



# 70<sup>th</sup> SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE SEMESTRIELLE

JUNE 4 TO 7, 2017 • 4 AU 7 JUIN 2017

## MINUTES

### Opening Plenary

70<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)  
June 2017 National General Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER - Sunday, June 4, 2017

At 5:21 p.m. the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Bilan Arte.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 36	Grenfell Campus Student Union	Present
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Absent
Local 100	Graduate Students' Union of Memorial University of Newfoundland	Present
Local 35	Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	Cape Breton University Students' Union	Present
Local 11	University of King's College Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Student Union of NSCAD University	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne	Present
Local 113	Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Present
Local 67	University of New Brunswick Graduate Student Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Union	Present
Local 112	Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal	Proxy
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Absent
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 111	Laurentian Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 110	Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 104	Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students	Proxy
Local 39	McMaster University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Absent
Local 41	Student Federation of the University of Ottawa/ Fédération étudiante de l'Université d'Ottawa	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa	Proxy
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Absent
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
Local 105	Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Proxy
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 109	University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Union	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent

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Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 106	Organization of Part Time University Students (University of Windsor)	Present
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 103	University of Manitoba Students' Union	Present
Local 38	Association Étudiante de l'Université de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Absent
Local 21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 03	University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan	Present
Local 73	Vancouver Community College Students' Union	Present
Local 18	Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local 61	Vancouver Island University Students' Union	Present
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Students' Union	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Union	Present
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Union	Absent
Local 53	Okanagan College Students' Union	Proxy
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local 04	Selkirk College Students' Union	Present
Local 15	Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	Absent
Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present

\* denotes prospective member

Arte declared that a quorum had been reached.

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

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

Local 53 designated Local 18 as its proxy for the meeting; and

Local 85 designated Local 88 as its proxy for the meeting;

Local 94 designated Local 41 as its proxy for the meeting.

Local 104 designated Local 110 as its proxy for the meeting.

Local 112 designated Local 110 as its proxy for the meeting.

### 3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

Arte explained that the National Executive recommended that Anna Goldfinch be ratified as the speaker.

#### 2017/06:001 MOTION

Local 68/Local 97

Be it resolved that Anna Goldfinch be ratified as the Plenary Speaker for the June 2017 national general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBER**

**2017/06:002 MOTION**

Local 67/Local 109

Be it resolved that Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students be ratified as Local 113 of the Canadian Federation of Students.

**CARRIED**

**5. ADOPTION OF THE PLENARY AGENDA**

**2017/06:003 MOTION**

Local 71/Local 99

Be it resolved that the opening plenary agenda for the 70<sup>th</sup> semi-annual national general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**2017/06:004 MOTION**

Local 41/Local 97

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 70<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**2017/06:005 MOTION**

Local 32/Local 68

Be it resolved that the minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students (-Services) be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**8. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES**

**a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures**

Goldfinch provided a brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order, the system of meeting rules and procedures that the Federation employs for plenary sessions, plenary sub-committee meetings and caucus meetings. She also reviewed relevant standing resolutions. Refer to standing resolution 3.

**b. Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting**

Anti-Harassment Advisors, Bofta Haile and Melissa Theodore, said that the Federation endeavored to create an environment at its national general meetings free of harassment. They said that at each national general meeting, the Federation employed at least one Anti-Harassment Advisor who would be available on a 24-hour basis to assist delegates.

**c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer**

National Treasurer Peyton Veitch, explained that he served as the Staff Relations Officer for the Federation. He said that the staff of the Federation are unionized with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1281 and that the relationship between the Federation and its staff was governed by a collective agreement.

**9. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS**

**a. Introduction of Nominating Committee**

Goldfinch said that, in accordance with Bylaw 5, Section 2, the National Executive had appointed Freyelle Mehari, Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario Organizer to the nominating committee.

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### **b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures**

Mehari explained that elections would be conducted at the general meeting for the following positions on the National Executive for the 2017-18 term: Alberta Representative, Saskatchewan Representative, Québec Representative, New Brunswick Representative, Prince Edward Island Representative, Francophone Students' Representative, Racialised Students' Representative, Women's Representative, Students with Disabilities Representative and Colleges and Institutes Representative.

Mehari reviewed timelines for elections and referred delegates to the agenda for the general meeting for additional information and to Bylaws 5 and 6, and Standing Resolutions 9, 11, 15, 19, 30, 31, and 32.

## **10. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS**

### **a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees**

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

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

### **b. Adoption of Sub-Committee Agendas**

#### **2017/06:006 MOTION**

Local 78/Local 37

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

**CARRIED**

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

### **a. Business Tabled from the November 2016 National General Meeting**

#### **2016/11:063 MOTION TO AMEND ISSUES POLICY**

Local 103/Local 109

Whereas International Students are presently assessed tuition at a higher rate than domestic students; and

Whereas increases in International Students' assessed fees are often disproportionate to increases in domestic students' rates; and

Whereas restricting the rate in which tuition rates can be increased does not harm existing policies on tuition rates; therefore

Be it resolved that notwithstanding current policy on tuition fees, the Federation amend the existing policy stance on International Students to include advocacy for a mandate to lock International Student fee increases to the same percentage as domestic students.

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage each Provincial component and each local to pass similar policies.

#### **2017/06:007 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 103/Local 113

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:068 be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

Speaker in favour: Delegate recommends this motion be referred in order to be able to motivate from the perspective of International Students in the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

Contrary speaker: Delegate speaks in opposition to the motion differentiating between a campaign and policy goal.

Speaker in favour: Delegate speaks in favour of the motion in order not to infringe on International Student voices.

Speaker in favour: Delegate echoes the sentiment of previous delegate.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:063 REFERRED**

**2016/11:033 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas a recent decision of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice suggested that the rules governing voting in certification referenda and decertification referenda are “out of step with the times”; and

Whereas the same decision noted that “in this era of electronic communication and distance learning, voting by paper ballot at a voting station seems antiquated and impractical”; and

Whereas the decision further noted that “it would be easy to envision any number of situations ... in [which] it could be argued that the requirements prescribed by the Bylaws [of the Federation] lead to hardship or unfairness” for some students; and

Whereas the decision was, despite this criticism, ultimately favourable to the Federation; and

Whereas, in light of this decision, the Federation should permit the use of electronic voting in conjunction with the continued use of paper ballots; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I.4.f.i be amended to read:

Voting must be conducted both electronically and by paper ballot, such that a voter may vote either on their personal electronic device or at a polling station. Electronic voting must be administered by a third party chosen by the Chief Returning Officer. Subject to an agreement between the Federation and the local student association, voting may also take place at a general meeting of the local student association or by mail-out ballot.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.6.g.i be amended to read:

Voting must be conducted both electronically and by paper ballot, such that a voter may vote either on their personal electronic device or at a polling station. Electronic voting must be administered by a third party chosen by the Chief Returning Officer. Subject to an agreement between the Federation and the local student association, voting may also take place at a general meeting of the local

**2017/06:008 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:038 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:033 REFERRED**

**2016/11:037 MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY**

Local 98 / Local 109

Whereas the Federation represents approximately 500,000 students; and

Whereas very few of the students represented by the Federation will ever attend a general meeting; and

Whereas it is therefore especially important that the minutes of general meetings provide a record of what is said as well as what business is transacted; and

Whereas meetings of the National Executive should also be minuted; and

Whereas the minutes of meetings of the National Executive should be available to all members; therefore

Be it resolved that the following be adopted as Operations Policy:

**Minutes**

Minutes should provide a record of what is said as well as what business is transacted. Therefore, the minutes taken by the Federation shall include summaries of all



**2016/11:041      REFERRED**

**2016/11:045      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas it is important that students be able to remove their names from all petitions, including certification petitions; and

Whereas there is a difference between being able to remove one's name from a petition and the practice of "counter-petitioning", in which students are encouraged to remove their names from a petition in order to prevent a vote from taking place; and

Whereas attempting to prevent a vote from taking place is anti-democratic; and

Whereas "counter-petitioning" is not and has never been explicitly permitted by the Bylaws, and should now be explicitly prohibited; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1.6.a be amended to include:

No representative of the Federation or representative of a local student association may encourage a student to request that their name be removed from a petition.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1.3.a.ii be amended to read:

The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of such students and delivered to the National Executive, a vote to certify as described in Bylaw I, Section 4. A student may request that their name be removed from a petition. If the National Executive receives such a request in writing, before the conclusion of the verification process of the petition, the name must be struck from the petition. The name shall not be included in the total number of names on the petition. No representative of the Federation or representative of a local student association may encourage a student to request that their name be removed from a petition.

**2017/06:012      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:050 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:045      REFERRED**

**2016/11:047      MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 98 /Local 109

Whereas Standing Resolution 17 defines a "large institution" as having at least 8,000 students and a "small institution" as having no more than 7,999 students; and

Whereas, as a result of increasing enrolment, two-thirds of the institutions whose students are represented in the Federation now qualify as large institutions; and

Whereas the definitions should now be brought into line with the current size of the institutions whose students are represented in the Federation;

Whereas, in order to account for the existence of multiple student associations at the same university, the definitions should consider the size of the institution rather than the size of the student association; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17.3 be amended to read:

The members of the Caucus of Large Institute Associations shall be member locals whose members are enrolled in an institute with at least 10,000 total students.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 17.4 be amended to read:

The members of the Caucus of Small Institute Associations shall be member locals whose members are enrolled in an institute with no more than 9,999 total students.

**2017/06:013      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:052 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:047      REFERRED**

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### 2016/11:049 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas every member of the Federation has the right to move motions at general meetings; and

Whereas many motions are referred to the three Standing Committees for review; and

Whereas the mover of a motion should always be able to speak in favour of said motion, including when said motion is before the relevant Standing Committee; therefore

Be it resolved that the following be adopted as Standing Resolution 1.2.d:

The mover of a motion that is before a Standing Committee shall be granted speaking rights for the duration of the debate on said motion.

### 2017/06:014 MOTION TO REFER

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:054 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

### 2016/11:049 REFERRED

### 2016/11:051 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas the Bylaws of the Federation are enacted in the name of “the students of Canada”; and

Whereas the student movement is, and must remain, a movement led by students and their elected representatives; and

Whereas it is therefore inappropriate for non-students to represent students at National General Meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that definition of “delegate” be amended to read:

For all purposes of these Bylaws, a “delegate” shall be any student of a member local student association, having paid the applicable general meeting delegates fee.

