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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS (-SERVICES)
FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉTUDIANTE-S (-SERVICES)
ATTENDANCE
36th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)
Friday, November 17, to Monday, November 20, 2017

BRITISH COLUMBIA
Local 3
University of British Columbia Students' Union-Okanagan
Spinoza Okuku
Sarah Furgason
Amal Alhuwayshil

Local 4
Selkirk College Students' Union
Santanna Hernandez
David Westmacott
Zachary Crispin

Local 18
Selkirk College Students' Union
Aran Armutlu
Tracy Ho
Ti'ehskwiisimka Marshall

Local 26
Kwantlen Student Association
Jay Reedy
Tanvir Singh

Local 33
Emily Carr Students' Union
Phoebe Lo Patigdas

Local 53
Okanagan College Students' Union
Brianne Berchowitz

Local 61
Vancouver Island University Students' Union
Michael Olson
Sydney Sullivan
Chantelle Spicer

Local 72
North Island Students’ Union
Andrew Dalton

Local 73
Students’ Union of Vancouver Community College
Jenelle Davies

Local 75
Camosun College Student Society
Mitchell Auger-Langejan
Fillette Umulisa

SASKATCHEWAN
Local 9
University of Regina Students’ Union
Jermain McKenzie
Shawn Wiskar
Derrick Gagnon
Haris Khan
James Colton MacDonald

Local 90
First Nations University of Canada Student Association
Lucy Musqua
Julia Halcrow

Local 101
University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students’ Union
Naheda Sahtout

MANITOBA
Local 8
University of Winnipeg Students’ Association
Brenden Gali
Jade DeFehr
Laura Elsie Garinger
Megan Linton
Mohamed Behi
Rachel Lands

Local 37
Brandon University Students’ Union
Nick Brown

Local 38
Association étudiante de l'Université de Saint Boniface
Fares Gharbi
Chantale Vaillancourt

Local 103
University of Manitoba Students’ Union
Noah Wilson
Tanjit Nagra
Jakob Sanderson
Allison Kilgour
Wilfred Sam-King
Chris Otisi
Mark Stewart
Chance Paupanakis
ONTARIO

Local 1
Carleton University Students’ Union
Gavin Resch
Zameer Masjedee

Local 19
University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union
Cristina Jaimungal
Brieanne Berry-Crossfield

Local 24
Ryerson Students’ Union
Susanne Nyaga
Camryn Harlick
Daniel Lis
Lauren Emberson
Ali Yousaf
Razi Sayed

Local 27
Queen’s University Society of Graduate and Professional Students
Adam Grotsky

Local 30
Laurentian University Students’ General Association
Abraham King

Local 32
Lakehead University Student Union
Lindsey Kelly
Jessica Kearney
Cody Avery
Aaron Hiltz

Local 41
Student Federation of the University of Ottawa
Leila Moumouni-Tchouassi
Vanessa Dorimain
Rizki Rachiq
Hadi Wess

Local 47
Society of Graduate Students – Western University
Patrick Hill

Local 48
University of Windsor Graduate Student Society
Harshjot Lohat

Local 49
University of Windsor Graduate Student Society
Admira Konjic
Dana Attalla
Zeina Merheb

Local 54
University of Guelph Central Student Association
Becca Cheskes
Kayla Weiler

Local 68
York Federation of Students
Mary Asekome
Rowan Habib

Murtaza Ghulam

Local 71
Trent Central Student Association
Brendon Remmelgas
Shanese Steele
Si Jia Molly Hu
Lea Rogers-Bolgbolin

Local 78
Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association
Vincent St-Martin
Jenna Amiranlt
Mohamed Zidan

Local 82
Algoma University Students’ Union
Abdul Jalil Idris
Amanda Cress

Local 85
Saint Paul University Students’ Association
Mary Bernice Umuraza Rutaganda

Local 88
Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l’Université Laurentienne
Stéphane Bazinet

Local 92
Student Association of George Brown College
Leslie VanEvery
Tiffany White
Mercedes Burrowes
Alex Stewart
Riddhi Modi
Ashley Cammisa
Jasymn St. Hilaire
Garth Vernon

Local 94
University of Ottawa
Graduate Students’ Association
John Ward

Local 97
Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto
Margaret Ebifegha
Caitlin Campisi
Richie Pyne
Mala Kashyap
Susan Froom

Local 98
Scarborough Campus Students’ Union
Anne Boucher
Anushka Kurian
Chimwemwe Alao
Daman Singh
Stuart Norton
Yasmine el Sanyoura

Local 99
Scarborough Campus Students’ Union
Kubra Zakir
Local 102
Brock University Graduate Students’ Association
Charissa Sanche

Local 104
Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-Time Students
Theresa Rost

Local 105
Continuing Education Students’ Association of Ryerson
Phyllis McKenna
Francis Pineda
Caitlin Smith

Local 106
University of Windsor Organization of Part-time University Students
Maryam Amalow
Mohammad Akbar
Diana Marion
Chris Bailcargeon

Local 109
University of Toronto at Mississauga Students’ Union
Munib Sajjad
Jose Wilson
Filipe Nagata

Local 110
Laurentian University Graduate Students’ Association
Mia Bourque

Local 111
Laurentian Students’ Union
Melanie Van Nieuw Amerongen

NEW BRUNSWICK

Local 67
University of New Brunswick Graduate Students’ Association
Bipin Kumar Badri Narayanan

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Local 70
University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association
Ashley McKibben
Brittany Jakubiec
Rachel Kays
Laura Victoria Young
Dawne Knockwood
Kimberly Wishart Chu Foon

NOVA SCOTIA

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

Robin Jarvis
Local 11
University of King’s College Students’ Union
Zoe Brimacombe
Brennan McCracken

Local 34
Mount Saint Vincent University Students’ Union
Mike Fong
Nikki Jamieson

Local 69
Association générale des étudiants de l’Université Sainte-Anne
Réanne Cooper
Jean-François Arseneault

Local 95
Cape Breton University Students’ Union
Eleanor Sidney

Local 113
Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students
Nivie Singh
Corey DeGagné

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Local 35
Memorial University of Newfoundland Students’ Union
Renata Lang
Daniel Smith
Uzair Mansoor
Sophia Solomon
Bailey Howard
Jordan Collier
John Godfrey

Local 45
Grenfell Campus Student Union
Alesandra Wicks
Shelby Thomas
Maria Dussan
Alyssa Leahy

Local 46
Grenfell Campus Student Union
Matthew Downton
Christian Samson

Local 100
Graduate Students’ Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland
Mohammad Sheykholesam
Jurgienne Arizza Umali
Maryanne Aghalu
### National Executive Members Present

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<td><strong>Newfoundland and Labrador Representative</strong></td>
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### Federation Staff

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CALL TO ORDER – Friday, November 17, 2017

At 2:40 p.m., the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Coty Zachariah.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local / Section 3 University of British Columbia Students’ Union Okanagan Present
Local / Section 4 Selkirk College Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 13 College of New Caledonia Students’ Union Proxy
Local / Section 15 Thompson Rivers University Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 18 Douglas Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 26 Kwantlen Student Association Present
Local / Section 33 Emily Carr Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 53 Okanagan College Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 61 Vancouver Island University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 66 Northwest Community College Students’ Union Proxy
Local / Section 72 North Island Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 73 Students’ Union of Vancouver Community College Present
Local / Section 75 Camosun College Student Society Present
Local / Section 86 College of the Rockies Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 21 University of Calgary Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 42 Alberta College of Art and Design Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 9 University of Regina Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 90 First Nations University of Canada Students Association Present
Local / Section 101 University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 8 University of Winnipeg Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 37 Brandon University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 38 Association étudiante du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Present
Local / Section 96 University of Manitoba Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 103 University of Manitoba Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 1 Carleton University Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 19 University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 20 Nipissing University Student Union Proxy
Local / Section 24 Ryerson Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 25 Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union Absent
Local / Section 27 Queen’s University Society of Graduate and Professional Students Absent
Local / Section 30 Laurentian University Students’ General Association Present
Local / Section 32 Lakehead University Student Union Present
Local / Section 39 McMaster University Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 41 Student Federation of the University of Ottawa / Fédération étudiante de l’Université d’Ottawa Present
Local / Section 47 University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students Present
Local / Section 48 University of Windsor Graduate Student Society Present
Local / Section 49 University of Windsor Students’ Alliance Present
Local / Section 54 University of Guelph Central Student Association Present
Local / Section 56 Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 62 University of Guelph Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 68 York Federation of Students Present
Local / Section 71 Trent Central Student Association Present
Local / Section 78 Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 82 Algoma University Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 84 York University Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 85 Saint Paul University Students’ Association Absent
Zachariah declared that a quorum had been reached.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

Zachariah explained that the Federation’s Bylaws enable a voting member that is 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. He announced that:

Local 13 designated Local 73 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 66 designated Local 73 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 31 designated Local 26 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 82 designated Local 32 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 111 designated Local 61 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 112 designated Local 110 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 93 designated Local 68 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 20 designated Local 32 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 82 designated Local 32 as its proxy for the meeting;
Prospective member Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l’Université de Hearst designates Local 110 as its proxy for the meeting;

Prospective member Mature and Part-Time University Students Association (UPEI) designates Local 70 as its proxy for the meeting.

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

The plenary is the formal decision-making assembly at the general meeting. The Plenary Speaker chairs general meeting plenary sessions. The National Executive recommended that Shawn Hunsdale be ratified as the plenary chair.

2017/11:001 MOTION
Local 37/Local 19
Be it resolved that Shawn Hunsdale be ratified as the Plenary Chair for the November 2017 national general meeting.

Contrary speaker: Notes reservations regarding selection of chair and requests that National Chairperson Zachariah be considered to chair the meeting.

CARRIED
Abstentions: Locals 24, 47, 71, 7, 9, 30, 48, 70

4. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Zachariah provided welcoming remarks to meeting delegates.

5. ADOPTION OF THE PLENARY AGENDA

2017/11:002 MOTION
Local 88/Local 24
Be it resolved that the opening plenary agenda for the 36th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.

CARRIED

2017/11:003 MOTION
Local 71/ Local 41
Be it resolved to uphold the ruling of the chair that the motions submitted by the BC component, which were deemed defamatory and dilatory by the NE, not be added to the agenda.

CARRIED
Abstentions: Locals 45, 9, 69, 7, 92, 94, 48, 30

Contrary speaker: These motions have been submitted twice and should be heard.

In favour speaker: Motions have not been discussed with members at the local and therefore delegates could not in good faith vote on them.

In favour speaker: the plenary should not be entertaining the motions in question, should focus on campaigns work

Contrary speaker: Delegates should be able to vote on all motions that have been submitted with due notice.

In favour speaker: Those who bring motions should make sure they do not have defamatory language before serving them.

Contrary speaker: The motions should have been included in original notice package and questions whether legal counsel is in conflict.

2017/11:004 MOTION
Local 103/ Local 42
Be it resolved that the campaigns discussion be moved to before budget at closing plenary.

