress will discuss how to minimise the impact of the worldwide financial crisis on the lives of vulnerable Canadians.

When I look around the room, I am inspired. The student movement in Canada is united, strong and ready to face these challenges. In the last year we have seen incredible demonstrations of student solidarity. On November 5th students from over 20 countries on five continents organised demonstrations and events to protest the commercialisation of education. In Croatia, thousands of students demanded a return to universal free education. In anticipation of a government review of tuition fees, students in Great Britain protested the top-up fee system of student finance. In Egypt, students protested tuition fee increases and a corporate monopoly of food outlets on campus.

Tuition fee and user fee hikes, problems with student financial assistance, commercialisation of our institutions, and corporate monopolies on campus... sound familiar? That's because no matter what province or country we are in, students are facing the same challenges and we are united together in a global student movement because we have the unwavering belief that education is a right!

On Friday, we'll hear from a panel of our peers about how students are mobilising across this country to fight tuition fee increases. In Manitoba, the provincial government announced the creation of the "Commission on Tuition Fees and Accessibility to Post-Secondary Education," in a thinly veiled attempt to end the tuition fee

freeze. By working together, students in that province were able to guarantee an additional year of tuition fee freeze and continue to pressure the provincial government to make post-secondary education accessible. Since 2003, international students have not been protected by the ongoing tuition fee freeze in Newfoundland and Labrador. But by being united and presenting a common front, students spoke with one voice and were able to halt a proposed ten percent fee increase for international students.

In Ontario, thousands of students in 14 cities hit the streets on November 5th demanding that the McGuinty government drop fees. In the first six weeks of school alone, students collected over 70,000 petition signatures calling on the McGuinty government to drop fees. That's the part of the campaign you can see, but what you didn't see is that the week of the Day of action, the petition was delivered by sitting politicians, not once, not twice, but five times. That was by members of the NDP and the Conservative Party. It's no surprise that the Minister of Training, College and Universities called the Federation's Ontario office that week to request a meeting a few hours after the Day of Action. I think we got his attention.

We are at a juncture where the possibility of economic turmoil further threatens the accessibility and quality of our post-secondary education system. It is important, now more than ever, that we put aside our differences and work together. In the next four days, you will have the opportunity to do just that.

We might not always agree on everything, but we have the ability to discuss and debate and work together knowing all the while that when we do, great things can happen. It takes hard work and dedication and it's not always easy, but what is remarkable is how we can reach a common understanding of how best to move forward to reach our goals so that we can be united for what matters most: to fight for accessible post-secondary education to ensure that everyone has equal opportunities, no matter where they were born or how much their parents earn.

[Original in French]

In the last few years, students have recognised the power of working together and as a result our Federation has grown considerably. Please join me today in welcoming back our newest full member, the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa, Local 41 of the Canadian Federation of Students.

[End French]

I think I speak for everyone when I say – it's great to have you back working with students across this country!

We have made enormous strides in recent years. There is a lot to be proud of. However, as I have said, there is much left to do. But together we are strong. Together we can change this country for the better. Together we can fight inequality and injustice on our campuses and in our communities. Together we can ensure that education is a right and not a privilege. To steal a line from Barack Obama which sums it all up...yes we can and yes we will!

Thank you.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

Giroux-Bougard explained that the Federation's Bylaws enabled a voting member that was unable to attend all or portions of a general meeting to appoint another member to act as its proxy for all or portions of the meeting. She announced that:

- Local 93 had designated Local 19 as its proxy for the opening plenary;
- Local 68 had designated Local 19 as its proxy for the opening plenary;
- Local 99 had designated Local 98 as its proxy for the opening plenary;
- Local 72 had designated Local 61 as its proxy for the opening and closing plenary
- Local 39 had designated Local 84 as its proxy for the opening and closing plenary.
- Local 70 had designated Local 67 as its proxy for the opening and closing plenary
- Local 110 had designated Local 88 as its proxy for the opening and closing plenary.

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4. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

Giroux-Bougard explained that the National Executive recommended that Riccardo Fillipone be ratified as the speaker for the opening and closing plenary sessions. She said that Fillipone had a long history of involvement with the Federation, having served as Deputy Chairperson of the National Graduate Caucus.

2008/11:001 MOTION

Local 1/Local 24

Be it resolved that Riccardo Fillipone be ratified as the Plenary Speaker for the opening and closing plenary of the November 2008 national general meeting.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

2008/11:002 MOTION

Local 8/Local 1

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

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

2008/11:003 MOTION

Local73/Local 24

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

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2008/11:004 MOTION

Local 100/Local 33

Be it resolved that the minutes of the May 2008 national general meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

8. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures

Fillipone provided a brief overview of Robert's Rules, the system of meeting rules and procedures that the Federation employs for plenary sessions, plenary sub-committee meetings, and caucus meetings. He also reviewed relevant standing resolutions.

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

Women's Representative Amanda Aziz said that the Federation endeavoured to create an environment at its national general meetings free of harassment. She said that at each national general meeting, the Federation employed an anti-harassment advisor who would be available on a 24-hour basis to assist delegates. She said that Tara Connolly would be the anti-harassment advisor for the meeting but was not yet on site.

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

c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer

National Treasurer Dave Molenhuis explained that he served as the Staff Relations Officer for the Federation. He said that the staff of the Federation is unionised with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1281 and that the relationship between the Federation and its staff was governed by a collective agreement. He said that the agreement outlined the rights and responsibilities of employees and the employer. He noted that the employees of the Federation had the right to attend and participate in all

meetings of the employer with the exception of those meetings that included discussions of discipline, discharge and negotiations. He said that the employees often had more experience and provided context for a number of the issues that delegates would be discussing over the course of the meeting. He said that staff participation was important to the facilitation of the meeting.

9. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Student Federation of the University of Ottawa

2008/11:005 MOTION

Local 94/Local 1

Whereas in a referendum held November 18 to 20, 2008, the members of the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa voted in favour of full membership in the Federation; and

Whereas the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa has agreed to serve as the representative of its members within the Federation; and

Whereas the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa has agreed to act as the agent for the Federation with respect to the collection of Federation membership fees, collecting in trust, on behalf of the Federation, Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) membership fees from those individuals belonging to the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa; and

Whereas the National Executive has reviewed the application for full membership in accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 2-b-ix, and is recommending that the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa be accepted as a voting member; therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa be accepted as a voting member of the Federation.

CARRIED

10. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS

a. Introduction of Electoral Officers

Fillipone said that, in accordance with Bylaw 6, Section 7, the National Executive had appointed Ashkon Hashemi, Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario Internal Coordinator, and Christine Bourque, Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario Organiser, as the Electoral Officers for the elections being conducted at the meeting.

b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

Hashemi explained that elections would be conducted at this general meeting for National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, and National Treasurer. He said that elections would also take place for the Alberta Representative.

Hashemi reviewed timelines for elections and referred delegates to the agenda for the general meeting.

11. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS

a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees

Fillipone said that, as per Standing Resolution 1, Section 1, the following sub-committees of the plenary and forum would be struck:

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

b. Adoption of Sub-Committee Agendas

2008/11:006 MOTION

Local 98/Local 4

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

CARRIED

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12. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

a. Motion Served with Notice by the Previous General Meeting

Fillipone noted that the following motion had been served with notice by the May 2008 national general meeting:

2008/11:007 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 24/Local 109

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, section 4 be amended to include the following clause:

g. Quorum

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

Be it further resolved that other clauses be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, section 6.h be amended to read:

h. Quorum

Quorum for any referendum vote on continuing membership shall be identical to the quorum requirement stipulated in section 4.g.

2008/11:008 MOTION TO REFER

Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:007 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2008/11:007 REFERRED

b. New Motions Served with Notice

Fillipone said that the following motions had been served with notice and shall be considered at the meeting.

2008/11:009 MOTION

Local 24/Local 36

Whereas Standing Resolution requires that all three full-time at-large members of the National Executive serve on the Travel CUTS Board; and

Whereas with the length and frequency of CUTS Board meetings it is impractical to have all three full-time at-large members tied up with CUTS Board duties; and

Whereas there is a need for various expertise on the Board that may not be available from the pool of delegates attending a given national general meeting; and

Whereas the National Executive needs the flexibility to appoint and remove Board members as the need arises in order to protect the assets of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that a recommendation be made to the upcoming national general meeting that Standing Resolution 20 be repealed in its entirety and that Section A-10 of Standing Resolution 21 be repealed.

