AGENDA

Organisational and Services Development Committee

November 2009 National General Meeting

1. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS

a. Roundtable Introductions

b. Review of the Committee Agenda

c. Ratification of the Committee Chair(s)

Standing Resolution 1, Section 4, *Committee Chairperson,* states that as its first order of business each standing general meeting committee shall either: ratify as the committee chairperson(s) the National Executive member(s) appointed to the committee; or elect a committee chairperson from within its membership.

The National Executive is recommending that British Columbia Representative Michael Olson be ratified as chair for the Committee.

d. Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference

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

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

2. REVIEW OF FEDERATION BULK BUYING SERVICES

a. Handbook/Dayplanners

This year 53 students' unions in ten provinces are participated in the handbook/dayplanner service, with approximately 281,000 handbooks printed through the service this year. The Committee will discuss the progress of the service and ideas for the future.

b. Website Design and Hosting

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

c. Orientation Products

Member locals typically purchase a variety of materials to promote services and campaigns to new and existing members, especially during the first few weeks of class each academic year. The service was created to help member locals secure significant cost savings by combining their

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purchasing power while ensuring that materials produced are ethically manufactured and of a high quality. The Committee will discuss ways to expand the service.

d. Student Health and Dental Insurance

The National Student Health Network is a buying consortium for student health and dental insurance that the Federation coordinates. Following a brief orientation to the service, the Committee will discuss strategies for improving and expanding the buying group.

3. REVIEW OF STUDENT DISCOUNT SERVICES

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

Following a brief orientation to the services, the Committee will discuss preparations and developments, and will offer ideas for the future.

4. STUDENT WORK ABROAD PROGRAMME (SWAP)

The Federation has been running the Student Work Abroad Programme for more than 25 years. Following a brief orientation to the service, the Committee will discuss developments with and ideas for the service.

5. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

The following motions will likely be referred to the Organisational Development Committee by the opening plenary:

2009/11:N06 **MOTION**
Local 78/

Whereas the Federation was created to be a national association of individual students; and

Whereas the individual student members are represented in the Federation at national meetings by their respective local student unions known within the Federation as the voting members; and

Whereas the voting members have resolved to vest in the individual members all authority to decide questions of membership, including the initiation of any referendum on the question of continued membership; and

Whereas the bylaws currently provide for a referendum on the question of continued membership to be initiated by a petition signed by 10 percent of the individual members; and

Whereas this approach, aimed at greater grassroots democracy within our Federation, seems to be open to abuse; and

Whereas, based on the information reported in the student press concerning the campuses in question, as few as 12,000 signatures could result in 10 referendums; and

Whereas evidence indicates that this is a coordinated plan to destabilize our Federation by a small group of individuals, including some non-members; and

Whereas evidence indicates that as part of this coordinated effort to destabilize our Federation the organizers of the petitions intend to submit them all on the same day in an effort to force the various referendums to be held within the same, small window of time; and

Whereas the Bylaws contemplate the Federation and its members having the opportunity to present a case for continued membership in any referendum campaign; and

Whereas forcing all referenda to be held within the same, small window of time is fundamentally anti-democratic because the Federation and its members would have no reasonable opportunity to present a case for continued membership in the Federation; and

Whereas the enormous task of trying to present the case for continued membership in so many referendums within the same, small window in time would inevitably detract from the Federation's normal duty of providing representation and services.

Whereas the interests of students in Canada are best served by having a strong and stable national association; therefore

Be it resolved that the reference to "ten percent (10%)" in Bylaw 1, Article 6.a. be amended to read "twenty percent (20%)";

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

b. Schedule

i. Within 90 days of receipt of the petition described in Bylaw I, Section 6.a, the National Executive will review the petition to determine if it is in order and, if it is, in consultation with the member local, will schedule a referendum that is not less than 60 days and not more than 90 days following, notwithstanding the provisions in Section 6.b.ii and 6.b.iii, and subject to the following conditions:
- there shall be no fewer than two (2) and no greater than five (5) days of voting; and
- there shall be no less than seven (7) days and no greater than 21 days for campaigning, during which classes are in session, immediately preceding and during voting.

ii. No vote on continuing membership may be held between:
- April 15 and September 15; and
- December 15 and January 15.

iii. There shall be no more than two (2) referendums on continued membership in any three-month period.

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

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1, Articles 6.k. and 6.l., be amended to read:

k. Minimum Period Between Continued Membership Votes

In addition to required compliance with Sections 6 a. to 6 j. and 6 l., in order for a referendum on continued membership to take place, no referendum on continued membership may have been held within the previous sixty (60) months for voting members comprised of university students and thirty-six (36) months for voting members comprised of college students, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the National Executive.

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

In addition to required compliance with Sections 6 a. to 6 k., in order for a referendum on continued membership to proceed, a referendum to join the Federation may not have been held within the previous sixty (60) months for voting members comprised of university students and thirty-six (36) months for voting members comprised of college students, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the National Executive.

2009/11:N07 MOTION TO AMEND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Local 24/

Whereas the work of the Canadian Federation of Students has expanded to include the issues and needs of international students on both college and university campuses; and

Whereas the founding premise of the Canadian Federation of Students is for public, accessible and the right to a post-secondary education of all students;

Whereas international students play an important role in the work of the Federation and should have equal voice and representation; therefore

Be it resolved that the article 2 of the Statement of Purpose be amended to read:

2. to represent, promote and defend the common interests of students studying at Canadian post-secondary institutions;

2009/11:N14 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS
Local 24/

Whereas the way that societies understand and interpret race relates directly to economic and social power relations and reinforces differences between people in a way that perpetuates oppression and marginalisation; and

Whereas racialisation refers to the process by which societies construct races as different and unequal in ways that matter to economic, political and social life; and

Whereas all people have a skin colour pigment but not all people experience racialisation; and

Whereas the current constituency group name, "Students of Colour," suggests that differences between races are naturally occurring rather than a reflection of social judgements and that there exists a norm against which racialised communities can be compared; and

Whereas identifying students who are not "white" or who are of non-European ancestry as "students of colour" reinforces the notion that they are "different" and that students who are considered "white" or who are of European ancestry are "normal;" therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw VIII, Article 3 be amended to replace the "Students of Colour Constituency Group" with "Racialised Students Constituency Group;" and

Be it further resolved that, throughout the Bylaws, Standing Resolutions and Policies, the term "Students of Colour" be replaced with "Racialised Students;" and

Be it further resolved that this change be reflected in all applicable Federation materials, documents, and at Federation events and meetings; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 9 be amended to include a new article called "Definition", as follows, and that the "Definition" be entered as the second article and all subsequent articles re-numbered:

> **Definition**
> Racialisation refers to the process by which dominant ideologies of power and privilege construct races as unequal, leading to experiences of racism, socio-economic oppression and marginalisation.

2009/11:N15 **MOTION**
Local 75/

Whereas an online presence and institutional independent email is both and expectation and necessity in this day and age; and

Whereas one of the purposes of the Federation is to provide services for members; and

Whereas the Federation has developed an easy to use web interface and provides hosting to member locals at a charge; and

Whereas Facebook and other web mediums provide direct competition and Federation web hosting pricing is not currently competitive; therefore

Be it resolved that a free basic web hosting and email package be provided to all member locals; and

Be it further resolved that the current web hosting pricing structure be reviewed with the aim of reflecting current market prices and bandwidth allowances; and

Be it further resolved that sufficient financial resources be allocated to ensure the technological stability of its hosting services.

2009/11:N16 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 26/

Whereas the current Affirmative Action Speaking List results in the inequality of delegates; and

Whereas many of the members of the Canadian Federation of Students are transgendered; and

Whereas the current Affirmative Action Speaking List forces delegates to declare their gender; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 3.4 be repealed.

2009/11:N17 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 26/

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students in a student driven organisation; and

Whereas member local employees are there to advise their delegates, rather than to make decisions; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students still recognizes the importance of member local employees in the decision making process; and

Whereas delegates of affiliated provincial components are not members of the Canadian Federation of Students; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 3.3 be amended as follows:

4. **Speaker Priority on Plenary Motions**
   a. First Priority
      Student delegates from member local associations
   b. Second Priority
      National Executive Members, Provincial Component Delegates, and National Caucus Representatives
   c. Third Priority
      National, Provincial, and Local Staff

2009/11:N18 **MOTION**
Local 26/

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

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

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

Whereas at the CASA AGM, in March 2009, the General Assembly unanimously approved a motion calling for the CASA and the Canadian Federation of Students to begin to work together; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Chairperson to explore the possibility of formal consultations with the CASA in regard to lobbying goals and strategies, and other public relations matters; and

Be it further resolved that the National Chairperson to investigate the possibility of holding the next annual general meeting at the same time and location as the next CASA AGM, to further facilitate discussion between the two organisations and their membership.

2009/11:N19 **MOTION**
Local 26/

Whereas in 1981 members of 7 student organizations came together to form a unified Canadian student movement; and

Whereas subsequent bylaw amendments have caused the Canadian student movement to weaken and splinter; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive, in consultation with legal council, work over the next six months to modernize the original Federation bylaws; and

Be it further resolved that monthly updates be sent to the member locals discussing the progress being made; and

Be it further resolved that the updated bylaws be brought to the next general meeting for approval.

2009/11:N20 **MOTION**
Local 26/

Whereas the media has historically been an integral watchdog of democratic societies; and

Whereas campus media is the main source for providing members with information about the Government, university administration, student unions, and external organisations; and

Whereas it is important for campus media to be able to report student issues to the membership without fear of legal and political reprisal; and

Whereas the reputations of the CFS have been smeared in recent years by allegations litigiousness regarding critical portrayal of the organizations in the media; and

Whereas these allegations do significant damage to the goodwill value of the organisation's branding and the name recognition, and are detrimental to the ability of the group to work cooperatively with the media; and

Whereas the Canadian University Press has repeatedly adopted policies urging student organizations to foreswear the use of slap suits to discourage negative coverage; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-British Columbia support campus media's right to report on student issues without the fear of legal and political reprisal; and

Be it further resolved that all meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students be open to all campus media and Canadian University Press representatives, with the exception of caucus and constituency groups.

2009/11:N21 **MOTION**
Local 26/

ruled out of order in Opening Plen.

Whereas the Kwantlen Student Association recently held a referendum of it's members to raise the cost of its CFS fee consistent with the Consumer Price Index; and

Whereas the members of the Kwantlen Student Association voted over 75% against an increase to their CFS fee consistent with the consumer price index; and

Whereas the members of the York Federation of Students have never voted to raise their CFS Fee consistent with the Consumer Price Index; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students stop increasing the membership fee consistent with the Consumer Price Index without a referendum of the members of each local association, held in accordance with provincial law and local association bylaws.

2009/11:N22 **MOTION**
Local 26/

ruled out of order in opening plenary

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is of the opinion that the York Federation of Students currently owe them over $700,000 in membership fees; and

Whereas the members of the York Federation of Students have never voted to increase their CFS Fee to the rate of the Consumer Price Index; therefore

Be it resolved that plenary recognizes that without a vote of the membership the CFS cannot raise the membership fees; and

Be it further resolved that any outstanding fees that the CFS claims the York Federation of Students be waived.

2009/11:N30 **MOTION**
Local 97/

Whereas the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) often referred to as the "student lifestyle card", is available to all full-time high school, college and university students above the age of 12; and

Whereas the ISIC Card acts as the only internationally recognized student ID card for over 4.5 million full-time students from 120 countries around the world, who utilize the card to take advantage of offers on travel, shopping, museums and more; and

Whereas the ISIC card is unavailable to part-time students, many of whom choose to study part time for a variety of reasons such as disability, family and childcare responsibilities, financial hardships etc as well as the effects of long-term systemic oppression on the basis of race, gender, age etc; and

Whereas the International Youth Travel Card (IYTC) is available to part-time students below the age of 25 (as a substitute for the ISIC Card), this still openly discriminates against mature students; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has included in its preamble a mandate of non-discrimination based on course load (and status as part-time students); therefore

Be it resolved that a national campaign be implemented to secure the ISIC Card for part-time students; and

Be it further resolved that the International Students Travel Services be lobbied to start issuing ISIC cards to part-time students; and

Be it further resolved that a working group be struck comprising members of various part-time unions to guide this work over the long run and lobby the Student Travel Service.

2009/11:N32 **MOTION**
Local 21/

Whereas TravelCUTS regularly posts losses of millions of dollars during a given financial year; therefore

Be it resolved that the partnership between the Federation and TravelCUTS be dissolved; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation sell all of its shares in TravelCUTS and redirect any and all profit of this sale to Federal lobbying efforts.

2009/11:N33 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 21/

Whereas the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides the freedom of speech; and

Whereas the Federation supports the right to freedom of speech; and

Whereas Local association executive members cannot enforce censorship on their individual members; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1, section 6, subsection e,i be amended to read:

i. Executive members of the local association and all Federation employees and executive members shall not engage in any campaigning outside of the campaign period.

2009/11:N34 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 21/

Whereas the Federation seeks to control every aspect of referendum on continued membership; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1, section 6, subsection h be amended to read:

h. Quorum

Quorum for any referendum vote on continuing membership shall be five percent (5%) of the individual members of the local association.

2009/11:N35 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 21/

Whereas the Referendum Oversight Committee consists of two representatives of the CFS and two members of a local association; and

Whereas the Referendum Oversight Committee often results in a deadlock and delays in referendum process; and

Whereas the delays in the Referendum Oversight Committee have previously forced litigation between member associations and the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, section 6, subsection c be amended to read:

c. Referendum Oversight Committee

The referendum will be administered by a five (5) person Referendum Oversight Committee composed of two (2) members appointed by the National Executive, two (2) members appointed by the applicable member local association, and one (1) independent neutral third party arbitrator. Within fourteen (14) days following the scheduling of the referendum, the National Executive will appoint two (2) representatives to serve on the Committee and request in writing from the member local association the appointment of two (2) representatives to serve on the Committee. The Referendum Oversight Committee shall be responsible for:

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

The independent neutral third party cannot have any previous ties to either organisation involved in the referendum process and will cast the deciding vote in all matters for which the rest of the Committee cannot reach a consensus. Any and all costs of the independent neutral third party will be shared equally between both parties involved in the referendum.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, section 6, subsection i be amended to read:

i. **Appeals**

Any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the Referendum Oversight Committee shall be adjudicated by an appeals committee (the "Appeals Committee") composed of one (1) member appointed by the member local association, one (1) member appointed by the Federation and one (1) independent neutral third party, none of whom are members of the Referendum Oversight Committee.

