



**Canadian Federation of Students
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**STANDING
RESOLUTIONS**

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Standing Resolution 1

General Meeting Standing Committees

1. Standing Committees

At general meetings, the following four standing committees will be struck:

- a. Budget Committee
- b. Campaigns and Government Relations Committee
- c. Organizational and Services Development Committee
- d. Policy Review and Development Committee

2. Committee Composition

Each voting member shall be entitled to one vote in each standing committee.

3. Standing Committee Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for General Meeting Standing Committees shall be as follows:

a. Budget Committee

The Budget Committee shall:

- i. Develop a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year for submission to the closing plenary of the annual general meeting.
- ii. Assess the availability of funds for proposed projects and/or purchases, including donations; and
- iii. Undertake long-term fiscal planning for the Federation.

b. Campaigns and Government Relations Committee

The Campaigns and Government Relations Committee shall:

- i. Assess the recent and ongoing provincial campaigns of the Federation;
- ii. Recommend to closing plenary the implementation of the campaign's strategy which shall include research and information compilation to be undertaken, contact with government, membership mobilization, media strategy, and coalition work; and
- iii. Review and recommend adjustments to the campaign strategy for the remainder of the academic year to the closing plenary of the annual general meeting.

c. Organizational and Services Development Committee

The Organizational and Services Development Committee shall:

- i. Review and make recommendations to closing plenary on the provincial structure of the Federation, including the provincial executive, provincial staffing, the provincial office, and all other provincial structures of the Federation;
- ii. Review and make recommendations to closing plenary on provincial implementation of programs of the Federation;
- iii. Review and make recommendations to closing plenary on the provincial communication tools of the Federation;
- iv. Review and make recommendations on development of new members; and
- v. Review and make recommendations to the closing plenary on the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

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d. Policy Review and Development Committee

The Policy Review and Development Committee shall review and make recommendations to closing plenary on proposed amendments to the issues policy of the Federation, as proposed by Committee members and member associations on plenary floor.

4. Submission of Reports

Each general meeting committee will prepare and submit a report containing its recommendations to the final plenary for consideration.

Standing Resolution 2

Plenary Rules and Procedures

1. Speaking Procedure

- a. Delegates wishing to speak shall indicate thus by raising their hand to be added to a speakers list which shall be kept by the Chair.
- b. Delegates wishing to speak will observe and abide by the timing instrument governed by the Chair.

2. Speaking Limitations

- a. On each plenary motion there will be no more than three speakers in favour and three speakers against the motion unless the speakers list is extended by a procedural motion.
- b. A delegate shall not speak more than twice to the same question on the same day. The spokesperson of the committee who introduced the report may also close debate.
- c. Delegates will be limited in speaking time to five minutes.
- d. A delegate shall not interrupt another, except on a point of order or a point of privilege.
- e. If a point of order or a point of privilege is called, the floor shall be yielded to the Chair until the question of order/privilege has been decided. The Chair will cease timing the speaker until a ruling has been made.
- f. If a member calls a Point of Information, the Chair will address the speaker and the speaker has the right to refuse interruption. However, if the Point of Information is allowed, the timer will not be stopped and the speaker will be limited by the time remaining.
- g. A delegate shall not move a motion to refer back to a committee after having spoken on the question at issue.

3. Speaker Priority on Plenary Motions

a. First Priority

Delegates from member local associations

b. Second Priority

Provincial Executive members, National Executive members and constituency group members

c. Third Priority

National and provincial staff of the Federation

4. Affirmative Action Speaking Procedure

A gender affirmative action speaking procedure, with alternating female and male speakers shall be in effect in all plenaries. In the event that there is no speaker from the opposite gender of the previous speaker that wishes to speak, the speakers list shall continue with a speaker of the same gender until such time as a delegate from the other gender wishes to speak. At this point said delegate shall be the next speaker called upon by the plenary chair. In the event that both a male and a female speaker of similar priority wish to begin debate, the female speaker shall be given preference.

5. New Business Motions

Resolutions, motions, and policy statements cannot be amended in plenary but may be referred to the appropriate committees under New Business.

6. Announcement of Proxies

All appointments of proxies will be announced immediately after the first roll call at the commencement of the opening plenary of the general meeting.

Standing Resolution 3**Women's Constituency Group**

The following shall be the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the Women's Constituency Group:

1. Objectives

The objectives of the Constituency Group shall be:

- a. To provide a forum for women students to communicate, exchange information, and share experience and ideas regarding issues facing women students;
- b. To provide a place for women to develop organizational and political skills; and
- c. To provide a setting for women students to organize as women, through which a sense of unity and cooperation may be developed.

2. Purpose

At each provincial general meeting, the Constituency Group shall:

- a. Discuss provincial general meeting motions that are of concern to members of the constituency group; and
- b. Discuss any other business of concern to members of the constituency group.

3. Membership

The membership of the Constituency Group shall be all women in attendance at the general meeting, including any observers.

4. Rights and Privileges of Members

- a. To attend any Constituency Group meeting and to speak on any matter or motion which may arise; and
- b. To vote at any Constituency Group meeting.