CARRIED

2008/11:010 MOTION

Local 47/Local 76

Whereas historically the Tri-Council granting agencies (NESERC, SSHRC and CIHR) have implemented joint policies on issues of mutual interest such as the Tri-Council statement on 'Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans'; and

Where as there is currently major discrepancies between the policies surrounding parental leaves for graduate and post-doctoral fellowships between these agencies and amongst individual Universities; and

Whereas the World Health Organisation and Health Canada recommend that infants should be exclusively breastfed for the first six months of their life; and

Whereas any non-existent or non-supportive parental leave policy by individual Universities Should not be a barrier in the equitable eligibility for parental leaves supported through the Tri-Councils; therefore

Be it resolved that the position paper “Family Friendly? : Recommending Changes To The Tri-Council Policies On Maternity And Parental Leaves For Graduate And Post-Doctoral Fellows” and its recommended policy changes be supported; and

Be it further resolved that the Tri-Council be lobbied to adopt these policy changes to provide graduate students with a family-friendly environment.

2008/11:011 **MOTION TO REFER**
 Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:010 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2008/11:010 **REFERRED**

2008/11:012 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
 Local 68/ Local 76

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy on “Freedom of Speech” be adopted:

Preamble

Freedom of speech is of paramount importance to the democratic functioning of public post-secondary educational institutions. In Canada, the freedom of conscience and religion, thought, belief, opinion and expression is a Constitutional right. This valuable principle has been misused by individuals and organisations that seek to promote hate on university and college campuses across Ontario. According to Section 319(2) of the Criminal Code of Canada, freedom of speech does not include hate speech. The Code states that “Every one who, by communicating statements in any public place, incites hatred against any identifiable group where such incitement is likely to lead to a breach of the peace is guilty of a) an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years; or b) an offence punishable on summary conviction.” The Supreme Court’s decision on R vs. Keegstra [1990] references Section 319 (2) of the Criminal Code, noting that “hate propaganda contributes little to the aspirations of Canadians or Canada in either the quest for truth, the promotion of individual self-development or the protection and fostering of a vibrant democracy where the participation of all individuals is accepted and encouraged.” Beyond these provisions within the Criminal Code, opposition to hate speech exists within a number of bylaws, human rights acts and codes throughout the Country.

Policy

The Federation Supports:

The constitutional right to the freedom of conscience and religion; freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication; freedom of peaceful assembly; and freedom of association.

The Federation opposes:

The incitement of hatred against any identifiable group on the grounds of colour, race, religion, ethnic origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or sexual choice.

2008/11:013 **MOTION TO REFER**
 Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:012 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

CARRIED

2008/11:012 **REFERRED**

2008/11:014 **MOTION**
 Local 98/ Local 76

Whereas the results of the October 14 Federal elections would have resulted in 117 seats (down from 143) for the Conservatives, 81 (up from 76) for the Liberals, 57 seats (up from 37) for the New

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Democrats, 28 seats (down from 50) for the Bloc Quebecois and 23 seats (up from 0) for the Green Party if Canada used a proportional election system; and

Whereas 940,000 voters supporting the Green Party sent no one to Parliament, setting a new record for the most votes cast for any party that gained no parliamentary representation and by comparison, 813,000 Conservative voters in Alberta alone were able to elect 27 MPs; and

Whereas in the prairie provinces, Conservatives received roughly twice the vote of the Liberals and NDP, but took seven times as many seats; and

Whereas a quarter-million Conservative voters in Toronto elected no one and neither did Conservative voters in Montreal; and

Whereas New Democrats attracted 1.1 million more votes than the Bloc, but the voting system gave the Bloc 50 seats, the NDP 37; and

Whereas Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom are the only western democracies to rely of the first-past-the-post electoral system; and

Whereas different forms of proportional systems encourage a more representative legislature and governments that require parties to work effectively together and not constantly seek elections to reach a majority; and

Whereas Canadians can expect more unstable minority governments in the years to come under first-past-the-post; therefore

Be it resolved that the federal government be encouraged to strike a pan-Canadian Citizens' Assembly, similar to ones in Ontario and British Columbia, to return to parliament with a recommendation on electoral reform; and

Be it further resolved that a pan-Canadian referendum be conducted on the recommendations; and

Be it further resolved that if a majority of Canadians support the proposed changes that the federal electoral system be changed.

2008/11:015

MOTION TO REFER

Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:014 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2008/11:014

REFERRED

2008/11:016

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 24/Local 76

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy on "Ancillary, Incidental and Administrative Fees" be adopted:

Ancillary, Incidental and Administrative Fees

Preamble

Drastic cuts to post-secondary institution operating budgets since the early 1990s have resulted in sharp tuition fee increases in most regions of the country. These tuition fee increases have not improved college and university operating revenue because government cuts and failure to keep funding in line with inflation and enrolment expansion have left a steep financial shortfall at institutions in most provinces. As a result of these dual trends, there has been a dramatic shift in the proportion of college and university operating budgets that are being financed by students through user fees.

Many college and university administrations have sought "creative" ways to circumvent government-imposed limitations on tuition fee increases by increasing non-academic ancillary, incidental and administrative fees charged to students. In many cases, core student services, formerly funded through tuition fees, have been separated out of student services packages. Other compulsory fees are often applied to designated capital, administrative or operating expenses of the institution, such as library construction, renovation or acquisitions, transcript printing, information technology resources and athletics facilities.

In many cases, sharp increases in ancillary, incidental and administrative fees have occurred in spite of government mandated tuition fee freezes or fee increase caps.

Institutional administrations often seek the consent of students for such fees, either through a resolution of the campus students' union or through a referendum. These new compulsory ancillary, incidental and administrative fees are often promoted to students as progressive measures to create environmental sustainability initiatives, enhance financial aid or to improve the quality of education.

However, whether they are set by student referendum and by institutional governance bodies, all ancillary, incidental and administrative fees for core student services, institutional capital costs or the academic or administrative operations of colleges or universities contribute to the further privatisation of post-secondary education, subvert tuition fee regulations, deflect funding responsibilities away from provincial and federal governments and increase financial barriers and student debt.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- Standardised provincial ancillary fee legislation that limits ancillary, incidental and administrative fees to such items, services or purposes as:
 - Membership fees for students' unions or other such student-run associations;
 - Contributions to fund the construction and/or operation of student-run students' centres and other such student-owned and/or student-operated non-academic buildings;
 - Membership fees for on-campus news media organisations such as radio stations, newspapers or other media outlets that are incorporated under the laws of Canada or the province and that are not controlled by the college, university or institute; and
 - Student-run activities, spaces, or supplemental services that seek to enhance the cultural, social or recreational life of the students and that are not academic in nature.
- Referendum requirements for the creation of all new ancillary, incidental and administrative fees, including:
 - Referendum question be approved by the students' union through a resolution of its board of directors;
 - Administration of any referendum for fees to be charged by a college and/or university must be conducted by the institution, with provisions for oversight by the students' union;
 - Administration of any referendum for fees to be collected by a college and/or university on behalf of a recognised students' union, association or other campus organisation, must be conducted by, and at the discretion of, the students' union;
 - Quorum must be no less than 5 percent; and
 - No less than a 50 percent plus one majority.
- Inflationary, cost-of-living, or students' union approved discretionary increases of no more than 10 percent annually for existing ancillary, incidental or administrative fees only when the provisions for increase are specified in the original referendum question;
- The strict enforcement of prohibitions against the collection of ancillary, incidental and administrative fees for core student services, institutional capital expenses or the academic or administrative operations of colleges or universities.

The Federation opposes:

- Tuition-related ancillary, incidental and administrative fees that are established or charged for core student services, institutional capital expenses or the academic or administrative operations of colleges or universities including, but not limited to, fees for:
 - Application, confirmation or registration;
 - Construction, maintenance or operation of classrooms, laboratories, libraries, shops or other academic or administrative buildings or spaces;
 - Consumable supplies, equipment or instruments not retained by the student;
 - Graduation ceremonies, certificates, degrees, diplomas or other academic awards, or alumni associations;
 - Information technology equipment or infrastructure, computer labs, Internet or local network access, or electronic mail;
 - Mandatory field trips or mandatory field placements;
 - Student or academic support, accessibility, counselling, teaching or tutoring services;

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- Financial aid, loan programs or scholarship endowment funds;
- Athletics or sports facilities;
- Library acquisitions; and
- Environmental initiatives, upgrades or retrofits to be undertaken by the administration.
- Any other compulsory levy for expenses that can only be funded through general purpose government operating and capital grants or tuition fees;
- Any compulsory student fee or fee increases that is not set by general student referendum or through students' union approval;
- Any compulsory student fee or fee increase that violates institutional or government regulations, policies or guidelines; and
- Efforts to seek student consent for tuition-related ancillary, incidental or administrative fees through the use of general student referenda or students' union approval.