The independent neutral third party cannot have any previous ties to either organisation involved in the referendum process and will cast the deciding vote in all matters for which the rest of the Committee cannot reach a consensus. Any and all costs of the independent neutral third party will be shared equally between both parties involved in the referendum.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, section 7 be amended to read:

7. Procedure for Application for Withdrawal

a. Following the holding of a referendum in accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 6 pursuant to which it is determined that the relevant membership shall not continue, the applicable member local association will provide a letter in writing notifying the Federation of its intention to withdraw from the Federation. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such letter, the National Executive will make a recommendation to the voting members of the Federation concerning the withdrawal.

b. At the opening plenary of the next general meeting of the Federation, ratification of the withdrawal shall be put to a vote.

c. The withdrawal shall take effect immediately following the ratification of the withdrawal.

2009/11:N36 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 21/

Whereas in previous general meetings local associations have requested the release of the vote count; and

Whereas it has been the Federation's practice to not release the vote count; and

Whereas releasing the vote count is a matter of transparency for all democratic associations in Canada; therefore

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

9. Announcement of Election Results

Following the tabulation of votes for all elected positions of the Federation, the Chief Returning Officers will announce to the plenary:

a. the nominee elected;

b. the process for additional balloting in the event that no nominee for a particular position receives a majority of the votes cast; and

c. the vote count for each candidate.

2009/11:N37 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 21/

Be it resolved that Bylaw X be amended to include a new section 5, to read:

5. Extraordinary Transactions

a. For the purposes of this section, "extraordinary transaction" means any financial transaction that arises outside of the usual and predictable operations of the Federation, and includes:
   i. any transaction that is unbudgeted; and
   ii. any gift or loan to a provincial component or student association over $1,000.

b. Any extraordinary transaction shall be approved by the National Executive. This approval shall not be delegated.

c. The details of any extraordinary transaction shall be reported to the members in the National Executive Report under Bylaw V, 2(f).

d. The financial statements of the Federation shall include a note on every gift or loan over $1,000 made by the Federation to any provincial component or local association.

2009/11:N38 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 21/

Whereas that National Executive salary total $44,208.76 including benefits; and

Whereas the National Executive can further make money from the CFS by representing a firm or company to the Federation; and

Whereas being a member of a firm, or shareholder, director or officer of a company that is employed by, or performs services for the Federation and being a member of the National Executive represents a huge conflict of interest; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V, section 14, subsection b be amended to read:

b. No member of the National Executive shall be employed by or perform services for the Federation other than as a member of the National Executive, nor be a member of a firm or shareholder, director or officer, of a company that is employed by, or performs services for the Federation.

2009/11:N39 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 21/

Whereas the National Graduate Caucus is the largest graduate organization in Canada; and

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

Whereas many graduate student issues in Canada, including, but not limited to, academic freedom, research funding, Tri-council funding, intellectual property rights are Federal in nature; and

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

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

b. Allocation of Regular Membership Fees

One-half (1/2) of the annual Federation membership fees paid by individual graduate students belonging to Federation member local associations shall be allocated to the Caucus.

2009/11:N40 **MOTION**
Local 21/

cannot be considered as there is no policy. yet.

Whereas the November annual general meeting in 2004 passed a motion for the creation of a policy outlining best practices relating to donations from Federation partners; and

Whereas this policy has undoubtedly been developed; therefore

Be it resolved that all local members receive a copy of this policy at the close of this year's annual general meeting.

2009/11:N41 **MOTION**
Local 21/

Whereas the membership of the Federation has only manual access to records of the Federation through their student union; and

Whereas with association executive turnaround, it has become increasingly difficult for some student locals to obtain manual records of the Federation; and

Whereas the membership is more likely to visit the Federation's website for Federation records; and

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

Whereas National Executive meeting minutes, annual and semi-annual general meeting minutes and Caucus meeting minutes often contain time sensitive information; therefore

Be it resolved that all National Executive minutes, all annual general meeting minutes, all Caucus meeting minutes be posted on the Federation's website within thirty (30) days after the completion of each meeting.

2009/11:N42 **MOTION**
Local 21/

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Whereas the membership is more likely to visit the Federation's website for Federation records; and

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

Be it resolved that the Campaign Strategy, and all related materials, for each year be posted on the Federation's website.

2009/11:N43 **MOTION**
Local 21/

Whereas the Federation has opposed exclusivity of cell phone carriers on University Campuses across Canada; and

Whereas studentphones.com is an exclusive cell phone carrier in many provinces across Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation's partnership with studentphones.com be dissolved.

2009/11:N44 **MOTION**
Local 21/

Whereas it is common for many organisations to limit executive members to a fixed number of terms; and

Whereas this policy encourages new candidates to run in organisational elections; and

Whereas this encourages new ideas, and new energy; therefore

Be it resolved that members be allowed to serve no more than two (2) terms in office as an executive member.

2009/11:N45 **MOTION**
Local 21/

ruled out of order in opening plen.

Whereas employees of the Federation, members of CFS services, and employees of the provincial components are employees and not elected officers of the CFS; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is a democratically elected body designed to represent student members across Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that absolutely no employees of the Canadian Federation of Students be granted speaking rights at any meeting, assembly, AGM, SAGM or other such meetings called on behalf of the CFS members unless otherwise directed by the National Executive and only for clarification or informational purposes.

2009/11:N46 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 79/

Whereas the presentation of Consolidated Financial Statements for both the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and its subsidiary the Canadian Federation of Students – Services (CFS-S) represents a significant departure from Canadian generally accepted accounting principles; and

Whereas this fact is recognized explicitly in the CFS' own audited financial statements; and

Whereas the above-mentioned consolidation impairs the ability of the Canadian Federation of Students to credibly maintain its stated position that the CFS and CFS-S are separate companies; and

Whereas the consolidation of finances may tend to obscure important differences in spending patterns between the two organizations, especially in regards to legal disbursements, payments for salary and professional services, and inter-organizational transfers; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 24 be amended to include as point 1 the following text:

1. The financial statements of the CFS and CFS-Services shall be presented to the membership as segregated, non-consolidated documents, in line with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

2009/11:N47 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the CFS(-Services) has taken a considerable number of legal actions and threats against its own members, members of the press, and various members of our society; and

Whereas the majority of these actions have been taken without reference to the national plenary; therefore

Be it resolved that an Operating Policy entitled "Disclosure of Legal Activities " be adopted to read:

> The CFS(-Services) shall maintain a list of all of the legal actions (including threat / demand letters issued, and any and all procedures filled in any court at any jurisdiction) it has taken in the past three years, and the cost of these actions. This list shall be maintained and presented in a publicly accessible section of the CFS(-Services) website entitled 'Legal Actions'. Upon request of a member association, copies of all documents and materials generated in pursuit of any of the listed legal actions shall be delivered to the requesting association.

2009/11:N48 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 79/

Whereas the full range of salaries and benefits of both employees and national executives of the Federation are not currently available to members of the public, to member locals, or to individual members of the Federation; and

Whereas the salaries and benefits of both employees and national executives of the Federation is of concern to members of the Federation, since it is student money that is paying for these salaries and benefits; and

Whereas in many other similar organizations, the salaries and benefits of the employees and elected representatives are disclosed to its members; and

Whereas it was long standing past practice of the Federation to provide longitudinal information regarding staff salaries at general meetings; and

Whereas the Federation's organization must be evaluated to consider its non-disclosure of salaries and benefits; and

Whereas it is an obvious conflict of interest to allow elected officials of the Federation to supplement their current honoraria (greater than $44,000 per year after inflation indexing, plus health and dental) for performing 'services for the Federation' of an undisclosed nature, which services may include selling products to member locals; and

Whereas the Federation's Executive should not be distracted from their full-time obligation of lobbying for the Federation by obligations to the organization's commercial component; and

Whereas Bylaw V(14)b,

> *"Should any member of the National Executive be employed by or perform services for the Federation other than as a member of the National Executive, or be a member of a firm or shareholder, director or officer, of a company that is employed by, or performs services for the Federation, this shall not disentitle such member of the National Executive or such firm, as the case may be, from receiving proper remuneration for such services."*

creates reason to be suspicious of the amount of remuneration distributed by the Federation in the last 5 years, particularly when combined with recent National Executive activities vis-à-vis securing service contracts between member unions and the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V, section 14, subsection b be amended to read:

14. National Executive Remuneration

b. The National Executive shall not be allowed to receive any remuneration from the Federation, nor from any of its subsidiaries apart from that already provided for in bylaw V(14)a and its subordinate clauses.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V, section 14, subsection c be added to read:

c. The National Executive shall be required to separately disclose all salaries and benefits received from any entity that is employed by, or performs services for the Federation. All such disclosures

shall be included in the Federation's annual financial statements and distributed at the semi-annual general meeting

Be it resolved that the following text be included in Standing Regulation 29

The salaries and benefits of all executives and employees of the Federation will be disclosed on an annual basis to all individual members and locals of the organization upon request, and shall be included as separate line items in the financial statements presented at the semi-annual general meetings of the federation

2009/11:N49 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 79/

Whereas students in Canada are a financially burdened section of society, and should not be required to pay monies that are not absolutely vital to the function of the student organizations of which they are members; and

Whereas the national executives of the Canadian Federation of Students earn substantially more than the average student, and substantially more than is needed to function in society according to the Consumer Price Index; and

Whereas the national executives of the Canadian Federation of Students earn exorbitantly high salaries off the backs of debt-ridden students, and therefore financially thrive as individuals off of student debt; and

Whereas it is only reasonable that individuals working at student groups, funded by student money, earn student wages; and

Whereas the CFS National Executive are charged with advancing a "Raise the Minimum Wage" campaign; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 29, section 1 be amended to read:

1. receive a salary consistent with a full-time, minimum-wage position, adjusted to reflect the minimum wage set out for the greater Ottawa/Hull area.

2009/11:N50 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas Federation fees are notoriously difficult to calculate for member locals across the country; and

Whereas there is no danger associated with presenting on the Federation's website the fees levied from its members; and

Whereas member associations need to know what the Federation believes the fees it is due actually are on a yearly basis since the fee changes on an annual basis; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operating Policy entitled "Financial Policy Relating to the Collection of Membership Fees" be amended to include:

The Federation's membership fees including those of the National and provincial components shall be posted on the Federation's website in the 'About' section. The Federation shall send a registered letter to each member association indicating the applicable membership fee, and the letter shall be sent in a timeframe which guarantees each member sufficient time to ensure that the correct fee is levied. The Federation shall maintain on its website in the section 'Member Students' Union' the cumulative five (5) year total amount of fees collected from each individual union for both the National and applicable provincial component.

2009/11:N51 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the Federation regularly touts its number of individual members; therefore

Be it resolved that an Operations Policy entitled "Federation Website" be adopted that reads:

Number of Individual Members

The Federation shall maintain accurate and regularly updated data on the number of individual members in each of its member associations and present this information next to each of the member associations listed in the 'Member Students' Union' section of its website.

2009/11:N52 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 79/

Whereas Federation general meetings do not discuss anything of a nature such that it should be obscured from the attention of its individual members; and

Whereas exposing the Federation to media scrutiny may help inform the individual members, thereby allowing them to hold the organisation accountable for the organization's use of their membership fees; and

Whereas such scrutiny would serve either to reign in the litigious nature of the Federation Executive branch, or to justify such legal expenses as are incurred through a clear airing of the cause behind them; and

Whereas such scrutiny can only help increase the transparency of the organisation and its actual lobbying activities; and

Whereas media scrutiny might encourage the Federation, its staff members, and its elected officials from systematically disenfranchising its members by applying procedural and rhetorical road blocks; and

Whereas the New Democratic Party had 23 journalists at its last national meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operating Policy entitled "National General Meetings" be amended to include a new section that reads:

> **Press**
>
> All general meetings of the Federation shall be completely open and free to members of the press. Members of the press that are not part of an official delegation shall simply be required to keep visible a Federation supplied badge identifying them as a member of the press.

2009/11:N53 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the Federation currently posts an incomplete list of its fundamental documents online, and only in a very cryptic location (i.e. under 'Constating Documents'); and

Whereas no fundamental documents are available for CFS-Services or its subsidiary companies; and

Whereas it is impossible to verify questions of ownership and proper methods of reform without access to such materials; therefore

Be it resolved that the Bylaws, Letters Patent, Standing Resolutions, Operating Procedures, past five years' audited financial statements, and any and all other fundamental documents for each of the CFS, CFS-Services and their respective subsidiary organisations, be posted on the CFS website, in an obvious and easily located section, and updated as soon as possible after the changes to the documents have taken effect.

2009/11:N54 **MOTION**
Local 79/

Whereas contracts awarded to the Federation for rendering its products and services to member locals are far too rarely subject to committee review, and are far too rarely subject to the standard procedures of open-bid tendering which would force the Federation to ensure competitive pricing and efficient delivery of its products and services; and

Whereas the Federation has opposed these types of contracts on University campuses across Canada in terms of Food Services; and

Whereas the Canadian Federal Government uses the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) for contracts exceeding $25,000; and

Whereas failure to engage in open tendering procedures has resulted in a perception, right or wrong, that CFS tends to be unable to compete with its private-sector substitutes; and

Whereas the regular use of un-tendered contracts has led to serious questions being raised as to the integrity of CFS' relation to its member locals, and may serve to damage the goodwill and reputation of partner organizations; therefore

Be it resolved that the following text be included in the CFS bylaws:

"The Federation shall never accept the awarding of a contract in which it or its partner organizations are to be paid for the delivery of services or products when the process of awarding the contract did not include a well advertised, open-bid tendering process with the selection of the service or product provider made by committee of no less than three individuals."