### 2017/06:015 MOTION TO REFER

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:056 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

### 2016/11:051 REFERRED

### 2016/11:059 MOTION

Local 103/Local 109

Whereas the Closing Plenary is a vital component of both General Meetings; and

Whereas many General Meetings have motions omnibussed, with insufficient time to properly debate matters; and

Whereas the purpose of the General Meetings is for Member Locals to discuss the governing of the Federation, and time spent on workshops does not further the governing of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that future General Meetings be reconfigured to account for the entirety of the final day to be for Closing Plenary, with a one hour break each for lunch and dinner.

Be it further resolved that the time allocated for workshops be removed from the middle of the day, and replaced with committee meetings, and offer optional workshops in the evening.

### 2017/06:016 MOTION TO REFER

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:064 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

### 2016/11:059 REFERRED



- 2016/11:061 MOTION**  
Local 103/Local 109  
Whereas the financial matters of the Federation are important to all locals, and a proper budget is essential to ensuring appropriate usage of student funding; and  
Whereas timely access to the financial records of the Federation is the right of each member local; and  
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students - Services are two separate entities; therefore:  
Be it resolved that all CFS budgets, including the previous year's projections, be available online no more than one week after each General Meeting, updated with the most recent year-to-date expenses; and  
Be it further resolved that CFS, and CFS- Services be required to produce their own independent budget, both to be adopted by the membership at General Meetings.
- 2017/06:017 MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 88/Local 106  
Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:066 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.  
**CARRIED**
- 2016/11:061 REFERRED**
- 2016/11:069 MOTION**  
Local 105/Local 109  
Whereas CRM (customer relationship management) programs, such as NationBuilder and Salesforce have helped many not-for-profit organizations, as well as various labour unions, to maintain contact with their membership, in an organized fashion; and  
Whereas Excel has become extremely difficult to maintain databases, and only offers a simplistic way of organizing; and  
Whereas member locals are required to mobilize students and volunteers on campus; therefore,  
Be it resolved that the Federation investigate in a CRM program that could benefit all member locals, at a low cost.
- 2017/06:018 MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 88/Local 106  
Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:074 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.  
**CARRIED**
- 2016/11:069 REFERRED**
- 2016/11:073 MOTION**  
Local 105/Local 109  
Whereas the Federation has launched a robust mental health campaign with the goal of making campus mental health services more accessible, intersectional, and diverse;  
Whereas access to specialized mental health care can be extremely costly and therefore inaccessible to many of our members;  
Whereas as part of the National Student Health Network and through our provider Green Shield Canada, we have the opportunity to negotiate improved coverage for mental health services, such as psychological care;  
Whereas many locals are proud to be a part of a national student health network that utilizes a not-for-profit health plan provider;  
Be it resolved that the Federation investigate opportunities for more robust coverage for mental health services through Green Shield Canada and the National Student Health Network.

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**2017/06:019      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:078 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:073      REFERRED**

**2016/11:083      MOTION**

Local 61/Local 109

Whereas Bylaw 7.4.c states that the “audited financial statements for the preceding financial year shall be presented to the members at each semi-annual general meeting”; and

Whereas the last audited financial statements presented to any semi-annual general meeting were the statements for the financial year ending June 30, 2013; and

Whereas close to one third of a decade—three years, three months and one-week (as of October 7)—has passed since the end of the last fiscal year for which audited financial statements have been presented for consideration to the member student unions; and

Whereas the audited financial statements serve as a fundamental basis on which the member student unions make decisions about the future of the organization; and

Whereas the audited financial statements serve as a fundamental basis for the member student unions to judge the performance of the elected board members, especially those who may be seeking re-election; and

Whereas in order for the Federation to function democratically as the Constitution and Bylaws envision, the Bylaws, Policies and Standing Resolutions of the Federation, and the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, establish the voting members’ right to information, particularly financial information, in order for them to make sound financial decisions; and

Whereas in the absence of audited financial statements the member student union have been functioning in a proverbial vacuum when trying to make financial and related decisions for the past two years; and

Whereas as a consequence one must reach the obvious conclusion that the Federation has ceased to function as a democracy insofar as representatives at Federation general meetings and even elected board members have been deprived of the information necessary upon which to represent their constituents; and

Whereas “taxation without representation” cannot be tolerated, whether in the case of a government or an organization within civil society; and

Whereas the membership fees paid by member student unions during the 2015-16 and current membership years amounted to “taxation without representation” therefore

Be it resolved that any member students’ union that feels it did not receive sufficient financial information on which to make sound decisions during the 2015-16 membership year be entitled to a full refund of its membership fees for the year; and

Be it further resolved that any member student union that feels it has not received sufficient financial information on which to make sound decisions for the current membership year (i.e. 2016-17) be entitled to a full refund of its membership fees for the year.

**2017/06:020      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:088 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:083      REFERRED**

**2016/11:085      MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 109/Local 88

Whereas students collectively belonging to a local student association have sole authority to start petitions to join (certify) and leave (decertify) the Federation; and

Whereas valid petitions to certify require signatures from at least (10%) of students and petitions to decertify require signatures from at least percent (20%) of students belonging to a student association; and

Whereas perennial discussion on the different thresholds has distracted from the campaigns work of the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation is committed to empowering students and maintaining fair, consistent processes;

Be it resolved that the bylaws be amended such that a vote on certification or decertification from the Federation can be initiated by a petition signed by not less than fifteen percent (15%) of students collectively belonging to a member local student association; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1.3 a. ii be amended to read as follows:

The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than fifteen percent (15%) of such students and delivered to the National Executive, a vote to certify as described in Bylaw I, Section 4.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1.3 a. iii be amended to read as follows:

The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have sole authority to initiate a vote on decertification, as described in Bylaw I, Section 6, by submitting to the National Executive of the Federation a petition, signed by not less than fifteen percent (15%) of such students, calling for the vote.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1.6 be amended to reflect this change and that the first paragraph of Bylaw 1.6 be amended to read as follows:

As per Bylaw I, Section 3.a.iii a petition calling for a vote on decertification shall be signed by no less than fifteen percent (15%) of the students collectively belonging to the member local student association and delivered to the National Executive of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that any other reference to this threshold in any operating documents or publications of the Federation be amended to reflect this change.

**2017/06:021**

**MOTION TO REFER**

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:090 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:085**

**REFERRED**

**2016/11:087**

**MOTION**

Local 109/Local 88

Be it resolved that the Federation create a Council of Constituency representatives on a twelve-month trial basis, commencing at the end of the November 2016 Annual General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the following terms of reference shall guide the Council for a period of one year and that the National Executive provide a recommendation on formalizing the Council structure at the June 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting

**Terms of Reference for the Council of Constituency Representatives**

1. Objectives

The objectives of the Council shall be:

- a. to promote the principles and purposes of the Federation;
- b. to promote communication and cooperation between constituency group members in post-secondary educational institutions across Canada;
- c. to provide assist in the development of and provide feedback related to campaigns, advocacy and representation

2. Composition

- a. Commissioners

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The Council shall be comprised of the following voting members, not to exceed one (1) representative per constituency:

- i. Francophone Students Commissioner
- ii. International Students Commissioner
- iii. National Aboriginal Caucus Chairperson
- iv. Part-Time and Mature Students Commissioner
- v. Queer Students Commissioner
- vi. Racialized Students Commissioner
- vii. Student Artists Commissioner
- viii. Students with Disabilities Commissioner
- ix. Women's Commissioner

b. The Council shall be comprised of the following non-voting members:

- i. National Chairperson
- ii. National Deputy Chairperson

### 3. Terms of Office of the Council

The term of the office for the positions on the Council shall commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected and shall expire at the close of the subsequent Annual General Meeting.

### 4. Meeting of the Council

#### a. Frequency of Meetings

The Council shall meet at least one (1) time between regularly scheduled General Meetings of the Federation and typically by teleconference.

#### b. Quorum

At least 4 of the voting positions on the Council that are currently filled shall constitute quorum for the transaction of business. Non-voting positions shall not count towards quorum.

#### c. Notice of Meeting

Formal notice of all Council meetings shall be communicated to each member of the Council no less than seven (7) days before the meeting is to take place. Meetings of the Council shall be held without notice, if all the Council representatives are present, or if those who are absent waive notice or signify their consent in writing to the meeting being held in their absence.

#### d. Calling a Meeting

The National Chairperson will coordinate meetings.

#### e. Number of Votes

Each voting member of the Council shall have only one (1) vote.

### 5. Remuneration of Council members

Voting members of the Council who are Commissioners as outlined in Section 1.a. shall receive a \$500 honorarium for their term on the Council.

2017/06:022

#### **MOTION TO REFER**

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:092 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

#### **CARRIED**

2016/11:087

#### **REFERRED**

**b. New Motions Served with Notice**

- 2017/06:023 MOTION**  
 Local 106/ Local 88  
 "Whereas there are almost 496,000 part-time students in Canada according to StatsCan;  
 Whereas there are currently six student unions across the country that specifically represent part time and mature students;  
 Whereas many other student unions have developed systems to recognize the needs of specifically addressing and supporting part-time and mature students;  
 Whereas the Part-Time and Mature Students Constituency is the sole national voice for raising issues specifically of part-time and mature students;  
 Whereas continued recognition of the unique experience and issues of part-time and mature students is essential to the continued success of the student movement's efforts;  
 Whereas continuing education students are often part-time and face similar issues to those of part-time and mature students; therefore  
 Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students organize a roundtable on the needs of part-time students, working with coalition partners, member locals, the six part-time student unions where possible, government officials and any other organization the National Executive deems fit to build a cohesive plan and vision for supporting part-time, mature and continuing education federally.
- 2016/11:024 MOTION TO REFER**  
 Local 88/Local 106  
 Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:023 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
- CARRIED**
- 2017/06:023 REFERRED**
- 2017/06:025 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**  
 Local 72/Local 88  
 Whereas Part 16, Subsection 253(1) of the *Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act* states that remedies for oppression include any actions, activities or acts that are deemed oppressive or unfairly prejudicial to or unfairly disregards the interests of any shareholder, creditor, director, officer or member;  
 Whereas individual members pay fees and have the right to vote on their involvement in the Federation;  
 Whereas the Federation's bylaws restricts the number of decertification votes to two per semester;  
 Whereas this bylaw disenfranchises members whose programs are only one or two years in length;  
 Whereas under this bylaw, individual members of a local association may have to wait years after submitting a petition before having a referendum on membership;  
 Whereas many members who sign a petition on membership will have completed their education or left the institution by the time a referendum is called;  
 Whereas there are no limitations on the number of certification votes that can happen in a 3-month period;  
 Be it resolved that Bylaw 1 Section 6.b.iii be struck and subsequent subsections be renumbered accordingly.
- 2017/06:026 MOTION TO REFER**  
 Local 88/Local 106  
 Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:025 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.
- CARRIED**
- 2017/06:025 REFERRED**

