ATTENDANCE
71st Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)
Saturday, June 9th, to Tuesday, June 12th, 2018

BRITISH COLUMBIA
Local 4
Selkirk College Students’ Union
Santanna Hernandez
David Westmacott

Local 13
College of New Caledonia Students’ Union
Leila Abubakar

Local 18
Selkirk College Students’ Union
Aran Armutlu
Steven Beasley

Local 26
Kwantlen Student Association
Caitalin McCutchen
David Piaquive
Murdoch de Moog
Joseph Thorpe

Local 53
Okanagan College Students’ Union
Brianne Berchowitz

Local 61
Vancouver Island University Students’ Union
Michael Olson
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
Michel Turcotte
Fillette Umulisa

SASKATCHEWAN
Local 9
University of Regina Students’ Union
Jermain McKenzie
Derrick Gagnon
Haris Khan

Local 90
First Nations University of Canada Student Association
Lucy Musqua
Kristian J. Sasanamoose

Local 101
University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students’ Union
Somtochukwu Ogochukwu

MANITOBA
Local 8
University of Winnipeg Students’ Association
Brenden Gali
Megan Linton
Zee Morales

Local 37
Brandon University Students’ Union
Emily Simon
George Nkuo

Local 38
Association étudiante de l'Université de Saint Boniface
Ben Marega
Chantale Vaillancourt

Local 103
University of Manitoba Students' Union
Andrew Fenwick
Mbuli Matshe
Jakob Sanderson
Carly Mastrodonaco
Sarah Bonner-Proulx
Gordon Chandler
Owen Black

ONTARIO
Local 1
Carleton University Students’ Union
David Oladejo
Natalie York

Local 19
University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union
Cristina Jaimungal
David Eaton

Local 20
Nipissing University Student Union
Tyrel Somerville
Daniel Goulard
Local 24
Ryerson Students’ Union
Edmund Sogo
Salman Faruqi
Savreen Gosal
Ram Ganesh
Ali Mulji
Local 27
Queen’s University Society of Graduate and Professional Students
Isabel Luce
Local 30
Laurentian University Students’ General Association
Tommi-Lee Gauthier
Local 32
Lakehead University Student Union
Lindsey Kelly
Josh Pogue
Theresa Vande Burgt
Paula Clark
Local 41
Student Federation of the University of Ottawa
Vanessa Dorimain
Rizki Rachiq
Katie Zwierzchowski
Caroline Lu
Paige Booth
Faduma Wais
Local 47
Society of Graduate Students – Western University
Lola Wong
Chantal Lemire
Local 48
University of Windsor Graduate Student Society
Manish Domadiya
Meet Patel
Mrunal Parekh
Siddharth Patel
Local 49
University of Windsor Graduate Student Society
Admira Konjic
Ahmed Abdallah
Jeremiah Bowers
Zeina Merheb
Local 54
University of Guelph Central Student Association
Kayla Weiler
Aidan Paskinov
Natalie Clarke
Local 68
York Federation of Students
Murtaza Ghulam
Anthony Fernandes
Sébastien Lalonde
Aminat Arigbaby
Gayle McFadden
Rowan Habib
Jordan Madeira
Local 71
Trent Central Student Association
Brendon Remmelgas
Lindsay Yates
Ann-Majella McKelvie
Local 78
Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association
Helia Doutaghi
Ash Courschene
Zidan Mohamed
Local 82
Algoma University Students’ Union
Savannah Shaver
Pauline Danquah
Cheryl Jamieson
Local 84
Saint Paul University Students’ Association
Sharon Henry
Jacob McLean
Local 85
Saint Paul University Students’ Association
Ombe Bissila Diana Christell
Local 92
Student Association of George Brown College
Ameel Fleurent
Kizzy St. Clair
Vimal
Jolie Iadros
Shelly Garcia
Garth Vernon
Kushagara Manchanda
Amane Abdurhman
Local 94
University of Ottawa
Graduate Students’ Association
Maïté Girard English
Local 97
Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto
Jaime Kearns
Jennifer Coggon
Caitlin Campisi
Richie Pyne
Mala Kashyap
Local 98
Scarborough Campus Students’ Union
Yuli Liu
Daman Singh
Kate Strazds
Local 99
Scarborough Campus Students’ Union
Nicole Brayiannis
Ayaan Abdulle
Hana Syed
Francis Pineda

Local 102
Brock University Graduate Students’ Association
Shannon Kitchings
Glenda Anderson O’Connor

Local 105
Continuing Education Students’ Association of Ryerson
Phyllis McKenna
Munir Nadim
Leizl Yance
Amanda Lin

Local 109
University of Toronto at Mississauga Students’ Union
Munib Sajjad
Filipe Nagata
Atif Abdullah
Zahira Tasabehji
Leena Arbai
Andres Posada
Yan Li

Local 110
Laurentian University Graduate Students’ Association
Mia Bourque

Local 114
Student Association of the University of Hearst
Hassan Mamouni

NEW BRUNSWICK

Local 67
University of New Brunswick Graduate Students’ Association
Khaleel Arfeen
Brittany Dixon

PRINCED EDWARD ISLAND

Local 31
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union
Emma Drake
William McGuigan

Local 70
University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association
Brittany Jakubiec
Laura Victoria Young

NOVA SCOTIA

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

Local 11
University of King’s College Students’ Union
Michela Sam
Lianne Zhao

Local 34
Mount Saint Vincent University Students’ Union
Madeline Mitchell
Nikki Jamieson

Local 69
Association générale des étudiants de l’Université Sainte-Anne
Joanna Clark
Rebecca d’Entremont

Local 95
Cape Breton University Students’ Union
Parteek Brar (Gunny)

Local 113
Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students
Laura Curmore

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Local 35
Memorial University of Newfoundland Students’ Union
Precious Familusi
Dan Smith
Alison Kavanagh
Sarah Cooper
John Godfrey
Megan Dicker

Local 36
Grenfell Campus Student Union
Matthew Howse
Shelby Thomas

Local 45
Grenfell Campus Student Union
Matthew Downton
Christian Samson

Local 46
Grenfell Campus Student Union
Kristine Penney
Clara Doane
Jordan Keough

Local 100
Graduate Students’ Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland
Ahsan Kaleem
Rizza Umali
Maryanne Aghalu
## National Executive Members Present

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CALL TO ORDER – Saturday, June 9, 2018

At 4:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Coty Zachariah.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local / Section 1 Carleton University Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 3 University of British Columbia Students’ Union Okanagan Proxy
Local / Section 4 Selkirk College Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 7 Student Union of NSCAD University Present
Local / Section 8 University of Winnipeg Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 9 University of Regina Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 11 University of King’s College Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 13 College of New Caledonia Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 15 Thompson Rivers University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 18 Douglas Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 19 University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 20 Nipissing University Student Union Present
Local / Section 21 University of Calgary Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 24 Ryerson Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 25 Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union Absent
Local / Section 26 Kwantlen Student Association 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 31 University of Prince Edward Island Student Union Present
Local / Section 32 Lakehead University Student Union Present
Local / Section 33 Emily Carr Students’ Union Proxy
Local / Section 34 Mount Saint Vincent University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 35 Memorial University of Newfoundland Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 36 Grenfell Campus Student Union Present
Local / Section 37 Brandon University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 38 Association étudiante du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface 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 42 Alberta College of Art and Design Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 45 Marine Institute Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 46 College of the North Atlantic Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 47 University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students Present
Local / Section 48 University of Windsor Graduate Student Society Absent
Local / Section 49 University of Windsor Students’ Alliance Present
Local / Section 53 Okanagan College Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 54 University of Guelph Central Student Association Present
Local / Section 56 Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 61 Vancouver Island University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 62 University of Guelph Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 63 Holland College Student Union Absent
Local / Section 66 Northwest Community College Students’ Union Proxy
Local / Section 67 University of New Brunswick Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 68 York Federation of Students Present
Local / Section 69 Association générale des étudiants de l’Université Sainte-Anne Present
Local / Section 70 University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association Present
Local / Section 71 Trent Central Student Association Present
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 76 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
Local / Section 86 College of the Rockies Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 88 Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l’Université Laurentienne Proxy
Local / Section 90 First Nations University of Canada Students Association Present
Local / Section 92 Student Association of George Brown College Present
Local / Section 93 Glendon College Students’ Union / Association des étudiants du Collège Glendon Proxy
Local / Section 94 University of Ottawa Graduate Students’ Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l’Université d’Ottawa Present
Local / Section 95 Cape Breton University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 96 University of Manitoba Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 97 Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto Present
Local / Section 98 University of Toronto Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 99 Scarborough Campus Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 100 Graduate Students’ Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Present
Local / Section 101 University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 102 Brock University Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 103 University of Manitoba Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 104 Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-Time Students Absent
Local / Section 105 Continuing Education Students’ Association of Ryerson Present
Local / Section 106 University of Windsor Organization of Part-time University Students Present
Local / Section 109 University of Toronto at Mississauga Students’ Union Proxy
Local / Section 110 Laurentian University Graduate Students’ Association / Association des étudiants(es) des études supérieures de l’Université Laurentienne Present
Local / Section 111 Laurentian Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 112 Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal Absent
Local / Section 113 Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students Present
* Association des étudiant-e-s de l’Université de Hearst Present
* Mature and Part-Time Students Association of the University of Prince Edward Island Proxy
* denotes prospective member

2018/06:001 MOTION
Local 88/Local 11

Be it resolved that the Dalhousie Student Union be granted observer status for the duration of this meeting.

CARRIED

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 3 designated Local 18 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 33 designated Local 73 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 66 designated Local 73 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 93 designated Local 68 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 106 designated Local 48 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 88 designated Local 110 as its proxy for the meeting;
Prospective member MAPUS designated 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 Anna Goldfinch be ratified as the plenary chair.
2018/06:002  MOTION
Local 110/Local 8
Be it resolved that Anna Goldfinch be ratified as the Plenary Chair for the June 2018 national general meeting.
CARRIED
Abstention: 98

4. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBER

2018/06:003  MOTION TO RATIFY NEW MEMBER
Local 71/Local 35
Whereas on March 28, 2018, students at l'Université de Hearst in Hearst, Ontario, voted in a referendum to join the Canadian Federation of Students-(Services) and Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario;
Whereas this referendum was quorate and resulted in a 95% vote of approval to join the Federation;
Be it resolved that l'Association de étudiantes et étudiants de l'Université de Hearst be ratified as member local 114 of the Canadian Federation of Students.
CARRIED

5. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Zachariah provided welcoming remarks to meeting delegates.

6. ADOPTION OF THE PLENARY AGENDA

2018/06:004  MOTION
Local 68/Local 105
Be it resolved that the opening plenary agenda for the 71st Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students-(Services) be adopted.
CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

2018/06:005  MOTION
Local 54/Local 7
Be it resolved that the agenda for the 71st Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students-(Services) be adopted.
CARRIED

8. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2018/06:006  MOTION
Local 54/Local 38
Be it resolved that the minutes of the 36th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students-(Services) be adopted.
CARRIED

9. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES
   a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures
      Goldfinch asked delegates to refer to their binder for an 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.
   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.

10. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

a. Introduction of Chief Returning Officer

Goldfinch introduced Quinn Blue, who had been appointed by the National Executive, in accordance with Bylaw 5, Section 2, to the position of chief returning officer.