2009/11:N55 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas there is currently limited opportunity for the general plenary to discuss issues of concern and to ask questions of the national executive and CFS board members; and

Whereas such a question period would necessarily increase both the accountability of the National Executive and their cognisance of the desires and concerns of their various member locals; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operating Policy entitled "National General Meetings" be amended to include a new section that reads:

Question Period

One (1) half-hour before lunch and one (1) half-hour after lunch shall be set aside during each day of a General Meeting for a question period, and that members of the national executive of the CFS be available during these times to answer questions.

2009/11:N56 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 79/

Whereas the Federation has an Operating Policy requiring the maintenance of a boycott list; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operating Policy entitled "Boycotts" be amended to include a new section that reads:

Publication

The Federation shall publicly maintain its boycott list on the Federation's website in the 'Campaigns & Lobbying' section. This list shall be updated after each general meeting.

2009/11:N57 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 79/

Whereas the Federation has an Operating Policy titled "Coalition Work"; and

Whereas there is very little evidence of what coalitions the Federation might be involved in, and which might allow members to ensure the edicts of this Operating Policy are adhered to; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operating Policy entitled "Coalition Work" be amended to include a new section that reads:

Publication

The Federation shall publicly maintain a list of all coalitions in which it is a participant and include this list on the Federation's website in the 'Campaigns & Lobbying' section. This list shall be updated every time the Federation joins or leaves a coalition, and notice of such an event shall be distributed on the Federation's 'Members Listserv'.

2009/11:N58 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the Federation has many Bylaws, Operating Policies, Standing Resolutions and Issues Policies that are ostensibly designed to empower its members and that members should insist that their elected officials adhere to; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw VI, section 5, subsection a be amended to read:

a. **Adherence to Bylaws and Policies**

The Federation's failure to adhere to its Bylaws, Operating Policies, Standing Resolutions, and Issues Policies in any of its day-to-day operations, shall constitute grounds for removal from office of any of the at-large National Executive.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI, section 5, subsection a through Bylaw VI, section 5, subsection j be incremented accordingly.

2009/11:N59 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas a glaring omission from the Federation's rules and regulations are standard provisions for handling conflicts of interest; and

Whereas one of the primary criticisms of the Federation is the regular lapse of its elected officials into positions of conflict of interest (e.g. The former National Deputy Chair sitting as the Chair of the Concordia Student Union while serving as the CFS Deputy National Chairperson, while the Federation negotiated a multi-year, multi-million dollar service contract with the union); therefore

Be it resolved that an ad-hoc committee entitled "Federation Committee to Establish Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedures" be struck immediately to produce a comprehensive set of regulations for the Federation to manage conflicts of interests; and

Be it further resolved that the committee be composed of thirteen (13) individual members of the Federation, one from each province and territory, none of whom may have held any position whatsoever within the Federation for the past five (5) years, and who are to be appointed by lottery (a separate lottery for each provincial and territorial seat) during the closing plenary of this, November 2009, general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the committee chair shall be selected by lottery of the members of the committee wishing to be included for consideration as chair; and

Be it further resolved that the committee shall table a report consisting of proposed policy and procedures (e.g. Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Operating Policy) necessary to manage conflicts of interest. This report shall be tabled at the next general meeting and shall be received by member associations a minimum of six (6) weeks in advance of that meeting.

2009/11:N60 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 79/

Be it resolved that Bylaw XII, section 2, subsection d be added:

d. If at any point a contract or agreement between the Federation and any other party contradicts the Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, or Operating Policy of the Federation, the other party or parties may terminate the contract or agreement immediately and without incurring any penalty, and the Federation shall not be entitled to pursue the other party or parties for any form of damages potentially arising in any way from the termination of said contract or agreement.

2009/11:N61 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas there is a conflict between the priorities of a non-profit organisation mandated to lobby for a reduction in student fees, and one designed to sell products and services to students; and

Whereas it is inappropriate that two groups with mutually exclusive mandates should be directed by very similar groups of individuals; therefore

Be it resolved that any and all directives, policies or internal discussions respecting a merger between the CFS and CFS-Services be rescinded; and

Be it further resolved that a new Bylaw be adopted to read:

Board of Directors

The corporate affairs of the Federation will be managed by two distinct boards of directors, one form the CFS and one for the CFS Services

i. The boards of directors of the CFS and CFS-Services shall be elected separately, by secret ballot, at the annual general meeting of the CFS.
ii. The boards of directors of CFS and CFS-Services shall have no more than 20% of their membership in common.
iii. Notices of elections to the CFS Board of Directors, the CFS-Services Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors of any of CFS/CFSS' subsidiaries be publicized at least six weeks in advance of the election, both on the CFS website and in emails to all member locals.
iv. Notice of elections to the CFS Board of Directors, the CFS-Services Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors of any of CFS/CFSS' subsidiaries contain information regarding the procedure and timing of elections, the nomination process and the eligible voters.

Be it further resolved that the following preamble in Bylaw V be removed:

The affairs of the Federation will be managed by the board of directors, known as the National Executive.

2009/11:N62 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the CFS(-Services) spent a minimum of $225,000 on legal services between July 2006 and July 2008; therefore

Be it further resolved that a new Bylaw be adopted to read:

Judicial Board

i. CFS and CFS-Services shall have a joint judicial board consisting of five (5) members, none of which may hold any other position whatsoever within the CFS(-Services), its subsidiaries or partners (including elected, employment, or appointed positions) or have held such a position within the last 5 years
ii. The joint judicial board shall have the exclusive power of beginning, ending, and continuing any legal actions and/or responses taken by the CFS(-Services), and shall have exclusive authority over allocating money from any and all legal budget lines in the CFS(-Services) budget
iii. The joint judicial board shall be appointed by lottery at the CFS(-Services) annual general meeting with nominations of names to be included in the lottery requiring the endorsement of two full member locals of the CFS(-Services). Subsequent to the lottery for selecting the board's members, those selected may elect to advance their name for inclusion in a lottery to select the chair. The lottery for the chair position shall be held immediately after the lottery selecting the board's members. If no candidate name is advanced for this lottery, the lottery for chair shall proceed including all of the members.
iv. The term of office of a member of the joint judicial board shall be the same as the at-large National Executive, and removal from office for a member shall follow the same procedures as for the National Executive
v. The lottery for the members of the CFS Judicial Board shall be carried out at the plenary, in such a way that it is clearly evident that the selection was free from tampering
vi. An individual delegate to the CFS annual general meeting shall have the right to challenge the legitimacy of any selection process, after which challenge they shall be permitted to examine the lottery ballots in order to ensure that the process was carried out in a fair manner.

2009/11:N63 **MOTION**
Local 79/

Whereas ties between the New Democratic Party of Canada and the Canadian Federation of Students are strong and have persisted throughout the years; and

Whereas an interest group that is mandated to lobby the government on behalf of students cannot overtly endorse or otherwise support any single political party, lest it sacrifice its relationship with other political parties; and

Whereas the CFS has given implicit support to the NDP by issuing 'Report Cards' in provincial and federal election campaigns that rate each political party, and in doing so has consistently ranked the NDP as the best political party; and

Whereas this perception of unofficial partisan affiliation may help explain why the CFS has been unable to produce results in its campaigns to 'lower tuition fees' throughout all the many years of its operation, for example with tuition fees rising consistently since the CFS has initiated its drop tuition fees campaign; and

Whereas making public an official policy of the CFS as being completely non-partisan will help restore some of the neutrality of the CFS, and will therein restore its credibility as a lobby group, rather than as a crutch for the NDP; and

Whereas doing so will also make the CFS more representative of the ideological diversity of its constituents; therefore

Be it resolved that the following text be included in the CFS bylaws:

"Unless otherwise directed by plenary, throughout every federal and provincial election, the CFS will release a public statement which states that without question the CFS does not endorse or support any political party. In addition, the CFS will maintain a similar statement on its website which states that the CFS does not endorse or support any political party in Canada."

2009/11:N64 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the Federation's Bylaws, most notably Bylaw I(6)j, provide a direct mechanism for the disenfranchisement of individual members should the individuals' union fail to remit their Federation membership dues in a timely manner; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw X, section 4, subsection d be added:

d. Outstanding membership dues may never be used as pretext for preventing individual members from exercising their right to hold a vote on continued membership in the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw X, section 4, subsection e be added:

e. Any outstanding membership fees not collected after a period of five (5) years shall be forgiven by the Federation. Any contracts or agreements relating to membership fees that have failed to be collected after a period of five (5) years shall become null and void.

2009/11:N65 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 79/

Whereas there is limited time during the Federation annual and semi-annual plenary sessions for individual members to make themselves heard;

Whereas decisions respecting the business of the Federation should be centred on the input and positions of its member locals, as expressed through their respective delegations;

Whereas it behoves the Federation to provide pride of place in speaking order to members of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 3, section 3 be amended to include a new point d to read:

d. Members of the national and provincial executives shall only be permitted to speak at plenary in the event that no individual delegate wishes to address plenary on the issue at hand. If, after the national executive have begun speaking, a delegate wishes to speak, they may take precedence over any further members of the national executive.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3, section 3 be amended to include a new point e to read:

e. National and provincial employees shall only be permitted to speak at plenary in the event that no delegate or member of the national executive wishes to address plenary on the issue at hand and only for clarification or informational purposes.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3, section 3 be amended to include a new point f to read:

f. The speaking order for the national plenary will apply to all committee meetings, constituency groups, and caucuses touching upon business deriving from or destined for the plenary itself.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3, section 4 be amended to include the following:

Nothing in this section will be construed as limiting speaking priorities set out in Standing Resolution 3.3.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 4, section 4 be amended to read:

"The priority rules set out in Standing Regulation 3.4 shall govern the operation of all workshops."

4. Speaker Priority on Workshop Motions

The priority rules set out in Standing Regulation 3.4 shall govern the operation of all workshops.

2009/11:N66 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the Federation disaffiliation procedures are subject to a great deal of criticism; and

Whereas the Federation's policy on membership at its founding was to permit member student associations to hold referenda to decide questions of membership based on the rules set out by these respective organizations; and

Whereas although over the past 30 years, the Federation's disaffiliation procedures have been altered a number of times, it has uniformly been altered in the direction of more stringent restrictions on disaffiliation; and

Whereas the rules appear designed to force members to maintain their membership, and perpetuate the widespread but mistaken belief that if it weren't for these rules, the Federation would have no members at all; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, section 6 be repealed and replaced with:

6. **Referendum of Continued Membership**
   i. A vote for a member student association to disaffiliate from the Federation and its provincial component shall be initiated and administered pursuant to the referendum provisions of an individual member local's constitution and/or bylaws
   ii. The Federation, its staff, elected officials, and provincial components shall not interfere in the disaffiliation process, or to provide any material or human resource support to the member student association or its individual members during the campaign or voting

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I, section 7 be repealed and replaced with:

7. **Procedure for Application for Withdrawal**
   i. Upon receipt of a letter from the head of a member student association informing the Federation that it has successfully held a referendum to defederate from the Federation, the National Executive shall accept the termination of membership, and send the member local a letter of well wishes and ask that they not close their mind to future work with the Federation should the occasion arise

2009/11:N67 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas Federation meetings do not discuss anything of a nature that should be kept behind closed doors from members of the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Whereas recording Federation meetings may help restrict the volume of litigation to which the CFS has engaged in and will engage in, in the future; and

Whereas recording Federation meetings may encourage the organization and elected officials from systematically disenfranchising its members by applying procedural and rhetorical road blocks; and

Whereas recording Federation meetings will ensure that decisions it makes collectively will be implemented in such a way that is consistent with the decisions made by voting members at the general meetings of the organization; and

Whereas recording Federation meetings will ensure that meeting minutes accurately reflect events within minutes, and that challenges to meeting minute contents will not be subject to arbitrary rulings; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operating Policy entitled "National General Meetings" be amended to include a new section that reads:

Recordings

All Federation meetings including plenary, committee meetings shall be audio recorded and archived at the Federation national office. All recordings shall be available to individual members for inspection upon written request.

2009/11:N68 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 79/

Whereas a significant number of member locals have failed to successfully hold referenda within the time specified in Bylaw I(2)b, yet have not been removed from the ranks of prospective membership; and

Whereas members should have to follow the same procedures to become members of the federation as to leave the federation; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, section 2 be repealed.

2009/11:N69 **MOTION**
Local 79/

Whereas Standing Resolution 31, passed by the national plenary in November 2007 as an emergency motion in response to an injunction on the activities of the Quebec provincial component; and

Whereas the temporary injunction was lifted only a few months subsequent to the passage of Standing Resolution 31, and no person has ever been elected to fill any of the roles set out in Standing Resolution 31; and

Whereas Standing Resolution 31 has consequently never existed in a functional sense;

Whereas the Quebec member student associations never expressed any intention nor voted for the purpose of a) dissolving CFS Quebec, or b) transferring the provincial component's fee levy to the control of the national organization; and

Whereas the CFS National Executive interpreted Standing Resolution 31 in order to usurp the fee owed to the Quebec provincial component, despite the repeated objection of a majority of the member student associations in Quebec; and

Whereas at least three quarters of the member student associations within the province currently oppose the above actions of the National Executive; and

Whereas a previous attempt to rescind Standing Resolution 31 at the May 2009 was curtailed, partly as a result of the actions of Federation staff who were granted speaking rights while the motion Movers and Seconders were denied the right to speak; and

Whereas the current Deputy National Chairperson was recently responsible for an attempt to dissolve the eleven (11) year old CFS-Quebec (the not-for-profit corporation) without the support or knowledge of the member student associations of the province; and

Whereas it is the stated desire of at least three-quarters of the province's member student associations that the CFS-Quebec continue to represent them at the provincial level and that their current, duly elected, National Executive Representative be recognized by the CFS National Executive; and

Whereas CFS-Quebec, is currently subject to legal threats by the CFS National; and

Whereas the continued disenfranchisement of member student associations within the province is one of the primary factors underlying the desire of many students to disaffiliate from the CFS; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 31, relating to the Quebec Component of the Federation, be rescinded immediately in accordance with the desire of a super-majority of the member associations in Quebec.