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- 2017/06:027 MOTION**  
Local 78/Local 88  
Whereas Canada has a largely public system of healthcare, yet fails to extend its policy of universality to medications prescribed by healthcare professionals;  
Whereas a right to health regardless of cost should not exclude pharmaceuticals prescribed by medical professionals;  
Whereas in 2016 the Canadian Nurses Association submitted its recommendation to the Standing Committee on Health in support of a national pharmacare strategy;  
Whereas students' unions frequently provide health plan benefits to members in an effort to curb the cost of prescribed medications and other items, yet this kind of piecemeal approach is less preferred than a universal system;  
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students endorse the Canadian Nurses Association's call for a national pharmacare strategy in Canada.
- 2016/11:028 MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 88/Local 106  
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:027 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.  
**CARRIED**
- 2017/06:023 REFERRED**
- 2017/06:029 MOTION**  
Local 78/Local 88  
Whereas the Federation has previously supported anti-war initiatives, including the development of "Drop Fees, Not Bombs" pins;  
Whereas the current escalation of military conflict in Syria threatens lives and learning;  
Whereas a group called "Books Not Bombs" has called for American campuses to establish scholarships for Syrian refugee youth;  
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students investigate means to support student refugees from Syria and other areas affected by war and military conflict;  
Be it further resolved that the CFS approach anti-war organizers in Canada and groups like "Books Not Bombs" internationally to coordinate efforts.
- 2016/11:030 MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 88/Local 106  
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:029 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.  
**CARRIED**
- 2017/06:029 REFERRED**
- 2017/06:031 MOTION**  
Local 47/Local 88  
Whereas graduate students form a significant portion of the CFS membership;  
Whereas graduate students frequently find themselves in a precarious financial situation;  
Whereas one reason for this precarity is the frequent need to continue master's and doctoral programs beyond the prescribed residency or funding period;  
Be it resolved that the CFS lobby for legislature mandating reduced tuition for graduate students who have completed their course work;  
Be it resolved that the CFS lobby for longer funding periods for programs that regularly require longer completion times.
- 2016/11:032 MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 88/Local 106  
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:31 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.  
**CARRIED**

**2017/06:031      REFERRED**

**2017/06:033      MOTION**

Local 47/Local 88

Whereas graduate students frequently seek financial assistance in order to fund their studies;

Whereas many graduate students incur debt in order to pursue graduate studies, in addition to any debt that they may carry from their undergraduate studies;

Whereas the CFS has been active in lobbying provincial governments for needs-based grants for undergraduate students;

Be it resolved that the CFS lobby provincial governments for needs-based grants for graduate students.

**2016/11:034      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:033 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:033      REFERRED**

**2017/06:035      MOTION**

Local 47/Local 88

Whereas graduate students are essential in building and maintaining Canada's reputation as a leader in research and innovation;

Whereas pursuing graduate research comes with significant and often burdensome costs;

Be it resolved that the CFS lobby for government subsidies for students seeking publications in top academic journals;

Be it resolved that the CFS lobby for expansion of the Tri-Agency grants available to graduate students.

**2016/11:036      MOTION TO REFER**

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:035 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:035      REFERRED**

**2017/06:037      MOTION**

Local 67/Local 88

Whereas international students face unique barriers to accessing a post-secondary education in Canada; and

Whereas the Federation is committed to developing and running a Fairness for International Students campaign across Canada to combat these barriers; and

Whereas this work would be best lead by international students; and

Where there is currently no dedicated representation of international students on the Federation's Executive Committee; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw IV.b. be amended to include:

International Students Commissioner in the National Executive of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V be amended to include:

Timing of Nominations of the International Students Commissioner:

The nominations for the International Students Commissioner shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 12.7 be amended to include:

Constituency Group Election Procedure:

The International Students Commissioner on the National Executive will be elected from the members of the Constituency Group at a meeting of the Constituency Group during the semi-

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annual general meeting of the Federation. The International Students Commissioner on the National Executive shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Representative shall hold the position until the closing plenary of the following semiannual national general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 12 be amended to include:

8. Duties and Responsibilities of the International Students Commissioner on the National Executive

The duties and responsibilities of the International Students Commissioner on the National Executive shall be to:

- a. act as liaison between the Constituency Group and the National Executive;
- b. facilitate Constituency Group meetings during national general meetings
- c. represent the interests of the Constituency Group on the National Executive
- d. take direction from the Constituency Group during national general meetings
- e. oversee and co-ordinate campaigns initiated by the Constituency Group
- f. send to International student organizations and member associations brief semi-annual reports which could include information about campaigns, activities, and goals pertaining to the constituency and seek information which could facilitate the work of the Constituency Group within the Federation.
- g. communicate regularly with designated officers from provincial components and international representative in the locals.
- h. carry out the duties as do other National Executive members as outlined in Bylaw V in the Federation's Constitution and Bylaws.

**2017/06:038**      **MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:037 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:037**      **REFERRED**

**c.      Motion referred to the National Executive**

Motion 2016/11:062 was referred to the National Executive for consideration at the November 2016 national general meeting. The National Executive is recommending adoption of the motion.

**2016/11:062**      **MOTION TO AMEND ISSUES POLICY**  
Local 70 / Local 109

Whereas the Government of Canada has committed to implementing a new electoral system before the next federal election; and

Whereas there currently sits the Special Committee on Electoral Reform to investigate which electoral system best represents the views of Canadians; and

Whereas electoral systems based on, or including elements of, proportional representation have been shown to increase voter turn-out amongst students and youth; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has an existing policy on elections calling for governments to take actions that will increase student and youth voter turn-out in elections; and

Whereas that policy does not explicitly endorse electoral systems based on, or including elements of, proportional representation; therefore

Be it resolved that the policy on Elections be amended to include:



The Federation supports:

the introduction of electoral systems based on, or including elements of, proportional representation at the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government in Canada.

**2017/06:039 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 88/Local 106

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:062 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:062 REFERRED**

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

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

Please refer to the report of the National Executive.

**13. QUESTION PERIOD**

As per Standing Resolution 3.10 the plenary session will include a thirty-minute question period.

Delegate questions the financial documents on the website, the letter from the auditor, and a lengthier budget. National Treasurer responds clarifying the budget will be circulated Tuesday and that the letter from the auditor changed in formatting and date only.

Delegate posed a question regarding how the CFS will hold the Federal Government to account regarding their announcement of ninety-million-dollar funding for Indigenous education. Chairperson responds indicating that National Executive members will be following up with the appropriate Ministerial offices throughout the year and during Lobby Week in particular.

Delegate questions status of decertification petitions. Deputy Chairperson responds that the omission in the National Executive Report was an oversight, but clarifies there have been petitions verified and referendum dates proposed however due to fees being withheld by BCFS referenda could not yet be scheduled.

Delegate asks whether there any plans to update the End The Ban campaign. Deputy Chairperson gives update regarding the current state of the blood ban and how the campaign has changed to reflect that.

Delegate question regarding the selection of anti-harassment officers and their credentials. Chairperson responds that anti-harassment officers are selected based on their previous experience in general meetings who uphold the anti-harassment policy of the Federation, they can refer situations to professionals where necessary.

Delegate wonders how work with Labour partners will continue moving forward with the Fight For \$15 Campaign. The National Treasurer responds that we must continue to build upon connections built around the National Day of Action in several campaigns. The National Executive commits to working with \$15 and Fairness to expand the campaign on campuses.

Delegate asks for more information regarding access to tri-council funding for international students and what work is being done on eliminating fees for international students. National Graduate Caucus Chairperson indicates there is push-back in Lobby efforts in eliminating differential fees for International students, the Fairness for International Students campaign is being redesigned and will highlight including International Students for tri-council funding and include lobbying at the provincial level, to collaborate between the graduate student caucus and international student constituency.

Delegate questions how undergraduate students can amplify the campaigns of graduate students. National Graduate Caucus Chairperson responds that the student-worker coalitions can include graduate students, we can learn what strategies work for locals that represent both

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undergraduate and graduate students and learn about issues such as Copyright and Anti-Corporatization campaigns.

Delegate echoes the sentiment of many previous speakers by thanking the National Executive for their work. The delegate's question is how can services of the Federation be better promoted in order to reach members. The Deputy Chairperson responds that the CFS has produced customizable pamphlets and other materials over the past year and will continue to do so, as well, negotiation of block health and dental plan coverage for graduate students' unions has begun in order to better service graduate students. New staff have been hired to assist and promote the services of the Federation.

Delegate wondering about how announcement of free college education for students in New York impacts organizing in the Canadian context. The Chairperson applauds the work of the United States Students' Association, and comments that students in Canada must build on that momentum, goals for the Federation will be set in the upcoming Campaign's Forum. The National Graduate Caucus Chairperson notes that municipalities have taken a role in New York victory and that we should work with municipalities in Canada as well.

Delegate wonders about the status of the Where's the Justice Campaign of the CIRCLE. Incoming Chair of the CIRCLE indicates interest in having more Indigenous students partake in Lobbying efforts, working with partners such as Idle No More. Outgoing Chair of the CIRCLE indicates that a Lobby Document was created with input from members of the CIRCLE.

Delegate wonders why members of the National Executive attended their campus. The Deputy Chairperson indicated that the purpose of the visit was to promote free education, as well as services and campaigns of the Federation.

Delegate asks about the lobbying goals to end unpaid internships are for the year. National Treasurer responds that although unpaid internships will be eliminated in the federal sector it excludes internships that are part of a course credit program. The National Treasurer met with coalition partners at the CLC Convention and the Federation will continue to work with organizations which advocate for the elimination of unpaid internships.