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: British Columbia Representative, New Brunswick Representative, Prince-Edward-Island Representative, Saskatchewan Representative, Colleges and Institutes Representative, Racialized Students’ Representative, Women’s Representative, Students with Disabilities Representative, Francophone Students’ Representative, International Students’ Representative, and the following positions within constituency groups: Mature and Part-Time Students’ Commissioner, Student Artists Commissioner, Queer Commissioner and Trans Commissioner as well as two members to the Appeals Committee. Blue referred delegates to Bylaws 1, 4 and 5 and reviewed timelines for elections.

11. SPECIAL ITEM: MOTION TO EXPEL SHARED MEMBER LOCALS OF THE CFS(-S) AND THE BCFS FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION

2018/06:007 MOTION

Local 41/Local 7

Whereas on April 13, 2018, the National Executive unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the dispute between the Canadian Federation of Students (-Services) (CFS(-S)) and the British Columbia Federation of Students (BCFS) and its member associations has served as a distraction from the CFS’ and the BCFS’ core mandates of serving member students and fighting for progressive change; and

Whereas the dispute has reached a clear impasse with the BCFS continuing to withhold the national membership fees of member local associations in BC, the Federation withholding BC Component allocation fees, and a large and growing majority of BC member locals petitioning the Federation for decertification; and

Whereas this impasse has caused the BC member locals to violate certain responsibilities under Bylaw 1.3.c, namely: (a) to ensure that fees are remitted to the Federation; (b) to communicate information from the Federation and the provincial component to their students; and (c) to communicate and work cooperatively with Federation staff and members of the National Executive; and

Whereas Bylaw 1.6.j provides that a decertification referendum cannot proceed until the member local student association has submitted all outstanding membership fees, which would include those to the national organization, thereby preventing the BC member locals from decertifying; and

Whereas the Bylaws do not provide a process to decertify a provincial component, but if all of the shared member locals between the BCFS and CFS(-S) cease to be member locals of the CFS(-S), the BCFS would no longer operate as the provincial component of the CFS(-S) and could serve its members independently from the national organization; and

Whereas the member local expulsion process detailed in Bylaw 1.5 for violations of Bylaw 1.3.c is the most readily available option to resolve this dispute and allow
both the Federation and the BCFS to work on student issues independently from one another; and

Whereas recent student victories like tuition-free Adult Basic Education in British Columbia, and federal victories like $1.7 billion in investigator-led research funding could be achieved more frequently by renewing both organizations’ focus on student advocacy over internal dispute; and

Whereas this measure is not intended to be punitive of member locals but rather serve as a mechanism to allow both the BCFS and the CFS-S to continue their work independently from one another, to the mutual benefit of their members; and

Whereas the BCFS and BC students should be able to continue participating in the successful International Student Identity Card (ISIC) program; therefore

Be it resolved that the process to expel all of the shared member local associations of the CFS-S and the BCFS be immediately commenced and served for adoption at opening plenary of the June 2018 National General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that if member locals approve the expulsion of BC member locals at the June 2018 National General Meeting, the full-time directors be authorized to negotiate the ongoing relationship between the organizations following expulsion, including negotiating terms for the BCFS to be an official ISIC issuing agent in British Columbia; and

Be it further resolved that the directors and officers of the Federation are authorized and directed to sign and execute all documents necessary or desirable for the due carrying out of the foregoing.

Whereas these expulsions are to be considered by opening plenary at this Semi-Annual National General Meeting; and

Whereas formal notices of expulsion were mailed and e-mailed to affected locals on April 30, 2018; therefore

Be it resolved that the following locals be immediately expelled from the Canadian Federation of Students-(Services):
Local 3: University of British Columbia Students’ Union-Okanagan
Local 4: Selkirk College Students’ Union
Local 13: College of New Caledonia Students’ Union
Local 15: Thompson Rivers University Students’ Union
Local 18: Douglas Students’ Union
Local 33: Emily Carr Students’ Union
Local 53: Okanagan College Students’ Union
Local 61: Vancouver Island University Students’ Union
Local 66: Northwest Community College Students’ Union
Local 72: North Island Students’ Union
Local 73: Students’ Union of Vancouver Community College
Local 75: Camosun College Student Society

In favour: Acknowledging the very important work that both organizations do for students, speaks in favour of motion because of the amount of resources, labour and time that has gone into resolving this conflict, which has taken away from campaigns and advocacy work that should be happening on campuses and in communities. This is the best option to allow both organizations to move forward. In light of the rise of white supremacy, neo-Nazis and fascists on campuses, and with students on the front line of anti-racist work on campuses and in communities, students need to organize.

In favour: Some folks avoid these meetings because they are often unsafe spaces for them. If the motion is adopted, more people could participate in the work and in the movement.

2018/06:007 CARRIED
2018/06:008 MOTION TO RECESS
Local 35/Local 68
Be it resolved that the plenary recess for 15 minutes.
CARRIED
12. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS

a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees

2018/06:009 MOTION
Local 70/Local 32
Be it resolved to strike the following plenary sub-committees and forum: budget committee, campaigns and government relations forum, organisational and services development committee, and policy review and development committee.

CARRIED

b. Adoption of Sub-Committee Agendas

2018/06:010 MOTION
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that the plenary sub-committee and forum agendas be adopted.

CARRIED

13. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

a. Business Tabled from November 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 omnibusged, 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.

2018/06:011 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
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 49/Local 109
Be it resolved that the Federation create a Council of Constituency representatives on a twelve-month trial basis, commencing at the end of the November 2016 Annual General Meeting; and
Be it further resolved that the following terms of reference shall guide the Council for a period of one year and that the National Executive provide a recommendation on formalizing the Council structure at the June 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting.

Terms of Reference for the Council of Constituency Representatives

1. Objectives

The objectives of the Council shall be:

a. to promote the principles and purposes of the Federation;

b. to promote communication and cooperation between constituency group members in post-secondary educational institutions across Canada;

c. to assist in the development of and provide feedback related to campaigns, advocacy and representation.
2. Composition
   a. Commissioners
      The Council shall be comprised of the following voting members, not to exceed one
      (1) representative per constituency:
      i. Francophone Students Commissioner
      ii. International Students Commissioner
      iii. National Indigenous 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 toward quorum.

2018/06:012 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:087 and subsequent motions 2017/06:079, 2017/06:080 and 2017/06:081 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2017/06:079 REFERRED
2017/06:080 REFERRED
2017/06:081 REFERRED
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.

2018/06:013 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
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.

2018/06:014 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:069 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2016/11:069 REFERRED

2016/11:073 MOTION

Local 105/Local 109

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

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

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

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

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

2016/11:073 REFERRED

2016/11:083 MOTION

Local 61/Local 109

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

and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas the membership fees paid by member student unions during the 2015-16 and current membership years amounted to “taxation without representation”; therefore
Be it resolved that any member students’ union that feels it did not receive sufficient financial information on which to make sound decisions during the 2015-16 membership year be entitled to a full refund of its membership fees for the year; and

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

2018/06:016 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
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.

2018/06:017 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
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 restrict 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.

2018/06:018 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:025 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2017/06:025 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 led by international students; and

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

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

International Students Commissioner in the National Executive of the Federation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 representatives 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.

2018/06:019 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/06:037 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2017/06:037 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.

2018/06:020 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2016/11:033 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2016/11:033 REFERRED
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.

2018/06:021 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:021 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 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 a 14-week semester is comprised of 98 days; and
Whereas member local unions’ boards of directors should have the agency to see action items carried through during their term; and
Whereas taking 90 days is an excessive amount of time to schedule a referendum; and
Whereas member local unions’ boards of directors 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 process 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.

2018/06:022 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20

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.'

2018/06:023 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:025 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2017/11:025 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.

2018/06:024 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:033 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.
CARRIED

2017/11:033 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; and

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.

2018/06:025 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:049 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2017/11:049 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.

2018/06:026 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:053 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2017/11:053 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, long-lasting, 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; and

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 combatting 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 Indigenous Student Representative

General Membership:

- National Circle of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students 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 meetings 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.

2018/06:027 MOTION TO REFER

Local 54/Local 20

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:059 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2017/11:059 REFERRED

2017/11:061 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;

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.

2018/06:028 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:061 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2017/11:061 REFERRED

b. New Motions Served with Notice

The following motions were submitted by member local associations with due notice for consideration at this meeting.

2018/06:029 MOTION
Local 04/Local 109
Whereas a tragic crash took the lives of several amateur Humboldt Broncos hockey players in Saskatchewan in April 2018;
Whereas the outpouring of public support for the families of the amateur Humboldt Broncos hockey players was vast, including the most well-financed crowd funding initiative in the history of the website GoFundMe.com;
Whereas, without questioning the tragedy of the death of the amateur hockey players or the support for their families, independent journalist and former Federation activist Nora Loreto made an arguably innocuous comment about the radicalized, gendered nature of grief on the website Twitter.com;
Whereas Nora Loreto was the target of a highly sophisticated political attack due to her straight-forward assessment of the nature of public discourse regarding grief;
Whereas the political attacks on Nora Loreto included threats of death, blacklisting, assault, and sexualized violence;
Whereas the political attacks on Nora Loreto are representative of the vast reach of fascist and ultra-right groups in Canada and North America;
Whereas fascists and ultra-right groups in Canada and North America stand against all that is true and just; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation make a donation of $1,000 to Sandy & Nora, a political podcast of which Nora Loreto is a co-host;
Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate tools to combat social media campaigns of fascists and the ultra-right.

2018/06:030 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:029 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/06:029 REFERRED

2018/06:031 MOTION
Local 04/Local 109
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 an institution’s board 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 during an in-camera session of plenary at the next national general meeting.

2018/06:032 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:031 be referred to the Budget Committee.
CARRIED

2018/06:031 REFERRED

2018/06:033 MOTION
Local 04/Local 109
Whereas support for the Federation has arguably collapsed in British Columbia, Alberta, Quebec, and New Brunswick;
Whereas, unless there is a significant change of direction, the trend in membership of the Federation places the organization in terminal decline;
Whereas there is no current alternative organization with the goal of uniting students in the fight for a universal system of public and high-quality post-secondary education; therefore,
Be it resolved that the Federation call a congress of all students’ unions in Canada, including those at the campus, provincial, national, and federal level, to establish points of political unity, establish connections, and find common ground;
Be it further resolved that the Federation allocate $100,000 to fund a congress of student unity.

2018/06:034 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:033 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/06:033 REFERRED

2018/06:035 MOTION
Local 08/Local 109
Whereas among the disability community, there is not a consensus among people-first language; and
Whereas communities are not monoliths, and we must respect diversity within movements; and
Whereas neurodivergent, mad, and cripple identifying individuals feel more comfortable with identity first-language; and
Whereas disability justice looks at the intersections among several identity groups; therefore,
Be it resolved that the Students with Disabilities Commissioner be renamed the Disability Justice Commissioner; and
Be it further resolved that the plenary pay special attention to the vote of the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group.