CARRIED
2017/11:005  MOTION
Local 41/ Local 97
Be it resolved that the ruling of the chair that motion 2017/11:N01 on the agenda is out of order be upheld.
CARRIED
Noted abstentions: Locals 24, 9, 48, 7, 95, 69, 30
Contrary speaker: Motion should be included as it is the will of the local that submitted it.
Contrary speaker: Locals who want to leave should be able to do so, which will lead to more fruitful discussions by the membership.
In favour speaker: The bylaws must be followed.
In favour speaker: Echoes the statement that the bylaws must be followed.

2017/11:006  MOTION
Local 98/ Local 37
Be it resolved that the following motion be added to the agenda under Other Business:
Whereas Jordan Peterson has been widely condemned for his hate speech and incitements to harassment, which constitute a serious threat to the mental and physical safety of students, faculty and staff of the University of Toronto (U of T) and broader communities. As of November 10, 2017, faculty of U of T’s Women and Gender Studies Institute (WGSI) have expressed grave concern at that he is openly working on a website “for the purpose of targeting and ranking courses and professors that he advocates should be removed from the University”; as well as his recent online dissemination of the Facebook profiles of two students, resulting in them being subjected to harassment and threats by Peterson’s followers which caused UTSU to demand the Provost and Vice-Provost’s urgent intervention; and
Whereas such actions are in clear violation of both the U of T Governing Council’s Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters and he Council’s Policy and Procedures on Academic Appointments: the former states that “seeking to disadvantage others by disruptive behaviour is unacceptable,” and the latter indicates that this sort of “gross misconduct” on the part of tenured faculty constitutes grounds for termination; and
Whereas the U of T administration has already publicly acknowledged the danger posed to both faculty and students by Peterson’s behaviour, in the Dean and Vice-Provost’s letter to him of October 18, 2016, in which they urged Peterson to act in a manner that is consistent with the law, the Ontario Human Rights Code, and with University Policy, cautioning that his position as professor would be at risk if he did not comply; and
Whereas U of T continues to provide academic tenure, institutional support, and a high-profile public platform for this Professor’s hateful statements, and the harassment and threatening of students, staff and members of the community who challenge those views; and
Be it resolved that the Federation in an open letter, reaffirms its opposition to, and condemns in the strongest possible terms, Prof. Peterson’s sexist, transphobic, homophobic and racist statements and actions, and expresses the commitment of its members to actively supporting grassroots activism on campuses working to resist the threats and harassment of Peterson and his followers; therefore
Be it further resolved that the Federation calls upon the University of Toronto Governing Council to terminate Prof. Peterson’s appointment, pursuant to its own regulations and in the interests of the safety and wellbeing of students across Canada and elsewhere.
Be it further resolved that member locals, and other non-unionized stakeholders, be encouraged to also re-affirm their opposition and publicly call upon the University of Toronto Governing Council to terminate Jordan Peterson’s appointment.
CARRIED
Abstentions: Local 26
6. **ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

2017/11:007 MOTION
Local 88/Local 32
Be it resolved that the agenda for the 36th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.
CARRIED
Abstentions: Local 26

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

2017/11:008 MOTION
Local 11/Local 68
Be it resolved that the minutes of the 70th 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**

Hunsdale 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. He reviewed and clarified the different types of interventions that may be made during the plenary. He 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 endeavoured 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 is 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.

2017/11:009 MOTION
Local 11/Local 49
Be it resolved that prospective member Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l’Université de Hearst and prospective member Mature and Part-Time University Students Association (UPEI) be ratified.
CARRIED
Abstentions: Local 26

9. **PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS**

a. **Introduction of Nominating Committee**

Hunsdale introduced Quinn Blue who had been appointed by the National Executive, in accordance with Bylaw 5, Section 2, to the nominating committee.

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

Blue explained that elections would be conducted for the following positions on the National Executive for the 2018-19 term: National Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, and New Brunswick Representative. Blue referred delegates to Bylaws 4 and 5 and reviewed timelines for elections.
10. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS

   a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees

      Hunsdale 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

      2017/11:010 MOTION
      Local 68/Local 113
      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 June 2017 National General Meeting

      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.

      2017/11:011 MOTION TO REFER
      Local 68/Local 113
      Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:059 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
      CARRIED

      2016/11:059 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
      The Council shall be compromised 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. Racialised 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.
   f. 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.

2017/11:012 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:087 and subsequent amendments, 2017/06:079, 2017/06:080 and 2017/06:081 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2016/11:087 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.

2017/11:013 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:061 be referred to the Organizational 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 investigates in a CRM program that could benefit all member locals, at a low cost.
MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:069 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

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.

MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:073 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

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.

2017/11:016 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:083 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2016/11:083 REFERRED

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.

2017/11:017 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:085 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2016/11:085 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.

2017/11:018 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:025 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2016/11:025 REFERRED

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 semi-annual 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.

2017/11:019 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113

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

CARRIED

2016/06:037 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.
2017/11:020  MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:033 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2016/11:033  REFERRED

b. New Motions Served with Notice

2017/11:021  MOTION
Local 07/ Local 88
Whereas Bylaw 1 section 6.b.i. reads that, 'Within (90) days of receipt of the petition [...]. The National Executive will endeavour to schedule the referendum between sixty (60) and ninety (90) days following its determination that the petition is in order.‘; and
Whereas a fourteen (14) week semester is comprised of ninety eight (98) days; and
Whereas member local unions’ boards of director’s terms begin in May; and
Whereas the highest population of students are only on campus as of September, leaving only two semesters at full capacity to make action items during that member local union’s board of director’s term; and
Whereas member local unions’ boards of directors should have the agency to see action items carried through during their term; and
Whereas ninety (90) days is an excessive amount of time to verify whether or not a petition is in order; and
Whereas three (3) weeks is ample time to verify if petitions are in order; and
Whereas taking excess time to follow up with member local unions for the purposes of prolonging this processes to ensure the financial safety of the federation is undemocratic and unconstitutional, and has done irreparable harm to the public and membership perception of the Federation; and
Whereas the student movement in Canada seeks to be progressive and transparent; therefore
Be it resolved that the following sentence in Bylaw 1, section 6.b.i.:
Within ninety (90) days of receipt of the petition, the National Executive will review the petition to determine if it is in order and, if it is, in consultation with the member local student association, will schedule a vote.
be amended to read:
Within three (3) weeks of receipt of the petition, the National Executive will review the petition to determine if it is in order and, if it is, in consultation with the member local student association, will schedule a vote.

2017/11:022  MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:21 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2017/11:021  REFERRED

2017/11:023  MOTION
Local 07/ Local 88
Whereas bylaw 1 section 6.b.i. reads that, 'Within (90) days of receipt of the petition [...]. The National Executive will endeavour to schedule the referendum between sixty (60) and ninety (90) days following its determination that the petition is in order.’; and
Whereas a 14 week semester is comprised of 98 days; and
Whereas the highest population of students are only on campus as of September, leaving only two semesters at full capacity to make action items during that member local union’s board of director’s term; and
Whereas taking 90 days is an excessive amount of time to schedule a referendum; and
Whereas member local unions’ boards of director’s should have the agency to see action items carried through during their term; and
Whereas two (2) months is ample time to schedule a referendum; and
Whereas taking excess time to follow up with member local unions for the purposes of prolonging this processes to ensure the financial safety of the federation is undemocratic and unconstitutional, and has done irreparable harm to the public and membership perception of the Federation; and
Whereas the student movement in Canada seeks to be progressive and transparent; therefore

Be it resolved that the following sentence in Bylaw 1, section 6.b.i.:

The National Executive will endeavour to schedule the referendum between sixty (60) days and ninety (90) days following its determination that the petition is in order.

be amended to read:

The National Executive will endeavour to schedule the referendum within sixty (60) days following its determination that the petition is in order.

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2017/11:024 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:023 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2017/11:023 REFERRED

2017/11:025 MOTION
Local 07/Local 88

Whereas Bylaw 1 section 6.k. reads that, ‘In addition to required compliance with Bylaw 1, Section 6.a. to 6.j. and 6.l., in order to vote on the decertification to take place, no vote on decertification may have been held within the previous sixty (60) months for members comprised of university students and thirty-six (36) months for members comprised of college students, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the National Executive.’; and
Whereas member locals should be treated with respect and have the agency to decide what is best for their member local; and
Whereas the CFS endorses ‘decisions made democratically’ and that ‘each member students’ union has an equal say in setting the policies, direction and priorities of the Federation’; and
Whereas the situations and needs vary from year to year from school to school; and
Whereas the decertification process can take multiple years to endure whether or not it is successful; and
Whereas sixty (60) months is absurdly drawn-out; and
Whereas taking excess time to follow up with member locals for the purposes of prolonging this processes to ensure the safety of the federation is undemocratic and unconstitutional; and
Whereas the student movement in Canada seeks to be progressive and transparent; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1 section 6.k. be amended to read:

‘In addition to required compliance with Bylaw 1, Section 6.a. to 6.j. and 6.l., in order to vote on the decertification to take place, no vote on decertification may have been held within the previous eighteen (18) months for members comprised of university students and eighteen (18) months for members comprised of college students, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the National Executive.’
2017/11:026  MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:025 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2017/11:025  REFERRED

2017/11:027  MOTION
Local 11/Local 88
Whereas the three pillars of the Fight the Fees campaign are Education Justice, Education for the Public Good, and Universal Access; and
Whereas the Federation makes the argument for free, quality and accessible post-secondary education informed by all three pillars; and
Whereas statistical data and research about the specific challenges faced by individuals from marginalized communities in accessing post-secondary education is lacking; and
Whereas the student movement is committed to working within an anti-oppressive framework, and must be able to articulate the impacts of access to education of the most marginalized; therefore
Be it resolved that The Federation produce research to expand the education justice pillar of the Fight the Fees campaign; and
Be it further resolved that research explore the ways tuition fees impact intersecting and marginalized identities including, but not limited to, the impact of tuition fees on indigenous people, racialised people, queer and trans people, women, people with disabilities, people raised in a single family home, and people raising children; and
Be it further resolved that research investigate the intersections of education and other social determinants such as income, health, and location.

2017/11:028  MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:027 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2017/11:027  REFERRED

2017/11:029  MOTION
Local 24/Local 88
Whereas harm reduction strategies have proven to save and improve quality of life, reduce costs and alleviate burdens on the healthcare industry, and ultimately get more people into rehabilitation programs; and
Whereas Ontario Health Minister, Eric Hoskins, reported that opioid overdoses are the third largest cause of accidental death in Ontario and growing; and
Whereas the Chief Health Officer of British Columbia declare a public health emergency after the City of Vancouver has reported up to 9 opioid related deaths per night; and
Whereas naloxone is a life serving emergency medication that has no lethal impact if used incorrectly and can be extremely instrumental in saving students lives; and
Whereas some university administrations, specifically Ryerson University, have attempted to block safe-injection sites being installed near campuses and have refused to train security staff in naloxone treatments; and
Whereas University of British Columbia Professor Jane Buxton reports that the Take Home Naloxone Program has seen 5,400 overdose reversals; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation create a national campaign educating members on the values of harm reduction strategies; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation send letters of support to municipal levels of government that are considering the implementation of safe-injection sites; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation send letters of support to students’ unions considering implementing naloxone training; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation create a database and toolkit on how to advertise, educate and support the creation of safe-injection sites that are located around post-secondary campuses; and

Be it further resolved that member locals update their websites to advertise and support local safe-injection sites around their respective campuses.