**2017/06:040**

### **MOTION**

Local 41/ Local 109

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

**CARRIED**

## **14. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **15. RECESS**

**2017/06:041**

### **MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 110/Local 113

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 13:30 on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

**CARRIED**



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#### CALL BACK TO ORDER - Wednesday, June 7, 2017

At 2:19 p.m. the meeting was called back to order by National Chairperson Bilan Arte.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 36	Grenfell Campus Student Union	Present
Local 45	Marine Institute Students' Union	Absent
Local 100	Graduate Students' Union of Memorial University of Newfoundland	Present
Local 35	Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union	Present
Local 46	College of the North Atlantic Students' Union	Absent
Local 95	Cape Breton University Students' Union	Present
Local 11	University of King's College Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Student Union of NSCAD University	Present
Local 69	Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne	Present
Local 113	Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Present
Local 67	University of New Brunswick Graduate Student Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Union	Present
Local 112	Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal	Proxy
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Students' Union	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Absent
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 111	Laurentian Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 110	Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 104	Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students	Proxy
Local 39	McMaster University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Absent
Local 41	Student Federation of the University of Ottawa/ Fédération étudiante de l'Université d'Ottawa	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l'Université d'Ottawa	Proxy
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Absent
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
Local 105	Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Proxy
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union	Present
Local 109	University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present

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Local	97	University of Toronto Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students	Present
Local	98	University of Toronto Students' Union	Present
Local	71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local	47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local	56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local	48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local	106	Organization of Part Time University Students (University of Windsor)	Present
Local	49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local	68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local	84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local	37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local	96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local	103	University of Manitoba Students' Union	Present
Local	38	Association Étudiante de l'Université de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local	08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local	90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Present
Local	09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local	101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local	42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Absent
Local	21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local	03	University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan	Present
Local	73	Vancouver Community College Students' Union	Present
Local	18	Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local	33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local	26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local	61	Vancouver Island University Students' Union	Present
Local	13	College of New Caledonia Students' Union	Present
Local	72	North Island Students' Union	Present
Local	66	Northwest Community College Students' Union	Absent
Local	53	Okanagan College Students' Union	Proxy
Local	86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local	04	Selkirk College Students' Union	Present
Local	15	Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	Absent
Local	75	Camosun College Student Society	Present

Arte declared that a quorum had been reached.

### 2. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

National Treasurer Peyton Veitch presented the Budget Committee Report.

#### a. 2015-16 audited financial statements

##### 2017/06:042 MOTION

Local 105/Local 97

Be it resolved that the 2015-16 audited financial statements of the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### b. Proposal to adopt 2017-2018 budget

##### 2017/06:043 MOTION

Local 11/Local 71

Be it resolved the 2017-2018 budget be adopted.

**2017/06:044 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 61/Local 18

Be it resolved that Membership Drives and Referenda line in the 2017-2018 budget be amended to read \$400,000.

Speaker in favour: there is the possibility of several referenda in the coming year to take into account when budgeting.

Contrary speaker: locals who have submitted petitions are in not in good standing.

Contrary speaker: questions where the budget of \$400,000 would come from.

Speaker in favour: recognize that members have submitted petitions and that dates should be set by the National Executive in the fall semester.

Contrary speaker: want to ensure the federation remains in good financial standing.

Speaker in favour: If no referendum occurs no funds would be spent.

**DEFEATED**

**2017/06:045 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 18/Local 61

Be it resolved that a separate schedule be created for the 2017 RISE Summit.

Be it further resolved that the Guest Speaker lines for National Congress (November) and National Congress (Spring) be increased to \$10,000

Speaker in favour: to better determine if any measures should be taken to modify accommodations or programming at the RISE Summit in the future based on further breakdown of the 2017 budget and to increase the possibility of obtaining high profile speakers at future National Congress'.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:043 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

Abstentions noted: Local 103

**2017/06:046 MOTION TO ADOPT BUDGET REPORT**

Local 88/Local 105

Be it resolved that the budget report be adopted.

Contrary speaker: audits and draft budget were not received within prescribed timelines

**CARRIED**

The following member local students' unions abstained from Motion-2017/06:045: Local 111, Local 24 and Local 101

**3. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT**

Nova Scotia National Executive Representative Charlotte Kiddell presented the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum Report.

**a. Policy regarding policy on international student fees**

**2016/11:063 MOTION**

Local 103/Local 109

Whereas International Students are presently assessed tuition at a higher rate than domestic students; and

Whereas increases in International Students' assessed fees are often disproportionate to increases in domestic students' rates; and

Whereas restricting the rate in which tuition rates can be increased does not harm existing policies on tuition rates; therefore

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Be it resolved that notwithstanding current policy on tuition fees, the Federation amend the existing policy stance on International Students to include advocacy for a mandate to lock International Student fee increases to the same percentage as domestic students.

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage each Provincial component and each local to pass similar policies.

Speaker in favour: this motion could be a good conversation starter for International Students to discuss how much revenue they create for Canada.

Contrary speaker: International students constituency has voted to defeat the motion.

Contrary speaker: this motion is contrary to the Fight The Fees campaign, be an ally and heed the recommendation of the International students constituency.

Speaker in favour: this is the first step to help International students obtain free education

Contrary speaker: echoes the sentiment of the International students constituency and campaigns committee that recommended defeat of the motion.

Speaker in favour: International student fees should not increase at a greater pace than domestic students.

### **DEFEATED**

The following member local students' union noted opposition to Motion-2016/11:063: Local 103.

The following member local students' union abstained from Motion-2016/11:063: Locals 84, 9 and 8.

### **2016/11:063 DEFEATED**

#### **b. Proposal on roundtable on needs of part-time students**

### **2017/06:023 MOTION**

Local 106/Local 88

Whereas there are almost 496,000 part-time students in Canada according to StatsCan;

Whereas there are currently six student unions across the country that specifically represent part time and mature students;

Whereas many other student unions have developed systems to recognize the needs of specifically addressing and supporting part-time and mature students;

Whereas the Part-Time and Mature Students Constituency is the sole national voice for raising issues specifically of part-time and mature students;

Whereas continued recognition of the unique experience and issues of part-time and mature students is essential to the continued success of the student movement's efforts;

Whereas continuing education students are often part-time and face similar issues to those of part-time and mature students; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students organize a roundtable on the needs of part-time students, working with coalition partners, member locals, the six part-time student unions where possible, government officials and any other organization the National Executive deems fit to build a cohesive plan and vision for supporting part-time, mature and continuing education federally.

### **2017/06:047 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 84/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:023 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students organize a roundtable on the needs of part-time and mature students, working with coalition partners, member locals, the six part-time student unions where possible, government officials and any other organization the National Executive deems fit to build a cohesive plan and vision for supporting part-time, mature and continuing education federally.

Speaker in favour: highlighting the plight of part-time and mature students is important.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:023 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**c. Proposal to develop campaign on national pharmacare strategy**

**2017/06:027 MOTION**

Local 78/Local 88

Whereas Canada has a largely public system of healthcare, yet fails to extend its policy of universality to medications prescribed by healthcare professionals;

Whereas a right to health regardless of cost should not exclude pharmaceuticals prescribed by medical professionals;

Whereas in 2016 the Canadian Nurses Association submitted its recommendation to the Standing Committee on Health in support of a national pharmacare strategy;

Whereas students' unions frequently provide health plan benefits to members in an effort to curb the cost of prescribed medications and other items, yet this kind of piecemeal approach is less preferred than a universal system;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students endorse the Canadian Nurses Association's call for a national pharmacare strategy in Canada.

**2017/06:048 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 78/Local 68

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:027 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students advocate for international students to be included in a national pharmacare strategy in Canada.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:049 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 84/Local 105

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:027 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students endorse the Canadian Nurses Association and Council of Canadian's call for a national pharmacare strategy in Canada; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students advocate for international students to be included in a national pharmacare strategy in Canada.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:027 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**d. Proposal to develop an anti-war campaign**

**2017/06:029 MOTION**

Local 78/Local 88

Whereas the Federation has previously supported anti-war initiatives, including the development of "Drop Fees, Not Bombs" pins;

Whereas the current escalation of military conflict in Syria threatens lives and learning;

Whereas a group called "Books Not Bombs" has called for American campuses to establish scholarships for Syrian refugee youth;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students investigate means to support student refugees from Syria and other areas affected by war and military conflict;

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Be it further resolved that the CFS approach anti-war organizers in Canada and groups like “Books Not Bombs” internationally to coordinate efforts.

**2017/06:050 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 99/Local 103

Be it resolved that second clause in Motion 2017/06:029 be struck and the first clause be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students investigate means to support student refugees from areas affected by war and military conflict.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:051 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 78/Local 41

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:029 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the CFS and its member locals be encouraged to support and participate in anti-war and anti-militarism initiatives on and off campuses; and

Be it further resolved that the CFS oppose increased military spending in Canada.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:052 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 69/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:029 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the CFS, to the extent possible, partner with and support bilingual anti-war campaigns.

**2017/06:053 MOTION TO AMEND AMENDMENT**

Local 38/Local 88

Be it further resolved that the CFS partner with and support bilingual anti-war campaigns.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:054 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 68/Local 71

Be it further resolved that the CFS revamp and further develop the Students Against War campaign.

Speaker in favour: to take concrete action and engage in meaningful steps to further the anti-war movement within the student movement.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:029 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**e. Proposal to develop post-residency fees campaign**

**2017/06:031 MOTION**

Local 47/Local 88

Whereas graduate students form a significant portion of the CFS membership;

Whereas graduate students frequently find themselves in a precarious financial situation;

Whereas one reason for this precarity is the frequent need to continue master’s and doctoral programs beyond the prescribed residency or funding period;

Be it resolved that the CFS lobby for legislation mandating reduced tuition for graduate students who have completed their course work; and



Be it further resolved that the CFS lobby for longer funding periods for programs that regularly require longer completion times.

**2017/06:055 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 113/Local 47

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:031 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the CFS lobby for legislation mandating reduced tuition for graduate students who have completed their course work and that, while in coursework, they pay tuition fees based on the number of courses they are currently enrolled in; and

Be it further resolved that the CFS lobby for longer funding periods for programs that regularly require longer completion times.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:056 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 47/Local 100

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:031 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the CFS lobby for legislation mandating reduced tuition for international and domestic graduate students who have completed their course work and that, while in coursework, they pay tuition fees based on the number of courses they are currently enrolled in;

Be it further resolved that the CFS lobby for longer funding periods for programs that regularly require longer completion times.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:057 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 100/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:031 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the Federation lobby at the federal level for the length of study permits to align with the average time to completion for graduate programs.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:031 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**f. Proposal to lobby for needs-based grants**

**2017/06:033 MOTION**

Local 47/Local 88

Whereas graduate students frequently seek financial assistance in order to fund their studies;

Whereas many graduate students incur debt in order to pursue graduate studies, in addition to any debt that they may carry from their undergraduate studies;

Whereas the CFS has been active in lobbying provincial governments for needs-based grants for undergraduate students;

Be it resolved that the CFS lobby provincial governments for needs-based grants for graduate students.