2018/06:036 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:035 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/06:035 REFERRED

2018/06:037 MOTION
Local 08/Local 109
Whereas the Canadian “War on Drugs” costs Canadian taxpayers over $2 billion annually, while yearly profits from sales of these currently criminalized drugs exceed $7 billion; and
Whereas criminalized drug possession has risen 89 percent over the past 10 years, despite increased investment in policing and the criminal justice crackdown on drug use and sales; and
Whereas current drug policy fails to address the root causes of problematic substance use, including issues like mental illness, trauma and poverty; and
Whereas 2011 federal legislation increased the mandatory minimums and doubled the maximum sentence for drug manufacturing of drugs like cannabis, without any exceptions; and
Whereas the Canadian government has already begun the decriminalization of cannabis in favour of regulated, controlled sales, and the previous Conservative administration admitted current policy is not as effective as it could be; and
Whereas less than 11 percent of drug charges in 2014 were for distribution, manufacturing, or organized crime, with the majority being simple cannabis possession; and
Whereas the Canadian government’s entire drug-policing structure annually spends over $50 billion, spending three times more per jailed drug user than it does per student; and
Whereas an additional investigative analysis of 14 different Canadian police services from different regions of the country revealed that Black and Indigenous Canadians are more likely to be arrested, charged and convicted of possession of small amounts of drugs, perpetuating systemic racial and colonial violence; and
Whereas the harm reduction/drug decriminalization model adopted by Portugal in 2001 has resulted in reduced crime, less problematic drug use, and one of the lowest overdose death rates in the world; therefore,
Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students promote the policy of complete drug decriminalization, with an emphasis on the harm reduction paradigm; and
Be it further resolved the Federation investigate coalition partners promoting drug decriminalization in an intersectional capacity to work with, to lobby for the replacement of criminalization with more progressive, health-based models; and
Be it further resolved the Federation strive to ensure any lobby work done on drug decriminalization includes pardons and immediate release of all individuals jailed simply for drug charges, including payment for time spent unfairly incarcerated; and
Be it further resolved the Federation investigate the costs of facilitating overdose prevention training and supplying of naloxone kits for member locals; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage member locals and provincial components to participate in overdose training and the acquiring of overdose prevention kits.

2018/06:038 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:037 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/06:037 REFERRED

2018/06:039 MOTION
Local 08/Local 109
Whereas while Indigenous people make up only 17 percent of the population in Manitoba, they make up nearly 90 percent of kids in the provincial government’s Child and Family Services (CFS);
Whereas that with over 10,000 Indigenous kids currently in care, many Indigenous families in Manitoba have a traumatic relationship to Child and Family Services (CFS);
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students strike a working group to rename the organization for the next Annual General Meeting.
MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:039 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

MOTION
Local 19/Local 109
Whereas the Federation has prioritized equity, social justice, and solidarity-building initiatives in their outreach and campaign work;
Whereas the Federation has a responsibility to support community engagement efforts on and off campus that enhance the undergraduate and graduate student experience;
Whereas the “2018 Decolonizing Conference” is central to community engagement efforts in ways that meaningfully centers, advances, and strengthens scholarship, education, and social justice movements in the areas of anti-racism, Indigeneity, and decolonization;
Whereas the “2018 Decolonizing Conference” aims to foster a community learning and unlearning environment that brings together local and international scholars, educators, students (undergraduates, graduate students, and high school students), activists, and artists in a robust knowledge sharing place;
Whereas the inaugural “2016 Decolonizing Conference” has previously demonstrated diverse community engagement from a variety of stakeholders who work in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary landscapes in the context of education, social work, health, law, teacher education, community development, women and gender studies, anti-racism, Indigeneity, and decolonization;
Whereas the “2016 Decolonizing Conference” engaged over 600 registered attendees and organized over 80 panels, 10 workshops, and 10 critical art interventions;
Whereas the financial contribution of donors helps us ensure that this conference remains financially, physically, and logistically accessible;
Be it resolved that the CFS endorse and contribute $3000 to the Decolonizing Conference taking place from November 8-10, 2018, at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto;
Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to share the 2018 Decolonizing Conference Call for Submissions;
Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to collaborate with other members locals to submit an abstract for a paper presentation, group presentation, workshop, and/or critical art intervention (poetry, spoken work, film, and other new media forms of culture and media production etc).

MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:041 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

MOTION
Local 19/Local 109
Whereas the National Graduate Caucus represents over 90,000 graduate students and has a mandate to ensure that the campaigns, services and advocacy work of the Federation adequately addresses the unique experiences and concerns of graduate students;
Whereas according to Centre for Addictions and Mental Health (CAMH), “1 in 5 Canadians experiences a mental health or addiction problem”;
Whereas CAMH notes that “[n]early 4,000 Canadians die by suicide each year – an average of almost 11 suicides a day”;

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Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to collaborate with other members locals to submit an abstract for a paper presentation, group presentation, workshop, and/or critical art intervention (poetry, spoken work, film, and other new media forms of culture and media production etc).
Whereas CAMH recognizes that “First Nations youth die by suicide about 5 to 6 times more often than non-[Indigenous] youth. Suicide rates for Inuit youth are among the highest in the world, at 11 times the national average”;

Whereas CAMH acknowledges that “[e]vidence shows that people belonging to certain population groups tend to experience disparities in their health status, access to services and the quality of care received. Factors such as gender, race, sexual orientation, immigration status, income and education can influence a person's access to timely, appropriate and high-quality care”;

Whereas current research on graduate mental health that identifies and documents the shared experiences of graduate students in Ontario universities lives in the CFS-Ontario “Not in the Syllabus”, which provides a good starting point for the Federation to understand graduate mental health;

Whereas mental health needs to be understood from diverse and intersectional lenses in ways that address nuanced questions of race, gender, class, access, and healing;

Be it resolved that the Federation strengthen, revitalize, and refresh the national campaign on graduate mental health by working closely with the National Graduate Caucus, the Ontario Graduate Caucus, graduate member locals, the Circle of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Students, and all constituency groups;

Be it further resolved that the Federation consult with on/off campus community groups who have an interest in mental health, accessibility, and community healing.

2018/06:044  MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:043 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/06:043  REFERRED

2018/06:045  MOTION
Local 36/Local 109
Whereas CFS has allocated $6000 dollars towards student funding for the Reclaiming our Bodies and Minds Conference; and

Whereas many students who may want to attend this conference need a personal care worker to travel with them and assist them during the conference; and

Whereas the largest amount of funding for a student of $1000 does not cover the added travel cost for their care worker; and

Whereas this conference remains inaccessible to many students with disabilities; therefore

Be it resolved that CFS allocate extra funding of $3000 reserved for funding the travel of care workers; and

Be it further resolved that this funding be reserved for care workers who do not receive travel funding from other organizations.

2018/06:046  MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:045 be referred to the Budget Committee
CARRIED

2018/06:045  REFERRED

2018/06:047  MOTION
Local 36/Local 109
Whereas people with/experiencing mental illness, madness, and mental health experience barriers different than that of students with disabilities; and

Whereas the only CFS campaign for students with invisible disabilities is the mental health matters campaign; and

Whereas this campaign does not work to fight against the discrimination and oppression of folks who are mentally ill/experience mental illness/identify as mad; and
Whereas saneism is the discrimination and oppression towards folks with mental illness/mental health/madness; therefore
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students create a Challenge Saneism campaign; and
Be it further resolved that this campaign be added to the rest of the Federation's Students United Campaign; and
Be it further resolved that the federation develop campaign materials for a Challenge Saneism campaign.

2018/06:048 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:047 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/06:047 REFERRED

2018/06:049 MOTION
Local 54/Local 109
Whereas actions taken by students across Canada has drawn attention to the national crisis in post-secondary education; and
Whereas tuition fees continue to rise in most provinces across Canada and systematically keep students out of post-secondary institutions, or result in mass student debt; and
Whereas underfunding of our post-secondary institutions has resulted in sub-standard infrastructure on campuses, the corporatization of education, and has put the quality of education in jeopardy across the country; and
Whereas both federal and provincial governments have a responsibility to fund post-secondary education, and tuition fees are a result of the underfunding of Canada’s universities and colleges; and
Whereas the last National Day of Action was November 2, 2016; and
Whereas mass membership mobilization can be an effective tool for engaging members and influencing public policy; and
Whereas locals do not have the same resources or reach as the national office to organize a national action alone; therefore,
Be it resolved that the CFS National Executive organize a Pan-Canadian Day of Action in support of free education, to be held in 2019; and
Be it further resolved that the national office organize coalitions to aid locals leading up to the action.

2018/06:050 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:049 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/06:049 REFERRED

2018/06:051 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS
Local 98/Local 109
Whereas the Federation is a membership-based organization; and
Whereas the Federation defines a member in Bylaw I, Section 1, as a local student association who has been admitted as a member by the Federation; and
Whereas the Federation bylaws outline a process to certify new members, which includes provisional membership that leads to a referendum to join the Federation and a process to decertify, which is triggered by a petition signed by no less than 15% of members; and
Whereas there are different standards for certification and decertification; and
Whereas in October 2014, the Federation amended its bylaws to change the class of membership from individual members to member local associations based on the changes to the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act; and
Whereas the certification and decertification processes allow for individual students to vote on whether or not they want their student association to join the Federation, but have no ability to participate in the organisation’s decision-making structures; and

Whereas the current allowances for certification and decertification create confusion about who is or is not a member of the Federation legally; and

Whereas between 2015 and 2018, students belonging to at least ten member local associations submitted petitions to the National Executive to initiate their process in decertification; and

Whereas those individual students who signed the petition were denied their votes, allegedly because of an outstanding fee issue; and

Whereas the Federation has 90 days to verify a petition and 90 days to set referendum dates (which exclude the summer semester); and

Whereas restrictions in the scheduling of referendums can result in individual students who signed the petition never having the opportunity to vote in the process they started; and

Whereas the Federation has changed the scope of membership to being member local associations; and

Whereas individual students are charged fees for the organization but are denied participation rights, as they are not members of the Federation as per the bylaws; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 3.a.iii, be struck; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 3.b, be amended to include the following subsection:

ii. Members will have sole authority to initiate a vote on decertification, as described in Bylaw I, Section 6, by submitting the result of a motion passed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors requesting the Federation schedule a vote on certification or decertification.

Be it further resolved that the subsequent subsections be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 6.a be struck and replaced with:

a. Vote to begin decertification process

In accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 3.a.ii, the decertification process will be initiated after a vote to begin the decertification process is passed by the member local association by a two-thirds majority vote.

The motion to decertify shall be worded as follows: “Are you in favour of initiating a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?”

A representative of the National Executive shall be provided an opportunity to present in-person at the meeting at which the vote takes place, in advance of the vote.

The result of the vote, whether it passes or fails, will be sent to the National Executive.

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 6.b, be struck and replaced with:

b. Schedule

i. The National Executive will have the sole authority to set dates for a referendum on continued membership within 30 days of receipt of approved minutes of a meeting wherein there was a vote passed requesting a referendum on continued membership.

The scheduling of the referendum shall be subject to the following conditions:

• there shall be no fewer than two (2) and no greater than five (5) days of voting; and

• there shall be no fewer than seven (7) days and no greater than twenty-one (21) days for campaigning, during which classes are in session, immediately preceding and during voting.

ii. No vote on decertification may be held between:

• April 15 and September 15; and

• December 15 and January 15.
iii. There shall be no more than two (2) votes to decertify in any one (1) period of thirty (30) consecutive days.

iv. No vote on decertification shall take place without compliance with Bylaw I, Sections 6.b.i, 6.b.ii, and 6.b.iii.