2009/11:N70 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the campaigns of the Federation have in many cases remained exactly the same for decades; and

Whereas the priorities of students are not static over time; and

Whereas the Federation's decades-old approach to federal-provincial relations is out of date, and ignores not only the distribution of powers set out in the constitution of Canada, but also 30 years of developing federal-provincial relations; and

Whereas lobbying policy that is not grounded in a realistic view of Canadian federalism will not be taken seriously by the federal government; and

Whereas the CFS National Chairperson has thus far proved incapable of explaining the organisation's understanding of a proposed national education act; therefore

Be it resolved that an ad-hoc committee entitled "Federation Campaign Re-Evaluation Committee" be struck immediately to examine the campaigns of the CFS, and to make recommendations regarding the modernization of Federation Issues Policy, priorities, and campaigns; and

Be it further resolved that the committee be composed of thirteen (13) individual members of the Federation, one from each province and territory, none of whom may have held any position whatsoever within the Federation for the past five (5) years, and who are to be appointed by lottery (a separate lottery for each provincial and territorial seat) during the closing plenary of this, November 2009, general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the committee chair shall be selected by lottery of the members of the committee wishing to be included for consideration as chair; and

Be it further resolved that the committee shall table a report on the strengths and weaknesses of each campaign and policy of the Federation, and providing recommendations for the improvement

or repeal of each campaign and policy. This report shall be tabled at the next general meeting and shall be received by member associations a minimum of six (6) weeks in advance of that meeting.

2009/11:N71 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas there are currently no clear means by which the member locals of the Federation can determine whether the National Executive is successfully doing its job; and

Whereas it will help to orient the organisation for the National Executive to be obliged to meet concrete targets for performance; therefore

Be it resolved that an ad-hoc committee entitled "Federation Committee for the Establishment of Success Metrics" be struck immediately for the purpose of drafting a series of guidelines and criteria for measuring and monitoring the performance of the National Executive; and

Be it further resolved that the committee be composed of thirteen (13) individual members of the Federation, one from each province and territory, none of whom may have held any position whatsoever within the Federation for the past five (5) years, and who are to be appointed by lottery (a lottery for each provincial and territorial seat) during the closing plenary of this, November 2009, general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the committee chair shall be selected by lottery of the members of the committee wishing to be included for consideration as chair; and

Be it further resolved that the committee shall produce a set of regulations (e.g. Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, Operating Policy) and an accompanying report detailing the implementation of performance metrics and progress tracking for the National Executive, for consideration at the next general meeting. These deliverables shall be received by member associations a minimum of six (6) weeks in advance of that meeting.

2009/11:N72 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 79/

Whereas individual, fee paying, members of the CFS are largely disenfranchised because they have no direct mechanism to hold the CFS accountable, or to directly access its governance structure; therefore

Be it resolved that a new Bylaw be created:

a. A petition signed by no less than five percent (5%) of the individual members from a single member student association, or no less than one percent (1%) of all CFS individual members, whichever is less, shall be sufficient for the following purposes:
   ii. Submitting a motion for consideration at a general meeting
   ii. Providing a designated individual the right to move a motion, as set out in the petition - such a designated person shall be granted the right to participate in all discussions concerning motions that they have presented for consideration within any and all bodies convened or called to order during a general meeting (e.g. committees, working groups, plenaries, etc.)
   ii. Submitting a text of no more than 1500 words in either official language to be translated and included in the materials distributed to all participants in the next general meeting. The text shall additionally be read out at the beginning of the opening plenary by an individual designated in the petition
   ii. Any individual designated to present motions to the national meeting shall be exempted from costs charged to delegates of individual member student associations.

2009/11:N73 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 79/

Whereas it is highly improper for the Federation to directly impose or modify membership fees levied upon its individual members without the explicit consent of these self-same individual membership;

Whereas the Federation opposes inflationary increases in tuition and ancillary fees;

Whereas the Federation's Issues Policy entitled "Ancillary, Auxiliary, Incidental and Administrative Fees" opposes, "...any compulsory student fee or fee increases that is not set by general student referendum or through students' union approval";

Be it resolved that Bylaw I(2)a.vii be amended to read as follows:

"Beginning in 1996, the Federation membership fee shall increase on August 1 each year by the rate of increase in the national Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar year.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this regular fee increase shall not be construed as affecting those member student associations which have not sought and received the approval of the individual members for such a regular increase."

2009/11:N74 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students currently does not permit individual members to opt out of fees to its national and provincial organizations;

Whereas it is the policy of some CFS member student associations to provide their respective individual members with the opportunity to opt out of ancillary students' union fees;

Whereas voting membership in the CFS does not show regard for the number of individual members represented by a member student association;

Whereas many individual members of the Federation maintain significant reservations as to the political stances adopted by the national organization, and should be accorded the right not to subsidize political views to which they are opposed;

Whereas the ability to opt out of membership fees is an option supported by hundreds of student organizations across the country (e.g. PIRGs, student newspapers, student radio stations) for the purpose of ensuring accountability of an organization to the wishes of its members;

Be it resolved that the Federation's bylaws be amended to include Bylaw I.2.ix, to read as follows:

"Individual members of the Federation shall be permitted to opt out of their portion of the Federation's fee, providing that they provide to their respective member student association notice in writing of their intention to do so, such notice to be provided within 30 days of the beginning of the semester."

2009/11:N75 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 79/

Whereas there is currently limited opportunity for the general plenary to discuss issues of concern; and

Whereas an increase in the opportunity for frank and un-moderated exchanges in views would provide delegates with a greater opportunity for developing their own vision for the proper future direction for the organization; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operating Policy entitled "National General Meetings" be amended to include a new section that reads:

Open Discussion

One (1) hour before lunch and one (1) hour before dinner shall be set aside during each day of a General Meeting for free-form, break-out discussions and brainstorming sessions amongst General Meeting delegates.

2009/11:N76 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas Federation member student associations are intended to be sovereign entities, separate from the Federation hierarchy and governance structure;

Whereas the Federation is regularly involved in the governance of locals (e.g. The former National Deputy Chair sitting as the Chair of the Concordia Student Union while serving as the CFS Deputy National Chairperson);

Whereas the President of the York Federation of Students participated in the CFS affiliation referendum of the Students Federation of the University of Ottawa instead of working to represent the interests of his members during a labour relations crisis at York University;

Whereas this sort of participation in local politics impedes a student association's ability to act objectively with respect to its relationship to the CFS and invariably results in conflicts of interests within student associations on issues relating to service and CFS membership;

Be it resolved that Bylaw V be amended to include the following section:

Bylaw V (15)

"No member of the National Executive may participate in any capacity in any member student association's governing structures or associated bodies.

"All elected officials shall sign an agreement precluding them from participating in a student association or in the student media in any capacity for a period of two years after they have ceased to be a CFS official."

2009/11:N77 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the Federation needs serious criteria with which to select its anti-harassment advisor; therefore

Be it resolved that the subsection "Anti-Harassment" of the Operating Policy entitled "National General Meetings" be amended to read:

Advisor

The Federation shall retain for the duration of all general meetings the services of a Harassment Advisor who will be available on a 24-hour basis. The Advisor shall be an experienced professional in dealing with incidents of harassment and sexual harassment, shall possess formal training in peer support, advocacy and active listening, have at minimum a bachelor's degree in a related field, and a minimum of five (5) years of demonstrable employment experience in a related field.

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

2009/11:N78 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the individual members of the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) have expressed their democratic will to terminate membership in the Canadian Federation of Students in a 2008 referendum; and

Whereas the CFS national plenary has yet to recognize the legitimacy of the SFSS disaffiliation referendum; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students immediately recognize the results of the SFSS disaffiliation referendum; and

Be it further resolved that the CFS immediately issues an apology to the members of the SFSS for failing to recognize the democratic will of their members at an earlier date.

2009/11:N79 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the University of Prince Edward Island Student's Union (UPEISU) has expressed its democratic will to terminate membership in the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Whereas the CFS national plenary has yet to recognize UPEISU's decision regarding its membership in the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students immediately accept the UPEISU's decision to leave the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that the CFS immediately issues an apology to students from the University of Prince Edward Island for failing to recognize the democratic will of their members at an earlier date, and for having taken legal action against their union.

2009/11:N80 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the graduate students of Dalhousie University have never held any vote to affirm their full-status membership in the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Whereas the CFS bylaws are quite specific as regards the maximum timeline for the holding of such a vote; therefore

Be it resolved that the CFS recognize that the prospective membership of Dalhousie's graduate students be revoked, and that all obligations on that society are consequently ended.

2009/11:N81 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the Holland College student union is not an independent student union; Whereas the Holland College student union does not currently pay fees to the CFS; and

Whereas the CFS bylaws require that a member be both independent and obligated to pay fees to the national organization; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students immediately recognize that Holland College is not a member of the Federation.

2009/11:N82 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas students at Cape Breton University have expressed their democratic will to terminate membership in the Canadian Federation of Students in a 2008 referendum, with 92% voting in favour of disaffiliation; and

Whereas the CFS national plenary has yet to recognize the legitimacy of Cape Breton's students' vote respecting membership; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students immediately recognize the results of that referendum; and

Be it further resolved that the CFS immediately issue an apology to the students of Cape Breton University for failing to recognize the democratic will of their members at an earlier date.

2009/11:N83 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is currently embroiled in legal proceedings designed against the University of Prince Edward Island Student's Union (UPEISU); and

Whereas if the CFS continues to litigate through to a full trial process the CFS' members may be forced to spend upwards of half a million dollars on this case; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive be mandated to immediately end all legal actions against the UPEISU.

2009/11:N84 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the members of the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) voted in a democratic referendum held in March 2008 to disaffiliate from the Federation, with 67% voting in favour of disaffiliation; and

Whereas more than $100,000.00 worth of student money has been wasted on legal fees as a result of attempts by the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Whereas if the CFS continues to litigate through to a full trial process, the CFS' members may be forced to spend upwards of half a million dollars on this case; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive be mandated to immediately begin negotiations to end all legal actions against the SFSS; and

Be it further resolved that the CFS recognize the democratic will of these students to terminate their membership with the CFS.

2009/11:N85 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 26

Whereas the Saskatchewan Court of Appeals has ruled that the referendum of the members of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) to affiliate to the Canadian Federation of Students is invalid as a result of its inability to adhere to the minimum standards of accountability set out in that students' union's electoral bylaws; and

Whereas the Federation has yet to recognize the illegitimacy of the USSU referendum, irrespective the legal resolution thereto; and

Whereas the USSU revoked its prospective membership in the CFS; therefore

Be it resolved that the CFS recognize immediately that the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union is neither a member nor prospective member of the Canadian Federation of Students.

2009/11:N87 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 61/

Be it resolved that Bylaw VI, Section 3.vi be amended to read:

Prior to voting, a nominees' forum will be conducted by the Chief Returning Officers, in which:

a. nominee shall be allotted up to four (4) minutes to present opening statements;
b. the delegates shall be allotted up to fifteen (15) minutes to ask questions of candidates for each position;
   i. questions shall be directed to all candidates;
   Ii. questions shall be no more than forty five (45) seconds in length and shall not include preamble or commentary;
   iii. candidates shall have up to ninety (90) seconds in which to respond to questions.
c. nominees shall be allotted up to two (2) minutes to present closing remarks;
d. nominees shall have access to interpretation throughout the nominees' forum.

6. DISCUSSION OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA
Budget Committee
November 2009 National General Meeting

DAY ONE

1. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS

a. Roundtable Introductions

b. Ratification of the Committee Chair(s)

Standing Resolution 1, Section 4, *Committee Chairperson,* states that the committee shall either: ratify as the committee chairperson(s) the National Executive member(s) appointed to the committee; or elect a committee chairperson from within its membership.

The National Executive is recommending that CFS/CFS-Services Treasurer Dave Molenhuis be ratified as chair for the Committee.

c. Orientation to the Committee's Mandate

The budget for the current fiscal year (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) was adopted at the previous national general meeting in May. At this meeting the Budget Committee will review the budget and, where it deems necessary, adjust the budget for the remainder of the current fiscal year. The Committee will also assess the availability of funds for proposed projects and/or purchases and, time permitting, the Federations' long-term financial planning.

2. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS AND ISSUES

a. Orientation to the Finances of the Federations

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

b. Overview of Current Financial Realities/Pressures (In-camera)

c. Review of 2009-10 Budget and Year-to-date Statements

The Committee will review the 2008-09 income and expenses, 2009-10 budget and the comparative year-to-date income and expenses.

DAY TWO

3. REVISION OF THE 2009-10 BUDGET

The Committee will debate the draft Revised 2009-10 Budget and propose to the closing plenary any amendments it deems necessary.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA

Campaigns and Government Relations Forum

November 2009 National General Meeting

DAY ONE

1. ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS and CAMPAIGNS UPDATE

2. REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN PLAN

The committee will review the 2009-10 Campaign Strategy and discuss its implementation over the next six months.