**2017/06:058 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 47/Local 19

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:033 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the CFS work with provincial CFS components to lobby provincial governments for needs-based grants for international and domestic graduate students.

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**CARRIED**

**2017/06:059 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 97/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:033 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the CFS work with provincial CFS components to lobby provincial governments for needs-based grants for international and domestic graduate students and mature and part-time students.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:033 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**g. Proposal to lobby for the expansion of tri-council funding**

**2017/06:035 MOTION**

Local 47/Local 88

Whereas graduate students are essential in building and maintaining Canada's reputation as a leader in research and innovation;

Whereas pursuing graduate research comes with significant and often burdensome costs;

Be it resolved that the CFS lobby for government subsidies for students seeking publications in top academic journals;

Be it further resolved that the CFS lobby for expansion of the Tri-Agency grants available to graduate students.

**2017/06:060 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 47/Local 78

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:035 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the CFS lobby for government subsidies for students seeking publications in peer reviewed academic journals; and

Be it further resolved that the CFS lobby for expansion of the Tri-Agency grants available to graduate students.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:061 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 47/Local 100

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:035 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the CFS lobby for government subsidies for students seeking publications in peer reviewed academic journals; and

Be it further resolved that the CFS lobby for expansion of the Tri-Agency grants by making international students able to apply; and

Be it further resolved that the CFS lobby for the expansion of the tri-agency grants available to international and domestic graduate students by raising funding to the tri-council agencies.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:035 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**h. Proposal to support Fight for \$15 and Fairness**

**2017/06:062 MOTION**

Local 84/Local 82

Whereas the May 30<sup>th</sup> announcement by the Ontario government presented a package of reforms coming out of the changing workplaces review and the Fight for \$15 and Fairness; and

Whereas the reforms include a significant raise in minimum wage, extra paid vacation, paid emergency leave days, protection against contract flipping, equal pay for part-time, casual, temporary and contract workers, extension in card-based certification and fairer scheduling; and

Whereas if enacted, the changes will represent a significant victory for workers across Ontario; and

Whereas despite some major improvements there is still work to be done to ensure the addition of other demands of the Fight for \$15 and Fairness campaign to the legislation over the summer; and

Whereas announced reforms do not include the removal of sub-minimum wage rates set out in the ESA, so the pay differentials for students under 18, liquor servers, farm workers and hunting and fishing guides remain; and

Whereas the sub-minimum wage rates have direct significant impact on the membership of the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation could play an important role in the legislation negotiations in Ontario over the next few month; and

Whereas the Fight for \$15 and Fairness campaign is gaining momentum all across Canada and the United States as a progressive labour movement; and

Whereas the Federation takes pride and power in solidarity with the labour movement and creating strong student-workers coalitions; and

Whereas the newly formed NDP government in British Columbia is also discussing the possibility of a \$15 minimum wage; and

Whereas a \$15 minimum wage and other improvements to labour law are anticipated in Alberta; and

Whereas there are active movements for decent work in various provinces and the legislation in Ontario can be used to call for similar improvements and beyond to labour laws in other provinces; therefore:

Be it resolved that the Federation publish a statement in support of the Fight for \$15 and Fairness campaign and the recent announcement of improvements to workers' rights in Ontario while calling for stronger legislation; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation call for the removal of sub-minimum wage rates in all provinces; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation develop a fact sheet and accompanying graphics addressing and debunking the minimum wage myths to equip members with easily shareable information.

**2017/06:063 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 84/Local 37

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:061 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the Federation, in consultation with the Fight for \$15 campaign, make submissions to the Standing Committee on Finance of the Ontario Government recommending changes to be made to the legislation.

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**CARRIED**

**2017/06:062 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**i. Proposal to adopt 2017-2018 campaigns guide**

**2017/06:064 MOTION**

Local 109/Local 84

Be it resolved that the 2017-18 Campaigns Guide be adopted.

**2017/06:065 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 68/Local 105

Be it resolved that the campaign goals for the *Fairness for International Students* campaign (page 8) be amended to include:

Ensure legislated protection for international students to participate in peaceful protest and direct action.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:066 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 109/Local 37

Be it resolved that the campaign goals for the *End the Ban* campaign (page 7) be amended to read:

Remove blood donation deferral policies of any length based on an individual's sexuality or gender.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:067 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 41/Local 109

Be it resolved that the campaign goals for the *Anti-Racism* campaign (page 4) be amended to include:

Supporting local referendums for space dedicated to racialized folks;

Fighting for affirmative action policies on campuses;

Fight for review of policies and services on campuses to ensure they properly address the needs and experiences of marginalized students; and

Fight for administration committees that are student related to have a minimum of one racialized student representative

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:064 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2017/06:068 MOTION**

Local 97/Local 99

Be it resolved the campaigns and government relations report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

National Graduate Caucus Chairperson Carissa Taylor presented the Policy Review and Development Committee Report.

**a. Proposal on elections policy**

**2016/11:062 MOTION TO AMEND ISSUES POLICY**

Local 70/Local 109

Whereas the Government of Canada has committed to implementing a new electoral system before the next federal election; and

Whereas there currently sits the Special Committee on Electoral Reform to investigate which electoral system best represents the views of Canadians; and

Whereas electoral systems based on, or including elements of, proportional representation have been shown to increase voter turn-out amongst students and youth; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has an existing policy on elections calling for governments to take actions that will increase student and youth voter turn-out in elections; and

Whereas that policy does not explicitly endorse electoral systems based on, or including elements of, proportional representation; therefore

Be it resolved that the policy on Elections be amended to include:

The Federation supports:

the introduction of electoral systems based on, or including elements of, proportional representation at the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government in Canada.

**2017/06:069 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 19/Local 97

Be it resolved that the policy on Elections be amended to include:

The Federation supports:

the introduction of inclusive electoral systems based on, or including elements of, proportional representation at the federal, provincial and municipal levels of government in Canada.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:062 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2017/06:070 MOTION**

Local 113/Local 105

Be it resolved the policy review and development report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. PRESENTATION OF ORGANISATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ontario National Executive Representative Gayle McFadden highlighted sections of the Organisational and Services Development Committee Report.

**a. Proposal regarding meeting minutes**

**2016/11:037 MOTION TO ADOPT OPERATIONS POLICY**

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas the Federation represents approximately 500,000 students; and

Whereas very few of the students represented by the Federation will ever attend a general meeting; and

Whereas it is therefore especially important that the minutes of general meetings provide a record of what is said as well as what business is transacted; and

Whereas meetings of the National Executive should also be minuted; and

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Whereas the minutes of meetings of the National Executive should be available to all members; therefore

Be it resolved that the following be adopted as Operations Policy:

### **Minutes**

Minutes should provide a record of what is said as well as what business is transacted. Therefore, the minutes taken by the Federation shall include summaries of all substantive contributions made by individual speakers. A representative of a local student association shall be identified in the minutes by their local number. A representative of the Federation shall be identified by their title. Any other speaker explicitly granted speaking rights by a vote of the assembly shall be identified by their name.

### **Minutes of National Executive Meetings**

Meetings of the National Executive shall be minuted, and the minutes shall be presented for information at the next National General Meeting. Nothing shall inhibit the ability of the National Executive to move in camera in order to discuss genuinely confidential matters, although no vote may be conducted in camera.

## **2017/06:071 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 11/Local 97

Be it resolved that the Motion 2016/11:037 be amended to strike 'individual' from the Minutes in the Operations Policy.

Speaker in favour: using identifying language could hinder participation of delegates who may face repercussions at their local.

### **CARRIED**

The following member local students' union noted opposition to Motion-2017/06:070: Local 98

## **2017/06:072 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 113/Local 36

Be it resolved that the following language be removed from the proposed policy:

A representative of a local student association shall be identified in the minutes by their local number. A representative of the Federation shall be identified by their title. Any other speaker explicitly granted speaking rights by a vote of the assembly shall be identified by their name.

Speaker in favour: using identifying language could hinder participation of delegates who may face repercussions at their local.

### **CARRIED**

The following member local students' union noted opposition to Motion-2017/06:071: Local 98

## **2016/11:137 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 98/Local 109

Be it resolved that the Motion 2016/11:042 be amended to remove the phrase "all substantive" be from the proposed language for the policy.

Speaker in favour: the phrase "all substantive" is subjective

### **DEFEATED**

The following member local students' union noted opposition to Motion-2017/06:137: Local 98

The following member local students' union abstained from Motion-2016/11:137: Local 103, Local 9, Local 24 and Local 92

Contrary speaker: Roberts' Rules recommends that minutes not be taken verbatim

Speaker in favour: would increase transparency and allow members not in attendance at the meeting to see work of delegates. Trusts that the National Executive will use their best judgment in determining substantive changes.

**2016/11:037 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**b. Proposal regarding referenda**

**2016/11:039 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas votes to certify and votes to decertify should, to the greatest extent possible, be governed by the same rules; and

Whereas permitting three votes per three-month period is more realistic than the current two votes per three-month period; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1.6.b.iii be amended to read:

There shall be no more than three (3) votes to decertify in any one (1) period of ninety (90) consecutive days.

Be it further resolved that the following be adopted as Bylaw 1.4.1:

Schedule

There shall be no more than three (3) votes to certify in any one (1) period of ninety (90) consecutive days.

**2017/06:073 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 97/Local 8

Be it resolved that the proposed language, for each bylaw, be amended to read "two (2) votes" instead of "three (3) votes".

Speaker in favour: creating parity between decertification and certification processes. As well, to ensure that members of the National Executive are able to complete their other duties as directed by the membership.

**CARRIED**

The following member local students' union abstained from Motion-2017/06:072: Local 24

The following member local students' union noted opposition to Motion-2017/06:072: Local 98 and Local 103

Speaker in favour: votes to certify and decertify should be the same to the greatest extent possible.