2008/11:017 MOTION TO REFER
Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:016 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

CARRIED

2008/11:016 REFERRED

2008/11:018 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY
Local 103/ Local 76

Whereas, year after year since tuition fees were reduced then frozen in Manitoba eight years ago, the University of Manitoba has consistently attempted to circumvent the Manitoba tuition fee freeze and reduction policy by initiating and supporting student plebiscites on tuition fee increases; and

Whereas, in all of the tuition fee votes conducted at the request of the administration, the conditions for campaigning were far from free and fair, as campaigners were intimidated, denied access to students, and even threatened with academic sanctions; and

Whereas faculty- or programme-based student votes on tuition fee increases clearly constitute an attempt to circumvent provincial government policies and undermine the work of the student movement by dividing students amongst themselves; and

Whereas administration-led votes on tuition fees in Manitoba have established a model for circumventing government tuition policies that has the potential to hurt access to education across Canada; and

Whereas these administration-led votes bear no resemblance to student-initiated votes that are governed by rules and conditions established collectively by students; therefore

Be it resolved that the following addition to Issues Policy on Tuition Fees be adopted, following the sentence "The Federation opposes the differentiation of fees on the basis of program, country or province of origin or student status, or for any other reason.":

The Federation opposes fee increase votes initiated by post-secondary institutions' administrations, especially those that target specific faculties or programmes and are designed to create divisions among students.

2008/11:019 MOTION TO REFER
Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:018 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

CARRIED

2008/11:018 REFERRED

2008/11:020 MOTION
Local 19/ Local 76

Whereas extremely high differential tuition fees and the rising cost of post-secondary education poses a disproportionate effect on many international students; and

Whereas international student tuition fees are deregulated in most of the provinces and are allowed to increase dramatically every year, leading most students to pay much higher fees than they are able to anticipate at the point of admission; and

Whereas international students have to pay additional fees for a number of bureaucratic applications through various immigration departments to apply for the following documents such as: study permits, work permits and re-entry visas, as well as mandatory private health insurance plans in some provinces; and

Whereas many international students have to work several jobs try to offset these extremely high costs; and

Whereas many international students are forced to deal with unpredictable tuition hikes by dropping to part-time status; and

Whereas only full time international students fulfill the requirements for the current off-campus work permit process; therefore

Be it resolved that Immigration Canada be lobbied to extend the off-campus work permit to include all part-time international students; and

Be it further resolved that Immigration Canada be lobbied to eliminate the existing barriers in the bureaucratic application process by including in the study permit an opportunity to work immediately upon their entry into Canada.

2008/11:021 MOTION TO REFER

Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:020 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2008/11:020 REFERRED

2008/11:022 MOTION

Local 109/Local 76

Whereas Saad Alam, a third-year student at the University of Toronto at Mississauga, and his family lived and worked in Canada for five years; and

Whereas because his family's application for refugee status failed, he was forced to pay international student tuition fees; and

Whereas Alam was a scholarship-winner and a vice-president of the Bangladeshi Student Association at the University of Toronto at Mississauga; and

Whereas on October 3, Alam and his parents were deported by Canadian Border Services to Bangladesh, after not having lived there for 14 years; and

Whereas Immigration Canada denied him the opportunity to complete his studies; therefore

Be it resolved that the deportation of Saad Alam be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, condemning the deportation of Alam and his family; and

Be it further resolved that the federal government be called upon to reform Canada's immigration laws to allow families who reside in Canada to apply for status, including a study permit, to do so from within the country; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to their respective provincial government and demand that all students who reside in Canada without status be considered "domestic students" for the purpose of fee collection and financial eligibility.

2008/11:023 MOTION TO REFER

Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:022 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2008/11:022 REFERRED

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- 2008/11:024 MOTION**
Local 1/ Local 76
Whereas member locals are currently able to buy ethically manufactured orientation materials through the orientation and promotional material bulk purchasing service at a reduced cost; and
Whereas many member locals continue to purchase similar materials from different suppliers throughout the year; therefore
Be it resolved that the possibility of securing year-round discounted rates for promotional materials through the same suppliers chosen for to provide orientation materials be investigated.
- 2008/11:025 MOTION TO REFER**
Local 94/Local 37
Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:024 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.
- CARRIED**
- 2008/11:024 REFERRED**
- 2008/11:026 MOTION**
Local 1/ Local 76
Whereas materials available through the orientation and promotional material bulk purchasing service are provided as a benefit of membership in the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) and the member local students' union; and
Whereas including students' union's names and local numbers on orientation and bulk purchasing materials is an easy way to raise awareness about students' memberships in their local students' unions; and
Whereas some member locals have not included the name of their students' union or local number on their orientation materials; therefore
Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to include their students' union name and local number on all materials purchased through the orientation and promotional materials bulk purchasing service.
- 2008/11:027 MOTION TO REFER**
Local 94/Local 37
Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:026 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.
- CARRIED**
- 2008/11:026 REFERRED**
- 2008/11:028 MOTION**
Local 7/ Local 76
Whereas the Conservative Government made significant cuts to the funding of arts and culture in Canada; and
Whereas federal funding is vital to the production of arts and culture in Canada; and
Whereas the value of arts and culture cannot only be measure by economic growth; and
Whereas youth-focused arts programming and education thrives when federally funded; and
Whereas public funding is imperative for the integrity of arts and culture based research; therefore
Be it resolved that a campaign aimed at highlighting the significance of Canadian arts and culture be launched; and
Be it further resolved that materials be created for locals to support this campaign; and
Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letter calling on the Minister of Heritage to reinstate the \$45 million in funding that was eliminated and to ensure continued, dedicated funding for arts and culture.

2008/11:029 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 94/Local 37
Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:028 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2008/11:028 **REFERRED**

2008/11:030 **MOTION**

Local 7/ Local 76

Whereas the Conservative Government passed Bill C-10, which enables the Government to withdraw tax credits from productions determined to be "contrary to public policy"; and

Whereas Bill C-10 now sits before the Senate; and

Whereas public funding has made innovative, boundary-pushing, and thought-provoking film possible in Canada; and

Whereas the Canadian film industry should be able to make work on a variety of topics, free of government censorship; and

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Heritage, and the Senate condemning Bill C-10; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to also write letters condemning Bill C-10.

2008/11:031 **MOTION TO REFER**

Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:030 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2008/11:030 **REFERRED**

2008/11:032 **MOTION**

Local 26/ Local 76

Whereas the Canadian Parliament is currently in a Minority Government situation; and

Whereas the Political Pundits predict that Canada will be in a Minority Government situation for potentially the next few years; and

Whereas it is important to be prepared for a Minority Government to be defeated at any moment; and

Whereas the 2008 Federal Election Campaign seemed to have been planned very hastily; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive may not operate without a Federal Election Campaign Plan, as approved by a national general meeting.

2008/11:033 **MOTION TO REFER**

Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:032 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2008/11:032 **REFERRED**

2008/11:034 **MOTION**

Local 26/ Local 76

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is a democratic organization; and

Whereas the voting structure of committees at national general meetings are distributed along the lines of caucuses, constituency groups and Provincial Components; and

Whereas the every Student Association doesn't have the right to have a voice on each committee; and

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Whereas each Student Association should have a say at plenary committee meetings; therefore
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 1(2) be amended to read:

Each Caucus, Constituency Group, Provincial Component, and Member Local Association shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee to represent the caucus, constituency group, provincial component, and member local association members.

2008/11:035 MOTION TO REFER

Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:034 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2008/11:034 REFERRED

2008/11:036 MOTION

Local 68/ Local 76

Whereas it was resolved at the May 2008 national general meeting that the Canadian Federation of Students become a member of the Canadian Peace Alliance and that member locals and provincial components of the Federation be encouraged to do the same; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and many of its member locals have already passed resolutions opposing the war in Afghanistan and calling for Canadian troops to come home now; and

Whereas Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been re-elected after a term in which he has committed tens of billions of dollars to the military budget at the expense of spending for health, education and other social services; and

Whereas the war in Afghanistan has resulted in the deaths of thousands of Afghan civilians and approximately 100 Canadian soldiers; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students–Ontario has partnered with the Canadian Peace Alliance to co-host a Pan-Canadian Student Anti-War Conference at Ryerson University in Toronto, Ontario from January 31 to February 1, 2009; therefore

Be it resolved that the 2009 Pan-Canadian Student Anti-War Conference be endorsed and promoted; and

Be it further resolved that a donation of \$5,000 be made to help cover the travel expenses of participants and presenters; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components of the Federation be encouraged to formally endorse and promote the 2009 Pan-Canadian Student Anti-War Conference and to help support the conference through financial donations and fundraising; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to formally endorse and promote the 2009 Pan-Canadian Student Anti-War Conference and help facilitate the participation of their members through travel donations and fundraising.