DAY TWO

3. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

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

2009/11:N01 **MOTION**
Local 108/

Whereas tuition fees are a major barrier for any individual desiring a higher education, forcing students to pick between debt or no education at all; and

Whereas forcing Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel (CÉGEP) students into debt before they even reach university, can only do harm to Québec society; and

Whereas the accessibility of post-secondary education in Québec is something to protect and work toward improving; and

Whereas tuition fees at the CÉGEP level would constitute a break with Québec's proud tradition of offering the most accessible post-secondary education in the country; and

Whereas the CEGEP system has served as the only model of a near universally accessible system of post-secondary education in Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that any attempt at imposing tuition fees for Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel (CÉGEP) students be opposed.

2009/11:N03 **MOTION**
Local 19/

Whereas data collection on graduate student completion rates and post-graduation employment is critical to understanding how many Master's and Doctorate students abandon their studies, their reasons for doing so, and the impact of hiring freezes upon post-graduation employment; and

Whereas a lack of standardised and available data in this area makes it nearly impossible for this information to be gathered by researchers; and

Whereas this data would allow for research to be conducted on how many students finish their Master's or Doctoral studies and how many go on to jobs within the post-secondary sector; and

Whereas this information is particularly critical in a time where faculty hiring freezes and institutional cut backs are threatening the ability of current students and newly graduated Master's or Doctorate holders to gain permanent or tenured employment within the post-secondary education sector; therefore

Be it resolved that a polling firm be contracted to study the completion rates of post-graduate students, including how many continue to work at Canadian colleges and universities after graduation; and

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Be it further resolved that data also be collected on the length of time it takes for recent graduates to secure full-time faculty positions, and

Be it further resolved that data also be collected on the employment type, job security, and relevance to their field of study of post-graduate master's and doctoral students, as well as whether they are working in their desired profession; and

Be it further resolved that coalition partner support be solicited to help facilitate the study, including investigating the possibility of sharing the cost of the study.

2009/11:N05 **MOTION**
Local 78/

Whereas Open Access promotes making scholarly material available online for anyone to read or use free of charge; and

Whereas the majority of published research is funded by the public through government granting agencies so it is unreasonable for the public to pay again, through user fees, to gain access to this research; and

Whereas the University of Toronto library is now charging visiting scholars and students $200 per year for borrowing (and in some cases browsing) privileges at its Robarts Library, thereby placing a greater strain on online material; and

Whereas the US-based Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) issued a «Right to Research Statement» (www.righttoresearch.org), calling on Canadian and American Universities, Researchers, Governments, and Research funders to actively support Open Access with the goal of starting a North American campaign on this issue; and

Whereas the content of the Statement mirrors the Federation's position on scholarly publishing, notably, calling on Canadian and American research funders and governments to ensure Open Access to all publicly funded research; and

Whereas the National Graduate Caucus signed the statement on July 7, 2009; therefore

Be is resolved that the «Right to Research Statement» be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to endorse the «Right to Research Statement»; and

Be it further resolved that updated campaign materials be distributed to member locals.

2009/11:N10 **MOTION**
Local 24/

Whereas many Canadians have lost their jobs and need to access Employment Insurance (EI) as a result of the recession; and

Whereas the replacement income provided through EI ranks among the lowest of the OECD countries; and

Whereas current EI recipients will run out of benefits before February 2010, when estimates forecast that Canada's unemployment rate will have risen to 10.5 percent; and

Whereas the current EI system is outdated and overly restrictive and excludes many people, including many who are low-income; and

Whereas 70 percent of unemployed young workers aged 20 to 24 do not receive EI benefits and the current youth unemployment rate has risen above 18 percent; and

Whereas a review of the EI system is scheduled for summer 2009; therefore

Be it resolved that the campaign of the Canadian Labour Congress, to support a new Employment Insurance (EI) system in Canada which would make it easier for more jobless/unemployed workers to qualify for benefits and collect "second tier" benefits for a longer duration, be supported; and

Be it further resolved that the government of Canada be called upon to make the following changes to the EI system:

- remove any asset or needs test requirement;
- change regulations to ensure that benefits are not clawed back;
- apply the system equally to all workers;
- lower the number of qualifying hours to 360 per year and increase maximum weekly benefits to cover the gap in earnings;
- increase the number of weeks of benefits coverage up to a minimum of two years;

- increase the percentage of wage replacement from 55 percent to no less than 75 percent (as was the case until the 1970s);
- change the current liquid asset limitation rules to exempt registered savings instruments like the Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) and Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) while providing higher overall limits; and
- Implement a new housing benefit.

2009/11:N11 **MOTION**
Local 24/

Whereas the Federal government has publicly affirmed that Canada's economy has been in an economic downturn culminated by an international recession; and

Whereas high tuition fees and massive student debt target students from low and middle income families, who are already feeling the crunch from the economic downturn, and tend to be from racialised and marginalised communities; and

Whereas only 17 per cent of youth from high income families (over $80,000) have never attended college or university while the same is true for 47 per cent of youth from low income families (under $30, 000); and

Whereas domestic and international students are facing sky-rocketing debt upwards of an average up to $28, 000 that when they graduate with a four year undergraduate degree which doesn't include debt from credit cards, a line of credit or loans from family members; and

Whereas these massive debt loads prevent students from doing things like buying a car, taking out a mortgage, traveling, starting up small businesses, flexing purchasing power and investing in our economy; and

Whereas as the manufacturing sector has cut a devastating amount of jobs and there is a dire need to switch to a knowledge based economy, and re-train the unemployed workforce to either enter into college and university for the first time or to upgrade their education; and

Whereas international students, who often stay to live and work in Canada, are estimated to contribute hundreds of millions of dollars to the economy through work and taxes but still face double or triple the amount of tuition fees when compared to domestic students; and

Whereas the federal government has failed to restore a federal transfer to fund post-secondary institutions and has not yet established a designated transfer of funds for post-secondary education but instead continues to make funding cuts to social services such as health care, child care and post-secondary education and college and university administrators are likely to use the economic climate as an excuse to further increase tuition fees; therefore

Be it resolved that a fact sheet be produced about tuition fees, student debt and the economy that outlines how spending on post-secondary education can help stimulate the economy, and further that it highlight the economic benefits associated with a highly educated workforce and refutes the idea that government and administrators should increase tuition fees in a time of economic downturn; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to hold public forums or town halls about tuition fees, student debt and the economy to educate our membership and debunk economic myths for the purpose of highlighting the need to increase government funding into post-secondary education and to drop tuition fees for all students.

2009/11:N12 **MOTION**
Local 24/

Whereas the bottled water industry is growing at a rate of 18% annually and becoming a main beverage product sold on university and college campuses; and

Whereas bottled water is almost always filtered tap water and thrown away plastic bottles contribute to environmental degradation; and

Whereas several Ontario cities and regions including the Waterloo region, Guelph, London, Ottawa and Toronto Municipal councils have recently banned bottled water in municipal facilities; and

Whereas these victories were the culmination of months of advocacy and pressure from the general public as well as students, labour and environmental, community and public interest groups, such as the Polaris Institute, the Council of Canadians and the Canadian Union of Public Employees; and

Whereas these recent successes will help to pressure other city councils and administrators in colleges and universities to pass similar bans; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to make contact with local labour unions and environmental and community groups who are committed to lobbying against the privatization of water and bottled water and that through coalition work, member locals work to pressure their city council to ban bottled water in city facilities; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to their city councilor(s) asking them to support a bottled water ban in their city; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with campus labour unions and other groups to pass bottle water bans on college and university campuses which would include the demand to use tap water in jugs for all Board of Governor and Senate meetings as well as other college or university functions and a refusal to sign any new or renewal exclusivity beverage agreements that limit drinking choices on campus and enforce the privatization of public water.

2009/11:N13 **MOTION**
Local 24/

Whereas the current economic crisis has resulted in a youth unemployment rate of over 18 percent and fewer job opportunities for young workers and those with little or no experience in the labour market; and

Whereas apprenticeships, job training and internship positions provide opportunities for young workers and those who are newly entering the labour market to find full-time employment; and

Whereas investments in the maintenance and expansion of public services can help lead to economic recovery; therefore

Be it resolved that the Government of Canada be lobbied to provide enhanced funding for apprenticeship programmes, job training and internship opportunities in areas of meaningful employment for young workers and socio-economically marginalised people; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work with their members, local labour unions and other stakeholders to lobby their local MP and the Government of Canada for enhanced funding for apprenticeships.

2009/11:N27 **MOTION**
Local 98/

Whereas the increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere due to human activity is destabilizing the many ecological systems on which human societies rely; and

Whereas, in the absence of meaningful government leadership on the critical issue of climate change, colleges and universities have a unique place to advance sustainable practices and fight against climate change; and

Whereas in the United States over 650 colleges and universities have signed on to the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment; and

Whereas the Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada, which can be viewed at www.climatechangeaction.ca, is a statement which commits signatories to challenge climate change by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases through the development of and plan for achieving reduction targets; and

Whereas in 2008 the six public universities in British Columbia co-signed the Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada, which has since been signed by nine other institutions in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec; and

Whereas each of these Commitments set targets and establish processes for implementation that involve students, staff and faculty and the institution as well as national cooperation to achieve the common goals of reduced emissions; and

Whereas in Ontario the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) is working to produce its own "made in Ontario" commitment that lacks many of the targets and implementation mechanisms and simply recommits to positions many universities have already taken and/or fulfilled such as recycling; and

Whereas if public colleges and universities across Canada were to signed the Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada it would represent a major step in seeing a firm commitment from the federal and provincial governments; therefore

Be it resolved that public colleges and universities be called upon the sign the Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada and commit to working with students, staff and faculty to create, implement and fulfil firm targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

Be it further resolved that, in collaboration with the Sierra Youth Coalition, Canadian Youth Climate Coalition and other coalition partners, a campaign be developed to encourage public colleges and universities to take a leadership role in fighting against climate change in Canada.

2009/11:N28 **MOTION**
Local 98/

Whereas the Transitional Year Programme (TYP) at the University of Toronto is a special access programme for adults who do not have the formal educational background to qualify for university admission; and

Whereas most TYP students come from marginalized and racialised communities in which very few people have had access to higher education; and

Whereas this programme actively encourages applications from Native Canadian, Black/African-Canadian, sole-support parents, students with diverse sexual and gender identities and differently abled communities who disproportionately face poverty and barriers to access to education; and

Whereas the University of Toronto is eliminating the Transitional Year programme; and

Whereas this policy change has been attempted before resulting in the financial marginalization of this programme and a significant drop in quality prompting successful protests to reinstate it as an independent academic body in the University of Toronto; therefore

Be it resolved that Transitional Year Programmes be supported; and

Be it further resolved that the University of Toronto's attempt to diminish this academic programme be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that a letter of support from the national executive demanding the preservation of the programme be submitted; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to submit letters demanding the preservation of the programme.

2009/11:N29 **MOTION**
Local 97/

Whereas the University of Toronto's "Code of Student Conduct" has been in force for several years, as a means to regulate students behaviour by applying academic penalties for non-academic "offences"; and

Whereas, the language of the Code of Conduct is vague in its definition of such "offences", leaving much to interpretation and with the potential for misuse of the Code; and

Whereas, in 2002, the Code of Student Conduct was revised to allow for dual prosecution; disciplining of students under both the Student Code as well as the Criminal Code; and

Whereas in practice the Code of Student Conduct has been used to silence dissent and to prosecute student activists who are critical of the University's policies, in addition to being a fundamentally flawed document that serves to treat student members of the University community as somehow different from others; and

Whereas the application of the Code can be interpreted as infringing on freedoms of speech, expression and assembly for all students, including our right to protest and oppose the University administration; and

Whereas the Code of Student Conduct was most recently applied against the `Fight Fees 14`, a group given trumped up charges for alleged participation in a peaceful sit-in at the University of Toronto in March 2008; and

Whereas two remaining members of the fight Fees 14 still face outstanding charges under the Code of Conduct, even though the criminal charges against the same two persons were recently stayed based their successful challenge under Section 11(b) of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms; therefore

Be it resolved that a national campaign be adopted to spread awareness on this issue and calling for the immediate abolition of U of T's the Code of Conduct and similar policies and Codes across different post-secondary institutions; and

Be it further resolved that the adoption of Human Rights Codes for post-secondary institutions and the strengthening of existing anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policies in lieu of the Code of Conduct be encouraged.

2009/11:N31 **MOTION**
Local 97/

Whereas the University of Toronto claims that the economic downturn has adversely affected its financial position and is therefore compelled to raise tuition fees, it is part of a group that is attempting a bid to bring the 2015 Pan American Games to Toronto; and

Whereas the University of Toronto finds itself unable to adequately finance academic divisions and is diminishing academic programs across the board, including cuts to essential access and equity programs which serve students from traditionally marginalized communities, the University is simultaneously planning to build elitist aquatic and track and field facilities geared towards training athletes for participation in mega sports events, with financial support from three levels of government; and

Whereas students have called for a drop in fees and for free education, the University of Toronto hopes to impose a student levy to cover the operating costs for these sports facilities, thus compounding the financial barriers for students, especially for students from equity-seeking groups; and

Whereas the advent of the Pan American games will mean a corresponding decline in the quality and quantity of available student space (study space, housing etc); and

Whereas there has been a corresponding decline in investment in and supports for part-time students and for mature students at the University of Toronto; and

Whereas the plans to build the downtown Centre for High-Performance Sports facility involve evicting and displacing the part-time student union from its administrative offices; therefore

Be it resolved that a national campaign to raise awareness on this issue be undertaken and the encroachment of the Pan Am games at the University of Toronto be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that a letter to the University of Toronto administration be sent dissuading them from being involved in making the bid for the Pan Am games by highlighting the adverse impact on students and instead focus their attention on revitalizing academic departments, prioritizing equity and access on campus and implementing measures to reform tuition fees structures; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to undertake similar campaigns on their campuses and write letters of condemnation to the University of Toronto administration.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

5. ADJOURNMENT

Tuition and Ancillary Fees

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to eliminate financial barriers to post-secondary education.

Background

The Federation has garnered widespread public support for affordable tuition fees. Polling consistently shows that an overwhelming majority of Canadians favour freezing or reducing tuition fees.