**2016/11:039 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**c. Proposal regarding plenary committees**

**2016/11:041 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas, while the committee system is a procedural necessity, the standing committees struck at each National General Meeting should be as open and accessible as possible; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 1.2.b be amended to read:

Delegates who have not been selected to participate in a subcommittee of plenary shall have the right to observe the proceedings of a subcommittee meeting but shall not have speaking rights unless 1/2 of the voting subcommittee delegates decide otherwise.

Speaker in favour: delegates may want to speak in different committees at different times

Contrary speaker: delegates are elected to represent their constituency. There are opportunities for delegates to speak not only in committees but also at opening and closing plenary.

Speaker in favour: this would allow motivation from delegations bringing forward motions to occur in committee.

**DEFEATED**

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The following member local students' union abstained from Motion-2016/11:041: Local 82, Local 84 and Local 24

The following member local students' union noted opposition to Motion-2016/11:041: Local 73, Local 72, Local 13, Local 26, Local 98 and Local 103

**2016/11:041 DEFEATED**

**d. Proposal regarding membership petitions**

**2016/11:045 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas it is important that students be able to remove their names from all petitions, including certification petitions; and

Whereas there is a difference between being able to remove one's name from a petition and the practice of "counter-petitioning", in which students are encouraged to remove their names from a petition in order to prevent a vote from taking place; and

Whereas attempting to prevent a vote from taking place is anti-democratic; and

Whereas "counter-petitioning" is not and has never been explicitly permitted by the Bylaws, and should now be explicitly prohibited; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I.6.a be amended to include:

No representative of the Federation or representative of a local student association may encourage a student to request that their name be removed from a petition.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1.3.a.ii be amended to read:

The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of such students and delivered to the National Executive, a vote to certify as described in Bylaw I, Section 4. A student may request that their name be removed from a petition. If the National Executive receives such a request in writing, before the conclusion of the verification process of the petition, the name must be struck from the petition. The name shall not be included in the total number of names on the petition. No representative of the Federation or representative of a local student association may encourage a student to request that their name be removed from a petition.

**2017/06:074 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 101/Local 98

Be it resolved that Bylaw I.6.a be amended to include:

No representative of the Federation or representative of a local student association may ask a student to request that their name be removed from a petition.

Contrary speaker: does not see the point of the amendment

Contrary speaker: thinks motion does not clarify

Speaker in favour: the word ask rather than encouraging removes ambiguity

**DEFEATED**

Contrary speaker: finds the language to be vague and subjective.

Speaker in favour: amendments can be served to clear up vague or subjective language.

Contrary speaker: should be able to communicate with students and friends without interference

Speaker in favour: students have the will and knowledge they require to determine if they would like to add or remove their names from petitions.

Speaker in favour: gives students' unions the autonomy to decide

Contrary speaker: many labour boards give the option to remove a signature from a petition especially if petitions are initially signed under coercion

**2016/11:045 DEFEATED**

The following member local students' union abstained from Motion-2016/11:045: Local 24, Local 20 and Local 101



The following member local students' union noted opposition to Motion-2016/11:045: Local 26, Local 47, Local 98 and Local 103

**e. Proposal regarding caucuses**

**2016/11:047 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas Standing Resolution 17 defines a "large institution" as having at least 8,000 students and a "small institution" as having no more than 7,999 students; and

Whereas, as a result of increasing enrolment, two-thirds of the institutions whose students are represented in the Federation now qualify as large institutions; and

Whereas the definitions should now be brought into line with the current size of the institutions whose students are represented in the Federation;

Whereas, in order to account for the existence of multiple student associations at the same university, the definitions should consider the size of the institution rather than the size of the student association; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17.3 be amended to read:

The members of the Caucus of Large Institute Associations shall be member locals whose members are enrolled in an institute with at least 10,000 total students.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 17.4 be amended to read:

The members of the Caucus of Small Institute Associations shall be member locals whose members are enrolled in an institute with no more than 9,999 total students.

Contrary speaker: this motion would serve to break up students representing satellite campus' of institutions. Campus realities on small and large institutes

Contrary speaker: small institutes caucus debates have indicated they are against this motion

**DEFEATED**

The following member local students' union abstained from Motion-2016/11:047: Local 24 and Local 47

The following member local students' union noted opposition to Motion-2016/11:047: Local 98, Local 103 and Local 71

**2016/11:047 DEFEATED**

**f. Proposal regarding plenary committees**

**2016/11:049 MOTION TO ADOPT STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas every member of the Federation has the right to move motions at general meetings; and

Whereas many motions are referred to the three Standing Committees for review; and

Whereas the mover of a motion should always be able to speak in favour of said motion, including when said motion is before the relevant Standing Committee; therefore

Be it resolved that the following be adopted as Standing Resolution 1.2.d:

The mover of a motion that is before a Standing Committee shall be granted speaking rights for the duration of the debate on said motion.

**2017/06:075 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 103/Local 9

Be it resolved that the proposed standing resolution language be amended to replace the word "debate" with the word "motivation."

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Speaker in favour: rather than “debate” which implies full participatory rights “motivation” gives the opportunity to ask and answer questions.

Speaker in favour: give mover of a motion ability to clarify the motion they have submitted.

Speaker in favour: more information on a motion is never a bad thing.

Contrary speaker: movers of motions can take up too much space.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:076 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 24/Local 8

Be it resolved that the following be adopted as Standing Resolution 1.2.d:

Up to one delegate from a local that is the mover of a motion that is before a Standing Committee shall be granted speaking rights for the duration of the motivation on said motion.

Speaker in favour: limiting speaking rights to one delegate allows for motivation to take place without taking up space of marginalized voices.

Speaker in favour: better to have more specific policy rather than vague policy.

**CARRIED**

Speaker in favour: allow for speakers to motivate on motions their local brings forward.

**2016/11:049 CARRIED**

**g. Proposal regarding definition of delegates**

**2016/11:051 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas the Bylaws of the Federation are enacted in the name of “the students of Canada”; and

Whereas the student movement is, and must remain, a movement led by students and their elected representatives; and

Whereas it is therefore inappropriate for non-students to represent students at National General Meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that definition of “delegate” be amended to read:

For all purposes of these Bylaws, a “delegate” shall be any student of a member local student association, having paid the applicable general meeting delegates fee.

**2017/06:077 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 9/Local 82

Be it resolved that definition of “delegate” be amended to read:

For all purposes of these Bylaws, a “delegate” shall be any student or elected official of a member local student association, having paid the applicable general meeting delegate fees.

Speaker in favour: distinction between the roles of staff and elected officials.

Contrary speaker: staff assist new delegates navigate the meeting.

Contrary speaker: some students’ unions are only able to send staff, so without staff they would not be able to participate in federation meetings.

**DEFEATED**

The following member local students’ union abstained from Motion-2017/06:076: Local 24, Local 47 and Local 9

Contrary speaker: elected delegates rely on staff to assist them in navigating the national meeting.

Speaker in favour: staff should be allowed to participate, but not have the same rights as students.

Contrary speaker: small locals face constraints that may dictate sending staff, some elected officials may not be students at their local.

Contrary speaker: this motion undermines local autonomy of choosing who gets to participate

**2016/11:051 DEFEATED**

**h. Proposal regarding meeting structure**

**2016/11:059 MOTION**

Local 103/Local 109

Whereas the Closing Plenary is a vital component of both General Meetings; and

Whereas many General Meetings have motions omnibussed, with insufficient time to properly debate matters; and

Whereas the purpose of the General Meetings is for Member Locals to discuss the governing of the Federation, and time spent on workshops does not further the governing of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that future General Meetings be reconfigured to account for the entirety of the final day to be for Closing Plenary, with a one hour break each for lunch and dinner.

Be it further resolved that the time allocated for workshops be removed from the middle of the day, and replaced with committee meetings, and offer optional workshops in the evening.

**2017/06:078 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 105/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2016/11:059 be postponed to the November 2017 general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:059 POSTPONED**

**i. Proposal regarding council of constituency representatives**

**2016/11:087 MOTION**

Local 49/Local 109

Be it resolved that the Federation create a Council of Constituency representatives on a twelve-month trial basis, commencing at the end of the November 2016 Annual General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the following terms of reference shall guide the Council for a period of one year and that the National Executive provide a recommendation on formalizing the Council structure at the June 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**Terms of Reference for the Council of Constituency Representatives**

**1. Objectives**

The objectives of the Council shall be:

- a. to promote the principles and purposes of the Federation;
- b. to promote communication and cooperation between constituency group members in post-secondary educational institutions across Canada;
- c. to provide assist in the development of and provide feedback related to campaigns, advocacy and representation

**2. Composition**

- a. Commissioners

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The Council shall be comprised of the following voting members, not to exceed one (1) representative per constituency:

- i. Francophone Students Commissioner
- ii. International Students Commissioner
- iii. National Aboriginal Caucus Chairperson
- iv. Part-Time and Mature Students Commissioner
- v. Queer Students Commissioner
- vi. Racialized Students Commissioner
- vii. Student Artists Commissioner
- viii. Students with Disabilities Commissioner
- ix. Women's Commissioner

b. The Council shall be comprised of the following non-voting members:

- i. National Chairperson
- ii. National Deputy Chairperson

3. Terms of Office of the Council

The term of the office for the positions on the Council shall commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected and shall expire at the close of the subsequent Annual General Meeting.

4. Meeting of the Council

a. Frequency of Meetings

The Council shall meet at least one (1) time between regularly scheduled General Meetings of the Federation and typically by teleconference.

b. Quorum

At least 4 of the voting positions on the Council that are currently filled shall constitute quorum for the transaction of business. Non-voting positions shall not count towards quorum.

c. Notice of Meeting

Formal notice of all Council meetings shall be communicated to each member of the Council no less than seven (7) days before the meeting is to take place. Meetings of the Council shall be held without notice, if all the Council representatives are present, or if those who are absent waive notice or signify their consent in writing to the meeting being held in their absence.

d. Calling a Meeting

The National Chairperson will coordinate meetings.

e. Number of Votes

Each voting member of the Council shall have only one (1) vote.

5. Remuneration of Council members

Voting members of the Council who are Commissioners as outlined in Section 1.a. shall receive a \$500 honorarium for their term on the Council.