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 6.j, be amended as follows:

j. Outstanding Membership Fees

In addition to required compliance with Bylaw I, Sections 6.a to 6.d, 6.f to 6.l, in order for a vote on decertification to proceed, a member local union must not be delinquent in its fee remittance and will be required to pay their outstanding membership before the general meeting at which the result of the referendum will be ratified.

2018/06:052 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:051 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/06:051 REFERRED

2018/06:053 MOTION
Local 98/Local 109
Whereas the Federation has been involved in numerous membership conflicts over the past 10 years that included the collapse of CFS-Quebec, a number of motions calling for reforms, and the now expected expulsion of member local unions in British Columbia; and

Whereas the Federation can no longer ignore the membership issues across the country; and

Whereas the bylaws do not allow for any sort of conflict resolution; and

Whereas the Federation has lost the trust of numerous member locals over the years with allegations of financial mismanagement, electoral fraud, and interference in member local autonomy; and

Whereas the Federation treats certain members in a prejudicial manner, including denying access to Federation finance documents to member locals, failing to answer questions on transparency, and interference in member local unions;

Be it resolved that the National Executive produce a survey for all member local associations that addresses:

• determining which campaigns and services are utilized; and

• assessing concerns amongst member local associations regarding transparency and accountability within the Federation; and

• identifying Federation structures that member local associations would like to see changed.

Be it further resolved that the National Executive meet with each member local of the Federation who is unsatisfied with their membership to identify ways to resolve issues; and

Be it further resolved that if consensus cannot be found on the issues a member local association has with the Federation, a discussion about their future participation be held to determine an agreed-upon severance of member, such as an expulsion or the granting of a referendum on continued membership.

2018/06:054 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:053 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/06:053 REFERRED

2018/06:055 MOTION
Local 98/Local 109
Whereas in the mid-1990s the Federation’s membership fee was set at $3.00 per semester, and scheduled to be adjusted annually by CPI by the 1997 fiscal year; and

Whereas at the November 2017 national general meeting, the plenary was told that Local 68, York Federation of Students, has not been collecting or remitting the correct membership fee since the 1990s; and

Whereas when asked at the November 2017 national general meeting, National Treasurer Peyton Veitch was unable to verify the amount of money that Local 68 owes the Federation; and

Whereas member local associations should not knowingly or unknowingly subsidize the participation of other member local associations;

Be it resolved that the National Executive present a report at the next national general meeting that includes:

• The per-student fee that each member local association in the country currently collects and remits; and
• A listing of member local associations currently delinquent in fees, with documentation of attempts to collect on outstanding monies owed; and
• A listing of member local associations who have had any outstanding fees written off in the last 10 years, with documentation of the National Executive or plenary approving the write-off.

Be it further resolved that the National Executive develop a plan to either collect the correct amount of money from each member local association by July 2020 or reduce the fee paid by students to the lowest rate collected as of that time.

2018/06:056 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20

Be it resolved that Motion 2018/06:055 be referred to the Budget Committee.
CARRIED

2018/06:055 REFERRED

c. Motions referred to the National Executive

Motion 2017/11:037 was referred to the National Executive for consideration at the June 2018 National General Meeting. The National Executive is recommending defeat of the motion.

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 Students 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.

2018/06:057 MOTION TO REFER
Local 54/Local 20
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/11:037 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2017/11:037 REFERRED

2018/06:058 MOTION
Local 54/Local 34
Be it resolved that the plenary recess until 7 p.m.
CARRIED

14. 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 for more information.

15. RECESS

2018/06:059 MOTION
Local 32/Local 114
Be it resolved that the plenary of the 71st Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) recess until June 12, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.
CARRIED
CALL TO ORDER – Tuesday, June 12, 2018

At 3:21 p.m., the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Coty Zachariah.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local / Section 1 Carleton University Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 7 Student Union of NSCAD University Present
Local / Section 8 University of Winnipeg Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 9 University of Regina Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 11 University of King’s College Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 19 University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 20 Nipissing University Student Union Present
Local / Section 21 University of Calgary Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 24 Ryerson Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 25 Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union Absent
Local / Section 26 Kwantlen Student Association 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 31 University of Prince Edward Island Student Union Present
Local / Section 32 Lakehead University Student Union Present
Local / Section 34 Mount Saint Vincent University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 35 Memorial University of Newfoundland Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 36 Grenfell Campus Student Union Present
Local / Section 37 Brandon University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 38 Association étudiante du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface 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 42 Alberta College of Art and Design Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 45 Marine Institute Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 46 College of the North Atlantic Students’ Union Absent
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 63 Holland College Student Union Absent
Local / Section 66 Northwest Community College Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 67 University of New Brunswick Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 68 York Federation of Students Present
Local / Section 69 Association générale des étudiants de l’Université Sainte-Anne Present
Local / Section 70 University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association 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
Local / Section 86 College of the Rockies Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 88 Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l’Université Laurentienne Proxy
Local / Section 90 First Nations University of Canada Students Association Present
Local / Section 92 Student Association of George Brown College Present
Local / Section 93 Glendon College Students’ Union / Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Glendon Proxy
2. WELCOMING REMARKS

National Chairperson Coty Zachariah presented welcoming remarks.

3. BUSINESS TABLED FROM OPENING PLENARY

The Presentation of the Report of the National Executive was brought forward from opening plenary. 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 for details.

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

Question: Sexual health products come from Camco; have you been looking into more inclusive packaging on condoms? A lot of people don’t want to take internal condoms because they’re labelled as female condoms. The Federation’s current distributor doesn’t have inclusive packaging.

Response from Treasurer: The services staff and incoming national executive can investigate and pursue.

Follow-up question: In an email, the company said inclusive packaging isn’t something that they do. Will you consider pushing them on changing the packaging or finding another distributor?

Response from Treasurer: Can connect directly and look into finding another distributor.

Question: Our university never knew about the SWAP and Ufile services, would like more information about those services and know how students can access them.

Response from Treasurer: The Federation can arrange a meeting to talk in detail about SWAP program and what it offers and provide packages of promotional material including information about different sorts of programming SWAP offers to students.

2018/06:060 MOTION

Local 11/Local 68

Be it resolved to accept the National Executive Report of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services).

CARRIED
4. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

2018/06:061  MOTION
Local 71/Local 54
Be it resolved that the 2017 audited financial statements be accepted.
CARRIED

2018/06:062  MOTION
Local 20/Local 109
Be it resolved that the 2018-2019 budget be adopted.

2018/06:063  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 71/Local 8
Be it resolved that $15,000 from “Polling” be eliminated and $5,000 from “Media Strategy” be eliminated, and the $20,000 reallocated to “Mobile Application Service – Contracted Services”.

Point of information: Will the $8,000 allocated for litigation be enough to cover potential issues and referenda?

Response from Treasurer: Members have said they want the financial resources of the Federation to go towards campaigns, services, support for constituencies and other initiatives that directly benefit students on their campus. There has been a concerted effort from the Federation to put less resources towards litigation and use it only as a last resort, and this amount reflects that.

In favour: There was a lot of extensive conversation in the budget committee and all the questions were answered. The budget is sufficient as it stands.

Point of information: As we move towards one general meeting per year, how will commissioners be elected and what will be their term?

Response from Treasurer: Terms of commissioner positions will be a one-year term. We are committed to having a meeting in November, but there will need to be a motion coming forward to amend the bylaws of the Federation at that meeting, establishing the parameters of when the NGM could and would take place and how the election of commissioners will occur.

Against: Given there will only be one meeting, there are concerns about how organization will continually communicate with members throughout the year to get feedback about the direction of the organization.

In favour: Going from two meetings to one meeting will allow locals to send more delegates. It will also allow the reallocation of those funds towards constituency-specific events. Other student movement and labour movement organizations also usually have no more than one meeting per year.

Point of information: In terms of motions that may come up during the year, how will those be addressed? Will those motions have to be brought up only once a year?

Response from Treasurer: This could be addressed at the level of the National Executive, caucuses or with meetings of provincial components.

CARRIED

2018/06:062  CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/06:031  MOTION
Local 04/Local 109
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 an institution’s board 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 during an in-camera session of plenary at the next national general meeting.

Point of Information: Why was this motion recommended for defeat?

Response to Treasurer: Delegates were concerned that with a group as large as plenary assembly of the Federation, confidentiality would be very difficult to guarantee. Given that this could put the Federation in a position of liability, the committee felt that defeat of the motion was most prudent.

Against: In order to keep moving forward as an organization and prioritize campaigns work and equity work and fighting for free education, opening this up would open us up to many legal cases and that’s not where we should be putting students’ money.

Point of information: Was there a lawyer present during discussion to advise on legal matters?

Response from Treasurer: There wasn’t, but at the November 2017 meeting, a legal opinion from Federation’s counsel was shared indicating that, in counsel’s view, a wider release of the full forensic review would put Federation in position of legal risk.

Against: The treasurer did thorough job in explaining everything that has to do in this specific case. and a summary report has been handed out at several meetings to inform members. The information transmitted directly by delegates who attended the meeting isn’t always accurate. This report can be used as a way to explain the situation to members. We shouldn’t be spending more money on litigation.

Against: These documents have already been circulated. The legal opinion that was sought was driving force for circulating these documents. The Federation has been transparent with members and given as much information as possible without putting the Federation at risk of litigation, which would severely impact its ability to support smaller locals who are fighting against white supremacy on their campus, to organize to prevent and combat sexual violence on campus. Even if motion has been amended in various forms, an in-camera session will not guarantee confidentiality because of number of people in the room. Would rather see our fees go to people on the ground who are vulnerable and fighting the fees and white supremacy on their campus every day.

DEFEATED
Abstention: 26

2018/06:045 MOTION
Local 36/Local 109
Whereas CFS has allocated $6000 dollars towards student funding for the Reclaiming our Bodies and Minds Conference; and

Whereas many students who may want to attend this conference need a personal care worker to travel with them and assist them during the conference; and

Whereas the largest amount of funding for a student of $1000 does not cover the added travel cost for their care worker; and

Whereas this conference remains inaccessible to many students with disabilities; therefore

Be it resolved that CFS allocate extra funding of $3000 reserved for funding the travel of care workers; and

Be it further resolved that this funding be reserved for care workers who do not receive travel funding from other organizations.

CARRIED

2018/06:055 MOTION
Local 98/Local 109
Whereas in the mid-1990s the Federation’s membership fee was set at $3.00 per semester and scheduled to be adjusted annually by CPI by the 1997 fiscal year; and

Whereas at the November 2017 national general meeting, the plenary was told that Local 68, York Federation of Students, has not been collecting or remitting the correct membership fee since the 1990s; and
Whereas when asked at the November 2017 national general meeting, National Treasurer Peyton Veitch was unable to verify the amount of money that Local 68 owes the Federation; and

Whereas member local associations should not knowingly or unknowingly subsidize the participation of other member local associations;

Be it resolved that the National Executive present a report at the next national general meeting that includes:

• The per-student fee that each member local association in the country currently collects and remits; and

• A listing of member local associations currently delinquent in fees, with documentation of attempts to collect on outstanding monies owed.

• A listing of member local associations who have had any outstanding fees written off in the last 10 years, with documentation of the National Executive or plenary approving the write-off.

Be it further resolved that the National Executive develop a plan to either collect the correct amount of money from each member local association by July 2020 or reduce the fee paid by students to the lowest rate collected as of that time.

In favour: At the last meeting, the treasurer indicated that some locals are remitting a lower fee per member than other locals. If it is true that some locals are paying less than others or more than others, there should be an investigation. This motion is not calling for any reprimand.