2008/11:037 MOTION TO REFER

Local 94/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:036 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2008/11:036 REFERRED

13. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Giroux-Bougard, Farrington, Molenhuis and other members of the National Executive highlighted sections of the National Executive report.

2008/11:038

MOTION

Local 94/Local 4

Be it resolved that the report of the National Executive be adopted.

CARRIED

14. OTHER BUSINESS

A series of logistical announcements were made.

15. RECESS

2008/11:039

MOTION TO RECESS

Local 07/Local 103

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until 13:30, Saturday, November 29, 2008.

CARRIED

18:03 the meeting recessed.

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CALL BACK TO ORDER—Wednesday, November 29, 2008

14:34 The meeting was called back to order by Plenary Speaker Riccardo Fillipone.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 03	University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan	Present
Local 76	Broadway Campus (King Edward) Students' Union	Present
Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local 73	Downtown Campus (City Centre) Students' Union	Present
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Union	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Union	Present by proxy
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Union	Present
Local 53	Okanagan College Students' Union	Present
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk College Students' Union	Present
Local 23	Simon Fraser Student Society	Absent
Local 15	Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	Present
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Present
Local 42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Present
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Absent
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 17	University of Saskatchewan Students' Union*	Present
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 103	University of Manitoba Students' Union	Present
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Union	Absent
Local 28	Atkinson Students' Association	Absent
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 107	Association étudiante de La Cité collégiale	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Absent
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Present
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 110	Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association	Present by proxy
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 104	Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students	Present
Local 39	McMaster University Graduate Students' Association	Present by proxy
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Absent
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present

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Local 41	Student Federation of University of Ottawa/Fédération étudiante de l'Université d'Ottawa	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Absent
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
Local 105	Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Present
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Union	Present
Local 109	University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
	Trent Graduate Students' Association*	Absent
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 106	Organisation of Part Time University Students (University of Windsor)	Present
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Present
Local 83	Concordia University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 108	Dawson Student Union	Present
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill University	Absent
Local 67	University of New Brunswick Graduate Students Association	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Present by proxy
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Absent
Local 95	Cape Breton University Students' Union	Absent
	Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students*	Absent
Local 11	University of King's College Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Absent
Local 07	Student Union of NSCAD University	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne	Present
Local 36	Grenfell College Student Union	Present
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Present
Local 100	Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland	Present
Local 35	Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Union	Present

* Prospective member

The Plenary Speaker declared that quorum had been achieved.

2. BUSINESS FROM OPENING PLENARY

It was announced that there was no additional business to consider.

3. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Molenhuis highlighted sections of the Budget Committee report and the draft revised 2008-09 budget.

2008/11:040 MOTION

Local 1/Local 108

Be it resolved that the final draft Revised 2008-09 Budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2008/11:041 MOTION
Local 105/Local 24
Be it resolved that the Budget Committee report be accepted.
CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION OF THE POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Graduate Student Representative Melanee Thomas highlighted sections of the Policy Review and Development Committee report. She noted that Valentine Crawford should be added to the committee composition list.

a. Proposal to Adopt Policy on “Freedom of Speech”

2008/11:012 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY
Local 68/Local 76

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy on “Freedom of Speech” be adopted:

Preamble

Freedom of speech is of paramount importance to the democratic functioning of public post-secondary educational institutions. In Canada, the freedom of conscience and religion, thought, belief, opinion and expression is a Constitutional right. This valuable principle has been misused by individuals and organisations that seek to promote hate on university and college campuses across Ontario. According to Section 319(2) of the Criminal Code of Canada, freedom of speech does not include hate speech. The Code states that “Every one who, by communicating statements in any public place, incites hatred against any identifiable group where such incitement is likely to lead to a breach of the peace is guilty of a) an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years; or b) an offence punishable on summary conviction.” The Supreme Court’s decision on R vs. Keegstra [1990] references Section 319 (2) of the Criminal Code, noting that “hate propaganda contributes little to the aspirations of Canadians or Canada in either the quest for truth, the promotion of individual self-development or the protection and fostering of a vibrant democracy where the participation of all individuals is accepted and encouraged.” Beyond these provisions within the Criminal Code, opposition to hate speech exists within a number of bylaws, human rights acts and codes throughout the Country.

Policy

The Federation supports the constitutional right to the freedom of conscience and religion; freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication; freedom of peaceful assembly; and freedom of association.

The Federation opposes the incitement of hatred against any identifiable group on the grounds of colour, race, religion, ethnic origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or sexual choice.

2008/11:043 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 98/Local 37

Be it resolved that the final clause of the policy proposed in Motion-2008/11:012 be replaced with:

The Federation opposes the incitement of hatred against any identifiable individual or group on the grounds of but not limited to colour, race, religion, ethnic origin, place of origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, reproductive choice or personal sexual practice.

CARRIED

2008/11:044 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 7/Local 67

Be it resolved that the word “Ontario” be replaced with “Canada” throughout the policy proposed in Motion-2008/11:012.

CARRIED

2008/11:012 CARRIED AS AMENDED

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b. Proposal to Adopt Policy on “Ancillary, Incidental and Administrative Fees”

2008/11:016 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 24/Local 76

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy on “Ancillary, Incidental and Administrative Fees” be adopted:

Ancillary, Incidental and Administrative Fees

Preamble

Drastic cuts to post-secondary institution operating budgets since the early 1990s have resulted in sharp tuition fee increases in most regions of the country. These tuition fee increases have not improved college and university operating revenue because government cuts and failure to keep funding in line with inflation and enrolment expansion have left a steep financial shortfall at institutions in most provinces. As a result of these dual trends, there has been a dramatic shift in the proportion of college and university operating budgets that are being financed by students through user fees.

Many college and university administrations have sought “creative” ways to circumvent government-imposed limitations on tuition fee increases by increasing non-academic ancillary, incidental and administrative fees charged to students. In many cases, core student services, formerly funded through tuition fees, have been separated out of student services packages. Other compulsory fees are often applied to designated capital, administrative or operating expenses of the institution, such as library construction, renovation or acquisitions, transcript printing, information technology resources and athletics facilities.

In many cases, sharp increases in ancillary, incidental and administrative fees have occurred in spite of government mandated tuition fee freezes or fee increase caps.

Institutional administrations often seek the consent of students for such fees, either through a resolution of the campus students' union or through a referendum. These new compulsory ancillary, incidental and administrative fees are often promoted to students as progressive measures to create environmental sustainability initiatives, enhance financial aid or to improve the quality of education.

However, whether they are set by student referendum and by institutional governance bodies, all ancillary, incidental and administrative fees for core student services, institutional capital costs or the academic or administrative operations of colleges or universities contribute to the further privatisation of post-secondary education, subvert tuition fee regulations, deflect funding responsibilities away from provincial and federal governments and increase financial barriers and student debt.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- standardised provincial ancillary fee legislation that limits ancillary, incidental and administrative fees to such items, services or purposes as:
 - membership fees for students' unions or other such student-run associations;
 - contributions to fund the construction and/or operation of student-run students' centres and other such student-owned and/or student-operated non-academic buildings;
 - membership fees for on-campus news media organisations such as radio stations, newspapers or other media outlets that are incorporated under the laws of Canada or the province and that are not controlled by the college, university or institute; and
 - student-run activities, spaces, or supplemental services that seek to enhance the cultural, social or recreational life of the students and that are not academic in nature.
- referendum requirements for the creation of all new ancillary, incidental and administrative fees, including:
 - referendum question be approved by the students' union through a resolution of its board of directors;
 - administration of any referendum for fees to be charged by a college and/or university must be conducted by the institution, with provisions for oversight by the students' union;
 - administration of any referendum for fees to be collected by a college and/or university on behalf of a recognised students' union, association or other campus organisation, must be conducted by, and at the discretion of, the students' union;

- quorum must be no less than 5 percent; and
- no less than a 50 percent plus one majority.
- inflationary, cost-of-living, or students' union approved discretionary increases of no more than 10 percent annually for existing ancillary, incidental or administrative fees only when the provisions for increase are specified in the original referendum question;
- the strict enforcement of prohibitions against the collection of ancillary, incidental and administrative fees for core student services, institutional capital expenses or the academic or administrative operations of colleges or universities.

