ATTENDANCE/PRÉSENCES
37th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)
Saturday, June 9th, to Tuesday, June 12th, 2018

37e Assemblée générale nationale annuelle de la Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants(-Services)
Du samedi 9 juin au mardi 12 juin 2018

BRITISH COLUMBIA/COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE
Local/Section 26
Kwantlen Student Association
Sarah Strachan

SASKATCHEWAN
Local/Section 9
University of Regina Students’ Union
Jermain McKenzie
Derrick Gagnon

Local/Section 90
First Nations University of Canada Student Association
Lucy Musqua
Eric Jordan
Kayla Rusk

Local/Section 101
University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students’ Union
Somtochukwu Ogochukwu Ufondu

MANITOBA
Local/Section 8
University of Winnipeg Students’ Association
Brenden Gali
Zee Morales
Meagan Malcolm
Morgan Brightnose
Ryan Beardy
Jade DeFehr

Local/Section 37
Brandon University Students’ Union
Whitney Hodgins
Justin Shannon

Local/Section 38
Association étudiante de l’Université de Saint Boniface
Ben Marega
Adnane Ouchene
Beydi Traore

Local/Section 103
University of Manitoba Students’ Union
Carly Frey

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

Local/Section 19
University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union
Leonardo José Uribe Castaño
Lynne Alexandreva

Local/Section 30
Laurentian University Students’ General Association
Kattlyn Kotila

Local/Section 32
Lakehead University Student Union
Aaron Hiltz
Lindsey Kelly
Liston Bentley
Harleen Bhullar
Theresa Vande Burgt
Brandon Rhéal Amyot
Rajpreet Sohal

Local/Section 41
Student Federation of the University of Ottawa
Vanessa Dorimain
Paige Booth
Faduma Wais

Local/Section 47
Society of Graduate Students – Western University
Broderic Clement-Thomas
Wesam AbdElhamid Mohamed

Local/Section 48
University of Windsor Graduate Student Society
Mrunal Parekh
Siddharth Patel
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Joanna Clark
Joseph Maclsaac

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

Local/Section 113
Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students
Laura Cutmore

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR/
TERRE-NEUVE ET LABRADOR

Local/Section 35
Memorial University of Newfoundland Students’ Union
Liam O’Neill
Yazan Jabr
Daniel Smith
Jol Medon
Amina Mahmood
Bailey Howard
John Godfrey

Local/Section 36
Grenfell Campus Student Union
Faune Ibarra Torres
Nicole Falle
Alberto Nuñez
Krys Munnings

Local/Section 45
Marine Institute Students’ Union
Kristine Penney
Michaela Barnes
Jennifer Roche
Jordan Keough

Local/Section 100
Graduate Students’ Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland
Ahsan Kaleem
Sana Jamil
Mohammad Islam Miah
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### Component, Caucus and Constituency Group Representatives/Représentantes et représentants des éléments provinciaux, des caucus et des éléments provinciaux

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Grant MacNeil, Organizer (Maritimes)/Organisateur (Maritimes)
Hildah Otieno, Executive Director (Ontario)
Elfreda Tetteh, Communications Coordinator
Justine De Jaegher, Executive Director
Ian McRae, Government Relations and Policy Coordinator (Ontario)/Coordonnateur des relations avec le gouvernement et des politiques (Ontario)
Corey Scott, Services Coordinator (Ontario)/Coordonnateur des services (Ontario)
Cody Avery, Fieldworker (Ontario)/Agent de développement (Ontario)
Jensen Williams, Fieldworker (Ontario)/Agente de développement (Ontario)
Laura Rashotte, Internal Coordinator/Coordonnatrice des affaires internes
Raven Davidson, International Student Identity Card/Carte étudiante internationale ISIC
Vincent St-Martin, National Student Health Network Coordinator/Coordonnateur du Réseau-santé étudiant national
Sarah Trower, Organizer (Maritimes)/Organisatrice (Maritimes)

General Meeting Staff/Personnel de l’assemblée générale

Anti-Harrasment Advisors/Intervenantes et intervenants contre le harcèlement
RJ Jones
Sinda Garziz
**CALL TO ORDER – Friday, November 16, 2018**

At 4:59 pm, the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Coty Zachariah.

### 1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

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2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

Zachariah explained that the Federation’s Bylaws enable a voting member that is unable to
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 20 designated Local 71 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 84 designated Local 68 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 45 designated Local 35 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 62 designated Local 54 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 114 designated Local 41 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 112 designated Local 110 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 88 designated Local 110 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 70 designated Local 67 as its proxy for the meeting;
Prospective member MAPUS designated Local 105 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 92 designated Local 105 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 Anne-Marie Roy be ratified as the plenary chair.

2018/11:001 MOTION
Local 68/Local 71
Be it resolved that Anne-Marie Roy be ratified as the Plenary Chair for the June
2018 national general meeting.
CARRIED
4. MEMBERSHIP

2018/11:002 MOTION
Local 32/Local 105
Whereas the Mature and Part-Time University Students' Association (MAPUS) holds prospective membership status, has yet to hold a certification vote, but wishes to maintain its status in an effort to hold a certification vote within the next year;
Be it resolved that prospective membership status for the Mature and Part-Time University Students' Association (MAPUS) be extended by one (1) year.