Against: For clarification, as per bylaws of the York Federation of Students and CFS-Ontario, membership fees are allocated differently. The fees are collected from the administrative level. If anything, any error in allocation would have been a technical error. The language used in this motion can be misleading and the local is doing their due diligence towards the members and the Federation.

Against: In budget, it was discussed that folks who are possibly in repayment or have repayment programs put in place have already dealt with this, and to embarrass them goes against the spirit of the Federation’s movement.

DEFEATED

2018/06:064 MOTION
Local 54/Local 09
Be it resolved that Parker Prins Lebano be appointed as auditors to review and audit the 2018 financial statements.

CARRIED

2018/06:065 MOTION
Local 98/Local 37
Be it resolved that the Presentation of Organizational and Services Development Committee be moved to immediately after the Presentation of the Budget Committee Report.

In favour: There are motions on the OSD agenda that have been a part of this package for about two years. There has been a lot of good work done in OSD committee meetings this NGM and at past NGMs. It would be beneficial for the Federation to look at those motions in plenary and have that chance as soon as possible.

Against: Campaigns are more important to our membership. I recognize that OSD is important, but there are a lot of motions sitting in campaigns as well and we can get through all of it if we’re concise.

2018/06:066 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 102/Local 32
Be it resolved to amend motion 2018/06:065 to read:

Be it resolved that the Presentation of Organizational and Services Development Committee be moved to immediately after the Presentation of the Budget Committee Report, followed by the Presentation of the Policy Review and Development Committee Report and the Presentation of the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum Report.

CARRIED
2018/06:065  CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. PRESENTATION OF ORGANISATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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 omnibused, 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.
DEFEATED

2016/11:087  MOTION
Local 49/Local 109
Be it resolved that the Federation create a Council of Constituency representatives on a twelve-month trial basis, commencing at the end of the November 2016 Annual General Meeting; and
Be it further resolved that the following terms of reference shall guide the Council for a period of one year and that the National Executive provide a recommendation on formalizing the Council structure at the June 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting.

Terms of Reference for the Council of Constituency Representatives

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

2. Composition
   a. Commissioners
      The Council shall be comprised of the following voting members, not to exceed one (1) representative per constituency:
         i. Francophone Students Commissioner
         ii. International Students Commissioner
         iii. National Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students 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.

2018/06:067 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 34/Local 70
Be it resolved that motion (2016/11:087) be struck and Standing Resolution 16 be amended to read:

Constituency Group Commission
The following shall be the goals, membership, and structure of the Constituency Group Commission:

1. Objectives
   a. to support the statement of purpose of the Federation;
   b. to advocate the interests of all constituency group members at the national level;
   c. to provide a forum for discussion of issues and concerns in the Federation;
   d. to provide assistance in the development of campaigns, advocacy and representation

2. Membership
The Commission will be compromised of members following Federation caucus and constituency groups:

   a. Student Artists' Constituency Group
   b. Racialised Students Constituency Group
   c. Students with Disabilities Constituency Group
   d. Francophone Students Constituency
   e. International Students Constituency Group
   f. Part-time and Mature Students Constituency Group
   g. Queer Students Constituency Group
   h. Women's Constituency Group
   i. Trans Students Constituency Group
j. National Circle of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students
k. National Graduate Caucus

3. Rights and Privileges
The members of the Constituency Group Commission shall have the following rights:

a. to attend meetings of the Commission and speak on any matter or motion which may arise;

b. members of each caucus and constituency group shall give direction to their Commissioner on decisions made within the Commission and Steering Committee.

4. Terms of Office
The term of the office for the positions on the Steering Committee 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.

5. Steering Committee

a. the Steering Committee shall be the governing body of the Commission;

b. the Steering Committee shall be composed of the Commissioners of the following caucuses and constituency groups:

i. Student Artists Commissioner
ii. Racialized Students Commissioner
iii. Students with Disabilities Commissioner
iv. Francophone Students Commissioner
v. International Students Commissioner
vi. Part-Time and Mature Students Commissioner
vii. Queer Students Commissioner
viii. Women’s Commissioner
ix. Trans Students Commissioner
x. National Circle of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students Chairperson
xi. National Graduate Caucus Chairperson

c. the Steering Committee shall be comprised of the following non-voting members:

i. National Chairperson
ii. National Deputy Chairperson
iii. National Treasurer
d. each Constituency shall have one vote on the Steering Committee;

e. the Steering Committee shall endeavor to reach decisions on a consensus basis;

f. the Steering Committee meeting shall be structured as follows:

i. Frequency of Meetings

The Steering Committee shall meet at least one (1) time between regularly scheduled General Meetings of the Federation. The Steering Committee must also meet two days prior to national general meetings.

ii. Quorum

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

iii. Notice of Meeting

Formal notice of all Steering Committee meetings shall be communicated to each member of the Steering Committee no less than seven (7) days before the meeting is to take place. Meetings of the Steering Committee shall be held without notice, if all the
Steering Committee 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.

iv. Calling a Meeting
The National Chairperson will coordinate meetings.

v. Number of Votes
Each voting member of the Steering Committee shall have only one (1) vote.

6. Constituency Group Budget Allocation

a. the Constituency Group Commission shall receive a minimum allocation of 1.5% of the total membership revenue and shall be responsible for the distribution of the allocation among the constituency groups.

b. the following voting members of the Steering Committee shall receive a $500 honorarium for their term on the Steering Committee:
   i. Student Artists Commissioner
   ii. Racialised Students Commissioner
   iii. Students with Disabilities Commissioner
   iv. Francophone Students Commissioner
   v. International Students Commissioner
   vi. Part-Time and Mature Students Commissioner
   vii. Queer Students Commissioner
   viii. Women’s Commissioner
   ix. Trans Students Commissioner

CARRIED

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".

DEFEATED

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

DEFEATED

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.

DEFEATED

2016/11:087 CARRIED AS AMENDED

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.

2018/06:068 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 49/Local 20
Be it resolved that motion 2016/11:061 be amended to read:
Be it resolved that all CFS budgets, including the previous year’s projections, be available online no more than 30 days after each General Meeting, updated with the most recent year-to-date expenses.
CARRIED

2018/06:069 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 103/Local 98
Be it resolved that motion 2016/11:061 be amended to read:
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, so long as CFS and CFS-Services remain separate entities.
CARRIED

2016/11:061 CARRIED AS AMENDED

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.
CARRIED

2016/11:073 MOTION
Local 105/Local 109
Whereas the Federation has launched a robust mental health campaign with the goal of making campus mental health services more accessible, intersectional, and diverse;
Whereas access to specialized mental health care can be extremely costly and therefore inaccessible to many of our members;
Whereas as part of the National Student Health Network and through our provider Green Shield Canada, we have the opportunity to negotiate improved coverage for mental health services, such as psychological care;
Whereas many locals are proud to be a part of a national student health network that utilizes a not-for-profit health plan provider;
Be it resolved that the Federation investigate opportunities for more robust coverage for mental health services through Green Shield Canada and the National Student Health Network.
CARRIED
2016/11:083 MOTION
Local 61/ Local 109
Whereas Bylaw 7.4.c states that the “audited financial statements for the preceding financial year shall be presented to the members at each semi-annual general meeting”; and
Whereas the last audited financial statements presented to any semi-annual general meeting were the statements for the financial year ending June 30, 2013; and
Whereas close to one third of a decade—three years, three months and one-week (as of October 7)—has passed since the end of the last fiscal year for which audited financial statements have been presented for consideration to the member student unions; and
Whereas the audited financial statements serve as a fundamental basis on which the member student unions make decisions about the future of the organization; and
Whereas the audited financial statements serve as a fundamental basis for the member student unions to judge the performance of the elected board members, especially those who may be seeking re-election; and
Whereas in order for the Federation to function democratically as the Constitution and Bylaws envision, the Bylaws, Policies and Standing Resolutions of the Federation, and the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, establish the voting members’ right to information, particularly financial information, in order for them to make sound financial decisions; and
Whereas in the absence of audited financial statements, the member student unions 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.
DEFEATED

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.

CARRIED

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.

In favour: The certification and decertification process is problematic because it doesn’t allow student unions to decide what is best for their students. Although this change could lead to several referendums in a row, which is a financial concern, locals who have wanted to leave for a while cause problems like not remitting fees and obstructing meeting spaces, which is equally or even more detrimental to the organization.

Against: We have been debating motion for many meetings. It takes time, money and resources to hold referendums on top of all other work Federation needs to be doing to serve all member locals and fight for quality free education. Want to make sure referendums are held according to the bylaws and are held properly.

DEFEATED

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 led by international students; and
Where there is currently no dedicated representation of international students on the Federation’s Executive Committee; therefore

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

International Students Commissioner in the National Executive of the Federation.

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

Timing of Nominations of the International Students Commissioner:

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

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

Constituency Group Election Procedure:

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

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

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

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.

CARRIED

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 1.6.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.

In favour: At own local, electronic voting has improved many aspects of elections, including voter turnout and a reduction of harassment and intimidation tactics. Online voting has been used across municipalities across Canada and for the New Democratic Party of Canada leadership election. Online voting is safe and safeguards can be put in place to prohibit harassment. The motion has been amended in order not to mandate online voting, but to allow each local to choose the method of voting they prefer.

Against: Research has shown that online voting can be hacked. Further, with a paper ballot, you have someone in front of you who can help you understand the question.

In favour: Online voting can be beneficial to people with disabilities who have difficulties filling out paper ballots. We also have to take into consideration that online voting could lead to harassment or intimidation at different hours of the day and different places.

Against: The Ontario government has explored the option of online voting and chosen against it. We shouldn’t use a method the Ontario government doesn’t trust. Online voting can lead to discrepancies and operational issues. Having only one option guarantees a more consistent process.

Against: Women with disabilities are victims of violence and harassment at an alarming level. We need to recognize that experience and how intimidation tactics can be used through this forum. We know that this has been used on campuses as a means of intimidating folks, especially oppressed individuals. It’s important to recognize who has access to personal electronic devices and Wi-Fi to be able to vote and how that privileges some folks over others.

DEFEATED

2018/06:070  MOTION
Local 41/Local 49
Be it resolved that speaking time be limited to two minutes per individual.

2018/06:071  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 8/Local 7
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:070 be amended to read:
Be it resolved that speaking time be limited to three minutes per individual.

In favour: Limiting the time would pose a challenge for folks with disabilities, especially folks who are neurodivergent. Three minutes would assist in expediting procedures while respecting the needs of folks in the room.

CARRIED

2018/06:070  CARRIED AS AMENDED

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.

2018/06:072 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 49/ Local 109

Be it resolved that motion 2017/11:021 to amended to read:

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 sixty (60) 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.

Against: This timeline is not realistic in practice. For a larger local, for example if there are 50,000 students, a petition of 15% of students would require 7,500 signatures. It would take a long time to go through so many names. It can also take a long time to get the list of students from the administration; sometimes it takes months at the local level. Depending on the work happening at the Federation during that time, for example federal elections, large-scale events or general meetings, there are often fewer resources to allocate to verifying petitions.

In favour: Verifying petitions is time-consuming, but 60 days is a good time. This motion allows for a small change to some of these processes that is an opportunity to signify to members of the Federation that are looking for willingness from other members that they’re willing to acknowledge that there’s concern around this process. It is a chance to meet in the middle on one thing. It could be positive for moving forward.