The Federation opposes:

- tuition-related ancillary, incidental and administrative fees that are established or charged for core student services, institutional capital expenses or the academic or administrative operations of colleges or universities including, but not limited to, fees for:
 - application, confirmation or registration;
 - construction, maintenance or operation of classrooms, laboratories, libraries, shops or other academic or administrative buildings or spaces;
 - consumable supplies, equipment or instruments not retained by the student;
 - graduation ceremonies, certificates, degrees, diplomas or other academic awards, or alumni associations;
 - information technology equipment or infrastructure, computer labs, Internet or local network access, or electronic mail;
 - mandatory field trips or mandatory field placements;
 - student or academic support, accessibility, counselling, teaching or tutoring services;
 - financial aid, loan programs or scholarship endowment funds;
 - athletics or sports facilities;
 - library acquisitions; and
 - environmental initiatives, upgrades or retrofits to be undertaken by the administration.
- any other compulsory levy for expenses that can only be funded through general purpose government operating and capital grants or tuition fees;
- any compulsory student fee or fee increases that is not set by general student referendum or through students' union approval;
- any compulsory student fee or fee increase that violates institutional or government regulations, policies or guidelines; and
- efforts to seek student consent for tuition-related ancillary, incidental or administrative fees through the use of general student referenda or students' union approval.

2008/11:045 MOTION TO AMEND
 Local 49/Local 37

Be it resolved that the following point be added in the policy proposed in Motion-2008/11:016 after the point "consumable supplies, equipment or instruments not retained by the student":

- appeal processes;

CARRIED

2008/11:046 MOTION TO AMEND
 Local 24/Local 13

Be it resolved that the bullet reading "no less than a 50 percent plus one majority." be replaced with "no less than a 50 percent plus one majority to pass." in the policy proposed in Motion-2008/11:016.

CARRIED

2008/11:047 MOTION TO AMEND
 Local 7/Local 25

Be it resolved that the words "ancillary, incidental or administrative fees" be replaced with "ancillary, auxiliary, incidental or administrative fees" throughout the policy proposed in Motion-2008/11:016.

CARRIED

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2008/11:048 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 62/Local 94

Be it resolved that following point be deleted from the policy proposed in Motion-2008/11:016:

- environmental initiatives, upgrades or retrofits to be undertaken by the administration.

CARRIED

2008/11:049 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 41/Local 13

Be it resolved that the point under the section "The Federation Supports" that reads, "referendum question be approved by the students' union through a resolution of its board of directors;" be replaced with "referendum question be approved by the students' union through a resolution of its council or equivalent representative body;" in the policy proposed in Motion-2008/11:016.

CARRIED

2008/11:016 CARRIED AS AMENDED

c. Proposal to Amend Policy on "Tuition Fees"

2008/11:018 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 103/Local 76

Whereas, year after year since tuition fees were reduced then frozen in Manitoba eight years ago, the University of Manitoba has consistently attempted to circumvent the Manitoba tuition fee freeze and reduction policy by initiating and supporting student plebiscites on tuition fee increases; and

Whereas, in all of the tuition fee votes conducted at the request of the administration, the conditions for campaigning were far from free and fair, as campaigners were intimidated, denied access to students, and even threatened with academic sanctions; and

Whereas faculty- or programme-based student votes on tuition fee increases clearly constitute an attempt to circumvent provincial government policies and undermine the work of the student movement by dividing students amongst themselves; and

Whereas administration-led votes on tuition fees in Manitoba have established a model for circumventing government tuition policies that has the potential to hurt access to education across Canada; and

Whereas these administration-led votes bear no resemblance to student-initiated votes that are governed by rules and conditions established collectively by students; therefore

Be it resolved that the following addition to Issues Policy on Tuition Fees be adopted, following the sentence "The Federation opposes the differentiation of fees on the basis of program, country or province of origin or student status, or for any other reason":

The Federation opposes fee increase votes initiated by post-secondary institutions' administrations, especially those that target specific faculties or programmes and are designed to create divisions among students.

2008/11:050 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 36/Local 85

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:018 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following addition to Issues Policy on Tuition Fees be adopted, following the sentence "The Federation opposes the differentiation of fees on the basis of program, country or province of origin or student status, or for any other reason":

The Federation opposes fee increase votes initiated by post-secondary institutions' administrations."

CARRIED

2008/11:051 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 73/Local 19

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:018 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that the following paragraph be added to the preamble of the Policy on Tuition Fees:

In cases when governments have regulated tuition fees, faculty- or programme-based student votes on tuition fee increases initiated by administrations of post-secondary education institutions have been used to circumvent provincial government policies on tuition fees and undermine the work of the student movement by dividing students amongst themselves."

CARRIED

2008/11:018 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

2008/11:052 **MOTION**

Local 7/Local 109

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

CARRIED

5. CONSIDERATION OF ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Farrington highlighted sections of the Organisational and Services Development Committee Report.

a. Proposal to Amend Bylaw I

2008/11:007 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 24/Local 109

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 4, be amended to include the following clause:

g. Quorum

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

Be it further resolved that other clauses be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, section 6.h be amended to read:

h. Quorum

Quorum for any referendum vote on continuing membership shall be identical to the quorum requirement stipulated in section 4.g.

2008/11:053 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 61/Local 19

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:007 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 4, be amended to include the following clause:

g. Quorum

Quorum for any referendum vote on full membership shall be that of the member local association or five percent (5%) of the individual member local association, whichever is higher.

Be it further resolved that other clauses be renumbered accordingly."

2008/11:054 **MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 47/Local 26

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:053 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 4, be amended to include the following clause:

g. Quorum

Quorum for any referendum vote on full membership shall be that of the member local association or five percent (5%) of the individual member local association, whichever is higher.

Be it further resolved that other clauses be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, section 6.h be amended to read:

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h. Quorum

Quorum for any referendum vote on continuing membership shall be identical to the quorum requirement stipulated in section 4.g.”

DEFEATED

2008/11:053 **CARRIED**

2008/11:007 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

b. Proposals Regarding the Bulk Purchasing Program

2008/11:024 **MOTION**

Local 1/Local 76

Whereas member locals are currently able to buy ethically manufactured orientation materials through the orientation and promotional material bulk purchasing service at a reduced cost; and

Whereas many member locals continue to purchase similar materials from different suppliers throughout the year; therefore

Be it resolved that the possibility of securing year-round discounted rates for promotional materials through the same suppliers chosen to provide orientation materials be investigated.

2008/11:055 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 13/Local 19

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:024 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that the possibility of securing year-round discounted rates for materials through the same suppliers chosen to provide orientation materials be investigated.”

CARRIED

2008/11:024 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

2008/11:026 **MOTION**

Local 1/Local 76

Whereas materials available through the orientation and promotional material bulk purchasing service are provided as a benefit of membership in the Federation and the member local students' union; and

Whereas including students' union's names and local numbers on orientation and bulk purchasing materials is an easy way to raise awareness about students' memberships in their local students' unions; and

Whereas some member locals have not included the name of their students' union or local number on their orientation materials; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to include their students' union name and local number on all materials purchased through the orientation and promotional materials bulk purchasing service.

2008/11:056 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 37/Local 61

Be it further resolved that Motion-2008/11:026 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to include their students' union name, local number and the Federation's name on all materials purchased through the orientation and promotional materials bulk purchasing service.”

2008/11:057 **MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 1/Local 25

Be it further resolved that Motion-2008/11:056 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to include their students' union name, local number and the Federation's name on all materials purchased through the orientation and promotional materials bulk purchasing service; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students be clearly identified on all materials purchased through the Bulk Purchasing of Orientation and Promotional materials unless otherwise negotiated with the National Executive."

CARRIED

OPPOSITION NOTED:

Local 47

2008/11:056 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

2008/11:026 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

c. Proposal Regarding Committee Selection Procedures

2008/11:034 **MOTION**

Local 26/Local 76

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is a democratic organisation; and

Whereas the voting structure of committees at national general meetings are distributed along the lines of caucuses, constituency groups and Provincial Components; and

Whereas the every student association doesn't have the right to have a voice on each committee; and

Whereas each student association should have a say at plenary committee meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 1(2) be amended to read:

Each Caucus, Constituency Group, Provincial Component, and Member Local Association shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee to represent the caucus, constituency group, provincial c

DEFEATED

2008/11:058 **MOTION**

Local 7/Local 99

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

CARRIED

6. CONSIDERATION OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATONS FORUM REPORT

Giroux-Bougard highlighted sections of the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum Report. She noted that Tabetha Linklater (Local 8), Gareth Henry (Local 24), Jeff Welsh (Local 27), Ashley Strange (Local 30), Mike Bennett (Local 32), Paul Brown (Local 92) and Karla Orantas (Local 92) should be added to the committee composition list.

a. Motion on Parental Leave for Graduate and Post-Doctoral Students

2008/11:010 **MOTION**

Local 47/Local 76

Whereas historically the Tri-Council granting agencies (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR) have implemented joint policies on issues of mutual interest such as the Tri-Council statement on 'Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans'; and

Where as there is currently major discrepancies between the policies surrounding parental leaves for graduate and post-doctoral fellowships between these agencies and amongst individual Universities; and

Whereas the World Health Organisation and Health Canada recommend that infants should be exclusively breastfed for the first six months of their life; and

Whereas any non-existent or non-supportive parental leave policy by individual Universities Should not be a barrier in the equitable eligibility for parental leaves supported through the Tri-Councils; therefore

Be it resolved that the position paper "Family Friendly?: Recommending Changes To The Tri-Council Policies On Maternity And Parental Leaves For Graduate And Post-Doctoral Fellows" and its recommended policy changes be supported; and

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Be it further resolved that the Tri-Council be lobbied to adopt these policy changes to provide graduate students with a family-friendly environment.