In the last decade, every province has frozen tuition fees for some period of time and tuition fees are currently frozen in every Atlantic province. The challenge for the Federation is to maintain the momentum towards lower tuition fees in provinces in which freezes and reductions have been established and create pressure on other provincial governments to reverse recent increases.

Despite progress on tuition fee regulation, many universities and colleges have moved to circumvent government policy by increasing fees for certain campus services. These ancillary fees are often subject to less regulation than tuition fees, and represent a critical issue facing students.

In most provinces, international students have been the target of the largest fee increases. Tuition fees for international students now average $14,487 per year, approximately three times the amount charged to Canadian students.

Policy Proposals

The Federation's proposals include, but are not limited to:

- The progressive reduction of tuition and ancillary fees at public post-secondary institutions across the country;
- The elimination of differential fees for international students; and
- The elimination of ancillary fees.

Implementation

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

Government Relations: The Federation will continue to lobby for the restoration of federal transfer payments for post-secondary education and promote the positive benefits of coupling federal reinvestment with legislation that calls for the reduction of tuition fees.

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

The Federation will continue to highlight models of universally accessible post-secondary education from other countries, such as Ireland and Scotland.

Membership Mobilisation: The Federation will support regional student mobilisations that seek to freeze, reduce, or eliminate tuition fees.

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

Vote Education

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to:

- Make post-secondary education a prominent issue during the next federal general election;
- Educate voters about where the parties stand on issues that are important to students;
- Increase student and youth voter turn-out.

Background

For years the Federation has conducted an intensive "Vote Education" campaign to increase the number of students that vote and raise the profile of student issues during federal and provincial elections. Federation members take part in a coordinated campaign to organise all-candidates debates, create radio ads, campaign door-to-door, flood radio shows with callers, and write hundreds of letters.

During election campaigns, local party candidates are very sensitive to mobilization efforts in their community. So even if they tow a strict party line during the campaign period, they often have a permanent memory of who can mobilize in their community and who could potentially cost them the next election. Flexing students' muscle during elections is a key strategy for post-election lobbying.

In the fall 2008 federal election, most federal parties' platforms made substantial commitments to post-secondary education and research in their platforms. The resulting minority government and a change in the official opposition's leadership has led to constant election speculation, and it is likely that there will be a federal election in fall or winter 2009.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will produce a detailed analysis of the platform and legislative record of each major federal party.

Government Relations: The Federation will continue to meet with the leaders, central campaigners, and platform development teams for each major federal party leading up to the campaign period.

The Federation will continue to meet with Elections Canada officials to ensure that students can freely exercise their right to vote. Elections Canada will also be lobbied to develop a national strategy for campus polls.

Member locals will be encouraged to work with local returning offices to tailor outreach strategies and address concerns on an ongoing basis.

Membership Mobilisation: The Federation will run an intensive voter registration campaign on campuses across the country and hold events to promote advanced polling and the election day.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will undertake an intensive media campaign to attract coverage of student issues and campus mobilising.

Coalition Work: The Federation will continue to strengthen relationships with organisations representing college and university staff and faculty, community organisations, as well as parents' and high school students' organisations.

Student Financial Assistance

Background:

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

In 1998, the federal government belatedly acknowledged the student debt crisis by creating the Millennium Scholarship Foundation (MSF).

Regrettably, the Foundation has proven to be little more than a public relations stunt combined with a questionable research project that has subtly downplayed the effects of higher tuition fees and higher student debt.

In response to the Federation's campaign to replace the Foundation, the federal government has introduced a national system of means-tested grants to be administered by Human Resources and Skills Development starting in fall 2009.

The federal government is also poised to introduce a major transformation of the Interest Relief and Debt Reduction in Repayment (DRR) programs. Both programs will be replaced with a program called the Repayment Assistance Program (RAP). RAP will resemble the old Interest Relief program except instead of one level of interest forgiveness, struggling student loan borrowers will receive graduated levels of interest forgiveness, relative to income.

A second phase of RAP will provide debt forgiveness for those who have exhausted five years worth of the interest relief under the first phase of RAP.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks to increase access to post-secondary education and reduce student debt.

Policy Proposals

The Federation's proposals include, but are not limited to:

- Grants: The federal government should consider terminating education-related tax credits and use the savings to augment the national system of grants.
- Integration: The Canada Student Loans Program should make further integration with provincial loans programs a top priority.
- Ombudsperson: The staggering levels of debt carried by many former students makes service errors a very serious, often life-altering, experience. Students need an independent office for dispute resolution and complaints investigation.
- Interest rates: The government should eliminate interest charges on public student loans.
- Part-time students: The federal government should give part-time students—many of whom have family responsibilities that prevent full-time study—equal access to the Canada Student Loans Program and the Canada Student Grants Program.

Implementation

Research: The Federation will continue to research the detrimental effects of student debt on access to public post-secondary education, and the economic and social consequences. The Federation will also collect research on the effectiveness of the new Canada Student Grants Program.

Government Relations: The Federation will coordinate an intensive lobbying session in fall 2009 to persuade federal decision-makers to increase the level of grants available. Member locals will be encouraged to meet with their local Members of Parliament to discuss access and student debt. The Federation will also pressure political parties to commit to student aid improvements in their election platforms.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will coordinate national media events to raise awareness about the transition from the MSF to the Canada Student Grants Program. Member locals will be provided with template news releases and sample opinion pieces for submission to campus and local newspapers.

Membership Mobilisation: The Federation will prepare materials for distribution in the late summer and fall. Member locals will be encouraged to distribute materials at various events including welcome weeks and public forums.

Coalition Work: The Federation will continue to build widespread awareness and support among like-minded organisations about the need to shift federal student financial aid from loans to grants.

Copyright

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks copyright legislation that balances the rights of users and creators.

Background

By balancing the rights of creators, owners, and users of copyrighted works, Canada's Copyright Act exists to encourage the creation of artistic and innovative works, ranging from books and paintings, to music and video, to computer software. One of the most important of the fundamental rights established in the Act is the ability of copyright owners (often not the original creators) to control the copying and use of their works. Copyright also protects the "moral rights" of creators by prohibiting their works from being unjustly appropriated and defaced.

At the same time, the Copyright Act also exists to ensure public rights of access and use. It provides several rights for users, including limited rights to make copies and re-mix works without permission through an exception known as "fair dealing". As such, a core principle of copyright is that knowledge must be shared to encourage creativity. A 2004 Supreme Court of Canada ruling confirmed that the purpose of the Copyright Act is to serve the public interest by underscoring the critical role fair dealing plays in ensuring access to, and use of copyrighted works.

Although copyright law can be very technical and complicated, the implications of unbalanced copyright affect almost every Canadian. A successful campaign for fair copyright laws must strive to make the issue accessible and non-technical. Broad participation should be encouraged from students who are visual artists, musicians, computer programmers, journalists, and others who re-mix culture.

Policy Proposals

The Federation's proposals include, but are not limited to:

- Expanding the definition of fair dealing;
- Anti-circumvention provisions that do not infringe upon statutory rights of access or personal privacy;
- A "Notice and Notice" provision that would only require internet service providers to pass on allegations of infringements, not enforce them;
- The elimination of statutory damages for those who are acting with the good-faith belief that their use of a work is justified by fair dealing; and
- The elimination of crown copyright.

Implementation

Government Relations: The Federation will present the results of the spring 2009 campus consultations to the federal government. The Federation will seek joint meetings of Heritage, Industry, and Post-Secondary Education critics of opposition parties. If amendments to the Copyright Act are tabled, the Federation will seek to testify before House of Commons Standing Committees.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will develop a short online quiz about activities that would have been considered copyright infractions if the Copyright Act amendments tabled in 2008 had become law.

Membership Mobilisation: Member locals are encouraged to continue to hold local forums about the role of federal legislation and students' access to copyrighted material as creators and owners of copyright.

Coalition Work: The Federation will continue to work closely with the Canadian Association of University Teachers and other groups with a broad view of fair dealing.

Federal Funding

Background

For more than two decades, the Federation has called for the establishment of a national act for post-secondary education and research.

After the introduction of the Canada Health and Social Transfer in 1996, accountability and transparency for federal post-secondary education transfers diminished. The situation did not improve with the creation of the Canada Social Transfer in 2004.

During the 2006 federal election campaign, Stephen Harper promised to create a dedicated transfer payment for post-secondary education. Shortly afterwards in February 2006, a summit on post-secondary education and research organised by Canada's premiers called for the reinvestment of the $4 billion that has been cut from annual federal transfers to the provinces for post-secondary education and research since 1993.

The 2007 federal budget restored $800 million in an "earmarked" federal transfer for post-secondary education. Earmarking the funding increases transparency somewhat; however, accountability concerns continue to plague the Canada Social Transfer. For example, in the same year that transfers for post-secondary education increased by $800 million, the Gordon Campbell government in BC cut funding to universities and colleges by $50 million.

The federal government also has the constitutional responsibility to provide resources for Aboriginal students to pursue a post-secondary education. Funding is provided through Indian and Northern Affairs Post-Secondary Education Program, the increases to which have been capped at 2% per annum since 1996.

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks a federal framework that ensures high-quality, universally accessible public post-secondary education.

Policy Proposals

The Federation's proposals include, but are not limited to:

- Restoring of federal funding for post-secondary education to 0.5% of Gross Domestic Product (an increase of approximately $2.5 billion per year);
- Increasing funding to the Post-Secondary Education Program to provide adequate funding to every eligible Aboriginal student;
- Creating a dedicated federal cash transfer payment for post-secondary education;
- Creating a Post-Secondary Education Act that establishes guidelines for quality and accessibility in post-secondary education and research that includes recognition of the needs of Québec and Aboriginal students; and
- Creating a federal Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Research.

Implementation

Government Relations: The Federation will make the federal role in post-secondary education a prominent issue during the fall 2009 lobby sessions.

Research: The Federation will research similar post-secondary education system structures and legislation in other countries.

Coalition Work: The Federation will work with the Canadian Association of University Teachers to garner support among all parties for a Post-Secondary Education Act.

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

Corporate Influence

Campaign Goal

The Federation seeks high-quality public post-secondary education that is free from corporate interference.

Background

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

In most cases, university and college administrations are willing participants in the corporatisation of campus. Board of Governors appointments from the private sector are often made in hopes of increasing fund-raising revenue. Greater corporate involvement changes the dynamic of governance at public institutions, and universities and colleges become less responsive to students, the community, and the public good.

Conversely, student representation in the highest levels of university and college governance is generally token. In many cases, the administration selects students with no formal connection to the students' union to "represent" students' interests with no mechanism to either collect student feedback or be held accountable for their actions at board meetings.

There is a recent trend to muzzle students' union representatives by making them sign confidentiality agreements and even force them to abstain from tuition fee increase votes out of "conflict of interest".

A consequence of the increasing corporate management of public post-secondary institutions is the reduction in the authority of university senates and college academic councils to oversee program development and creation. For example, some universities have sidestepped senate procedures to initiate for-profit language schools to generate increased revenue.

One of the greatest achievements of the student movement during the 1950s and 1960s was winning representation in university governance, or "academocracy" as it was called then. Today, the secrecy and top-down management style of corporate universities and colleges threatens to turn back the clock on student rights.

Policy Proposals

The Federation's proposals include, but are not limited to:

- Increasing students' union representation on boards of governors;
- Exposing corporate interference in university and college governance; and
- Increasing core funding for public post-secondary education.

Implementation

Government Relations: The Federation will prepare lobby kits for member locals to use during appointment processes, so as to influence the appointment of community representatives who are actually from the community, not elite business positions.

National Awareness and Media: The Federation will publicise the dangers of privatisation and commercialisation in public post-secondary education. When cases of corporate interference or academic misconduct arise the Federation will support, where feasible, cases with national significance. This may include legal challenges in cases where students' union representatives are reprimanded for breaking confidentiality agreements.

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

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

AGENDA

Policy Review and Development Committee

November 2009 National General Meeting

1. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS

a. Ratification of the Committee Chair(s)

Standing Resolution 1, Section 4, *Committee Chairperson,* states that as its first order of business each standing general meeting committee shall either: ratify as the committee chairperson(s) the National Executive member(s) appointed to the committee; or elect a committee chairperson from within its membership.

The National Executive is recommending that National Deputy Chairperson Noah Stewart be ratified as chair for the Committee.

b. Roundtable Introductions

c. Review of the Committee Agenda

d. Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference

Committee members should be familiar with the responsibilities of the Policy Review and Development Committee as established in the Federation's Standing Resolutions. Standing Resolution 1, Section 3.c) *Policy Review and Development Committee,* states that: "The Policy Review and Development Committee shall review and make recommendations to closing plenary on proposed amendments to the issues policy of the Federation, as proposed by Committee members and member locals on plenary floor."

2. CURRENT POLICY ISSUES DISCUSSION

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

3. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM OPENING PLENARY

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

2009/11:N02 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY
Local 11/

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

Preamble

The Federation recognises that conditions of poverty affect access to and quality of post-secondary education. High tuition fees and inadequate student financial aid prevent those living in poverty from entering a post-secondary education program or completing their studies. Parental educational attainment is also a strong factor of a dependent's ability to attend and pay for post-secondary education further contributing to inaccessibility. A lack of access reinforces a cycle of poverty.

Poverty is an affront to human dignity and disproportionately affects communities that are already marginalized, including Aboriginal peoples, women, racialised people, people with disabilities, seniors, queer people, transgendered people and immigrant and non-status people and sole support parents.

The Federation recognises that many individuals who live below the poverty line are working one or more jobs and are considered to be the 'working poor'. This includes a large proportion of students who work either part- or full-time, often for a minimum wage, to pay for their education.