Point of information: Does it define anywhere days as business days or regular days and therefore potentially allow more time?

Response from Chair: It is not specified, but past practice dictates that it is regular days and not business days.

In favour: After confirming the process of verifying a petition, it became evident three weeks is not enough time but 60 days is enough time.

Against: Coming from a large local, in general we struggle with having a good relationship with administrators to receive information in a good timeframe to hold referendum. Smaller locals, which have fewer resources, could struggle with this process even more. The Federation provides campaigns and services to those who are most marginalized on campus, and spending resources on referendums is taking away from core work we’re here to do.
In favour: The various time allotments in the bylaws could push the referendum on certification or decertification to the next semester or next academic year, and by then a large portion of the people who signed the petition would not be able to participate in the referendum. Sixty days is reasonable, and more reasonable than three weeks.

CARRIED

In favour: It is not unreasonable to set timeframes that ensure the likelihood of a petition received being addressed within or as close as possible to within the term in which it is received. Reducing timeframes for processing and approving a petition can be an effective way to prevent a backlog of decertification votes. It is an opportunity for the current Federation to demonstrate good will to current and future members of the Federation.

Against: In terms of the student movement, it is more powerful to think about how many voices are represented from across the country. This conversation assumes a large number of people want to leave the Federation. That's not the case. Everyone should want to serve the student movement and remain a part of it and should think about how to make it grow instead spending time on operational logistics. The discussion should centre what kind of student movement we want to build here today.

2017/11:021 DEFEATED

2017/11:023 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS
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 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 taking 90 days is an excessive amount of time to schedule a referendum; and
Whereas member local unions’ boards of directors 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 process 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.

DEFEATED

2017/11:025 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS
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.’

In favour: When looking at this motion, we have to be mindful of what we’re trying to be as an organization and trying to be as democratic and as responsive as possible towards our students and member locals. This motion allows member locals the chance to be responsive with their student body in a timely manner that is fair for the Federation. We’ve seen at this meeting that we’ve gone through a lot more business with a Federation that is much more united. If there are schools that wish to de-certify, addressing a five-year timeline is fairly drawn out and we need to allow those member locals, within a reasonable amount of time, to have their wishes heard by the Federation.

Against: The Federation does a lot of good work for our students on the ground. It seems that it’s the executives who have problems with the Federation and not students. If you go on the ground and speak about services and campaigns, membership enjoys that we advocate on behalf on marginalized groups. We don’t want the Federation to crumble; we want to empower it.

Point of information: How much does it cost to run a referendum and is it feasible to have so many come up at the same time.

Response from Treasurer: It depends on the size of the campus. It is costly.

DEFEATED

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; therefore,

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.

DEFEATED

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.

2018/06:073 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 35/Local 19
Be it further resolved to amend motion 2017/11:053 to include:
Be it further resolved that a coordinator is hired on contract to take care of the elders at each conference.
CARRIED

2018/06:074 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 35/Local 19
Be it further resolved to amend motion 2017/11:053 to include:
Be it further resolved that the coordinator be recommended for appointment by the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students.
CARRIED

2017/11:053 CARRIED AS AMENDED

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, long-lasting, 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; and

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 Indigenous Student Representative

General Membership:
- National Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students 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 meetings 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.
Co-chairs:

National Racialised Student Representative
National Indigenous Student Representative

General Membership:

National Circle of First Nations, Métis 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
Four seats are provided by consensus-based appointments of the planning committee

CARRIED
2017/11:059 CARRIED AS AMENDED
2017/11:061 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;
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.

DEFEATED
2018/06:035 MOTION
Local 08/Local 109
Whereas among the disability community, there is not a consensus among people-first language; and
Whereas communities are not monoliths, and we must respect diversity within movements; and
Whereas neurodivergent, mad, and cripple identifying individuals feel more comfortable with identity first-language; and

Whereas disability justice looks at the intersections among several identity groups; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Students with Disabilities Commissioner be renamed the Disability Justice Commissioner; and

Be it further resolved that the plenary pay special attention to the vote of the Students with Disabilities Constituency Group.

2018/06:077  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 37/Local 19
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:035 be amended to read:
Be it resolved that the Students with Disabilities Commissioner be renamed the Student Disability Justice Commissioner; and

CARRIED

2018/06:035  CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/06:039  MOTION
Local 08/Local 109
Whereas while Indigenous people make up only 17 percent of the population in Manitoba, they make up nearly 90 percent of kids in the provincial government’s Child and Family Services (CFS);

Whereas that with over 10,000 Indigenous kids currently in care, many Indigenous families in Manitoba have a traumatic relationship to Child and Family Services (CFS);

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students strike a working group to rename the organization for the next Annual General Meeting.

2018/06:078  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 35/Local 49
Be it resolved to amend motion 2018/06:039 to read:
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students strike a working group before the next annual general meeting to investigate renaming or rebranding the organization.
Be it further resolved that working group include the National Francophone Representative to ensure proper translation and representation of Francophone students.

CARRIED

2018/06:039  CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/06:051  MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS
Local 98/Local 109
Whereas the Federation is a membership-based organization; and

Whereas the Federation defines a member in Bylaw I, Section 1, as a local student association who has been admitted as a member by the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation bylaws outline a process to certify new members, which includes provisional membership that leads to a referendum to join the Federation and a process to decertify, which is triggered by a petition signed by no less than 15% of members; and

Whereas there are different standards for certification and decertification; and

Whereas in October 2014, the Federation amended its bylaws to change the class of membership from individual members to member local associations based on the changes to the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act; and

Whereas the certification and decertification processes allow for individual students to vote on whether or not they want their student association to join the Federation, but have no ability to participate in the organisation’s decision-making structures; and

Whereas the current allowances for certification and decertification create confusion about who is or is not a member of the Federation legally; and

Whereas between 2015 and 2018, students belonging to at least ten member local associations submitted petitions to the National Executive to initiate their process in decertification; and
Whereas those individual students who signed the petition were denied their votes, allegedly because of an outstanding fee issue; and

Whereas the Federation has 90 days to verify a petition and 90 days to set referendum dates (which exclude the summer semester); and

Whereas restrictions in the scheduling of referendums can result in individual students who signed the petition never having the opportunity to vote in the process they started; and

Whereas the Federation has changed the scope of membership to being member local associations; and

Whereas individual students are charged fees for the organization but are denied participation rights, as they are not members of the Federation as per the bylaws; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 3.a.iii, be struck; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 1, Section 3.b, be amended to include the following subsection:

ii. Members will have sole authority to initiate a vote on decertification, as described in Bylaw I, Section 6, by submitting the result of a motion passed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors requesting the Federation schedule a vote on certification or decertification.

Be it further resolved that the subsequent subsections be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 6.a, be struck and replaced with:

a. Vote to begin decertification process
   In accordance with Bylaw 1, Section 3.a.ii, the decertification process will be initiated after a vote to begin the decertification process is passed by the member local association by a two-thirds majority vote.

   The motion to decertify shall be worded as follows: “Are you in favour of initiating a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?”

   A representative of the National Executive shall be provided an opportunity to present in-person at the meeting at which the vote takes place, in advance of the vote.

   The result of the vote, whether it passes or fails, will be sent to the National Executive.

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 6.b, be struck and replaced with:

b. Schedule
   i. The National Executive will have the sole authority to set dates for a referendum on continued membership within 30 days of receipt of approved minutes of a meeting wherein there was a vote passed requesting a referendum on continued membership.

   The scheduling of the referendum shall be subject to the following conditions:
   • there shall be no fewer than two (2) and no greater than five (5) days of voting; and
   • there shall be no fewer than seven (7) days and no greater than twenty-one (21) days for campaigning, during which classes are in session, immediately preceding and during voting.

   ii. No vote on decertification may be held between:
   • April 15 and September 15; and
   • December 15 and January 15.

   iii. There shall be no more than two (2) votes to decertify in any one (1) period of thirty (30) consecutive days.

   iv. No vote on decertification shall take place without compliance with Bylaw I, Sections 6.b.i, 6.b.ii, and 6.b.iii.

Be it resolved that Bylaw I, Section 6.j, be amended as follows:

j. Outstanding Membership Fees
   In addition to required compliance with Bylaw I, Sections 6.a to 6.i and 6.k to 6.l, in order for a vote on decertification to proceed, a member local union must not be delinquent in its fee remittance and will be required to pay their outstanding membership before the general meeting at which the result of the referendum will be ratified.
Against: The board of directors shouldn’t have sole authority over the certification or decertification process. Individual students pay fees and should have a say in every step of this process. The board of directors changes yearly and is often elected on a slate, which means it leans one way or the other, and its opinion towards the Federation could change quickly. There wouldn’t be enough voices represented. In terms of fees, allowing locals not to pay fees before the referendum affects all locals. It takes away from the services the Federation provides for all members.

Against: A petition is meant to engage the membership and assess what they want to do. The petition also helps to investigate whether the time and resources going into a potential referendum is worth it. If we allow boards of directors to make these decisions without consulting students, how would we be different from university administrations who implement policies without consulting students on campus or who ignore their input?

Against: Boards are still disproportionately male, white and able-bodied. Folks from marginalized communities use the services of the Federation and need it for support. Putting this decision in the hands of the very privileged, those who don’t have to fight racism and ableism on our campuses, is irresponsible for us to approve and pass as an organization.

In favour: The Canadian Not-for-Profit Act makes member locals the members of the Federation, and not individual students. There is undue hardship on those student unions in that the individual corporations who are members don’t control their ability to hold a referendum on membership.

DEFEATED

2018/06:053  MOTION
Local 98/Local 109

Whereas the Federation has been involved in numerous membership conflicts over the past 10 years that included the collapse of CFS-Quebec, a number of motions calling for reforms, and the now expected expulsion of member local unions in British Columbia; and

Whereas the Federation can no longer ignore the membership issues across the country; and

Whereas the bylaws do not allow for any sort of conflict resolution; and

Whereas the Federation has lost the trust of numerous member locals over the years with allegations of financial mismanagement, electoral fraud, and interference in member local autonomy; and

Whereas the Federation treats certain members in a prejudicial manner, including denying access to Federation finance documents to member locals, failing to answer questions on transparency, and interference in member local unions;

Be it resolved that the National Executive produce a survey for all member local associations that addresses:

- determining which campaigns and services are utilized; and
- assessing concerns amongst member local associations regarding transparency and accountability within the Federation; and
- identifying Federation structures that member local associations would like to see changed.

Be it further resolved that the National Executive meet with each member local of the Federation who is unsatisfied with their membership to identify ways to resolve issues; and

Be it further resolved that if consensus cannot be found on the issues a member local association has with the Federation, a discussion about their future participation be held to determine an agreed-upon severance of member, such as an expulsion or the granting of a referendum on continued membership.

In favour: This motion would allow the Federation to investigate which services and campaigns are being used by members and help avoid long-term problems. It would be helpful for the organization to know which services and campaigns are in use and act proactively on any changes necessary.

DEFEATED
6. PRESENTATION OF POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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.