2017/11:030 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:029 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2017/11:029 REFERRED

2017/11:031 MOTION
Local 24/Local 88

Whereas students' unions, student groups and student organizers at Ryerson University, York University, the University of Toronto and George Brown College have hosted the Reclaiming Our Bodies & Minds (ROBAM) Conference in Toronto for the past three years; and

Whereas the ROBAM Conference is focused on workshops, speakers and discussions around disability, accessibility and mental wellness; and

Whereas the Federation endorsed and assisted in sending students to the ROBAM Conference in March 2017; and

Whereas the ROBAM Conference is scheduled for March 2-4, 2018 in Toronto; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation endorse and encourage attendance to the 2018 ROBAM Conference; and

Be it resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to budget funds to send delegates to the 2018 Conference; and

Be it resolved that the Federation allocate $2000.00 to assist in member locals sending delegates to the 2018 Conference; and

Be it resolved that the Federation assist in organizing the 2018 Conference through organizing conference calls, assisting with logistics and programming, and other opportunities that may arise during organizing.

2017/11:032 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:031 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2017/11:031 REFERRED

2017/11:033 MOTION
Local 24/Local 88

Whereas the current policy on Transgendered, Transsexual and Intersexed Students uses outdated and harmful terminology; and

Whereas transgender and intersex people have historically and continue to be removed from academia regarding transgender and intersex issues; therefore

Be it resolved that the policy on Transgendered, Transsexual and Intersexed Students be amended to read:

The Federation recognises the need for health services that are inclusive to transgender and intersex peoples in all post-secondary institutions in Canada.

The Federation supports research, education and training pertaining to transgender and intersex issues, available services for transgender and intersex peoples and an end to discrimination against transgender and intersex peoples in postsecondary institutions across Canada.

The Federation supports centering transgender and intersex people in creating, developing and implementing curriculums pertaining to transgender and intersex issues.
Be it further resolved the policy on Transgendered, Transsexual and Intersexed Students Policy be renamed Transgender and Intersex Students Policy.

2017/11:034 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:033 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.
CARRIED

2017/11:033 REFERRED

2017/11:035 MOTION
Local 34/Local 88
Whereas on the 4th of October 2017, the Union of Students in Ireland marched for a publicly funded third level education system calling on the government of Ireland to make a significant investment in post secondary education through their Education Is campaign;
Whereas member locals across Canada at 58 campuses, and 38 cities marched for this very same right November 2nd, 2016;
Whereas education justice and accessibility remains a fundamental and core value of the Canadian Federation of Students;
Whereas international solidarity is essential to building a strong, diverse, and inclusive movement;
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students publicly declare solidarity with the Union of Students in Ireland in their Education Is campaign and their fight towards education justice;
Be it further resolved that the member locals are encouraged to send solidarity to the USI as well.

2017/11:036 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:035 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2017/11:035 REFERRED

2017/11:037 MOTION
Local 35/ Local 88
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has a commitment to end sexual and gender-based violence; and
Whereas “gender-based violence continues to be a pervasive issue on every college and university campus across the country, and post-secondary students experience a disproportionate number of sexual and gender-based assaults compared to the rest of the population” (Canadian Federation of Students); and
Whereas “creating safer campuses that are free from sexual and gender-based violence remains essential to creating barrier-free access to education” (Canadian Federation of Students); and
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting in June 2017 re-committed itself to the anti-sexual violence campaign; and
Whereas the Government of Ontario defines Rape Culture as “culture in which dominant ideas, social practices, media images and societal institutions implicitly or explicitly condone sexual assault by normalizing or trivializing male sexual violence and by blaming survivors for their own abuse” (Government of Ontario, 2016); and
Whereas Our Turn is a National Movement to end sexual violence on campuses; and
Whereas Our Turn is a bilingual adaptable action plan signed by two student unions and organizations across Canada committing to creating student-led taskforces and implementing some of the recommendations; and
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Student has supported the Our Turn National Action Plan with in kind translation and web design services; and
Whereas  *Our Turn* is the first comprehensive evaluation of sexual violence policies of campuses across this country;

Be it further resolved that the CFS-National commits to adding their organization name as a signatory to the document and implementing the *Our Turn* action plan to be published in Fall 2017.

**2017/11:038 MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 68/Local 113  
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:037 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.  
**CARRIED**

**2017/11:037 REFERRED**

**2017/11:039 MOTION**  
Local 35/ Local 88  
Whereas accessing post-secondary education requires not only financial accessibility but also physical and mental accessibility;

Whereas accommodation requests for mental health issues and learning disabilities have dramatically grown among student populations in recent years;

Whereas an overwhelming number of applications were received from members last year requesting funding from CFS to attend the Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds conference (ROBAM);

Whereas delegates sent to the ROBAM conference in 2017 declared such to be beneficial in skills development and learning opportunities;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students provide financial support (i.e. travel, accommodations, etc.) to members wishing to attend the (ROBAM) conference to be held in Toronto in March 2018;

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students encourage Locals to allot funding for registration (where possible) to send delegates so that this opportunity is available for more members marginalized by accessibility;

Be it further resolved that the CFS and member locals encourage representative(s) to work with the organizers of the ROBAM summit to support and encourage the participation of students with disabilities across the country in the planning process of the upcoming summit.

**2017/11:040 MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 68/Local 113  
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:039 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.  
**CARRIED**

**2017/11:039 REFERRED**

**2017/11:041 MOTION**  
Local 36/Local 88  
Whereas both Mexico and Puerto Rico have recently faced devastating natural disasters;

and

Whereas many campuses have faced severe destruction; and

Whereas many people are now without homes and basic necessities; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation donates $750 to the Puerto Rico and Mexico each for relief efforts; and

And, be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to donate funds to such organization(s).

**2017/11:042 MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 68/Local 113  
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:041 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.  
**CARRIED**
2017/11:041  REFERRED

2017/11:043  MOTION
Local 36/Local 88
Whereas the federation only has two campaigns pertaining to Students with Disabilities; and
Whereas these campaigns are the Mental Health Campaign and the Challenge Ableism Campaign; and
Whereas these campaigns target mental health matters and awareness for ableism and do not focus on advocating for students with physical disabilities specifically; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation strengthens the Challenge Ableism campaign to advocate for students with physical disabilities.

2017/11:044  MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:043 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2017/11:043  REFERRED

2017/11:045  MOTION
Local 36/Local 88
Whereas corporations of dominant economies, like Canada, make agreements with governments of developing countries that protect the interests of mega-corporations and those who make profit out of these agreements, thus threatening local industries, generation poor working conditions, increasing unemployment, and causing violence and war; and
Whereas international students from developing economies often leave their home country to escape from the aforementioned circumstances caused by the countries they are trying to immigrate. These students leave their families, culture, language, and the comforts of familiarity, seeking for better life quality, and often facing alienation, xenophobia, and racism; and
Whereas there is very little public awareness about the relationship between the products we consume by these corporations, the effect they have in developing countries, and immigration. This lack of awareness is often seen in the form of ignorance of Canadian corporations that have interests in developing countries, lack of knowledge of international conflict, misconceptions on the nature of immigration, and negative perceptions of the international population; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation incorporates advocating for fair trade, sustainable products, consuming local into the “fairness for international students” campaign to raise awareness about how the products we consume affect developing countries and marginalized populations; and
Be it further resolved that the “fairness for international students campaign develops materials that would educate the student population on the effects that mega-corporations have on developing countries and the quality of life on their people, while holding these corporations accountable; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages member locals to facilitate platforms for international students to share their experience, and raise awareness of the issues faced by their particular country.

2017/11:046  MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:045 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2017/11:045  REFERRED
2017/11:047  MOTION
Local 78/Local 88
Whereas groups like “Generation Identity”, “Soldiers of Odin”, “La Meute” and “Pegida” are actively organizing and recruiting students on campuses across the country.
Whereas often in the name of ‘free speech’, these hateful groups seek to use university campuses to recruit students, intimidate faculty, and create an atmosphere of racism, sexism, homophobia, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and fear;
Whereas these groups and their allies are prepared and willing to engage in outright physical violence, including murder;
Whereas the student movement plays a vital role in fighting oppression and racism on and off campus;
Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students commit to sponsoring workshops, educational events and rallies throughout the coming academic year to educate and organize against fascism on our campuses.

2017/11:048  MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:047 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2017/11:047  REFERRED

2017/11:049  MOTION
Local 103/Local 88
Whereas CFS-MB and CFS-Sask are unique in their relative geographic isolation, when compared to other locals and provincial components; and,
Whereas current locals in Manitoba and Saskatchewan would benefit from pooling resources into a single office, similar to current operations in the Maritimes; and,
Whereas the amalgamation into a unified "Prairies" office would allow for more effective mobilization of students, as well as increase the resources available to each component for specific advocacy initiatives.
Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to examine the possibility of creating a CFS Prairies Office to serve as an amalgamation of the resources of CFS- Manitoba and CFS- Saskatchewan. A report on the feasibility of such an amalgamation should be tabled for the membership in time for the 2018 Annual General Meeting, including any recommendation, if any.

2017/11:050  MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:049 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2017/11:049  REFERRED

2017/11:051  MOTION
Local 103/Local 88
Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission outlined 94 calls to action to improve the relationship between Canada and First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples.
Whereas call to action #16 states “We call upon post-secondary institutions to create university and college degree and diploma programs in Aboriginal languages”.
Whereas the University of Manitoba has become the home of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students adopt the Reconciliation-Action campaign as part of our national campaign’s strategy and make resources available to all locals and provincial components.
Be it further resolved that University of Manitoba Aboriginal Student Association be involved in the development and creation of the campaign.
Be it further resolved that a campaign launch be planned on the campus of the University of Manitoba at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

Be it further resolved that university and college administrations and departments be lobbied to take an active supporting role in the implementation of TRC call to action 16 and the Reconciliation-Action campaign.

Be it further resolved that the Circle of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students be consulted on the development of the campaign.