Chronic underfunding of social services such as post-secondary education, healthcare, public housing, social assistance and childcare, coupled with a widespread lack of food security, and the absence of a

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living wage have contributed to the spread of poverty. This is especially true during times of economic hardship. The long-term cost of poverty, such as the strain on the healthcare system and elevated crime and incarceration rates, far outweighs the cost of investing in social services that help to prevent and alleviate poverty.

The Federation recognises that current levels of various forms of assistance are inadequate and believes that it should not be necessary to combine forms of assistance in order to live above the poverty line.

The Federation recognises that there is a negative view of individuals receiving government assistance in most forms, and that this has led to the implementation of regressive measures such as discriminatory fraud reporting mechanisms.

In addition, those receiving social assistance and government loans to fund a post-secondary education will often have that amount clawed back from their social assistance. Claw-backs further reinforce a cycle of poverty and prevent skills development.

Furthermore, the Federation believes that access to housing and food security, and an income that is adequate are basic human rights. The Federation therefore calls for a minimum income level for individuals, regardless of employment status, that is above the generally-accepted measurement of poverty, i.e. the Low-income Cut Off (LICO) published by Statistics Canada.

Policy

The Federation Supports:

- the development and implementation of poverty reduction strategies at both the federal and provincial level that involve consultations with communities where poverty is prevalent, includes firm targets and timelines, and include significant financial commitments to social services such as education, healthcare, housing, social assistance and childcare; and
- federal support for provincial, territorial, municipal and Aboriginal governments in their efforts to address poverty in their communities and the root causes of that poverty; and
- additional targeted measures to alleviate poverty amongst marginalised communities that experience disproportionate rates of poverty; and
- the establishment of a standard minimum living wage which allows workers and their families to have a decent quality of life and to participate fully in society on the most equal basis possible; and
- social assistance rates that allow for an individual or family to live in dignity and above the poverty line; and
- the recognition of and promotion of the fact that poverty is a result of economic policy and not individual or personal responsibility.

The Federation Opposes:

- Harmful stereotypes about people living in poverty or receiving social assistance as lazy, irresponsible or inferior; and
- government cuts to social assistance measures that serve to convert public debt into private debt and poverty, thus widening the gap between rich and poor; and
- clawbacks of social assistance, employment insurance, child benefits and student assistance based on other earnings; and
- government legislation that reduces or eliminates access to bankruptcy processes; and
- government regulations that prevent individuals enrolled in a university or college program from receiving Social Assistance; and
- the removal of basic funding for people with disabilities.

2009/11:N04 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 19/

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy on "Research Councils" be amended to read:

Research Councils

Preamble

Independent research, free of influence from powerful interests, is critical to both scholarly inquiry and research integrity. Political or corporate interference can undermine the peer review process and threaten the principle of academic freedom—a key foundation of public post-secondary education.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), also known as the Tri-Councils, provide the majority of public funds for research in Canada. The Canada Council for the

Arts provides funding to artists and arts organisations. These councils are mandated to "promote the highest standards of research excellence." Public funding for research, scholarly, and artistic activities is integral to a strong Canadian intellectual and cultural fabric.

Increasingly, governments are placing direct and indirect pressure on granting councils to fund research and art that is politically agreeable to the government. Governments have also increasingly shifted funding support to favour industry-partnered research and research that is commercialisable over other types of research. This commercial bias can take the form of creating incentives for doing industry oriented research, making the councils justify themselves in terms of the economic growth they generate, and direct contact with granting council officials about funding decisions they have made.

Federal government policies that offer incentives to commercialise research increase the pressure to produce private, for-profit research in public post-secondary education institutions. This shift has influenced the mandates of the granting councils to increasingly support for-profit research. The commercialisation of research poses threats to the ability of researchers to participate in curiosity-driven or basic research that does not have an immediate commercial interest, but which can nonetheless make important contributions to society and the economy. A funding agenda that favours commercialisable research also poses threats to research integrity and to basic and exploratory research.

In addition, although the majority of students and faculty study and teach in the social sciences and humanities, funding to SSHRC is significantly lower than the funding provided to the other two tri-councils. This suggests a funding bias that disadvantages the social sciences and humanities.

Policy

The Federation supports:
- a peer-reviewed, accountable and transparent system for allocating grants;
- public funding for research supported by the granting councils;
- adequate and sustained public funding for artists supported by the Canada Council for the Arts;
- equitable distribution of granting council funds among disciplines and institutions;
- adequate allocation of granting council funds for basic research;
- granting council research funding provided to support public, as opposed to private, interests;
- granting councils that uphold the highest standard of research by explicitly supporting the role of whistleblowers through the enactment of whistleblower protection policies; and
- independence of the research granting councils from political and government influence.

The Federation opposes:
- political and government influence over research and research funding;
- threats to the peer-reviewed, accountable and transparent system for allocating grants;
- reductions in public funding for research supported by the granting councils;
- inadequate and unpredictable public funding for artists supported by the Canada Council for the Arts;
- inequitable distribution of granting council funds among disciplines and institutions;
- inadequate allocation of granting council funds for basic research; and
- granting council research funding provided to prioritize private for-profit interests, rather than public interests.

2009/11:N08 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 24/

Be it resolved the following Issues Policy on "Credit Transfer" be adopted:

Credit Transfer

Preamble

For a variety of reasons, many students who start a post-secondary diploma or degree at one institution may choose to finish it at another institution. Changing market demands and new programmes offered by colleges and universities have also lead to an increase in the number of students who chose to supplement a diploma or degree with a second designation. While some provinces responded to a marked increase in the level of inter-institutional cooperation by establishing provincial regulations to ensure that programmes remain congruent, most others have not and the Federal government has made no effort to coordinate the standardisation of credit transfer between provinces. In the absence of a province-wide or a federal initiative to facilitate the articulation, transfer and admissions arrangements among degree and diploma granting institutions, hundreds of agreements had emerged between

colleges and universities. While this rapid emergence of inter-institutional cooperation has improved educational opportunities, it has also lead to increased confusion, inconsistency and duplication.

As a result, students are often left to try and navigate a system where programmes may be offered at separate institutions, guided by separate policies or, when transferring from one institution to another, forced to negotiate on their own which credits will be recognised. Due to the ad hoc nature of these agreements, many students find themselves paying for and earning the same credits more than once, adding to additional costs for the student and the government.

To help ensure that students are able to move as easily as possible from institution to institution, a mandatory system of credit transfer needs to be created.

Policy

The Federation supports:
- Maintaining clear, transparent and predictable pathways to learning;
- Enhancing student mobility through the creation of a mandatory, credit transfer system;
- Provincial frameworks for credit transfer that fit into a broader pan-Canadian system;
- The promotion of accurate and fair prior-learning assessment that also recognises institutional autonomy;
- Eliminating unnecessary duplication of learning and related inefficiencies in public spending;
- The generation of standardised assessments of credits, diplomas and degrees;
- The creation of a system that prioritises block transfers over credit-to-credit transfer;
- The creation of a body to oversee and review the progress of a credit transfer system; and
- Adequate funding to ensure the maintenance and success of a credit transfer system.

The Federation opposes:
- Agreements that undermine a students' ability to transfer between institutions of her or his choice;
- The creation of a credit transfer system without the adequate funding needed for operational success; and
- A credit transfer system that is optional for universities and colleges to participate in.

2009/11:N09 **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**
Local 24/

Whereas the Federation currently has policy on commercialisation on campuses but the extent and intervention of commercialization within post-secondary institutions has dramatically grown throughout the years and there has been a loss of public space and a surplus of commercial involvement and encroachment in the classroom, therefore

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy "Commercialisation" be amended to include the following:

3. when it enshrines benefactors on to buildings, objects, public space, departments, faculties or schools; and
4. the inclusion of corporate ads in course textbooks or mandatory equipment for classes

2009/11:N23 **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**
Local 68/

Whereas in recent years there have been a number of instances of interference and attempted interference in the affairs of students' unions by politically motivated college and university administrators; and

Whereas political parties have also been exposed while attempting to interfere in the democratic processes of students' unions; and

Whereas in the absence of Right to Organise legislation, students' unions still require protection from interference; and

Whereas all these factors relate directly to the autonomy of students' unions; therefore

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy "Students' Right to Organise" be renamed "Students' Union Autonomy" and be amended to read:

Students' Union Autonomy

Preamble

Students' unions' ability to provide representation and high-quality services for their members depends, in large part, on their ability to receive membership fees and to conduct their work autonomously.

While students' unions in British Columbia and Québec have strong legislation that recognises their right to organise and ensures their financial and democratic autonomy, students' unions in other provinces exist without formal government recognition or protection. As such, for the majority of students' unions in Canada, the legal rights collection fees only exist in common law. In the absence of clearly defined legal rights, students' unions in much of Canada secure rights and powers from their respective institutional administrations by entering into individual contracts or agreements.

However, in order to represent the views and defend the interests of their members, students' unions must, from time-to-time, take positions that are critical of the decisions or actions of campus administrations, governments, external political parties, or other relevant organisations and bodies, without fear of reprisals in the form of the withholding of funds or the eviction from space. In the absence of legislation protecting the students' union autonomy and right to organise, students' unions are vulnerable to interference from campus administration, governments and external political parties, and are in constant threat of having their funds withheld by politically motivated college and university administrations.

Policy

The Federation supports legislation that:
- defines students' unions as autonomous entities whose operations are subject only to the laws that govern not-for-profit corporations;
- mandates the collection and remission of membership fees to students' unions by university and college governing bodies and guarantees this right of remission without interference from institutional administrative bodies;
- enshrines students' unions' full financial and operational autonomy, including the ability to hire and manage staff, set fees, prepare financial statements, arrange for audits, and enter into arrangements with external service providers;
- enshrines students' unions' full democratic autonomy, such as the ability to set and administer referendum and election rules, define membership, and maintain policies and bylaws;
- recognises only member-driven students' unions as the official student voice on campus, in Canada and prohibits any post-secondary education institution administration, provincial or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external political party, or any agent or representative thereof, from selecting, appointing, overseeing or administering the election of student representatives to institutional and governmental bodies of any kind, including commissions, consultations, or any other advisory or decision-making body; and
- guarantees access to relevant, accurate membership lists and associated contact information for all campus, provincial or national students' unions.

The Federation opposes:
- the recognition of any individual student or student group that is not elected by students or appointed by an officially recognised member-driven students' unions as a student representative for the purpose of representing the needs or interests of students on any institutional and governmental body of any kind, including commissions, consultations, or any other advisory or decision-making body;
- any legislation, policy or action on the part of any post-secondary education institution administration, provincial or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external political party, or any agent or representative thereof, that undermines students' union autonomy, right and ability to organise, or ability to work collectively in broader coalitions and with other organisations;
- interference by any post-secondary education institution administration, provincial or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external political party, or any agent or representative thereof, in students' union financial or operational affairs or democratic processes, including meetings, elections and referenda; and
- any criteria or conditions put in place by college and university administrations as a prerequisite for setting, collecting and remitting membership fees.

2009/11:N24 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 68/

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy "Funding for Post-Secondary Education" be amended to read:

Funding for Post-Secondary Education

Preamble

Deep cuts to college and university operational during the 1990s led to a dramatic shift in how public post-secondary education is funded in Ontario. For example, in the early 1990s, students contributed

roughly 21 percent of university operating budgets through tuition fees but, by the end of the decade, the student contribution had risen to an average of 47 percent. At some institutions it had reached 50 percent. During this time period, Ontario's professor-student ratio had risen significantly, making it the worst in the country and significantly worse than the American average.

Increases in tuition and ancillary fees, therefore, have not elevated the quality of post-secondary education because both affordability and quality are directly linked to adequate public funding.

Adequate, stable and predictable long-term public funding allows post-secondary education institutions to realise their academic mission without pitting access against quality. Furthermore, it allows institutions to develop long-range plans and hire full-time, permanent faculty.

As a result of flawed government funding formulae, deep funding disparities have developed between public post-secondary education institutions that entrench inequities into the system. The disparity in funding between the number of students enrolled and the per-student funding received by the institution continues to grow. For example, It has resulted in the emergence of a cohort of students in Ontario's post-secondary education system, concentrated in a select number of newer and rural institutions, who are unfunded by the provincial government.

More and more frequently, Federal government funding for provincial social programs such as post-secondary education come in the form of one-time funding that is unpredictable and does not allow for investment in multi-year expenditures, like faculty recruitment and retention. On occasion, such funding displaces provincial funding that is not reinvested in the system in order to elevate overall funding for post-secondary education.

Policy

The Federation supports:
- full public funding of post-secondary education;
- strong, stable and predictable multi-year funding;
- funding that enshrines and respects the academic autonomy of public post-secondary education institutions;
- funding that ensures that the maintenance and improvement in education quality is not pitted against accessibility;
- a funding formula that is sensitive to population increases;
- a funding formula for post-secondary institutions that accounts for the province's transitional student population;
- public funding that is free from market-oriented strings, conditions or requirements;
- the equitable distribution of basic operating funding for all province's post-secondary education system;
- a government funding formula for operating grants that leaves no students unfunded;
- the equalisation of Basic Income Unit ratings between programmes and the equitable distribution of government funded external grants across disciplines;
- dedicated funding for northern, rural and remote campuses to address the unique challenges of attracting students and the additional costs of programme delivery in such locations;
- adequate funding that reflects the unique and important role of provinces' community college system;
- equal funding for Aboriginal institutions;
- formal inclusion of accountable, transparent, and democratic student representation in provincial funding formula review processes; and
- provincial government publicly rejecting any federal policy implementing cutbacks in fiscal transfer payments.

The Federation opposes:
- public funding that is contingent upon political influence over course curricula, programme design or other aspects of the academic mission of the institution;
- public funding that is contingent upon private sponsorship, donations, or commercial objectives;
- funding frameworks that discriminate between institutions and programmes and impose competition between public institutions and their programmes;
- post-secondary education funding based on any assessment of the qualitative statistics of individual post-secondary institutions, including key performance indicators; and
- any displacement of federal transfer payments meant for education through programs by provincial Governments.