2018/06:079 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 32/Local 41
Be it resolved to amend motion 2017/11:033 to read:
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 intersex, transgender, and two-spirit peoples in all post-secondary institutions in Canada.
The Federation supports research, education, and training pertaining to intersex, transgender, and two-spirit issues, available services for intersex, transgender, and two-spirit peoples and an end to discrimination against intersex, transgender, and two-spirit peoples in postsecondary institutions across Canada.
The Federation supports centering intersex, transgender, and two-spirit peoples in creating, developing, and implementing curriculums pertaining to intersex, transgender, and two-spirit issues.

Be it further resolved the policy on Transgendered, Transsexual and Intersexed Students Policy be renamed Intersex, Transgender, and Two-Spirit Students Policy.

CARRIED

2017/11:033 CARRIED AS AMENDED

7. PRESENTATION OF ELECTIONS REPORT

Chief Returning Officer Quinn Blue announced that the following individuals were elected to the national executive board for the 2018-2019 term.

2018/06:080 MOTION
Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Caitlin McCutchen as British Columbia Representative be ratified.
CARRIED

2018/06:081 MOTION
Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Chance Paupanakis as Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Representative be ratified.
CARRIED

2018/06:082 MOTION
Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Arnel Fleurant as College and Institute Students’ Representative be ratified.
CARRIED

2018/06:083 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Rizki Rachiq as Francophone Students’ Representative be ratified. CARRIED

2018/06:084 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Shannon Kitchings as Graduate Students’ Representative be ratified. CARRIED

2018/06:085 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Diana Ombe Bissila Christelle as International Students’ Representative be ratified. CARRIED

2018/06:086 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Dele Ojewole as Manitoba Representative be ratified. CARRIED

2018/06:087 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Khaleel Arfeen as New Brunswick Representative be ratified. CARRIED

2018/06:088 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Sofia Descalzi as Newfoundland and Labrador Representative be ratified. CARRIED

2018/06:089 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Aidan McNally as Nova-Scotia Representative be ratified. CARRIED

2018/06:090 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Sami Pritchard as Ontario Representative be ratified. CARRIED

2018/06:091 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Ashley McKibbon as Prince-Edward-Island Representative be ratified. CARRIED

2018/06:092 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Leila Momouni-Tchouassi as Racialised Students’ Representative be ratified. CARRIED

2018/06:093 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Heather O’Watch as Saskatchewan Representative be ratified. CARRIED
2018/06:094 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Megan Linton as Student Disability Justice Commissioner be ratified.
CARRIED

2018/06:095 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Nikki Jamieson as Women’s Representative be ratified.
CARRIED

2018/06:096 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Bailey Howard on the Appeals Committee be ratified.

2018/06:097 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved that the election of Liam O’Neill on the Appeals Committee be ratified.

2018/06:098 MOTION Local 84/Local 38
Be it resolved to accept the results of the election.
CARRIED

2018/06:099 MOTION Local 105/Local 97
Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed.
CARRIED

8. PRESENTATION OF CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT

2018/06:100 MOTION Local 32/Local 93
Be it resolved that the 2018-2019 Campaigns Guide be adopted.
CARRIED

2018/06:029 MOTION Local 4/Local 109
Whereas a tragic crash took the lives of several amateur Humboldt Broncos hockey players in Saskatchewan in April 2018;
Whereas the outpouring of public support for the families of the amateur Humboldt Broncos hockey players was vast, including the most well-financed crowd funding initiative in the history of the website GoFundMe.com;
Whereas, without questioning the tragedy of the death of the amateur hockey players or the support for their families, independent journalist and former Federation activist Nora Loreto made an arguably innocuous comment about the radicalized, gendered nature of grief on the website Twitter.com;
Whereas Nora Loreto was the target of a highly sophisticated political attack due to her straightforward assessment of the nature of public discourse regarding grief;
Whereas the political attacks on Nora Loreto included threats of death, blacklisting, assault, and sexualized violence;
Whereas the political attacks on Nora Loreto are representative of the vast reach of fascist and ultra-right groups in Canada and North America;
Whereas fascists and ultra-right groups in Canada and North America stand against all that is true and just; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation make a donation of $1,000 to Sandy & Nora, a political podcast of which Nora Loreto is a co-host;
Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate tools to combat social media campaigns of fascists and the ultra-right.

**2018/06:101  MOTION TO REFER**
Local 54/Local 35
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:029 be referred to the national executive committee.  
**CARRIED**

**2018/06:029  REFERRED**

**2018/06:033  MOTION**
Local 4/Local 109
Whereas support for the Federation has arguably collapsed in British Columbia, Alberta, Quebec, and New Brunswick;  
Whereas, unless there is a significant change of direction, the trend in membership of the Federation places the organization in terminal decline;  
Whereas there is no current alternative organization with the goal of uniting students in the fight for a universal system of public and high-quality post-secondary education; therefore,  
Be it resolved that the Federation call a congress of all students’ unions in Canada, including those at the campus, provincial, national, and federal level, to establish points of political unity, establish connections, and find common ground;  
Be it further resolved that the Federation allocate $100,000 to fund a congress of student unity.  
**DEFEATED**

**2018/06:037  MOTION**
Local 8/Local 109
Whereas the Canadian “War on Drugs” costs Canadian taxpayers over $2 billion annually, while yearly profits from sales of these currently criminalized drugs exceed $7 billion; and  
Whereas criminalized drug possession has risen 89 percent over the past 10 years, despite increased investment in policing and the criminal justice crackdown on drug use and sales; and  
Whereas current drug policy fails to address the root causes of problematic substance use, including issues like mental illness, trauma and poverty; and  
Whereas 2011 federal legislation increased the mandatory minimums and doubled the maximum sentence for drug manufacturing of drugs like cannabis, without any exceptions; and  
Whereas the Canadian government has already begun the decriminalization of cannabis in favour of regulated, controlled sales, and the previous Conservative administration admitted current policy is not as effective as it could be; and  
Whereas less than 11 percent of drug charges in 2014 were for distribution, manufacturing, or organized crime, with the majority being simple cannabis possession; and  
Whereas the Canadian government’s entire drug-policing structure annually spends over $50 billion, spending three times more per jailed drug user than it does per student; and  
Whereas an additional investigative analysis of 14 different Canadian police services from different regions of the country revealed that Black and Indigenous Canadians are more likely to be arrested, charged and convicted of possession of small amounts of drugs, perpetuating systemic racial and colonial violence; and  
Whereas the harm reduction/drug decriminalization model adopted by Portugal in 2001 has resulted in reduced crime, less problematic drug use, and one of the lowest overdose death rates in the world; therefore,  
Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students promote the policy of complete drug decriminalization, with an emphasis on the harm reduction paradigm; and  
Be it further resolved the Federation investigate coalition partners promoting drug decriminalization in an intersectional capacity to work with, to lobby for the replacement of criminalization with more progressive, health-based models; and  
Be it further resolved the Federation strive to ensure any lobby work done on drug decriminalization includes pardons and immediate release of all individuals jailed simply for drug charges, including payment for time spent unfairly incarcerated; and
Be it further resolved the Federation investigate the costs of facilitating overdose prevention training and supplying of naloxone kits for member locals; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage member locals and provincial components to participate in overdose training and the acquiring of overdose prevention kits.

CARRIED

2018/06:041 MOTION
Local 19/Local 109
Whereas the Federation has prioritized equity, social justice, and solidarity-building initiatives in their outreach and campaign work;

Whereas the Federation has a responsibility to support community engagement efforts on and off campus that enhance the undergraduate and graduate student experience;

Whereas the “2018 Decolonizing Conference” is central to community engagement efforts in ways that meaningfully centers, advances, and strengthens scholarship, education, and social justice movements in the areas of anti-racism, Indigeneity, and decolonization;

Whereas the “2018 Decolonizing Conference” aims to foster a community learning and unlearning environment that brings together local and international scholars, educators, students (undergraduates, graduate students, and high school students), activists, and artists in a robust knowledge sharing place;

Whereas the inaugural “2016 Decolonizing Conference” has previously demonstrated diverse community engagement from a variety of stakeholders who work in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary landscapes in the context of education, social work, health, law, teacher education, community development, women and gender studies, anti-racism, Indigeneity, and decolonization;

Whereas the “2016 Decolonizing Conference” engaged over 600 registered attendees and organized over 80 panels, 10 workshops, and 10 critical art interventions;

Whereas the financial contribution of donors helps us ensure that this conference remains financially, physically, and logistically accessible;

Be it resolved that the CFS endorse and contribute $3000 to the Decolonizing Conference taking place from November 8-10, 2018, at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to share the 2018 Decolonizing Conference Call for Submissions;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to collaborate with other members locals to submit an abstract for a paper presentation, group presentation, workshop, and/or critical art intervention (poetry, spoken work, film, and other new media forms of culture and media production etc).

2018/06:102 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 19/Local 30

Be it resolved to amend motion 2018/06:041 to include:

Be it further resolved that the Federation allocate up to $1,500 to assist member locals who are outside Ontario in sending delegates; and

Be it further resolved member locals be encouraged to budget funds to send delegates.

CARRIED

In favour: This conference is student-led and is organized specifically by Indigenous, Black and racialised faculty, predominantly women of colour. The venue for this conference is fully accessible and live streaming will be available for portions of it. This conference recognizes the need to work together to resist the colonial knowledge production of research and writing and learn from scholars, educators, activists and artists. The student movement needs to create spaces in the academy where we can talk critically about what’s happening in the academy and on the ground. We need to contest the notion and legitimacy of the ivory tower and build new spaces in the academy and with community where Indigenous, Black and racialised communities can thrive and not just barely get by and survive.
In favour: It is important to have these spaces for Indigenous people and people of colour. There’s no institution for us to implement a decolonial mindset. By instituting a decolonizing conference, we create space for Indigenous voices to help lead and shape our countries, our futures, and begin to empower everybody who has access to these spaces as well.

2018/06:103 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 35/Local 69
Be it resolved to amend the fourth clause of motion 2018/06:041 to read:
Be it further resolved to allocate up to $1,500 to help assist in sending out-of-province students to the conference who are part of marginalized, racialised or Indigenous groups.
CARRIED

2018/06:041 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/06:043 MOTION
Local 19/Local 109
Whereas the National Graduate Caucus represents over 90,000 graduate students and has a mandate to ensure that the campaigns, services and advocacy work of the Federation adequately addresses the unique experiences and concerns of graduate students;
Whereas according to the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health (CAMH), “1 in 5 Canadians experiences a mental health or addiction problem”;
Whereas CAMH notes that “[n]early 4,000 Canadians die by suicide each year – an average of almost 11 suicides a day”;
Whereas CAMH recognizes that “First Nations youth die by suicide about 5 to 6 times more often than non-Indigenous youth. Suicide rates for Inuit youth are among the highest in the world, at 11 times the national average”;
Whereas CAMH acknowledges that “[e]vidence shows that people belonging to certain population groups tend to experience disparities in their health status, access to services and the quality of care received. Factors such as gender, race, sexual orientation, immigration status, income and education can influence a person's access to timely, appropriate and high-quality care”;
Whereas current research on graduate mental health that identifies and documents the shared experiences of graduate students in Ontario universities lives in the CFS-Ontario “Not in the Syllabus”, which provides a good starting point for the Federation to understand graduate mental health;
Whereas mental health needs to be understood from diverse and intersectional lenses in ways that address nuanced questions of race, gender, class, access, and healing;
Be it resolved that the Federation strengthen, revitalize, and refresh the national campaign on graduate mental health by working closely with the National Graduate Caucus, the Ontario Graduate Caucus, graduate member locals, the Circle of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Students, the Racialised constituency, the Queer constituency, the Trans constituency and all constituency groups;
Be it further resolved that the Federation consult with on/off campus community groups who have an interest in mental health, accessibility, and community healing.