Standing Resolution 4**Aboriginal Students' Constituency Group**

The following shall be the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the Aboriginal Students' Constituency Group.

1. Objectives

The objectives of the Constituency Group shall be:

- a. To provide a forum for aboriginal students to communicate, exchange information, and share experience and ideas regarding issues facing aboriginal students;
- b. To provide a place for aboriginal students to develop organizational and political skills, and
- c. To provide a setting for aboriginal students to organize as aboriginal people, through which a sense of unity and cooperation may be developed.

2. Purpose

At each general meeting, the Constituency Group shall:

- a. Discuss general meeting motions that are of concern to members of the constituency group; and
- b. Discuss any other business of concern to members of the constituency group.

3. Membership

The membership of the Constituency Group shall be all aboriginal people in attendance at the general meeting, including any observers.

4. Rights and Privileges of Members

The rights and privileges of members shall be:

- a. To attend any Constituency Group meeting and to speak on any matter or motion which may arise; and
- c. To vote at any Constituency Group meeting.

Standing Resolution 5**Students' with Disabilities Constituency Group**

The following shall be the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the Students' with Disabilities Constituency Group.

5. Objectives

The objectives of the Constituency Group shall be:

- a. To provide a forum for students with disabilities to communicate, exchange information, and share experience and ideas regarding issues facing students with disabilities;
- b. To provide a place for students with disabilities to develop organizational and political skills, and
- c. To provide a setting for students with disabilities to organize, through which a sense of unity and cooperation may be developed.

6. Purpose

At each general meeting, the Constituency Group shall:

- a. Discuss general meeting motions that are of concern to members of the constituency group; and
- b. Discuss any other business of concern to members of the constituency group.

7. Membership

The membership of the Constituency Group shall be all students with disabilities in attendance at the general meeting, including any observers.

8. Rights and Privileges of Members

The rights and privileges of members shall be:

- a. To attend any Constituency Group meeting and to speak on any matter or motion which may arise; and
- b. To vote at any Constituency Group meeting.

Standing Resolution 6

Racialized Students' Constituency Group

The following shall be the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the Racialized Students' Constituency Group.

9. Objectives

The objectives of the Constituency Group shall be:

- a. To provide a forum for racialized students to communicate, exchange information, and share experience and ideas regarding issues facing racialized students;
- b. To provide a place for racialized students to develop organizational and political skills, and
- c. To provide a setting for racialized students to organize, through which a sense of unity and cooperation may be developed.

10. Purpose

At each general meeting, the Constituency Group shall:

- a. Discuss general meeting motions that are of concern to members of the constituency group; and
- b. Discuss any other business of concern to members of the constituency group.

11. Membership

The membership of the Constituency Group shall be all racialized students in attendance at the general meeting, including any observers.

12. Rights and Privileges of Members

The rights and privileges of members shall be:

- a. To attend any Constituency Group meeting and to speak on any matter or motion which may arise; and
- b. To vote at any Constituency Group meeting.

Standing Resolution 7

Content of Provincial Executive Reports

The Provincial Executive Report shall be produced and distributed to the membership before the semi-annual Newfoundland and Labrador general meeting.

The Report shall contain, but not be limited to, information about:

1. Campaign activities and the goals achieved;
2. An identification of membership issues and how they are being dealt with;
3. A breakdown of current budget status (i.e. actuals compared to the budget);
4. An overview of decisions made at Provincial Executive meetings;
5. An identification of goals and priorities of the remainder of the term of office;
6. Federation internal affairs;
7. Coalition work; and
8. Any other information that is pertinent to members.

Standing Resolution 8

Queer and Trans Students' Constituency Group

The following shall be the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the Queer and Trans Students' Constituency Group.

1. Name

The organization shall be known as the Queer and Trans Constituency Group.

The Group:

- a. recognizes that the identities which are suggested in the name do not adequately represent the diversity of the community;
- b. acknowledges the diversity of sexuality and gender and rejects the socially constructed binary of both sex and gender; and
- c. acknowledges that heterosexism and biological determinism are experienced by people in a society which perpetuates oppression based on race, class, gender, ability, and religion.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Constituency Group shall be:

- a. To provide a forum for queer and trans students to communicate, exchange information, and share experience and ideas regarding issues facing queer and trans students;
- b. To provide a place for queer and trans students to develop organizational and political skills; and
- c. To provide a setting for queer and trans students to organize as queer and trans people, through which a sense of unity and cooperation may be developed; and
- d. To act as an agent of social change as defined by queer and trans individuals who are present at a General Meeting of the Federation.

3. Purpose

At each general meeting, the Constituency Group shall:

- a. Discuss general meeting motions that are of concern to members of the constituency group; and
- b. Discuss any other business of concern to members of the constituency group.

4. Membership

The membership of the Constituency Group shall be all queer and trans people in attendance at the general meeting, including any observers.

5. Rights and Privileges of Members

The rights and privileges of members shall be:

- a. To attend any Constituency Group meeting and to speak on any matter or motions which may arise; and
- b. To vote at any Constituency Group meeting.