2009/11:N25 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 68/

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy "Employment" be renamed "Student Employment" and amended to read:

Student Employment

Preamble

As tuition fees have been allowed to increase, access to post-secondary education has become more and more limited. In contrast to the past, students are no longer able to pay for their education by working full-time at minimum wage over the summer. Currently, many students across Canada are required to work several part-time jobs throughout the academic term in order to pay for their education. Those students who are fortunate enough to find employment, are rarely able to do so in a field that is related to their studies and many are faced with low wages and poor working environments that offer few benefits and sometimes unsafe conditions.

Where limited government funding does exist to promote student employment, such programmes are restricted to domestic students and exclude international and non-status students. Furthermore, many students who are working in unpaid work placements or internships are not eligible for worker's compensation or Employment Insurance. In Ontario, for instance, the Pay Equity Act that is supposed to ensure equal pay for work of equal value, is not always enforced.

These issues leave many students economically disadvantaged, unable to afford their studies and vulnerable to exploitation in the labour force.

Policy

The Federation supports:
- the right of all people, including students, to meaningful employment and equal pay for equal work;
- the creation of meaningful employment opportunities for students that complement their field of study;
- the right of international students to work off campus;
- government funded student employment programmes, including summer employment programmes, that are accessible to full and part-time students, regardless of their citizenship status or immigration status;
- Provincial Governments paying Worker's Compensation Board premiums for students on unpaid work placements or internships;
- the eligibility of students who have completed an unpaid work placement or internship for Employment Insurance;
- the coverage of all student employment under the standards set out in the Employment Standard Act;
- a provincial minimum wage that provides a living wage and ensures that no working person is living below the poverty line;
- student employment programmes that pay wages above the provincial minimum wage; and
- freedom from discrimination in employment as set out by provincial Human Rights Commissions.

The Federation opposes:
- labour without financial compensation, as part of the post-secondary education curriculum;
- the use of government funding schemes, like work-study, that exploit student labour to displace full-time unionised or permanent positions;
- discrimination in employment against students on the basis of type of study;
- discrimination in employment against any people, including students, on the basis of citizenship or immigration status;
- the exclusion of students from eligibility for government funded employment programmes based on their type of study, citizenship, or immigration status; and
- any other forms of discrimination in employment.

2009/11:N26 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 98/

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy "Flat Fees" be adopted:

Flat Fees

Preamble

Flat fees, also referred to as "Programme Fees" are standard tuition fees charged to students for enrolment in a minimum number of courses or in particular programme or faculty, regardless of the

actual number of courses taken. Under a flat fee model, students who take less than the institutionally-defined maximum course load are still charged for it. For students who do not or cannot take a full course load, the implementation of flat fees can represent enormous tuition fee increases, effectively side-stepping governmental tuition fee regulation. For students who already face multiple barriers to accessing post-secondary education, such as students with disabilities, students who are parents or caregivers, and students who are economically disadvantaged and have to work during the school year, flat fees represent another financial barrier. Flat fees also create a financial disincentive for active engagement in extra-curricular activities on and off campus, as well as penalising students who may wish to enrol in fewer courses in order maintain a higher academic average.

Post-secondary education institutions have used this tuition fee model as a way to offload their debt, incurred due to bad investment policies or chronic governmental underfunding, onto students.

Policy

Where tuition fees do exist, the Federation supports:
- Greater flexibility in course selection and increased accessibility of post-secondary education through the assessment of tuition fees strictly on a per course basis; and
- Students' right to determine the rate at which they complete post-secondary programmes without being financially penalised for taking less than an institutionally-determined full-time course load.

Where tuition fees do exist, the Federation opposes:
- Flat tuition fee structures that charge a standard fee for enrolment in a minimum number of courses, or a particular programme or faculty, regardless of the actual number of courses taken;
- The downloading of public underfunding, institutional debt, or financial mismanagement onto students in the form of fee structures that charge for courses students may not take;
- Fee increases that side-step governmental tuition fee regulation by exploiting loopholes, such as a lack of prohibition against implementing flat tuition fees;
- The application of tuition fee structures that create an economic disincentive for students to be actively involved in their campus community; and
- The financial penalisation and further marginalisation of students who have disabilities, who are parents or caregivers, who need to work throughout their studies, or who, for other reasons, do not pursue an institutionally-defined full course load.

2009/11:N88 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

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Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy on "Public Transportation" be amended to add:

2. Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) Programs

Preamble

Transit systems should be designed to provide affordable public transit to all citizens and should focus on creating systems that are equally accessible to all citizens. As a means of working toward this, bulk purchasing programs known as Universal Transit Passes (U-Pass) have been developed by transit authorities and universities and colleges across Canada. Depending on service and funding levels, U-Pass programs can either be progressive instruments that increase transit access to members, or regressive tax shifts that use students to subsidise under-funded transit systems.

Policy Statement

The Federation supports U-Pass programs as a means of providing increased accessibility to public transit to members at a reduced cost, with the following guiding principles:

a. Democratic Decision-Making

The terms and conditions, including price, should be set through negotiations between governments/transit authorities and students' unions and subject to ratification by union membership.

U-Pass contracts with governments/transit authorities should include a clause stipulating that all proposed increases to the U-Pass fee shall require membership approval via a referendum conducted by the students' union–notwithstanding the right of faculty, staff, and administrators to conduct their own democratic vote to participate in and raise fees for the U-Pass program.

b. System Input

U-Pass agreements should include mechanisms for students, through their students' unions, to have input into transit system operations, funding, design and planning as they relate to campus-specific transit services.

c. **Institutional Support**

In constructing U-Pass agreements, students' unions should endeavour to include their respective university or college as sponsors of the U-Pass such that any savings realized by institutions from reduced parking facilities and increased parking fees are passed on to students in the form of a subsidy to the U-Pass program. Institutional subsidies should be on a percentage basis.

d. **Access**

U-Pass agreements should prioritize affordable access to transit services and should identify free public transit in all of BC as a long-term goal of U-Pass programs.

U-Pass agreements should have opt-out clauses for members who live and work outside the transit service region and who have a minimal on-campus course-load.

e. **Universality**

U-Pass programs should be campus-wide and include agreements with all faculty, staff, students and administrators. Additionally, programs in the same region/area should not discriminate in price, service, or contractual obligations of the program based upon which institution one attends.

f. **Collective Bargaining**

In relation to universality, the Federation supports students' unions working together to collectively bargaining universal U-Pass agreements for their members in a given region/area. The Federation believes solidarity in collective bargaining is the only way to support the needs of all members.

g. **Portability**

Transit systems hosting a U-Pass program should provide free access to U-Pass holders of other transit systems in BC to create a network of access to public transit for all U-Pass holders in the province.

h. **Long-Term Goal**

Notwithstanding the existence of U-Pass agreements, the Federation will continue to campaign for a fully funded, public, province-wide system of transit provided to all citizens at no cost. Funding for transit should be provided through a progressive taxation system as opposed to user fees or private advertising, which are regressive forms of funding for a public service. U-Pass programs are not systems of taxation. As funding through taxation increases for public transit, U-Pass fees should be reduced along with all other forms of user fees.

2009/11:N89 **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy "Technology" be amended to read as follows:

Technology

Preamble

The Federation recognizes that technology plays a vital role in students academic and personal lives and has the ability to have both a positive and negative affect on the academic experience.

Policy

The Federation supports:
- the use of open source and free software at post-secondary institutions

The Federation opposes:
- the use of technology to censor access to the Internet;
- the purchase of hardware and software that lock the institution into long-term contracts with proprietary vendors to the exclusion of alternatives;
- additional student fees charged for technology;
- the use of technology to replace teachers and teaching assistants' labour; and
- forcing students to purchase technology in order to participate in an academic program

2009/11:N90 **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy "Student Support Services" be amended to read as follows:

Student Support Services

Policy

The Federation supports:

- the provision, at no additional costs to students, of support services that include, but are not limited to:
  - athletic facilities;
  - emergency food banks;
  - financial aid and assistance offices;
  - health, psychiatric, and psychological services;
  - high-quality on-campus childcare;
  - human rights and equity services;
  - legal, employment and tenant's rights counselling;
  - on-campus housing and housing support services;
  - personal advising and counselling;
  - services for Aboriginal students;
  - services for international students;
  - services for students with disabilities;
  - sexual assault support services ; and
  - transportation between campuses; and
- the availability of services with regular hours of operation that are accessible to all students.
- the adequate provision of funding by government student support services

The Federation opposes:

- the provision of services by academics institutions when they are operated in competition with services offered by students' union; and
- the use of ancillary or other institutional fees to fund the provision of student support services.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

5. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA

Provincial Component Meetings

November 2009 National General Meeting

1. **PREPARATION FOR COMPONENT DELIBERATIONS**
   a. **Roundtable Introductions**
   b. **Review of the Component Agenda**

2. **PREPARATION FOR SUBCOMMITTEES**
   a. **Overview of Subcommittees**
   b. **Overview of Selection Process**
   c. **Subcommittees Section Process**

   Standing Resolution 1, Section 2, *Committee Composition* states that:
   "Each caucus, constituency group and provincial component shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee."

   The Component will select representatives for each of the following plenary sub-committees:
   - Budget Committee;
   - Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
   - Policy Review and Development Committee.

3. **REVIEW OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

   The Component will review the motions that were submitted with notice for consideration at the November 2009 national general meeting and develop recommendations for the motions.

4. **REVIEW OF MEETING LOGISTICS**

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

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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AGENDA

National Aboriginal Caucus

November 2009 National General Meeting

1. ATTENDANCE and INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. REVIEW OF CAUCUS TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Caucus will review Standing Resolution 18.2.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

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

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

Standing Resolution 1, Section 2, *Committee Composition* states that:
"Each caucus, constituency group and provincial component shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee."

The Caucus will select representatives for each of the following plenary sub-committees:
- Budget Committee;
- Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
- Policy Review and Development Committee.

6. REVIEW OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Caucus will review the motions that were served with notice for consideration at the November 2009 national general meeting.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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

8. EXECUTIVE REPORT

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

9. REVIEW OF CAUCUS CAMPAIGNS

The meeting will review the status of current and new campaigns.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA
National Graduate Caucus
November 2009 National General Meeting

SESSION 1 – Thursday, November 26, 2009

1. ROLL CALL OF MEMBER LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

Local 3 University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan
Local 23 Simon Fraser Student Society
Local 21 University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association
Local 9 University of Regina Students' Union
Local 101 University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association
Local 96 University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association
Local 102 Brock University Graduate Students' Association
Local 78 Carleton University Graduate Students' Association
Local 62 University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association
Local 32 Lakehead University Student Union
Local 110 Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association
Local 39 McMaster University Graduate Students' Association
Local 94 University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant-e-s diplomé-e-s
Local 27 Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students
Local 24 Ryerson Students' Union
Local 85 Saint Paul University Students' Association
Local 19 University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union
Trent Graduate Student Association*
Local 47 University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students
Local 56 Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association
Local 48 University of Windsor Graduate Student Society
Local 84 York University Graduate Students' Association
Local 83 Concordia University Graduate Students' Association
Local 79 Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill University
Local 67 University of New Brunswick Graduate Students' Association
Local 70 University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association
Local 95 Cape Breton University Students' Union
Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students*
Local 34 Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union
Local 100 Graduate Students' Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland
* Prospective members / membres eventual

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

3. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting will consider the minutes of the May 2009 Caucus meeting.

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

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

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

The Caucus will select representatives for each of the following plenary sub-committees:
- Budget Committee;
- Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
- Policy Review and Development Committee.

6. REVIEW OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

SESSION 2 – Thursday November 26, 2009

7. UPDATE FROM PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

Caucus representatives to plenary sub-committees will report on the evening's deliberations.

8. REVIEW OF CAUCUS FINANCES

9. REPORT ON CAUCUS ACTIVITIES BY THE CAUCUS EXECUTIVE

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

10. CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DISCUSSION

The meeting will discuss campaigns and government relations activities including:
- the campaign to expose the dangers of commercialisation of research;
- the campaign to maintain/restore post-residency fees;
- the campaign for whistleblower protection legislation;
- copyright and intellectual property; and
- Open Access publishing and creative commons.

SESSION 3 – Saturday November 28, 2009

11. UPDATE FROM PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

Caucus representatives to plenary sub-committees will report on the previous evening's deliberations.

12. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA

Caucuses: Colleges and Institutes, Large Institutes, and Small Universities

November 2009 National General Meeting

1. **INTRODUCTIONS and OVERVIEW OF CAUCUS MEETING**
   - a. **Roundtable Introductions**
   - b. **Review of the Caucus Agenda**
   - c. **Review of the Caucus Terms of Reference**

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

   Standing Resolution 1, Section 2, *Committee Composition* states that:
   "Each caucus, constituency group and provincial component shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee."

   The Caucus will select representatives for each of the following plenary sub-committees:
   - Budget Committee;
   - Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
   - Policy Review and Development Committee.

3. **REVIEW OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

   The Caucus will review the motions that were served with notice for consideration at the November 2009 general meeting for the purpose of giving general direction to the Caucus' representatives on the committees.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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AGENDA

Constituency Groups

November 2009 National General Meeting

1. **INTRODUCTIONS and OVERVIEW OF CONSTITUENCY GROUP MEETINGS**
   - a. **Roundtable Introductions**
   - b. **Review of the Constituency Group Agenda**
   - c. **Review of the Constituency Group Terms of Reference**

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

   Standing Resolution 1, Section 2, *Committee Composition* states that:
   "Each caucus, constituency group and provincial component shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee."

   The Constituency Group will select representatives for each of the following plenary sub-committees:
   - Budget Committee;
   - Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
   - Policy Review and Development Committee.

3. **REVIEW OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

   The Constituency Group will review the motions that were served with notice for consideration at the November 2009 general meeting for the purpose of giving general direction to the Group's representatives on the committees.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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