2017/11:052 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:051 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2017/11:051 REFERRED

2017/11:053 MOTION
Local 105/Local 88
Whereas during National General Meetings and other gatherings the Federation regularly invites Elder/s to support students for the duration of these meetings; and

Whereas the delegates and Caucus chairpersons/Executives are busy with other duties that help to make the meetings go smoothly and may not have the time to fully support the Elders’ needs; and

Whereas the Elder/s sometimes don’t know who to ask for certain things that may come up in these spaces; therefore

Be It resolved that Standing Resolution #18 be amended to include a section, the new number 9. Titled ‘Elders’ Coordinator’ to ensure a ‘coordinator’ be appointed for each meeting/gathering who will be responsible for supporting the Elders; and

Be it further resolved that the person that takes on this role undergoes cultural sensitivity training in regards to Indigenous peoples; and

Be it further resolved that the selected Coordinator for each meeting be identified to the at-large Executive of the Circle for First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students.

2017/11:054 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:053 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2017/11:053 REFERRED

2017/11:055 MOTION
Local 105/Local 88
Whereas grassroots organizers have been holding space outside the INAC Toronto to demand action be taken on the suicide crisis, high representation of Indigenous youth in the child welfare system, the lack of funding or resources for the communities affected by these issues, and the limited response from the Federal and Provincial Government; and

Whereas they have held this space for 75 days with no media support, or been given the attention it needs to make this campaign successful

Whereas during National RISE some delegates went to Ground Zero INAC to do a social media live feed to bring awareness to what has been happening there. They have had no meetings with management from INAC, Carolyn Bennett, or the PM Trudeau.

Whereas the grassroots organizers have requested that we write letters to INAC, MP’s and Senator’s, as well as, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Minister of Justice and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau;

Be it resolved that the Federation donate $2000.00 to Ground Zero INAC so that they can organize a rally, be able to afford printing materials, continue to hold the space outside INAC and provide honorariums for speakers or Elders to come to the rally; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation make a public statement of supporting Ground Zero INAC organizer’s efforts and demands; and
Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to write letters and call the previous stakeholders mentioned above, and write motions for donations to their board of directors at their local unions.

2017/11:056 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:055 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2017/11:055 REFERRED

2017/11:057 MOTION
Local 105/Local 88
Whereas Indigenous students face many barriers in addition to postsecondary education that are often not addressed in some of the campaigns that are meant to support Indigenous students;
Whereas we are in a time that the TRC calls to action have been available since May of 2015 and there has been very little to no response from the Federal Government;
Whereas Indigenous communities are in crisis for various reasons, such as lack of funding, poor housing and infrastructure, inadequate access to clean drinking water, youth suicide crisis and high representation of Indigenous youth in children welfare system;
Be it resolved that the Federation create an addendum to each Federal Lobby Week document that outlines background and demands directly relating to barriers faced by Indigenous students; and
Be it further resolved that this addendum be part of the central Lobby Week activities and meetings so that all lobbyists in attendance have knowledge on the demands and incorporate them into each meeting; and
Be it further resolved that the addendum be created in conjunction with representatives from The Circle to reflect the current priorities and demands of that year.

2017/11:058 MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:057 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2017/11:057 REFERRED

2017/11:059 MOTION
Local 106/Local 88
Whereas the initial move to make the Racialised and Indigenous Student Experience (RISE) Summit hosted an accessible annual event was done so in order to bring "racialised and indigenous student voices together without the interference of whiteness" and creating a "national decolonial and anti racist vision"; and
Whereas the ongoing, complex systems of colonization, capitalism, racism and other forms of oppression continue to affect students across the country in more rapacious and troubling ways; and
Whereas the student movement as a reflection of the society we live in must continue to work to decolonize and limit oppression within our movements; and
Whereas the Racialised and Indigenous Student Experience Summit is designed to build solidarity between racialised and indigenous students on the intersectional issues they face on campus and
Whereas RISE has done amazing work to build solidarity, yet there is still a lot of work to be done, and without proper policies or procedures a great deal of harm can be caused; and
Whereas the potential to build an annual, longlasting, ongoing, well planned out Summit has positive impacts for not only the Federation, but every member within the Federation and
Whereas further inclusion and collaboration around the planning of RISE can only be better for RISE and for the student movement,
Whereas the initial resolutions adopted around the second RISE summit were adopted by members but never implemented, meaning that a clear standing resolution would lead to clear understandings of what is entailed in the planning of RISE therefore

Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

“Racialised & Indigenous Student Experience ("RISE") Summit

1. Name

The Summit will be known as the Racialised and Indigenous Student Experience Summit, or the RISE Summit.

2. Terms of Reference of the Planning Committee

Deriving authority from the General Meeting and Members of the Federation, the Planning Committee will be the primary vehicle for organizing the annual RISE Summit, making all broader decisions regarding the Summit, including agendas, speakers, location, fundraising and budget considerations.

3. Objectives of the Summit

The objectives of the Summit are:

• To bring together racialised and indigenous student voices together and work to unify communities through learning and unlearning
• To be the premier organizing hub for combating racism and colonialism among students nationally through research, action and campaigns
• To lead to the annual development for a national vision towards decolonization and anti-racism centering the communities affected

4. Committee Membership

The Planning Committee shall consist of:

Co-chairs:
- National Racialised Student Representative
- National Aboriginal Student Representative

General Membership:
- National Circle of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Chair
- Any Provincial Component equivalent of the above representatives

Community/Coalition/Outreach Partners:
- Community, Coalition and Outreach Partners may be invited by the Committee at their discretion

5. Rights and Privileges of Members of the Planning Committee

All members of the Committee are entitled to:

a. Attend meeting of the Planning Committee;

b. Vote at any committee meeting;

c. Seek support from the Federation’s other structures in order to ensure the RISE Summit is a success.

6. Meetings

Meetings of the Committee shall take place at least once a month, or as required by the committee.

Meetings may take place through online conference calls, in person meetings, or other methods as required to ensure the work of the Committee is completed in a timely manner.

2017/11:060  MOTION TO REFER
Local 68/Local 113
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:059 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee
CARRIED

2017/11:059  REFERRED
MOTION

Local 111/Local 88

Whereas providing anti-harassment support requires credentials in which the individual providing mediating, counselling, intervention and referral to outside supports must adhere to an accredited, governing body;

Whereas the existing anti-harassment operations policy guidelines are vague when referring to credentials required; and

Whereas there is no current third-party governing body that regulates anti-harassment advisors nor provides a relative code of ethics;

Whereas registered social workers are qualified and trained extensively in anti-harassment support and are regulated by the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) or a provincial equivalent;

Whereas contracting out from a third-party such as CASW helps avoid potential conflicts of interest between the Advisor(s), the organization and member local delegates;

Be it resolved that The Operations Policy on Anti-harassment, from the subheading of POLICY on be amended to read:

The Federation will not tolerate harassment or sexual harassment of any form. The Federation shall employ the following procedure for dealing with incidents of harassment, which may occur at any Federation event. Throughout this process the principles of confidentiality and due process shall be strictly adhered to:

“Advisor”

The Federation shall retain for the duration of all provincial and national general meetings the services of a Harassment Advisor(s) who will be available on a 24-hour basis. The Advisor shall be experienced in dealing with incidents of harassment and sexual harassment, shall possess training in peer support, advocacy, and active listening. The Advisor shall be bilingual and must be registered by either their respective provincial Social Work Association and/or the Canadian Association of Social Workers

Orientation

Time will be allocated for a presentation on harassment policy during the opening plenary at every general meeting. The National Executive shall put forward a candidate(s) for the role of Harassment Advisor, who shall be ratified by the membership by a majority vote. Any individual who has served in a formal capacity with the Federation, be it at the National level or with a Provincial component shall be ineligible to serve as Harassment Officer.

MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 113

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:061 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee

CARRIED

2017/11:061 REFERRED

MOTION

Local 4/Local 88

Whereas, at a general meeting in 2015, the Federation announced the existence of a secret bank account that was not reflected in its audited financial statements and declared its intention to provide members a complete audit of this account;

Whereas audited financial statements that aren’t reflective of the financial position of the organization are not valid financial statements;

Whereas British Columbia law requires student organizations to complete audited financial statements in order to compel institution’s boards of governors to remit that organization’s membership dues; therefore,

Be it resolved that the full report of Grant Thornton LLP of the Federation’s financial accounts be released to member local unions without redaction.
2017/11:064  MOTION TO REFER  
Local 68/Local 113  
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:063 be referred to the Budget Committee.  
CARRIED  
2017/11:063  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.  

2017/11:065  MOTION  
Local 69/Local 106  
Be it resolved that the report of the National Executive be tabled to Closing Plenary.  

2017/11:066  MOTION TO AMEND  
Local 11/ Local 104  
Be it resolved that the report of the National Executive be presented during opening plenary and that questions regarding the report take place during closing plenary.  
CARRIED  

2017/11:067  MOTION TO AMEND  
Local 111/Local 24  
Be it resolved that the question period on the report of the National Executive be moved to the timeslot before lunch in lieu of provincial component meeting.  
Contrary speaker: Translation will not be available and will impede participation.  
Contrary speaker: Speaker echoes previous point.  
DEFEATED  

2017/11:065  CARRIED AS AMENDED  
Abstentions: Locals 8, 38, 45, 35, 46, 100, 70, 92, MAPUS  

2017/11:068  MOTION  
Local 9/Local 45  
Be it resolved that the meeting be extended to include time for the presentation of the National Executive Report.  

In favour speaker: The plenary should hear the report before closing plenary.  
Contrary speaker: Meeting is long enough and health concerns should be taken into account.  
Contrary speaker: For health and wellness, dietary needs, we should stick to the agenda.  
In favour speaker: Plenary was started late and therefore should be extended.  