2018/06:104 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 19/Local 47
Be it resolved that the first clause of motion 2018/06:043 be amended to read:
Be it resolved that the Federation strengthen, revitalize, and refresh the national campaign on mental health for the 2018-2019 academic year.
CARRIED

2018/06:105 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 19/Local 97
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:043 be amended to include as a second clause:
Be it further resolved that the Federation work closely with the National Graduate Caucus, the Ontario Graduate Caucus, graduate member locals, the Racialised constituency, the Circle of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Students, the Queer constituency, the Trans constituency and all constituency groups within the Federation.
CARRIED
2018/06:106  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 19/Local 11
Be it resolved that the final clause of motion 2018/06:043 be amended to read:
Be it further resolved that the Federation work with community partners who have an interest in mental health, accessibility, community healing, LGBTQ2SIA+ and disability justice perspectives such as Six Degrees.

CARRIED
2018/06:107  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 19/Local 11
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:043 be amended to include:
Be it further resolved that the Federation create a toolkit on the Mental Health refresh campaign with promotional materials to be available for order with the Fall 2018 Campaign Materials Guide.

CARRIED
2018/06:043  CARRIED AS AMENDED
2018/06:047  MOTION
Local 36/ Local 109
Whereas people with/experiencing mental illness, madness, and mental health experience barriers different than that of students with disabilities; and
Whereas the only CFS campaign for students with invisible disabilities is the mental health matters campaign; and
Whereas this campaign does not work to fight against the discrimination and oppression of folks who are mentally ill/experience mental illness/identify as mad; and
Whereas saneism is the discrimination and oppression towards folks with mental illness/mental health/madness; therefore
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students create a Challenge Saneism campaign; and
Be it further resolved that this campaign be added to the rest of the Federation’s Students United Campaign; and
Be it further resolved that the federation develop campaign materials for a Challenge Saneism campaign.

2018/06:108  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 100
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:047 be amended to include:
Be it further resolved that the National Executive report back to the plenary at the November 2018 General Meeting.

2018/06:109  MOTION TO REFER
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:047 be referred to the National Executive with subsequent amendment (2018/06:210).

CARRIED
2018/06:047  REFERRED
2018/06:049  MOTION
Local 54/Local 109
Whereas actions taken by students across Canada has drawn attention to the national crisis in post-secondary education; and
Whereas tuition fees continue to rise in most provinces across Canada and systematically keep students out of post-secondary institutions, or result in mass student debt; and
Whereas underfunding of our post-secondary institutions has resulted in sub-standard infrastructure on campuses, the corporatization of education, and has put the quality of education in jeopardy across the country; and
Whereas both federal and provincial governments have a responsibility to fund post-secondary education, and tuition fees are a result of the underfunding of Canada’s universities and colleges; and
Whereas the last National Day of Action was November 2, 2016; and
Whereas mass membership mobilization can be an effective tool for engaging members and influencing public policy; and
Whereas locals do not have the same resources or reach as the national office to organize a national action alone; therefore,

Be it resolved that the CFS National Executive organize a Pan-Canadian Day of Action in support of free education, to be held in 2019; and
Be it further resolved that the national office organize coalitions to aid locals leading up to the action.

2018/06:110  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 49
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:049 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the National Executive organize regional lead up actions in support of free education in the upcoming academic year that can result in a pan-Canada day of action, depending on the success of mobilization.

CARRIED

2018/06:111  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 100
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:049 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the provincial components be encouraged to support these efforts.

CARRIED

2018/06:112  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 82
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:049 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the National Executive commit to supporting and encouraging provincial and regional components to organize regular meetings with minutes recorded, at a minimum of three times annually, so long as tuition exists.

CARRIED

2018/06:113  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 54/Local 49
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:049 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that a Pan-Canadian National Day of Action is held within the next three years.

CARRIED

2018/06:049  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.

DEFEATED

2018/06:114 MOTION
Local 34/Local 54
Be it resolved to move to Other Business immediately.

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

2018/06:115 MOTION
Local 99/Local 109

Whereas on June 27th, the University of Toronto has the capacity to implement a Mandatory Leave of Absence Policy, a policy that violates the human rights of students;

Whereas while the University’s intention is to support students living with serious mental health issues by forcibly removing them from the university setting, they fail to acknowledge the gaps that exist in the current language of the policy;

Whereas the current status of the Mandatory Leave of Absence Policy threatens to introduce a new measure for racial profiling, as it gives administration the right to diagnose the mental state of students without proper medical consultation, and subsequently forces students out of the university environment;

Whereas the Policy also poses a major threat to international students with disabilities, since their study permits and staying in Canada are fully dependent on their status as students; if eligible for the mandatory leave, they would be forced to leave the country immediately;

Whereas the Ontario Human Rights Commission has made a public statement against the implementation of the current policy, yet the University of Toronto refuses to take into ‘consideration this condemnation;

Whereas the University of Toronto claims that the policy recommendations made by a total of 83 students is representative of over 88, 766 students enrolled tri-campus;

Whereas all five student unions across the University of Toronto (Scarborough Campus Students’ Union, University of Toronto Students’ Union, University of Toronto Mississauga Students’ Union, Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students, and the University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union) are in public and vocal opposition to the current policy;

Whereas all five student unions are requesting that the voting day be postponed for proper consultation with students to ensure an equitable policy;

Whereas the University of Toronto refuses to listen to its students, and denies the right to postpone the implementation date to achieve proper revision of the Mandatory Leave of Absence Policy and move student rights to its centre;

Whereas this could set precedence for universities and colleges across the country;

Be it resolved that member Locals be encouraged to join Local 99, Local 98, Local 97, Local 109, and Local 19 in the public opposition of the Mandatory Leave of Absence Policy by means of Open Statements on social media and emails by June 26, 2018;
Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to spread awareness of the policy through social media by means of sharing informational videos, and using the hashtag "#MLAPUFoT".

In favour: The university is saying this is to support students with mental health conditions, but this is not reflected in the language of the policy. This is problematic for international students because by being put on this mandated leave of absence, they get kicked out of university and therefore lose their student visa. For domestic students, you lose services such as the health and wellness centre, which is crucial in a time of crisis. All five unions at the University of Toronto are united in opposing this policy. If the University of Toronto passes this policy, it could set a precedent for other universities. Asking for students across country to show solidarity and call out this policy.

In favour: All unions are together in this message. The precedent this policy sets is that decisions around students’ mental health are in the hands of administrators, of people who are not actually affected by it. They are not properly consulting students. This policy will affect students and their entire lives. If this policy is meant to help students, it should be in the hands of students. The policy is so vague that it could mean anything.

In favour: Our institution has something similar in place already. It's affected dozens of students so far in a negative way.

2018/06:116  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 8/Local 37
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:115 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the national executive write an open letter to the University of Toronto administration that member locals can sign and can be shared.

In favour: This policy is detrimental and exists across Canada and the United States in different fashions. It’s important that Canadian institutions and student unions share publicly that this is not a good policy.

In favour: It’s important for unions and locals as well as the national executive to support this motion. We need to acknowledge the needs of students with mental health issues. This shouldn’t happen at the University of Toronto or any other school.

CARRIED

In favour: As a person who has experienced someone making a decision for them, is very uncomfortable with the implications of this policy for people with disabilities as well as mental health issues. For us to support something like this would be very detrimental to many lives of many folks, and would take away services when someone is most in need. Even if somebody else thinks it’s in their best interest, everyone knows best for themselves.

2018/06:115  CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/06:117  MOTION
Local 113/Local 54
Whereas Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the decision to buy the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project from Kinder Morgan on May 29, 2018 using $4.5 billion dollars of public funds; and
Whereas there is consensus from scientists that the global community is currently in the midst of a climate crisis and that a vast majority of the worlds known fossil fuels must stay in the ground to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of global warming; and
Whereas Canada has committed to acting on climate change through the Paris Agreement and thus should working on a rapid and just transition to a renewable economy; and
Whereas many students are youth and young people are the inheritors of the climate crisis and therefore have moral authority in speaking about climate action; and
Whereas many Coast Salish and interior British Columbia Indigenous communities have not consented to having the pipeline built on their lands or to an increase of tankers in their waters; and
Whereas the existing Trans Mountain pipeline has spilled multiple times throughout its existence including a spill on May 27, 2018, affecting the watershed and jeopardizing clean water; and
Whereas the federal government’s intention is to expedite the construction process of the Trans Mountain pipeline in the summer of 2018; and
Whereas over two hundred people have already been arrested protesting the pipeline expansion project and the federal government has indicated that they are prepared to deploy the military against Indigenous and non-Indigenous people interfering with the construction of the pipeline in the future, and Indigenous leaders have indicated that they are prepared to continue to resist despite violent counter-tactics; and

Whereas this $4.5 billion dollars investment in the pipeline comes at a time where the government is failing to invest in universal services, such as access to healthcare, childcare, and post-secondary education; and

Whereas the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has calculated that $4.5 billion is a conservative estimate, and a minimum of $7.4 billion of construction costs and additional spill response costs will likely exceed $12 billion; and

Whereas the recognition of historic and ongoing colonialism of Indigenous peoples is central to the Canadian Federation of Students campaigns, advocacy, and structure; and

Whereas the Federation advocates for Nation-to-Nation relations and the respect of Indigenous rights and titles through the Where’s the Justice campaign, including challenging environmental degradation occurring on traditional and unceded Indigenous territories; and

Whereas the National and Provincial components of the Federation have already supported the resistance to the Trans Mountain pipeline by organizing and supporting actions across Canada; and

Whereas the Federation’s Go Fossil Free campaign was established to “end the age of fossil fuels and accelerate a fair transition to 100% renewable energy for all”; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation condemn the Trans Mountain pipeline with a statement of opposition to the government’s buyout of the pipeline from Kinder Morgan; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau condemning the decision to buy the Trans Mountain pipeline from Kinder Morgan and encourage member locals and their student members to also write letters expressing their opposition to the pipeline buyout; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation support future Coast Salish and interior British Columbia Indigenous-led actions, including providing support for member locals to organize or attend local solidarity actions, and support mass mobilizations; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students use the Go Fossil Free campaign and send materials.

In favour: The federal government’s buyout of the pipeline is an urgent and important issue that concerns students. This issue is urgent because Prime Minister Trudeau has stated intention to build pipeline this summer. People on the frontline have suggested this could become Standing Rock north, and it is indefensible for anyone to endure that kind of violence for protecting their rights to land, culture, clean water and a liveable future. Climate change is happening now and many communities are already suffering from its effects. Condemning this decision shows support for a rapid and just transition to a renewable economy.

In favour: The fact that our Canadian government has purchased a pipeline with the intent to sell it for capital is very harmful to Canadians. There are many human rights violations perpetrated by Kinder Morgan and the Canadian government.

In favour: This will show solidarity to Indigenous folks that we still want to be inclusive of British Columbia. It’s not if, it’s when it’s going to happen and we need to be there in solidarity.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

2018/06:118  MOTION TO ADJOURN
Local 114/Local 68

Be it resolved that the plenary adjourn.

CARRIED