CARRIED

b. Motion to Adopt Campaign on Electoral Reform

2008/11:014

MOTION

Local 98/Local 76

Whereas the results of the October 14 Federal elections would have resulted in 117 seats (down from 143) for the Conservatives, 81 (up from 76) for the Liberals, 57 seats (up from 37) for the New Democrats, 28 seats (down from 50) for the Bloc Quebecois and 23 seats (up from 0) for the Green Party if Canada used a proportional election system; and

Whereas 940,000 voters supporting the Green Party sent no one to Parliament, setting a new record for the most votes cast for any party that gained no parliamentary representation and by comparison, 813,000 Conservative voters in Alberta alone were able to elect 27 MPs; and

Whereas in the prairie provinces, Conservatives received roughly twice the vote of the Liberals and NDP, but took seven times as many seats; and

Whereas a quarter-million Conservative voters in Toronto elected no one and neither did Conservative voters in Montreal; and

Whereas New Democrats attracted 1.1 million more votes than the Bloc, but the voting system gave the Bloc 50 seats, the NDP 37; and

Whereas Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom are the only western democracies to rely of the first-past-the-post electoral system; and

Whereas different forms of proportional systems encourage a more representative legislature and governments that require parties to work effectively together and not constantly seek elections to reach a majority; and

Whereas Canadians can expect more unstable minority governments in the years to come under first-past-the-post; therefore

Be it resolved that the federal government be encouraged to strike a pan-Canadian Citizens' Assembly, similar to ones in Ontario and British Columbia, to return to parliament with a recommendation on electoral reform; and

Be it further resolved that a pan-Canadian referendum be conducted on the recommendations; and

Be it further resolved that, if a majority of Canadians support the proposed changes, the federal electoral system be changed.

2008/11:059

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 78/Local 100

Be it resolved that the second and third clauses of Motion-2008/11:014 be amended to read as follows:

“Be it further resolved that the federal government be encouraged to conduct a pan-Canadian referendum on the recommendations; and

Be it further resolved that, if a majority of Canadians supports the proposed changes, the federal government be encouraged to change the federal electoral system.”

2008/11:060

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT

Local 78/Local 100

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:059 be amended to include the following clause:

“Be it further resolved that the federal government be encouraged to mandate the Assembly to conduct a public education campaign.”

CARRIED

2008/11:059

CARRIED AS AMENDED

2008/11:014

CARRIED AS AMENDED

c. Motion to Adopt Campaign on Part-time International Students Working Off-Campus

2008/11:020

MOTION

Local 19/Local 76

Whereas extremely high differential tuition fees and the rising cost of post-secondary education poses a disproportionate effect on many international students; and

Whereas international student tuition fees are deregulated in most of the provinces and are allowed to increase dramatically every year, leading most students to pay much higher fees than they are able to anticipate at the point of admission; and

Whereas international students have to pay additional fees for a number of bureaucratic applications through various immigration departments to apply for the following documents such as: study permits, work permits and re-entry visas, as well as mandatory private health insurance plans in some provinces; and

Whereas many international students have to work several jobs try to offset these extremely high costs; and

Whereas many international students are forced to deal with unpredictable tuition hikes by dropping to part-time status; and

Whereas only full time international students fulfil the requirements for the current off-campus work permit process; therefore

Be it resolved that Immigration Canada be lobbied to extend the off-campus work permit to include all part-time international students; and

Be it further resolved that Immigration Canada be lobbied to eliminate the existing barriers in the bureaucratic application process by including in the study permit an opportunity to work immediately upon their entry into Canada.

2008/11:060

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 19/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:020 be amended to read as follows:

“Be it resolved that Immigration Canada be lobbied to extend the off-campus work permit to include all part-time international students in all post-secondary programs, including but not limited to graduate studies; and

Be it further resolved that Immigration Canada be lobbied to eliminate the existing barriers—including but not limited to the six month wait period before eligibility to apply, the application fee, and institutional delays—in the bureaucratic application process by including in the study permit an opportunity to work immediately upon their entry into Canada.”

CARRIED

2008/11:020

CARRIED AS AMENDED

d. Motion to Support Students Without Status

2008/11:022

MOTION

Local 109/Local 76

Whereas Saad Alam, a third-year student at the University of Toronto at Mississauga, and his family lived and worked in Canada for five years; and

Whereas because his family's application for refugee status failed, he was forced to pay international student tuition fees; and

Whereas Alam was a scholarship-winner and a vice-president of the Bangladeshi Student Association at the University of Toronto at Mississauga; and

Whereas on October 3, Alam and his parents were deported by Canadian Border Services to Bangladesh, after not having lived there for 14 years; and

Whereas Immigration Canada denied him the opportunity to complete his studies; therefore

Be it resolved that the deportation of Saad Alam be condemned; and

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Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration condemning the deportation of Alam and his family; and

Be it further resolved that the federal government be called upon to reform Canada's immigration laws to allow families who reside in Canada to apply for status, including a study permit, to do so from within the country; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to their respective provincial government and demand that all students who reside in Canada without status be considered "domestic students" for the purpose of fee collection and financial eligibility.

2008/11:061 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 109/Local 7

Be it resolved that the last clause of Motion-2008/11:022 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to their respective provincial governments calling on them to eliminate differential fees for international students."

CARRIED

2008/11:022 CARRIED AS AMENDED

e. Motion to Adopt Campaign Opposing Federal Cuts to Arts Funding

2008/11:028 MOTION

Local 7/Local 76

Whereas the Conservative Government made significant cuts to the funding of arts and culture in Canada; and

Whereas federal funding is vital to the production of arts and culture in Canada; and

Whereas the value of arts and culture cannot only be measure by economic growth; and

Whereas youth-focused arts programming and education thrives when federally funded; and

Whereas public funding is imperative for the integrity of arts and culture based research; therefore

Be it resolved that a campaign aimed at highlighting the significance of Canadian arts and culture be launched; and

Be it further resolved that materials be created for locals to support this campaign; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters calling on the Minister of Heritage to reinstate the \$45 million in funding that was eliminated and to ensure continued, dedicated funding for arts and culture.

2008/11:062 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 93/Local 41

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:028 be amended to include the following clause:

"Be it resolved that the impact on marginalised communities be analysed."

2008/11:063 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT

Local 41/Local 25

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:062 be amended to include the following clause:

"Be it resolved that the impact on marginalised communities be analysed so materials can be developed based on that analysis."

CARRIED

2008/11:062 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2008/11:064 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 4/Local 46

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:028 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that a campaign aimed at highlighting the significance of Canadian arts and culture be launched; and

Be it further resolved that materials be developed (including posters, materials) on how funding cuts effect students in both arts and crafts studies and professional practices; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters calling on the Minister of Heritage to reinstate the \$45 million in funding that was eliminated and to ensure continued, dedicated funding for arts and culture.”

DEFEATED

2008/11:028 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

f. Motion to Condemn Bill C-10

2008/11:030 **MOTION**

Local 7/Local 76

Whereas the Conservative Government passed Bill C-10, which enables the Government to withdraw tax credits from productions determined to be “contrary to public policy”; and

Whereas Bill C-10 now sits before the Senate; and

Whereas public funding has made innovative, boundary-pushing, and thought-provoking film possible in Canada; and

Whereas the Canadian film industry should be able to make work on a variety of topics, free of government censorship; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Heritage, and the Senate condemning the recent changes to section 120 of the tax code; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to also write letters condemning the recent changes to section 120 of the tax code.

2008/11:065 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 7/Local 11

Be it further resolved that the last clause of Motion-2008/11:030 be amended to read as follows:

“Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to Members of Parliament and Senators condemning the recent changes to section 120 of the tax code.”

CARRIED

2008/11:030 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

f. Motion on Federal Election Campaigns Strategy

2008/11:032 **MOTION**

Local 26/Local 76

Whereas the Canadian Parliament is currently in a Minority Government situation; and

Whereas the political pundits predict that Canada will be in a Minority Government situation for potentially the next few years; and

Whereas it is important to be prepared for a Minority Government to be defeated at any moment; and

Whereas the 2008 Federal Election Campaign seemed to have been planned very hastily; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive may not operate without a Federal Election Campaign Plan, as approved by a national general meeting.