CALL FOR ORDERS OF THE DAY  

2017/11:069  MOTION TO APPEAL ORDERS OF THE DAY  
Local 4  
DEFEATED  
Abstentions: Locals 103, 101, 9  

13. RECESS
CALL BACK TO ORDER – Monday, November 20, 2017

At 2:50 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by meeting chair Shawn Hunsdale.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

- Local / Section 3 University of British Columbia Students’ Union Okanagan: Present
- Local / Section 4 Selkirk College Students’ Union: Present
- Local / Section 13 College of New Caledonia Students’ Union: Proxy
- Local / Section 15 Thompson Rivers University Students’ Union: Absent
- Local / Section 18 Douglas Students’ Union: Present
- Local / Section 26 Kwantlen Student Association: Present
- Local / Section 33 Emily Carr Students’ Union: Absent
- Local / Section 53 Okanagan College Students’ Union: Present
- Local / Section 61 Vancouver Island University Students’ Union: Present
- Local / Section 66 Northwest Community College Students’ Union: Proxy
- Local / Section 72 North Island Students’ Union: Present
- Local / Section 73 Students’ Union of Vancouver Community College: Present
- Local / Section 75 Camosun College Student Society: Present
- Local / Section 86 College of the Rockies Students’ Union: Absent
- Local / Section 9 University of Regina Students’ Union: Present
- Local / Section 10 First Nations University of Canada Students Association: Present
- Local / Section 101 University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students’ Association: Absent
- Local / Section 8 University of Winnipeg Students’ Association: Absent
- Local / Section 37 Brandon University Students’ Union: Present
- Local / Section 38 Association étudiante du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface: Present
- Local / Section 96 University of Manitoba Graduate Students’ Association: Present
- Local / Section 103 University of Manitoba Students’ Union: Present
- Local / Section 1 Carleton University Students’ Association: Present
- Local / Section 19 University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union: Present
- Local / Section 20 Nipissing University Student Union: Present
- Local / Section 24 Ryerson Students’ Union: Present
- Local / Section 25 Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union: Present
- Local / Section 27 Queen’s University Society of Graduate and Professional Students: Present
- Local / Section 30 Laurentian University Students’ General Association: Present
- Local / Section 32 Lakehead University Student Union: Present
- Local / Section 39 McMaster University Graduate Students’ Association: Present
- Local / Section 41 Student Federation of the University of Ottawa / Fédération étudiante de l’Université d’Ottawa: Present
- Local / Section 47 University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students: Present
- Local / Section 48 University of Windsor Graduate Student Society: Present
- Local / Section 49 University of Windsor Students’ Alliance: Present
- Local / Section 54 University of Guelph Central Student Association: Present
- Local / Section 56 Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students’ Association: Present
- Local / Section 62 University of Guelph Graduate Students’ Association: Present
- Local / Section 68 York Federation of Students: Present
- Local / Section 71 Trent Central Student Association: Present
- Local / Section 78 Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association: Present
- Local / Section 82 Algoma University Students’ Association: Present
- Local / Section 84 York University Graduate Students’ Association: Present
- Local / Section 85 Saint Paul University Students’ Association: Present
Hunsdale declared that a quorum had been reached.

2017/11:070 MOTION
Local 18/Local 61

Be it resolved that the reports of Caucuses and Constituency Groups be moved to immediately preceding the presentation of the Campaigns and Government Relations forum report.

Speaker in favour: Sometimes we run out of time, so would like to have those discussions moved up in the agenda.

Contrary Speaker: In opening plenary, the campaigns report was moved up in the agenda due to important motions that must be discussed to foster reconciliation.

2017/11:071 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 18/Local 33

Be it resolved that the reports of the Caucuses and Constituency Groups be moved to immediately following the presentation of the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum report.

Speaker in favour: We should hear the emergency motions.

DEFEATED
2017/11:070  DEFEATED
Abstentions: Local 103

2017/11:072  MOTION
Local 18/ Local 4
Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to allocate half an hour to the presentation of the reports of the Caucuses and Constituency Groups, beginning at 9 p.m.

Speaker in favour: Sometimes we run out of time, so would like to have those discussions moved up in the agenda.

DEFEATED

2017/11:073  MOTION
Local 97/ Local 92
Be it resolved that speaking time be limited to a maximum of two minutes per speaker.

Speaker in favour: Speakers should be concise and have their ideas formed before they arrive at the microphone.

DEFEATED

2017/11:074  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 4/ Local 24
Be it resolved that the speaking time be limited to a maximum of three minutes per speaker.

DEFEATED

2017/11:073  CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

As per Bylaw V, Section 2-f, the National Executive presented 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.

3. QUESTION PERIOD

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

Question: Why are students subsidising fees paid by the York Federation of Students?
Response from Treasurer: YFS continues to remit membership fees but some are still outstanding.

Question: International graduate students have 30% increases of tuition and ancillary fees, and can’t access grants such as SERC; what is being done to support international students?
Response from Deputy Chair: An international student survey is being developed by the International Students’ Constituency. International students are included in lobby efforts, which include advocating for access to grants.

Question: What progress has been made in lobbying the federal government to ensure a better system of post-secondary education across all provinces and what steps can be taken moving forward to make this a wide-reaching public issue?
Response from Treasurer: A national post-secondary act would establish standards across the provinces and earmark funding from the federal government to the provinces. National days of action and national lobbying efforts illustrate the public demand for a system of post-secondary education. Research documents illustrate the need for a coordinated effort on behalf of the federal government. We will continue lobbying government and bringing the issue of accessible public education to the media over the coming year and continue building Fight the Fees chapters on local campuses to gain momentum.

Question: How much time do national executive members not in the national office have to review motions and do you feel it is adequate?
Response from Nova Scotia Representative on the national executive: A legal opinion was given to national executive representatives that indicated if motions were circulated, it would open up the
Federation to potential legal action. The at-large executive did their due diligence by seeking a legal opinion and enough time was given to act in accordance with fiduciary responsibility.

Question: Will there be consultation with students for feedback regarding building a new website?
Response from Deputy Chairperson: A new website is being rolled out, but due to staff changeover, work on the website has been slowed. Consultation has been undertaken with provincial offices and content has been developed for when the website is ready. Constituency and Caucuses have begun drafting content for the website as well.

Question: How will you address difficulties with orders from the Ethical Purchasing Network?
Response from Deputy Chairperson: The process of ordering will move to a rolling deadline so that orders that are submitted on time will not be held up by later orders at other locals.

Question: How will the national executive ensure that information regarding delivery of services be provided to member locals?
Response from Deputy Chairperson: The national executive members receive a thorough update from all services staff in the national office on Federation services at each national executive meeting. Locals are updated on significant changes to services that would affect the work at the local level and services staff has been on site and available for questions throughout the general meeting.

Question: When will the government relations strategy of the Not in My Interest Campaign be added to the Campaigns Guide?
Response from Treasurer: The campaign will be an adjunct to Fight the Fees campaign and will be incorporated in the Campaigns Guide at the June 2018 national general meeting. There has been feedback on this campaign at the October national executive meetings, but there will be more opportunities for its development at the 2018 annual general meeting Campaigns and Government Relations Forum. There will be an online petition as well as other components, including a campaign video, a question in the annual round of public opinion polling and student testimonies of current and previous students. The Federation has also prepared an issue brief for government and members outlining the case for interest-free student loans that will be finalized for the launch of the campaign.

Question: Is the Federation planning on developing research regarding small and rural campuses?
Response from Deputy Chairperson: The anti-corporatization campaign could be broadened to encompass campus and institutes, not just graduate students. Local members can reach out to the national office for skills development. Services can be meaningful for small and rural campuses that do not have the purchasing power of larger institutions.

4. BUSINESS TABLED FROM OPENING PLENARY

2017/11:075 MOTION
Local 88/ Local 71
Be it resolved that Local 88 be the seconder for items listed under 11.b of the opening plenary minutes.
CARRIED

2017/11:076 MOTION
Local 24/ Local 111
Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to include a 20-minute question period of the National Executive to take place immediately following the question period required by the bylaws.

Speaker in favour: Many people have yet to ask questions and this would allow them that opportunity.

Speaker in favour: There were questions that couldn’t be asked. Further information must be presented in order to adopt the report of the National Executive.

Contrary speaker: Questions were answered and questions can be answered further at a later date.
Speaker in favour: Would like to have the opportunity to ask and have questions answered in person.

Contrary speaker: Can look up answers to your questions on the website or via email.

Contrary speaker: Would like to get to all the parts of the meeting, maybe questions could be asked after the rest of the business of the meeting.

Contrary speaker: Make sure to follow up on emails and questions that are asked.

DEFEATED

2017/11:077   MOTION
Local 10/Local 32
Be it resolved that speakers wishing to speak in favour of a motion speak on the left of any microphone and speakers wishing to speak against a motion speak on the right of any microphone.
CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION OF CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT

The National Chairperson Zachariah presented recommendations from the report of the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

2017/11:078   MOTION TO RECESS
Local 104/Local 68
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes.
CARRIED
The closing plenary recesses for 10 minutes.

2017/11:079   MOTION
Local 8/Local 66
Be it resolved that the roving microphone be treated as microphone number 5 in the order in which microphones are called upon by the meeting Chair.
CARRIED

2017/11:027   MOTION
Local 11/Local 88
Whereas the three pillars of the Fight the Fees campaign are Education Justice, Education for the Public Good, and Universal Access; and
Whereas the Federation makes the argument for free, quality and accessible post-secondary education informed by all three pillars; and
Whereas statistical data and research about the specific challenges faced by individuals from marginalized communities in accessing post-secondary education is lacking; and
Whereas the student movement is committed to working within an anti-oppressive framework and must be able to articulate the impacts of access to education of the most marginalized; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation produce research to expand the education justice pillar of the Fight the Fees campaign; and
Be it further resolved that research explore the ways tuition fees impact intersecting and marginalized identities including, but not limited to, the impact of tuition fees on indigenous people, racialised people, queer and trans people, women, people with disabilities, people raised in a single family home, and people raising children; and
Be it further resolved that research investigate the intersections of education and other social determinants such as income, health, and location.

2017/11:080   MOTION TO AMEND
Local 32/Local 7
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:027 to amended to include:
Be it further resolved that this research be released by the next semi-annual general meeting.
CARRIED
2017/11:081 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 38/Local 85
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:027 be amended to read:
Be it further resolved that research explore the ways tuition fees impact intersecting and marginalized identities including, but not limited to, the impact of tuition fees on indigenous people, racialised people, queer and trans people, women, people with disabilities, francophone students, people raised in a single family home, people raising children, and differential fees for international students; and
CARRIED

2017/11:082 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 41/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:027 be amended to read:
Be it further resolved that research investigate the intersections of education and other social determinants such as income, health, location, immigration policy and housing; and
CARRIED

2017/11:083 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 7
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:027 be amended to include:
Be it further resolved that members of the National Executive and Constituency Representatives be consulted in the research process; and
CARRIED

2017/11:027 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2017/11:029 MOTION
Local 24/Local 88
Whereas, harm reduction strategies have proven to save and improve quality of life, reduce costs and alleviate burdens on the healthcare industry, and ultimately get more people into rehabilitation programs; and
Whereas, Ontario Health Minister, Eric Hoskins, reported that opioid overdoses are the third largest cause of accidental death in Ontario and growing; and
Whereas the Chief Health Officer of British Columbia declare a public health emergency after the City of Vancouver has reported up to 9 opioid related deaths per night; and
Whereas naloxone is a life serving emergency medication that has no lethal impact if used incorrectly and can be extremely instrumental in saving students lives; and
Whereas some university administrations, specifically Ryerson University, have attempted to block safe-injection sites being installed near campuses and have refused to train security staff in naloxone treatments; and
Whereas University of British Columbia Professor Jane Buxton reports that the Take Home Naloxone Program has seen 5,400 overdose reversals; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation create a national campaign educating members on the values of harm reduction strategies; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation send letters of support to municipal levels of government that are considering the implementation of safe-injection sites; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation send letters of support to students’ unions considering implementing naloxone training; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation create a database and toolkit on how to advertise, educate and support the creation of safe-injection sites that are located around post-secondary campuses; and
Be it further resolved that member locals update their websites to advertise and support local safe-injection sites around their respective campuses.