**2017/06:079 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 113/Local 8

Be it resolved that the resolution be amended to replace, in the first clause of the resolution, "November 2016 Annual General Meeting" with "June 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting"

and, in the second clause of the resolution, "June 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting" with "November 2017 Annual General Meeting."

**2017/06:080 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 109/Local 68

Be it resolved that section 2(a) of the proposed "Terms of Reference for the Council of Constituency Representatives" be amended to add:

- National Circle of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students Chairperson
- National Graduate Caucus Chairperson
- Trans Students Commissioner

**2017/06:081 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 24/Local 36

Be it resolved that section 4(b) of the proposed "Terms of Reference for the Council of Constituency Representatives" be amended to read:

A simple majority of the voting positions on the Council that are currently filled shall constitute quorum for the transaction of business. Non-voting positions shall not count towards quorum.

**2017/06:082 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 105/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2016/11:087, Motion-2017/06:078, Motion-2017/06:079 and Motion-2017/06:080 be postponed to the November 2017 general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:087 POSTPONED**

**2017/06:079 POSTPONED**

**2017/06:080 POSTPONED**

**2017/11:081 POSTPONED**

**j. Proposal regarding the Federation budget**

**2016/11:061 MOTION**

Local 103/Local 109

Whereas the financial matters of the Federation are important to all locals, and a proper budget is essential to ensuring appropriate usage of student funding; and

Whereas timely access to the financial records of the Federation is the right of each member local; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students - Services are two separate entities; therefore:

Be it resolved that all CFS budgets, including the previous year's projections, be available online no more than one week after each General Meeting, updated with the most recent year-to-date expenses; and

Be it further resolved that CFS, and CFS- Services be required to produce their own independent budget, both to be adopted by the membership at General Meetings.

**2017/06:83 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 105/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2016/11:061 be postponed to the November 2017 general meeting.

**CARRIED**

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**2016/11:061 POSTPONED**

**k. Proposal regarding CRM Program**

**2016/11:069 MOTION**

Local 105/Local 109

Whereas CRM (customer relationship management) programs, such as NationBuilder and Salesforce have helped many not-for-profit organizations, as well as various labour unions, to maintain contact with their membership, in an organized fashion; and

Whereas Excel has become extremely difficult to maintain databases, and only offers a simplistic way of organizing; and

Whereas member locals are required to mobilize students and volunteers on campus; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate in a CRM program that could benefit all member locals, at a low cost.

**2017/06:84 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 105/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2016/11:069 be postponed to the November 2017 general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:069 POSTPONED**

**l. Proposal regarding mental health services**

**2016/11:073 MOTION**

Local 105/Local 109

Whereas the Federation has launched a robust mental health campaign with the goal of making campus mental health services more accessible, intersectional, and diverse;

Whereas access to specialized mental health care can be extremely costly and therefore inaccessible to many of our members;

Whereas as part of the National Student Health Network and through our provider Green Shield Canada, we have the opportunity to negotiate improved coverage for mental health services, such as psychological care;

Whereas many locals are proud to be a part of a national student health network that utilizes a not-for-profit health plan provider;

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate opportunities for more robust coverage for mental health services through Green Shield Canada and the National Student Health Network.

**2017/06:85 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 105/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2016/11:073 be postponed to the November 2017 general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:073 POSTPONED**

**m. Proposal regarding membership fees**

**2016/11:083**

**MOTION**

Local 61/ Local 109

Whereas Bylaw 7.4.c states that the “audited financial statements for the preceding financial year shall be presented to the members at each semi-annual general meeting”; and

Whereas the last audited financial statements presented to any semi-annual general meeting were the statements for the financial year ending June 30, 2013; and

Whereas close to one third of a decade—three years, three months and one-week (as of October 7)—has passed since the end of the last fiscal year for which audited financial statements have been presented for consideration to the member student unions; and

Whereas the audited financial statements serve as a fundamental basis on which the member student unions make decisions about the future of the organization; and

Whereas the audited financial statements serve as a fundamental basis for the member student unions to judge the performance of the elected board members, especially those who may be seeking re-election; and

Whereas in order for the Federation to function democratically as the Constitution and Bylaws envision, the Bylaws, Policies and Standing Resolutions of the Federation, and the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, establish the voting members’ right to information, particularly financial information, in order for them to make sound financial decisions; and

Whereas in the absence of audited financial statements the member student union have been functioning in a proverbial vacuum when trying to make financial and related decisions for the past two years; and

Whereas as a consequence one must reach the obvious conclusion that the Federation has ceased to function as a democracy insofar as representatives at Federation general meetings and even elected board members have been deprived of the information necessary upon which to represent their constituents; and

Whereas “taxation without representation” cannot be tolerated, whether in the case of a government or an organization within civil society; and

Whereas the membership fees paid by member student unions during the 2015-16 and current membership years amounted to “taxation without representation” therefore

Be it resolved that any member students’ union that feels it did not receive sufficient financial information on which to make sound decisions during the 2015-16 membership year be entitled to a full refund of its membership fees for the year; and

Be it further resolved that any member student union that feels it has not received sufficient financial information on which to make sound decisions for the current membership year (i.e. 2016-17) be entitled to a full refund of its membership fees for the year.

**2017/06:86**

**MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 105/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2016/11:083 be postponed to the November 2017 general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:083**

**POSTPONED**

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**n. Proposal regarding referenda**

**2016/11:085 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 49/Local 109

Whereas students collectively belonging to a local student association have sole authority to start petitions to join (certify) and leave (decertify) the Federation; and  
Whereas valid petitions to certify require signatures from at least (10%) of students and petitions to decertify require signatures from at least percent (20%) of students belonging to a student association; and

Whereas perennial discussion on the different thresholds has distracted from the campaigns work of the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation is committed to empowering students and maintaining fair, consistent processes;

Be it resolved that the bylaws be amended such that a vote on certification or decertification from the Federation can be initiated by a petition signed by not less than fifteen percent (15%) of students collectively belonging to a member local student association; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1.3 a. ii be amended to read as follows:

The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than fifteen percent (15%) of such students and delivered to the National Executive, a vote to certify as described in Bylaw I, Section 4.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1.3 a. iii be amended to read as follows:

The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have sole authority to initiate a vote on decertification, as described in Bylaw I, Section 6, by submitting to the National Executive of the Federation a petition, signed by not less than fifteen percent (15%) of such students, calling for the vote.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1.6 be amended to reflect this change and that the first paragraph of Bylaw 1.6 be amended to read as follows:

As per Bylaw I, Section 3.a.iii a petition calling for a vote on decertification shall be signed by no less than fifteen percent (15%) of the students collectively belonging to the member local student association and delivered to the National Executive of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that any other reference to this threshold in any operating documents or publications of the Federation be amended to reflect this change.

**2017/06:087 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 105/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2016/11:085 be postponed to the November 2017 general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:085 POSTPONED**

**o. Proposal regarding referenda**

**2017/06:025 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 72/Local 88

Whereas Part 16, Subsection 253(1) of the *Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act* states that remedies for oppression include any actions, activities or acts that are deemed oppressive or unfairly prejudicial to or unfairly disregards the interests of any shareholder, creditor, director, officer or member;

Whereas individual members pay fees and have the right to vote on their involvement in the Federation;



Whereas the Federation's bylaws restricts the number of decertification votes to two per semester;

Whereas this bylaw disenfranchises members whose programs are only one or two years in length;

Whereas under this bylaw, individual members of a local association may have to wait years after submitting a petition before having a referendum on membership;

Whereas many members who sign a petition on membership will have completed their education or left the institution by the time a referendum is called;

Whereas there are no limitations on the number of certification votes that can happen in a 3-month period;

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1 Section 6.b.iii be struck and subsequent subsections be renumbered accordingly.

**2017/06:088 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 105/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2017/06:025 be postponed to the November 2017 general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:025 POSTPONED**

**p. Proposal International Student Representative**

**2017/06:037 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 67/Local 88

Whereas international students face unique barriers to accessing a post-secondary education in Canada; and

Whereas the Federation is committed to developing and running a Fairness for International Students campaign across Canada to combat these barriers; and

Whereas this work would be best lead by international students; and

Where there is currently no dedicated representation of international students on the Federation's Executive Committee; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw IV.b. be amended to include:

International Students Commissioner in the National Executive of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V be amended to include:

Timing of Nominations of the International Students Commissioner:

The nominations for the International Students Commissioner shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 12.7 be amended to include:

Constituency Group Election Procedure:

The International Students Commissioner on the National Executive will be elected from the members of the Constituency Group at a meeting of the Constituency Group during the semi-annual general meeting of the Federation. The International Students Commissioner on the National Executive shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Representative shall hold the position until the closing plenary of the following semiannual national general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 12 be amended to include:

8. Duties and Responsibilities of the International Students Commissioner on the National Executive

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The duties and responsibilities of the International Students Commissioner on the National Executive shall be to:

- a. act as liaison between the Constituency Group and the National Executive;
- b. facilitate Constituency Group meetings during national general meetings
- c. represent the interests of the Constituency Group on the National Executive
- d. take direction from the Constituency Group during national general meetings
- e. oversee and co-ordinate campaigns initiated by the Constituency Group
- f. send to International student organizations and member associations brief semi-annual reports which could include information about campaigns, activities, and goals pertaining to the constituency and seek information which could facilitate the work of the Constituency Group within the Federation.
- g. communicate regularly with designated officers from provincial components and international representative in the locals.
- h. carry out the duties as do other National Executive members as outlined in Bylaw V in the Federation's Constitution and Bylaws.

**2017/06:089 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 105/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2017/06:037 be postponed to the November 2017 general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:037 POSTPONED**

**q. Proposal Online voting**

**2016/11:033 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas a recent decision of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice suggested that the rules governing voting in certification referenda and decertification referenda are "out of step with the times"; and

Whereas the same decision noted that "in this era of electronic communication and distance learning, voting by paper ballot at a voting station seems antiquated and impractical"; and

Whereas the decision further noted that "it would be easy to envision any number of situations ... in [which] it could be argued that the requirements prescribed by the Bylaws [of the Federation] lead to hardship or unfairness" for some students; and

Whereas the decision was, despite this criticism, ultimately favourable to the Federation; and

Whereas, in light of this decision, the Federation should permit the use of electronic voting in conjunction with the continued use of paper ballots; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw I.4.f.i be amended to read:

Voting must be conducted both electronically and by paper ballot, such that a voter may vote either on their personal electronic device or at a polling station. Electronic voting must be administered by a third party chosen by the Chief Returning Officer. Subject to an agreement between the Federation and the local student association, voting may also take place at a general meeting of the local student association or by mail-out ballot.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.6.g.i be amended to read:

Voting must be conducted both electronically and by paper ballot, such that a voter may vote either on their personal electronic device or at a polling station. Electronic voting must be administered by a third party chosen by the Chief Returning Officer. Subject to an agreement between the Federation and the local student association, voting may also take place at a general meeting of the local.