2008/11:066 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 7/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:032 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that during minority parliaments a standing federal election campaign strategy, as approved by a national general meeting, be in effect.”

DEFEATED

2008/11:032 **DEFEATED**

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g. Motion to Support for the Pan-Canadian Student Anti-War Conference

2008/11:036

MOTION

Local 68/Local 76

Whereas it was resolved at the May 2008 national general meeting that the Canadian Federation of Students become a member of the Canadian Peace Alliance and that member locals and provincial components of the Federation be encouraged to do the same; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and many of its member locals have already passed resolutions opposing the war in Afghanistan and calling for Canadian troops to come home now; and

Whereas Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been re-elected after a term in which he has committed tens of billions of dollars to the military budget at the expense of spending for health, education and other social services; and

Whereas the war in Afghanistan has resulted in the deaths of thousands of Afghan civilians and approximately 100 Canadian soldiers; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students–Ontario has partnered with the Canadian Peace Alliance to co-host a Pan-Canadian Student Anti-War Conference at Ryerson University in Toronto, Ontario from January 31 to February 1, 2009; therefore

Be it resolved that the 2009 Pan-Canadian Student Anti-War Conference be endorsed and promoted; and

Be it further resolved that a donation of \$5,000 be made to help cover the travel expenses of participants and presenters; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components of the Federation be encouraged to formally endorse and promote the 2009 Pan-Canadian Student Anti-War Conference and to help support the conference through financial donations and fundraising; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to formally endorse and promote the 2009 Pan-Canadian Student Anti-War Conference and help facilitate the participation of their members through travel donations and fundraising.

2008/11:067

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 5/Local 46

Be it resolved that Motion-2008/11:036 be amended to include the following clause:

“Be it further resolved that extra effort be made to include students from the Atlantic and Western provinces.”

CARRIED

2008/11:036

CARRIED AS AMENDED

OPPOSITION NOTED:

Local 9

2008/11:068

MOTION

Local 110/Local 13

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

CARRIED

7. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTORAL REPORT

Chief Electoral Officer Ashkon Hashemi presented the Electoral Report.

a. Election of At-Large Representatives

i. National Chairperson

2008/11:069

MOTION

Local 41/Local 38

Be it resolved that Katherine Giroux-Bougard (Local 35) be ratified as the National Chairperson for the 2009-10 term.

CARRIED

ii. National Deputy Chairperson

2008/11:070

MOTION

Local 91/Local 98

Be it resolved that Noah Stewart (Local 91) be ratified as the National Deputy Chairperson for the 2009-10 term.

CARRIED

iii. National Treasurer

2008/11:071

MOTION

Local 35/Local 9

Be it resolved that Dave Molenhuis (Local 105) be ratified as the National Treasurer for the 2009-10 term.

CARRIED

b. National Executive Provincial Representative Election

2008/11:072

MOTION

Local 17/Local 90

Be it resolved that Kristy Fyfe (Local 9) be ratified as the Saskatchewan Representative for the remainder of the 2008-09 term.

CARRIED

8. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY CAUCUSES AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

a. Caucuses

National Aboriginal Caucus Chairperson Mike White reported on the work of the Aboriginal Caucus at the meeting.

National Graduate Caucus Chairperson Graham Cox reported on the work of the Graduate Caucus at the meeting.

b. Constituency Groups

Representatives from constituency groups provided reports on the discussions of the groups.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Consideration of Emergency Motion on the Economic and Fiscal Update

2008/11:073

MOTION

Local 94/Local 41

Whereas the federal conservative government has tabled an economic update that ignores the need to investment in public infrastructures and furthers an ideological agenda through reckless tax cuts and wrongheaded limitation of union rights; and

Whereas investment in accessible public post-secondary education is an important economic stimulus and a proactive measure for promoting economic stability in a knowledge based society;

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Whereas in a minority parliament, opposition parties have the power to work together to oppose regressive policies and pass policies that reflect the priorities and interests of the majority of Canadians; and

Be it resolved that the November federal economic update be strongly opposed; and

Be it further resolved that the opposition parties be called upon to work together to oppose the economic update and to develop a plan to increase funding for public infrastructure, including provincial transfer for post-secondary education that promotes national standards in quality and affordability.

CARRIED

b. Other

NOTICE

MOTION

Local 1/

Whereas anti oppression training is an important tool to create awareness of the systems that are in our institutions and societies that guide the way many marginalised communities are forced to exist; and

Whereas anti-oppression training is important to take positive steps forward against institutionalised form of discrimination; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is dedicated to anti-oppression initiatives; and

Whereas systemic oppression continues to exist in our society and on our campuses; and

Whereas anti-oppression training is recommended to all community members, particularly those in leadership positions; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation create an anti-oppression education kit and anti-oppression materials be provided for all member locals; and

Be it further resolved that an anti-oppression trainer contact information list be provided to all member locals.

NOTICE

MOTION

Local 5/

Be it resolved that an end to the cruel, inhumane and illegal blockade against Cuba be demanded; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to United States President Barack Obama demanding an end of the blockade of Cuba.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A series of logistical announcements were made.

11. ADJOURNMENT

2008/11:074

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Local 90/Local 38

Be it resolved that plenary be adjourned.

CARRIED

17:03 the meeting adjourned.

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Delegations

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Local 3

University of British Columbia
Students' Union-Okanagan

Carolyn Cody
Bobby Chavarie
Karly Drabot
Rob Nagai
Mark Norris
Connie Olsen
Mike Webber

Local 75

Camosun College Student Society

Aleshia Biggs
Mariana Civetra
Christopher Gillespie
Michael Glover
Matthew de Groot

Local 5

Capilano Students' Union

Linda Epp
Noah Fine

Local 73

City Centre Students' Union

Laura Drake
Tiffany Kalanj
Vijay Krishnan
Maggie Murray

Local 76

King Edward Students' Union

Sasha Burden
Melissa Ficke
Rosemary Qi
Charmaine Waters

Local 18

Douglas Students' Union

Christine Nieder
Donna Rose

Local 33

Emily Carr Students' Union

Alex Achtem
Ippiksaut Friesen
Tom Hsu
Lori MacDonald
Miles Thorogood

Local 26

Kwantlen Student Association

Jennifer Campbell
Ashley Fehr
Derek Robertson
Josephine Wong

Local 61

Malaspina Students' Union

Steve Beasley
James Bowen
Katie Marocchi
Mikael Jensen

Local 13

College of the New Caledonia Students' Union

Alyssa Clark
Valentine Crawford
Tim Nesar

Local 66

Northwest Community College
Students' Association

Erica West
Clifford Wilson

Local 53

Okanagan College Students' Union

Klara Gabanowicz
Sarah Moniuk
Marie Ouellet
Sean Rossouw
Dave Westmacott

Local 4

Selkirk Students' Association

Zachary Crispin
April Cuffy
Catherine Gehman
Russell Haskins
David Lubbers

Local 15

Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

Dustin Grof
Nathan Lane
Alex McLellan
Natalie Reisle

Local 44**University of Victoria Students' Society**

Christine Comrie
Gary Dawson-Quatell
Veronica Harrison
Tracy Ho
Luam Kidane
Edward Pullman

ALBERTA**Local 42****Alberta College of Art and Design
Students' Association**

Jonathan David-Baer
Dan Barnfield

SASKATCHEWAN**Local 90****First Nations University of Canada
Students' Association**

Brandy Morris
Thomas Roussin

Local 9**University of Regina Students' Union**

Alison Kimbley
Sean Dunmak
Kristy Fyfe
Jessica Sinclair
Kelly Quewezance

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

Zafer Dallal Bashi

Local 17**University of Saskatchewan
Students' Union**

Nicole Kenney
Joel Schindel
Josie Steeves

MANITOBA**Local 37****Brandon University Students' Union**

Laura Balanko
Lorraine Dooley
Michael Jack
Karen Marchand
Stephen Montague

Local 96**University of Manitoba
Graduate Students' Association**

Andy Bonar
Aaron Glenn
Mohamed Moustafa
Abas Sabouni
Xuping Sun
Cheng Zhang

Local 103**University of Manitoba
Students' Union**

Anna-Celestrya Carr
Alanna Makinson
Jonny Sopotiuik
Mitchell Tripple
Pablo Stephano Veintimilla

Local 38**Association étudiante
du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface**

Janelle Chartier

Local 8**University of Winnipeg Students' Association**

Geoffrey Brown
Stephanie Chartrand
Brock Gatien
Tabetha Linklater

ONTARIO**Local 78****Carleton University
Graduate Students' Association**

Heather Finn
Nathan Hauch

Local 1**Carleton University Students' Association**

Carlos Chacón
Erik Halliwell
Shewit Kalaty
Cameron McKenzie
Austin Miller
James Pratt
Danielle Sampson
Brittany Smyth
Kweku Winful