Speaker in favour: notes that InSite plays a significant role in improving lives of those in the downtown eastside of Vancouver with a harm reduction strategy as well as combating the opioid crisis
Speaker in favour: notes that opioid overdoses are on the rise and this would assist in quelling that

CARRIED

2017/11:031 MOTION
Local 24/Local 88
Whereas students’ unions, student groups and student organizers at Ryerson University, York University, the University of Toronto and George Brown College have hosted the Reclaiming Our Bodies & Minds (ROBAM) Conference in Toronto for the past three years; and
Whereas the ROBAM Conference is focused on workshops, speakers and discussions around disability, accessibility and mental wellness; and
Whereas the Federation endorsed and assisted in sending students to the ROBAM Conference in March 2017; and
Whereas the ROBAM Conference is scheduled for March 2-4, 2018 in Toronto; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation endorse and encourage attendance to the 2018 ROBAM Conference; and
Be it resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to budget funds to send delegates to the 2018 Conference; and
Be it resolved that the Federation allocate $2000.00 to assist in member locals sending delegates to the 2018 Conference; and
Be it resolved that the Federation assist in organizing the 2018 Conference through organizing conference calls, assisting with logistics and programming, and other opportunities that may arise during organizing.
CARRIED

2017/11:084 MOTION
Local 37/Local 67
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:035 and its subsequent amendment 2017/11:085 be considered together.
CARRIED

2017/11:035 MOTION
Local 34/Local 88
Whereas on the 4th of October 2017, the Union of Students in Ireland marched for a publicly funded third level education system calling on the government of Ireland to make a significant investment in post secondary education through their Education Is campaign;
Whereas member locals across Canada at 58 campuses, and 38 cities marched for this very same right November 2nd, 2016;
Whereas education justice and accessibility remains a fundamental and core value of the Canadian Federation of Students;
Whereas international solidarity is essential to building a strong, diverse, and inclusive movement;
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students publicly declare solidarity with the Union of Students in Ireland in their Education Is campaign and their fight towards education justice;
Be it further resolved that the member locals are encouraged to send solidarity to the USI as well.

2017/11:085 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 75/Local 106
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:035 be amended to include:
Be it further resolved that CFS release a public statement in solidarity with the Education Is campaign and send a letter to the USI.

2017/11:035 CARRIED AS AMENDED
2017/11:037  MOTION
Local 35/Local 88
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has a commitment to end sexual and gender-based violence; and
Whereas “gender-based violence continues to be a pervasive issue on every college and university campus across the country, and post-secondary students experience a disproportionate number of sexual and gender-based assaults compared to the rest of the population” (Canadian Federation of Students); and
Whereas “creating safer campuses that are free from sexual and gender-based violence remains essential to creating barrier-free access to education” (Canadian Federation of Students); and
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting in June 2017 re-committed itself to the anti-sexual violence campaign; and
Whereas the Government of Ontario defines Rape Culture as “culture in which dominant ideas, social practices, media images and societal institutions implicitly or explicitly condone sexual assault by normalizing or trivializing male sexual violence and by blaming survivors for their own abuse” (Government of Ontario, 2016); and
Whereas Our Turn is a National Movement to end sexual violence on campuses; and
Whereas Our Turn is a bilingual adaptable action plan signed by two student unions and organizations across Canada committing to creating student-led taskforces and implementing some of the recommendations; and
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Student has supported the Our Turn National Action Plan with in kind translation and web design services; and
Whereas Our Turn is the first comprehensive evaluation of sexual violence policies of campuses across this country;
Be it further resolved that the CFS-National commits to adding their organization name as a signatory to the document and implementing the Our Turn action plan to be published in Fall 2017.

2017/11:086  MOTION TO REFER
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:037 be referred to the National Executive.

Contrary speaker: indicates positive results and resource sharing with other groups doing similar work, that best practices adopted by Our Turn

Contrary speaker: This campaign should be adopted in the plenary. In terms of concerns regarding representation, there are 21 students’ unions from multiple provinces across the country that have signed on.

Speaker in favour: indicates that the Our Turn document has not been read by many members and that not many universities from all areas of the country have been represented

Speaker in favour: thinks it is important for intersection of people on the NE reps to consider the motion in order for more voices can be used to improve the document

Speaker in favour: suggests that despite research that went into this document it will be published online shortly and can be accessed by students

CARRIED

2017/11:037  REFERRED
Abstentions: Locals 9, 24, 90

2017/11:039  MOTION
Local 35/Local 88
Whereas accessing post-secondary education requires not only financial accessibility but also physical and mental accessibility;
Whereas accommodation requests for mental health issues and learning disabilities have dramatically grown among student populations in recent years;
Whereas an overwhelming number of applications were received from members last year requesting funding from CFS to attend the Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds conference (ROBAM);

 Whereas delegates sent to the ROBAM conference in 2017 declared such to be beneficial in skills development and learning opportunities;

 Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students provide financial support (i.e. travel, accommodations, etc.) to members wishing to attend the (ROBAM) conference to be held in Toronto in March 2018;

 Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students encourage Locals to allot funding for registration (where possible) to send delegates so that this opportunity is available for more members marginalized by accessibility;

 Be it further resolved that the CFS and member locals encourage representative(s) to work with the organizers of the ROBAM summit to support and encourage the participation of students with disabilities across the country in the planning process of the upcoming summit.

 CARRIED

2017/11:041 MOTION
Local 36/Local 88
Whereas both Mexico and Puerto Rico have recently faced devastating natural disasters; and
Whereas many campuses have faced severe destruction; and
Whereas many people are now without homes and basic necessities; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation donates $750 to the Puerto Rico and Mexico each for relief efforts; and
And, be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to donate funds to such organization(s).

2017/11:087 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 36/Local 109
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:041 be amended to strike both “Be it resolved” clauses and replace them with the following:

Be it resolved that the National Executive investigate different grassroots organizations of disaster relief within the Caribbean and Mexico; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation make a decision on the best of these organizations and donate $2000 by March 2018.

CARRIED

2017/11:041 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2017/11:088 MOTION
Local 37/Local 19

CARRIED

2017/11:043 MOTION
Local 36/Local 88
Whereas the Federation only has two campaigns pertaining to Students with Disabilities; and
Whereas these campaigns are the Mental Health Campaign and the Challenge Ableism campaign; and
Whereas these campaigns target mental health matters and awareness for ableism and do not focus on advocating for students with physical disabilities specifically; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation strengthens the Challenge Ableism campaign to advocate for students with physical disabilities.
2017/11:089  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 106
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:095 be amended to include:
Be it further resolved that the Federation consult with disability justice organizations both within the Federation and outside the Federation;

2017/11:090  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 19
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:095 be amended to include:
Be it further resolved that the Federation introduce workshops around accessibility and disability justice in activist spaces.

2017/11:043  CARRIED AS AMENDED

2017/11:091  MOTION
Local 37/Local 100
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:045 and its subsequent amendment 2017/11:092 be considered together.
CARRIED

2017/11:045  MOTION
Local 36/Local 88
Whereas corporations of dominant economies, like Canada, make agreements with governments of developing countries that protect the interests of mega-corporations and those who make profit out of these agreements, thus threatening local industries, generation poor working conditions, increasing unemployment, and causing violence and war; and
Whereas international students from developing economies often leave their home country to escape from the aforementioned circumstances caused by the countries they are trying to immigrate. These students leave their families, culture, language, and the comforts of familiarity, seeking for better life quality, and often facing alienation, xenophobia, and racism; and
Whereas there is very little public awareness about the relationship between the products we consume by these corporations, the effect they have in developing countries, and immigration. This lack of awareness is often seen in the form of ignorance of Canadian corporations that have interests in developing countries, lack of knowledge of international conflict, misconceptions on the nature of immigration, and negative perceptions of the international population; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation incorporates advocating for fair trade, sustainable products, consuming local into the “fairness for international students” campaign to raise awareness about how the products we consume affect developing countries and marginalized populations; and
Be it further resolved that the “fairness for international students campaign develops materials that would educate the student population on the effects that mega-corporations have on developing countries and the quality of life on their people, while holding these corporations accountable; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages member locals to facilitate platforms for international students to share their experience, and raise awareness of the issues faced by their particular country.

2017/11:092  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 19/Local 7
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:045 be amended to strike the first “be it resolved” clause and replace it with the following:
Be it resolved that the Federation incorporates advocating for fair trade, sustainable products, food justice, migrant workers in Canada, and consuming local into the “fairness for international students” campaign to raise awareness about how the products we consume affect developing countries and marginalized populations; and
CARRIED

2017/11:045  CARRIED AS AMENDED
2017/11:093 MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA
Local 103/Local 94
Be it resolved to amend the agenda in order to discuss motion 2017/11:051 immediately.

Speaker in favour: Would like to discuss this motion due to absence later in the meeting.

CARRIED

2017/11:051 MOTION
Local 103/Local 88
Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission outlined 94 calls to action to improve the relationship between Canada and First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples.
Whereas call to action #16 states “We call upon post-secondary institutions to create university and college degree and diploma programs in Aboriginal languages”.
Whereas the University of Manitoba has become the home of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students adopt the Reconcili-Action campaign as part of our national campaign’s strategy and make resources available to all locals and provincial components.
Be it further resolved that University of Manitoba Aboriginal Student Association be involved in the development and creation of the campaign.
Be it further resolved that a campaign launch be planned on the campus of the University of Manitoba at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.
Be it further resolved that university and college administrations and departments be lobbied to take an active supporting role in the implementation of TRC call to action 16 and the Reconcili-Action campaign.
Be it further resolved that the Circle of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students be consulted on the development of the campaign.

Speaker in favour: Indicates that locals should be taking part in this campaign at their local to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners.

Speaker in favour: The time for talking about reconciliation is past and now we must act to do the work of following the recommendations of the TRC; this would provide leadership on campus.

Speaker in favour: Echoes the sentiment of the last speaker.

2017/11:094 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 103/Local 90
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:051 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the Federation implement the Reconcili-Action campaign in reference and respect to the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Speaker in favour: This forms the basis for how Canada and the world treat Indigenous People.

Speaker in favour: Commits to putting this into action at their local students’ union level and encourages other locals to connect with the movers of the motion to do the same.

CARRIED

2017/11:051 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2017/11:047 MOTION
Local 78/Local 88
Whereas groups like “Generation Identity”, “Soldiers of Odin”, “La Meute” and “Pegida” are actively organizing and recruiting students on campuses across the country;
Whereas often in the name of ‘free speech’, these hateful groups seek to use university campuses to recruit students, intimidate faculty, and create an atmosphere of racism, sexism, homophobia, anti-semitism, Islamophobia and fear;
Whereas these groups and their allies are prepared and willing to engage in outright physical violence, including murder;
Whereas the student movement plays a vital role in fighting oppression and racism on and off campus;
Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students commit to sponsoring workshops, educational events and rallies throughout the coming academic year to educate and organize against fascism on our campuses.