**2017/06:090 MOTION TO POSTPONE**

Local 105/Local 101

Be it resolved that Motion-2016/11:033 be postponed to the November 2017 general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2016/11:033 POSTPONED**

**6. PRESENTATION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chief Returning Officer Freeyelle Mehari announced that the following individuals were elected to the national executive board for the 2017-2018 term.

**2017/06:091 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie's election as Aboriginal Students' Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:092 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Jenelle Davies' election as British-Columbia Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:093 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Aran Armutlu's election as College and Institutes Students' Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:094 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Hadi Wess' election as Francophone Students' Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:095 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Jenna Amirault's election as Graduate Students' Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:096 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Carlen Comegan-Ronce's election as Manitoba Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:097 MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Sofia Descalzi's election as Newfoundland and Labrador Representative be ratified.

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**CARRIED**

**2017/06:098**

**MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Benoit Leblanc's election as New Brunswick Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:099**

**MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Aiden McNally's election as Nova Scotia Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:100**

**MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Sami Pritchard's election as Ontario Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:101**

**MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Mary McPhee's election as Prince Edward Island Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:102**

**MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Leila Moumouni-Tchouassi's election as Racialized Students' Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:103**

**MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Matt Barber's election as Students with Disabilities Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:104**

**MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Jade Peek's election as Women's Representative be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:105**

**MOTION**

Local 8/Local 32

Be it resolved that Alex Wick's election on the Appeals Committee be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:106**

**MOTION**

Local 88 / Local 106

Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**2017/06:107 MOTION**

Local 35/Local 32

Whereas one of the Federation's longest standing campaigns, *Where's the Justice?*, aims to decolonize with the goals of increasing access to education for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples, while protecting water, land, and people from encroaching development; and

Whereas the Federation declared its solidarity with land- and water-protectors opposing the Muskrat Falls project in Labrador, following a resolution at its November 2016 semi-annual meeting; and

Whereas the Federation voiced this support in letters to the provincial governments of Newfoundland and Labrador, and Nova Scotia; and

Whereas the Muskrat Falls project has proceeded to advance despite the calls of indigenous leaders and experts; and

Whereas the community of Mud Lake, Labrador flooded in mid-May; and

Whereas the cause of the flood is currently unknown do to a lack of data, but experts are suggesting it is because the protection of the dam infrastructure was prioritized over preventing a flood in the area; and

Whereas dozens of Land Protectors, including Inuk elder and grandmother Beatrice Hunter have been charged for their actions in opposition to the project and in defense of their land, health and safety and traditional ways of life; and

Whereas Justice George Murphy ordered Beatrice Hunter to be taken into custody when she defiantly refused to agree not to go near the Muskrat Falls site; and

Whereas Beatrice Hunter has been forcibly removed to a maximum security prison for men over a thousand miles away from her home, family and community, where she is subject to stripsearches meaning that not only is the Muskrat Falls project stealing land and water, but now people as well; and

Whereas Beatrice Hunter was resisting as a duty to her people, teaching her people the importance of the land and water to her people; and

Whereas the detention of Beatrice Hunter for protecting her water and lands is in contradiction to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; therefore

Be it further resolved that the Federation call upon the governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador to free Beatrice Hunter and drop all charges against her and the Labrador Land Protectors; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation call upon the governments of Canada, and Newfoundland and Labrador to formally apologize to Beatrice Hunter, and all the Labrador Land Protectors who have been unjustly charged; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation call for the removal of Justice George Murphy from the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation donate \$1000 to the legal defence fund of Beatrice Hunter.

**2017/06:108 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 92/Local 9

Be it resolved that the final clause be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation donate \$2000 to the legal defence fund of Beatrice Hunter.

Speaker in favour: the original amount seems too little, we should help as much as possible.

Speaker in favour: in the past we have given more to other causes, \$2000 is a modest amount.

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Speaker in favour: As settlers we have an obligation to assist those who are being most greatly affected.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:109 MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 35/Local 34

Be it further resolved that the Federation donate \$2000 to the legal defence fund of Beatrice Hunter and member locals of the CFS be encouraged to investigate donating to the legal defence fund.

Speaker in favour: the detention centre is approx. 30 hours drive away from community, the donation target is \$5000 so any assistance is welcome

**CARRIED**

Speaker in favour: see whereas clauses

Speaker in favour: Beatrice Hunter is a grandmother, and teacher, and should not be apart from her community.

Speaker in favour: Acknowledge leaders like, Beatrice Hunter and show solidarity by voting for this motion.

**2017/06:107 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2017/06:110 MOTION**

Local 105/Local 71

Whereas the amendment to Bill S-3 made by the Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples on May 17, 2017 (the "61)(a) amendment") would address the long-standing discrimination against Indigenous women and their descendants in the registration provisions of the Indian Act.

Whereas the history of this sex discrimination; it has been a long-standing shame to Canada that Indigenous women and their descendants do not enjoy equality with their male counterparts with respect to Indian status and the transmission of status. This discrimination was commented on in reports on discrimination against women in Canada as early as 1970 when the Royal Commission on the Status of Women issued its report; Canada has been urged repeatedly by the United Nations treaty bodies to remove this discrimination completely and finally.

Whereas we honour the many Indigenous women, including Mary Two-Axe Early, Jeannette Corbiere- Lavell, Yvonne Bedard, Sandra Lovelace-Nicholas, Sharon McIvor, Lynn Gehl and many others, who have spent decades fighting to remove the discrimination and get the same entitlement to full 6(1)(a) status as Indigenous men and their descendants.

Whereas the Bill-S-3 without the Senate Committee's amendment does not address the root of the problem of sex discrimination in the Indian Act, but only represents one more "piecemeal" fix for a group that had to battle for rights in the court. Bill S-3 without the Senate Committee's amendment is not an adequate response from your Government to the continuing discrimination.

Whereas the current Bill S-3 will greatly impact our future generations by the way in which no one will have Indian Status in 50 years. This is an assimilation tactic of today to alleviate the responsibility that the Government has to Indigenous Peoples. We do not see why more generations of Indigenous women and their descendants should need to carry on this struggle.

Whereas this does not only affect Indigenous women it affects their male descendants as well. We are excluded from our communities based on these codes, which in turn, are unable to vote, run for band council, Chief of our communities or run in the Assembly of First Nations Elections. We are unable to live in our communities.

Be it Resolved that Federation fully support and endorse the Senate Committee's amendment, which has been called "6(1)(a) all the way," because it will give Indigenous

women and their descendants born prior to April 17, 1985 equal status with Indigenous men and their descendants born prior to April 17, 1985, and eliminate the sex-based hierarchy between 6(1)(a) and 6(1)(c) Indians.

Be it further resolved that Circle of First Nations Metis and Inuit students and Federation send support letters to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Prime Minister, and Minister of the Status of Women

Be it further resolved that provincial components and member local students' unions be encouraged to write similar letters.

Speaker in favour: It is important for Indigenous children to know where they are from and for women to maintain the same rights as men with respect to status when marrying a non-Indigenous person

Speaker in favour: It is important for Indigenous families to maintain their status and pass it to future generations

Speaker in favour: Indigenous children should receive status from their parents.

**CARRIED**

**2017/06:110 CARRIED**

**2017/06:111 MOTION**

Local 35/Local 36

Whereas the Board of Regents of Memorial University passed a budget proposal on May 11<sup>th</sup> that cut academic and front-line staff by \$13.4M, that imposed 3, and lifts the tuition fee freeze by increasing tuition fees for new out-of-province and international students by 30% beginning in Fall 2018; and

Whereas the introduction of differential fees for out-of-province students represents an increase represents an increase for domestic students of \$2550 to \$3515, and from \$8800 to \$11440; and

Whereas informed, meaningful, and urgent input from students, faculty and staff at the public town hall hosted by MUN Administration was largely ignored; and

Whereas only 1 of 4 student regent positions were filled during the time of the meeting, with the other 3 pending approval; and

Whereas the Administration of Memorial University has a well-documented administrative bloat that has gone unchecked for years; and

Whereas the provincial government of Newfoundland and Labrador has been backing away from its obligation to fund post-secondary education, defunding Memorial University by roughly \$54M; and

Whereas Newfoundland and Labrador has maintained a tuition freeze since 1999, and has long been used by student activists in other provinces as an example of how sound public policy on post-secondary education and direct action can withstand changes in government, and weather abysmal economic realities; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students opposes financial and social barriers to post-secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students condemn the Board of Regents and Administration of Memorial University for downloading the cost of education onto students.

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students condemn, in writing, Dr. Gary Kachanoski, President and Vice Chancellor of Memorial; Dr. Noreen Golfman, Provost and Vice President Academic; Kent Decker, VP Finance. These letters would also express the urgency for MUN senior administration to work with MUNSU in securing government funding;

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Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students condemn the provincial government of Newfoundland and Labrador for ceasing its commitment to an accessible, well-funded, high-quality system of post-secondary education, in writing.

**2017/06:112 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 100/Local 35

Be it further resolved that the administration of MUN be condemned for corporatizing our campuses through the underfunding of graduate students and the use of contract instructors instead of employing tenure-track faculty.

**CARRIED**

Speaker in favour: Despite a presentation indicating benefits of a zero percent increase and demonstrations against the motion from students the motion was passed by the board of regents.

Speaker in favour: Many international student tuition fees are deregulated, we must show solidarity and take a stance against the vote of the board of regents.

Speaker in favour: must take a stand against austerity measures and stand in solidarity

**2017/06:111 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**2017/06:113 MOTION TO TABLE**

Local 18/Local 75

Be it resolved that all outstanding motions be tabled to the 2017 November General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

Opposition noted: Local 98

Abstentions noted: Local 47, Local 92, Local 24 and Local 9

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**2017/06:114 MOTION**

Local 20 / Local 109

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**