Local 107**Association étudiante de la Cité collégiale**

Guy Gallant

Local 92**Students' Association of
George Brown College**

Muna Abdurahman
Melanie Amadasun
Paul Brown
Karla Orantas
Sabrina Cormovale
Frederick Sam
Adé Yemi Thomas

Local 54**University of Guelph
Central Student Association**

Cailey Campell

Local 62
University of Guelph
Graduate Students' Association

Aaron Masecar
Megan Nicholson
Andrea Rivera
Revlon Stoddart
Joel Wood

Local 32
Lakehead University Student Union

Mike Bennett
Mitch Guora
Richard Longtin
Derek Lyons
Tyler North

Local 30
Laurentian University
Students' General Association
Ashley Strange

Local 104
Laurentian Association of Mature and
Part-Time Students
France Poliquin

Local 88
Association des étudiantes et étudiants
francophones de l'Université Laurentienne
Joey Methé

Local 25
Ontario College of Art and Design
Student Union
Nathan Sasche

Local 41
Student Federation of the University of Ottawa
Danika Brisson
Roxanne Dubois
Dean Haldenby
Francois Picard
Julie Séguin
Seamus Wolfe

Local 94
University of Ottawa
Graduate Students' Association
Gaetan Beaulière
Federico Carvajal

Local 27
Queen's University
Society of Graduate and Professional Students
Mark Rosner
Jeff Welsh

Local 105
Continuing Education
Students' Association of Ryerson
Gail Alivio
Jeremy Salter

Local 24
Ryerson Students' Union
Jermaine Bagnall
Tayaz Fakhry
Gareth Henry
Rebecca Rose
Toby Whitfield

Local 85
Saint Paul University Students' Association
Peter Wesolowski

Local 99
Scarborough Campus Students' Union
Amir Bashir
Nadia Haider
Ravi Ravindran
Zuhair Syed

Local 19
University of Toronto
Graduate Students' Union
Rose Da Costa
Meghan Gallant
Sara Suliman
Greg West

Local 98
University of Toronto Students' Union
Koat Aleer
Adam Awad
Sandy Hudson
Angela Regnier
Dave Scrivener
Alice Wu

Local 109
University of Toronto at Mississauga
Students' Union
Robbie Cairns
Dhananjai Kohli
Aly Khan Madhavaji

Local 97
Association of Part-Time Undergraduate
Students of the University of Toronto
Helen Choi
Joeita Gupta
Jeff Peters
Katie Wolk

Local 71
Trent Central Student Association
Megan Davies
Sako Khederlarian
Cassandra Nichol

Local 47
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Local 56
Wilfred Laurier University
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Local 48
University of Windsor
Graduate Student Society
Tarek Al-Geddawy
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Local 49**University of Windsor Students' Alliance**

Tiffany Gooch
Tamara Popovic

Local 106**University of Windsor Organization of
Part-Time University Students**

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Abdulkadir Omar
Erin Plumb

Local 68**York Federation of Students**

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Gilary Massa
Osmel Maynes
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Local 84**York University
Graduate Students' Association**

Andrea Barbera
Kelly Holloway

QUÉBEC**Local 83****Concordia University
Graduate Students' Association**

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Local 91**Concordia Student Union**

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Local 108**Dawson Student Union**

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Local 79**Post-Graduate Students' Society
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Adrian Kaats

NEW BRUNSWICK**Local 67****University of New Brunswick
Graduate Students' Association**

Carson Butts
Neil Cole
Graeme E. Hall

NOVA SCOTIA**Local 11****University of King's College
Students' Union**

David Etherington
Kaley Kennedy
Adrian Lee

Local 7**Student Union of the
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design University**

Emily Davidson
Noah Logan

Local 69**Association générale des étudiants de
l'Université Sainte-Anne**

André Cottreau
Riel Gallant

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Josh Flemming
Kieran Garrett Smith
Andy Woolridge

Local 100**Graduate Students' Union of the
Memorial University of Newfoundland**

Matthew Fuchs
Tracey Hache

Local 35**Memorial University of Newfoundland
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November 25, 2008

Katherine Giroux-Bougard, National Chairperson
Canadian Federation of Students
Suite 500, 170 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa, ON K2P 1P3

Dear Ms. Giroux-Bougard,

On November 8, the Board of Local 72 – North Island Students' Union adopted the following motion:

Be it resolved that Local 61 – Malaspina Students' Union be appointed as the proxy for Local 72 - North Island Students' Union for the duration of the 27th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, to be held from November 26 to 30, 2006.

Please accept this letter as notice of appointment of Local 61 as our proxy for the upcoming national general meeting.

Sincerely,

James Bowen, Executive Director
North Island Students' Union

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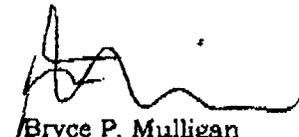
Graduate Students'
Association

Association des
étudiants des études
supérieures

25 November 2008

Dear Katherine Giroux Bougard,

This is to inform you that at our most recent executive meeting Local 110 has voted to give its vote by proxy to Local 88 for the upcoming Annual General Meeting being held on 26-29 November 2008.



Bryce P. Mulligan
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November 27 2008

Katherine Giroux-Bougard
National Chairperson
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Suite 500, 170 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa, ON.

Dear Ms Giroux-Bougard,

Please be advised that the Local 39, the McMaster Graduate Students Association, will be unable to send delegates to the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students.

In recognition of this, our Executive Committee passed the following motion:

"Be it resolved that Local 39, the McMaster Graduate Students Association wishes to appoint Local 84, the York University Graduate Students' Association, to act as our proxy for the duration of the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students."

I trust that this letter satisfies the proxy provisions in the Federation's bylaws.

In solidarity,

Mingkai Shao
Vice-President External



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November 25 2008

Katherine Giroux-Bougard
National Chairperson
Canadian Federation Students
Suite 500, 170 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa, ON.

Dear Ms Giroux-Bougard,

Please be advised that Local 99, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, will be unable to send delegates to the opening plenary of the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students.

In recognition of this, our Executive Committee passed the following motion:

"Be it resolved that Local 99, the Scarborough Campus Students' Union, wishes to appoint Local 98, to act as our proxy for opening plenary of the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students."

I trust that this letter satisfies the proxy provisions in the Federation's bylaws.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amir Bashir", is written over a large, light-colored, textured triangular area that resembles a stamp or a large watermark.

Amir Bashir
Vice-President, External
Scarborough Campus Students' Union



November 25, 2008

Katherine Giroux-Bougard, National Chairperson
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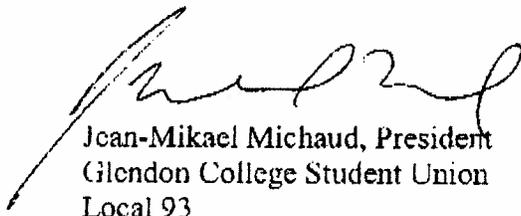
Dear Ms. Giroux-Bougard,

Today the Executive of Local 93, the Glendon College Student Union adopted the following motion:

Be it resolved that Local 19- the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union be appointed as the proxy for Local 93 for opening plenary of the 25th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, to be held from November 22 to 25, 2006.

Please accept this letter as notice of appointment of Local 19 as our proxy for the upcoming national general meeting.

Sincerely,



Jean-Mikael Michaud, President
Glendon College Student Union
Local 93



November 25, 2008

Katherine Giroux-Bougard, National Chairperson
Canadian Federation of Students
Suite 500, 170 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa, ON K2P 1P3

Dear Ms. Giroux-Bougard,

Today the Executive of Local 68, the York Federation of Students adopted the following motion:

Be it resolved that Local 19- the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union be appointed as the proxy for Local 68 for opening plenary of the 25th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, to be held from November 22 to 25, 2006.

Please accept this letter as notice of appointment of Local 19 as our proxy for the upcoming national general meeting.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Salter, Executive Director
York Federation of Students
Local 68



November 24, 2008

Katherine Giroux-Bougard, National Chairperson
Canadian Federation of Students
Suite 500, 170 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa, ON K2P 1P3

Dear Ms. Giroux-Bougard:

On November 24, 2008, the Executive of Local 70 – University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Students' Association adopted the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Local 67 – UNB Graduate Student Association be appointed proxy for the UPEI Graduate Students' Association for the duration of the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, to be held from November 26 to 29, 2008.

Please accept this letter as notice of appointment of the UNB Graduate Student Association as our proxy for the upcoming annual general meeting.

Sincerely,

Dolores LeVangie

Dolores LeVangie, VPE
Graduate Students' Association
University of PEI
Local 70