2017/11:095 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 100/Local 109
Be it resolved to amend motion 2017/11:047 to read as follows:
Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students commit to sponsoring workshops, educational events and rallies throughout the coming academic year to educate and organize against white supremacy and fascist organizing on our campuses with the consultation and inclusion of community groups and committees doing anti-racist organizing work.

Speaker in favour: White supremacy needs to be identified and called out.
Speaker in favour: Posters have been circulating around campus that are Islamophobic and racist. We must call out white supremacy and work with community groups to end it.
CARRIED
2017/11:047 CARRIED AS AMENDED
2017/11:055 MOTION
Local 105/Local 88
Whereas grassroots organizers have been holding space outside the INAC Toronto to demand action be taken on the suicide crisis, high representation of Indigenous youth in the child welfare system, the lack of funding or resources for the communities affected by these issues, and the limited response from the Federal and Provincial Government; and
Whereas they have held this space for 75 days with no media support, or been given the attention it needs to make this campaign successful; and
Whereas during National RISE some delegates went to Ground Zero INAC to do a social media live feed to bring awareness to what has been happening there. They have had no meetings with management from INAC, Carolyn Bennett, or the PM Trudeau; and
Whereas the grassroots organizers have requested that we write letters to INAC, MP’s and Senator’s, as well as, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Minister of Justice and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau;
Be it resolved that the Federation donate $2000.00 to Ground Zero INAC so that they can organize a rally, be able to afford printing materials, continue to hold the space outside INAC and provide honorariums for speakers or Elders to come to the rally; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation make a public statement of supporting Ground Zero INAC organizer’s efforts and demands; and
Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to write letters and call the previous stakeholders mentioned above, and write motions for donations to their board of directors at their local unions.
CARRIED
2017/11:057 MOTION
Local 105/Local 88
Whereas Indigenous students face many barriers in addition to post secondary education that are often not address in some of the campaigns that are meant to support Indigenous students; and
Whereas we are in a time that the TRC calls to action have been available since May of 2015 and there has been very little to no response from the Federal Government; and
Whereas Indigenous communities are in crisis for various reasons, such as lack of funding, poor housing and infrastructure, inadequate access to clean drinking water, youth suicide crisis and high representation of Indigenous youth in children welfare system; and
Be it resolved that the Federation create an addendum to each Federal Lobby Week document that outlines background and demands directly relating to barriers faced by Indigenous students; and

Be it further resolved that this addendum be part of the central Lobby Week activities and meetings so that all lobbyists in attendance have knowledge on the demands and incorporate them into each meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the addendum be created in conjunction with representatives from The Circle to reflect the current priorities and demands of that year.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

National Treasurer Veitch presented the Budget Committee Report.

2017/11:096 MOTION TO DEFEAT

Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:063 be defeated

2017/11:063 MOTION

Local 4/Local 88

Whereas, at a general meeting in 2015, the Federation announced the existence of a secret bank account that was not reflected in its audited financial statements and declared its intention to provide members a complete audit of this account;

Whereas audited financial statements that aren’t reflective of the financial position of the organization are not valid financial statements;

Whereas British Columbia law requires student organizations to complete audited financial statements in order to compel institutions’ boards of governors to remit that organization’s membership dues; therefore,

Be it resolved that the full report of Grant Thornton LLP of the Federation’s financial accounts be released to member local unions without redaction.

2017/11:097 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 18/Local 73

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:063 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the full report of Grant Thornton LLP of the Federation’s financial accounts be released to member local unions with minimal redaction for the purpose of transparency with advice from legal counsel.

Speaker in favour: Advice from legal counsel would ensure that everything presented wouldn’t put the Federation in precarious legal position. It would provide additional information to members who would like additional information. The purpose would not be to unearth who spent the money.

Speaker in favour: Echoes sentiment regarding legal advice from first speaker.

Contrary speaker: Entities involved have followed their fiduciary duty. A summary report is available for those who request it.

Contrary speaker: The summary report is sufficient and a report that is not redacted could open the Federation to litigation.

Contrary speaker: “Minimal” is a vague term. A summary report is available to anyone who would like one. As well, multiple amendments were brought forth in budget committee and they all failed at committee.

Speaker in favour: This amendment directs the Federation to work with legal counsel to provide answers to locals with questions.

Speaker in favour: Need to do due diligence for members. Need to seek legal advice on what a redacted report would look like.

DEFEATED

Abstentions: Locals 9, 90, 95, 34, 7, 47, 30
In favour: Locals 103, 13, 73, 99, 26, 3, 53, 33, 111, 18, 73, 66, 13, 31, 75, 72, 4, 98, 48, 61, 92, 1, 24

Discussion on motion 2017/11:096 resumes.
Speaker in favour: Discussion in budget committee should not put the national campaigns at risk, which is a costly endeavour.
Contrary speaker: A review of the audit gives a broad strokes review, does not answer the detailed question.
Contrary speaker: Would like report to be published un-redacted so that issues of accountability can be cleared up.
Speaker in favour: Passing this motion would open the Federation up to liability. The recommendation of the committee should be respected.

2017/11:098 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 9/Local 4
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:063 be amended to read:
Be it resolved that a second report outlining the use of funds listed in the forensic audit be released at the June 2018 meeting upon positive advisement of legal counsel.

Speaker in favour: A second report outlining use of funds would clear up outstanding questions.
Speaker in favour: The structure could be based on the existing report.

2017/11:099 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 4/Local 18
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:098 be amended to read:
Be it resolved that a second report outlining the use of funds listed in the forensic audit be provided at the June 2018 meeting upon positive advisement of legal counsel at the subsequent general meeting during an in-camera session.

Speaker in favour: there have been previous in-camera sessions of plenary and this would satisfy requirements of provinces for information
Contrary speaker: currently provided report provides as much information as possible
Contrary speaker: if the information is discussed in-camera it won’t be able to be shared with students
Contrary speaker: there is no capacity to ensure confidentiality even in an in-camera meeting
Speaker in favour: despite the fact that information from an in-camera session cannot be shared with students at locals those students would feel better having their elected representatives be knowledgeable of the full breadth of the document
Speaker in favour: echoes sentiment of previous speaker

DEFEATED
Abstentions: Locals 47, 30, 24, 9
In favour: Locals 103, 18, 1, 4, 61, 73, 13, 75, 33, 53, 66, 3, 26

2017/11:098 DEFEATED
Abstentions: 24, 47, 85
In favour: 26, 3, 66, 53, 33, 75, 13, 18, 73, 4, 61, 103, 1, 9

2017/11:096 CARRIED
Abstentions: Locals 98, 30, 48, 47, 24, 90
In favour: Locals 18, 4, 61, 73, 13, 31, 72, 75, 53, 111, 66, 3, 26, 103, 1, 9, 33

2017/11:063 DEFEATED
2017/11:099  MOTION
Local 71/ Local 11
Be it resolved that the revised 2017-2018 budget be adopted as presented.
Speaker in favour: National Treasurer Veitch did a great job in committee explaining the budget and answering questions in detail.

2017/11:100  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 18/ Local 24
Be it resolved that the 2017-2018 budget be amended so that the Membership Drives and Referenda line be increased from $80,000 to $200,000.
Speaker in favour: If four students’ unions are planning to have referenda, we must be prepared.
Contrary speaker: At the June general meeting the budget line was increased to $80,000 to reflect the cost of potential referenda.
Speaker in favour: Several petitions have been served and there could be potential referenda in the coming year.
Speaker in favour: There are a number of members joining and leaving, $80,000 may not be sufficient.
Speaker in favour: There are several petitions and could be more circulating.
Contrary speaker: Not a good use of budgeting, membership fees have not been paid by locals who would potentially be having referenda, overall the budget is well done.
DEFEATED
Abstentions: Locals 9, 90, 24, 92
In favour: Local 103

2017/11:099  CARRIED
Abstentions: Locals 9, 90, 103, 1, 92
Against: Locals 26, 3, 66, 18, 61, 53, 33, 13, 73, 75, 31, 111, 72, 4, 98

2017/11:101  MOTION
Local 97/ Local 11
Be it resolved that Parker Prins Lebano be appointed as auditors to review and audit the 2017 financial statements.
Speaker in favour: An auditor is needed.
Speaker in favour: Four bid proposals were submitted; PPL was recommended by the National Executive and has experience working with union and not-for-profit organizations.
Speaker in favour: We should choose PPL, which is a less expensive auditor that has experience working with non-profits and unions.
Contrary speaker: The federation should not entertain the least expensive option that might be of lesser quality, should choose top of the line more expensive option.
Speaker in favour: It is good financial practice to switch auditors every few years, and that the auditor has a history dealing with similar not-for-profit groups reflects the needs of the Federation.
Contrary speaker: The auditor may not know the scope of the audit, should seek to obtain an auditor with more student union experience.
Speaker in favour: Just because the cost is low doesn’t mean the quality of the work will be less. Has heard good things about this firm.
Contrary speaker: Auditing firms charge by the transaction and this firm may underestimate the number of transactions that occur.
CARRIED
Abstentions: 9, 90, 24, 92
2017/11:102  **MOTION***  
Local 18/ Local 30  
Be it resolved that the report of the Budget Committee be adopted.  
**CARRIED**  
Abstentions: 1, 90, 24, 92, 48  
Opposition: 4, 72, 61, 13, 73, 111, 31, 33, 75, 66, 18, 3, 53, 26  

2017/11:103  **MOTION***  
Local 97/ Local 71  
Be it resolved that item number 7 on the agenda, Report of the Nominating Committee, be moved to immediately following item number 3, report of the Budget Committee.  
Speaker in favour: Delegates have had the opportunity to vote on the new executive and we should hear the results and ratify the results presently.  
**CARRIED**  

7. **PRESENTATION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**  
Chief Returning Officer Quinn Blue announced that the following individuals were elected to the national executive board for the 2018-2019 term.  

2017/11:104  **MOTION***  
Local 24/ Local 72  
Be it resolved that the election of Bipin Kumar Badri Narayanan as New Brunswick Representative for 2018-2019 be ratified.  
**CARRIED**  

2017/11:105  **MOTION***  
Local 24/ Local 72  
Be it resolved that the election of Trina James as National Treasurer for 2018-2019 be ratified.  
**CARRIED**  

2017/11:106  **MOTION***  
Local 24/ Local 72  
Be it resolved that the election of Jade Peek as National Deputy Chairperson for 2018-2019 be ratified.  
**CARRIED**  

2017/11:107  **MOTION***  
Local 24/ Local 72  
Be it resolved that the election of Coty Zachariah as National Chairperson for 2018-2019 be ratified.  
**CARRIED**  

2017/11:108  **MOTION***  
Local 24/ Local 72  
Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed.  
**CARRIED**  

2017/11:109  **MOTION TO AMEND***  
Local 11/ Local 36  
Be it resolved that item number 9 on the agenda, Other Business, be moved to immediately following item number 7, Presentation of the Nominating Committee  
Speaker in favour: There are timely motions that we should consider under other business. We should discuss them presently.  
**CARRIED**  
Abstentions: 9, 1, 103, 24, 98
8. OTHER BUSINESS

2017/11:110 MOTION
Local 98/ Local 18
Whereas Jordan Peterson has been widely condemned for his hate speech and incitements to harassment, which constitute a serious threat to the mental and physical safety of students, faculty and staff of the University of Toronto (U of T) and broader communities. As of November 10, 2017, faculty of U of T’s Women and Gender Studies Institute (WGSI) have expressed grave concern at that he is openly working on a website “for the purpose of targeting and ranking courses and professors that he advocates should be removed from the University”; as well as his recent online dissemination of the Facebook profiles of two students, resulting in them being subjected to harassment and threats by Peterson’s followers which caused UTSU to demand the Provost and Vice-Provost’s urgent intervention;
Whereas such actions are in clear violation of both the U of T Governing Council’s Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters and he Council’s Policy and Procedures on Academic Appointments: the former states that “seeking to disadvantage others by disruptive behaviour is unacceptable,” and the latter indicates that this sort of “gross misconduct” on the part of tenured faculty constitutes grounds for termination;
Whereas the U of T administration has already publicly acknowledged the danger posed to both faculty and students by Peterson’s behaviour, in the Dean and Vice-Provost’s letter to him of October 18, 2016, in which they urged Peterson to act in a manner that is consistent with the law, the Ontario Human Rights Code, and with University Policy, cautioning that his position as professor would be at risk if he did not comply; and
Whereas U of T continues to provide academic tenure, institutional support, and a high-profile public platform for this Professor’s hateful statements, and the harassment and threatening of students, staff and members of the community who challenge those views;
Be it resolved that the Federation in an open letter, reaffirms its opposition to, and condemns in the strongest possible terms, Prof. Peterson’s sexist, transphobic, homophobic and racist statements and actions, and expresses the commitment of its members to actively supporting grassroots activism on campuses working to resist the threats and harassment of Peterson and his followers;
Be it further resolved that the Federation calls upon the University of Toronto Governing Council to terminate Prof. Peterson’s appointment, pursuant to its own regulations and in the interests of the safety and wellbeing of students across Canada and elsewhere.
Be it further resolved that member locals, and other non-unionized stakeholders, be encouraged to also re-affirm their opposition and publicly call upon the University of Toronto Governing Council to terminate Jordan Peterson’s appointment.

Speaker in favour: Opportunity to do equity work and take legal action on behalf of students.

Speaker in favour: This will serve to combat fascism on campuses everywhere and condemn actions of this person.

CARRIED

2017/11:111 MOTION
Local 8/Local 110
Whereas Rooster Town Blockade was located on traditional Métis territory, located in Treaty 1 Territory, homeland of the Métis nation;
And whereas Rooster Town was initially demolished in the 1950’s in order to create a mall, and ongoing capitalist efforts;
And whereas Rooster Town is home to the Parker Wetlands which are an essential carbon sink, and are the habitat for a diverse number of species of wildlife, and natural prairie plants;
And whereas Rooster Town is in the process of being clear cut for a condo;
And whereas the 49 Land Defenders, including several dozen CFS students, protecting the Métis territory are being sued for upwards of $500 000 by a condo developer;
And whereas the Canadian Federation of Students works towards decolonization and sustainability;
And whereas the lawsuit was released on September 24th, 2017 and the legal fees were only determined October 10th, which was after the motions with due notice deadline;
And whereas the funds are required before June 2018, in order to secure a lawyer;
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students offer $500 of support to the legal defense fees;
And be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students write a statement in support of the Land Defenders.

Speaker in favour: Many students are being sued in relation to this blockade and should be shown support by the Federation.

Speaker in favour: Students were protesting the bulldozing of an area of cultural and spiritual significance to Métis people; voting in favour will demonstrate solidarity.

Speaker in favour: This is in line with the aims and goals of the federation to resist the forces of capitalism. The Federation must show support for students being sued.

Speaker in favour: We must protect wetlands.

2017/11:112 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 35/Local 78
Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:111 be amended to read:
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students offer $750 of support to the legal defense fees.
CARRIED

2017/11:111 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2017/11:113 MOTION
Local 78/ Local 88
Whereas large class sizes, lack of job security for professors and instructors, rising tuition fees and degradation of campus facilities are all the by-products of decades of funding cuts and fee increases; and
Whereas most of faculty in Ontario’s colleges are bargaining unit; and
Whereas members of OPSEU’s CAAT-Academic branch had been on strike for over 5 weeks; and
Whereas Throughout the province, students and their teachers have been feeling the lasting effects of chronic underfunding; and
Whereas currently over 80% of part time faculty at the colleges in Ontario are dealing with increasingly rising precarity resulting in unpaid overtime; and
Whereas as of October 16th more than 12000 Ontario public college faculty were on the picket line after talks between OPSEU and the College Employer Council failed to produce a tentative collective agreement; and
Whereas the Ontario Government voted to legislated OPSEU CAAT-A members back to work through back to work legislation; and
Whereas OPSEU has requested multiple positive structural changes that would benefit students and workers regarding the inclusion of students and workers within the governance and decision making structures of colleges; and
Whereas OPSEU has a strong record of standing up for workers and students by fighting against the corporatization of post-secondary education and demanding more transparent and democratic governance processes within colleges;
Whereas there have been some positive structures created for students through grassroots student mobilizations;
Be it resolved that the Federation write a letter condemning the back-to-work legislation by writing a letter to the Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, the Liberal and Conservative caucuses and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development, and;
Be it further resolved that the Federation consult with member locals and non member locals who were affected by the strike on ways to support, educate and provide awareness on the state of quality of education, and;

Be it further resolved that the Federation support in lobbying for College Academic Senates to allow for meaningful participation of students and faculty in institutional decision-making regarding policies, finances and academic concerns and academic freedom, and;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby for College Academic Senates to allow for meaningful participation of students and faculty in institutional decision-making regarding policies, finances and academic concerns and academic freedom, and;

Be it further resolved that the Federation lobby for equal pay and benefits for equal work to all faculty, create job security for contract faculty, and create more full-time faculty jobs, thereby creating a more stable and consistent learning environment for all students, and;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby for equal pay and benefits for equal work to all faculty, create job security for contract faculty, and create more full-time faculty jobs, thereby creating a more stable and consistent learning environment for students.

2017/11:114 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 92/ Local 4

Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:113 be amended to include as its second resolution:

Be it further resolved that the Federation lobby the government to also give compensation to those choosing to withdraw from their semester.

CARRIED

2017/11:113 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2017/11:115 MOTION
Local 106/ Local 104

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is a member of the International Union of Students (IUS); and

Whereas the IUS is the world-wide progressive, democratic, representative, syndical organization representing the interests of students at the international level and within the United Nations system; and

Whereas the IUS is currently experiencing a financial crisis due to geopolitical changes over the past two decades, a challenging transition to a new structure, and government and criminal interference in the organization’s affairs at its worldwide seat in Prague, Czech Republic; and

Whereas CFS holds the seat of Treasurer on the Executive Secretariat of the IUS and therefore bears a special responsibility to help ensure the financial future of the IUS; and

Whereas the Czech authorities have refused to recognize the legitimate elected leadership of the IUS, and have refused to transfer the IUS’s funds held in trust; and

Whereas the actions of the Czech authorities have deepened the crisis experienced by the IUS and imminently threaten to push the organization into dissolution; and

Whereas the Staff Director of the IUS, who remains in Prague on a volunteer basis, to conduct the IUS’s administrative affairs, was attacked and nearly killed in 2015; and

Whereas the IUS urgently requires a transition plan prior to the retirement of the Staff Director; and

Whereas the IUS has recently been informed that the IUS risks losing its status as an international NGO, and the CFS is pivotal to ensuring this does not happen, constituting an immediate emergency in the past three weeks; and

Whereas if this issue is not resolved by the end of the year the IUS will lose its status; therefore,

Be it resolved that a letter of support be sent to the IUS Executive, pledging ongoing political and legal support; and

Be it further resolved that a delegation of up to 2 representatives be sent to Prague to assess how best to assist in renewing the IUS; and
Be it further resolved that this delegation report back with a plan of action to the next SAGM, in spring 2018.

Speaker in favour: International solidarity is an important part of student unionism.

Speaker in favour: Advocacy work done at student unions is integral to creating a more equitable society.

CARRIED

2017/11:116 MOTION
Local 11/ Local 68

Whereas Masuma Khan, Vice President Academic and External of the Dalhousie Student Union, was, up until October 25th 2017, facing disciplinary action by Dalhousie University through a student code of conduct complaint for her criticisms of celebrations of Canada 150, specifically personal social media posts condemning colonialism and white fragility; and

Whereas, despite the disciplinary action being withdrawn, Masuma continues to receive racist, islamophobic, and misogynistic personal attacks with no support or protection from the University; and

Whereas this year the Canadian Federation of Students did not participate in Canada 150 celebrations, choosing to stand with Indigenous peoples in resisting the whitewashing of Canadian history and the celebration of Indigenous genocide; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students Issues Policy for Post-Secondary Education explicitly opposes “the use of student codes of conduct to oppress and/or suppress freedom of expression...[and] post-secondary institutions acting as moral arbiters in situations involving students outside of the campus premises”; and

Whereas post-secondary institutions across Canada have a history of abusing Codes of Conduct to prevent students from criticizing systems of power and/or engaging in direct action; and

Whereas Kati George-Jim, Dalhousie Student Union Board of Governors Representative, presented a letter to the Dalhousie University Board of Governors on October 17th, expressing her direct and personal experience of colonialism, ageism, and sexism on the Board of Governors; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students Issues Policy for Governance of Post-Secondary Institutions supports “governance structures of post-secondary institutions being representative of and accountable to the communities served by these institutions”; and

Whereas failing to challenge institutional racism and colonialism supports and perpetuates these systems of oppression; and

Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union published a letter on November 2nd 2017 releasing a set of demands to the Dalhousie Administration on how to support racialized and Indigenous students on campus and calling out the administration for their culpability in perpetuating racism and colonialism; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students represents students who take classes at Dalhousie University through the membership of the King’s Students’ Union (Local 11) and the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (Local 113); therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students publicly declare its solidarity with the Dalhousie Student Union in the fight for justice for racialized and Indigenous students; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation publicly condemn the abuse of Codes of Conduct to police students’ rights; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students write a public letter to Dalhousie University President Richard Florizone condemning Dalhousie University’s actions and echoing the demands of the Dalhousie Student Union in their letter on November 2nd; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components and member locals be encouraged to write similar letters in solidarity with the Dalhousie Student Union.

Speaker in favour: Recognizes systemic colonialism and racism exist on campus - failing to challenge these systems allows them to continue to perpetuate in our campus spaces.
Speaker in favour: Echoes sentiment of the first speaker.
Speaker in favour: Extreme racism and pressure from the administration on campus creates an uncomfortable atmosphere on campus.

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9. ADJOURNMENT