In favour: Part-time unions work on different timelines because they also have different funding structures and different capacity. We don’t want to stop someone from becoming members because they work on a different timeline. By extending the deadline by a year, we can let them gather what they need to become a member.

CARRIED

2018/11:003 MOTION
Local 114/Local 68
Whereas between October 8 and 19, 2018, a referendum on continued membership took place at Local 1, Carleton University Students' Association;
Whereas the unofficial results to the question "Are you in favour of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?" were as follows:
Yes: 2,396
No: 2,134
Spoiled: 18
Whereas these results met both the quorum and majority requirements;
Whereas the National Executive ratified the referendum results on October 30, 2018;
Be it resolved that the results of the referendum on continued membership at Local 1 be ratified.

CARRIED

5. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

National Executive members were introduced. Zachariah, Peek and James provided welcoming remarks to meeting delegates.

6. ADOPTION OF THE PLENARY AGENDA

2018/11:004 MOTION
Local 7/Local 34
Be it resolved that the opening plenary agenda for the 37th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.

2018/11:005 MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA
Local 7/Local 34
Be it resolved to discuss motion 2018/11: N16 before “SPECIAL ITEM: MOTION TO HOLD NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVES ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING”.

CARRIED

2018/11:006 MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA
Local 97/Local 106

Be it resolved to discuss motion 2018/11:N10 before “SPECIAL ITEM: MOTION TO HOLD NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVES ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING”.

In favour: One is a campaigns issue and is in order. The second is to update cannabis policy – could be out of order. Would like to propose an amendment to that motion.

CARRIED

2018/11:004 CARRIED AS AMENDED

7. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

2018/11:007 MOTION
Local 99/Local 106

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 37th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.

CARRIED

8. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2018/11:008 MOTION
Local 68/Local 97

Be it resolved that the minutes of the 71st Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.

CARRIED

9. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedure
Roy 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, RJ Jones and Sinda Garziz, said that the Federation endeavours to create an environment at its national general meetings that is 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 Trina James explained that she served as the Staff Relations Officer for the Federation. James 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
Roy 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 2019-2020 term: National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson,
National Treasurer, British Columbia Representative, New Brunswick Representative, Prince-Edward-Island Representative, Saskatchewan Representative, Colleges and Institutes Representative, Racialized Students’ Representative, Women’s Representative, Student Disability Justice Representative, Francophone Students’ Representative, International Students’ Representative, and the following positions within constituency groups: Mature and Part-Time Students’ Commissioner, Queer Co-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.

2018/11:009 MOTION
Local 68/Local 109
Be it resolved that Quinn Blue be ratified as CRO.
CARRIED

11. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

2018/11:010 MOTION
Local 7/Local 71
Whereas constituency groups exist to create spaces for students who share a common identity; and
Whereas Student Artist is not an identity that necessarily constitutes marginalization or predicates need for a closed space to discuss issues; and
Whereas Student Artists do not effectively form, use or need a constituency group to discuss issues of marginalization; and
Whereas there has commonly been misunderstanding about the membership of the Student Artists constituency group; and
Whereas while students in art programs do face unique issues such as access to studio space and targeted funding cuts, the Federation can be directed to work on these issues without an ill-defined constituency group; therefore
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 8 be eliminated from the Standing Resolutions; and
Be it further resolved that under Standing Resolution 16, Student Artists Constituency Group be removed from the membership; and
Be it further resolved that under Standing Resolution 37, Student Artists’ Constituency Group be removed from the list of current constituency groups.

In favour: The Student Artists’ Constituency Group does not effectively form a constituency group. Student artists are not marginalized on the condition that they are student artists. Many artists experience other oppressions, but this group is in agreement that they should not form a constituency group where resources should be allocated to the other groups.

2018/11:011 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 71
Be it resolved to amend the first clause of the motion to read:
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 8 be eliminated from the Standing Resolutions and that subsequent standing resolutions be renumbered accordingly.
Be it further resolved to amend the motion to include:
Be it further resolved that under Standing Resolution 16, Student Artists’ Constituency Group be removed from the membership, and Student Artist Commissioner be removed from the steering committee and from the budget allocation.

In favour: In terms of the second clause, if the student artists’ constituency ceases to exist, they should no longer be included in the standing resolutions or budget allocations.
In favour: Although consensus is to eliminate this constituency group, it is necessary to have another form of constituency group that acknowledges that there’s diversity in art and culture that needs to be acknowledged across the country.

CARRIED

In favour: Reminder that constituency spaces are here so folks can talk about their shared experiences of oppression. Respect constituency spaces and only share in those spaces if you share the identity of that constituency.

2018/11:010 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/11:012 MOTION
Local 35/Local 32
Whereas the Government of Canada will be legalizing the use of cannabis on October 17th; and
Whereas campuses throughout Canada do not have unified policies and procedures in place to address the changing parameters of cannabis use for students, staff, and faculty while on and off campus; and
Whereas there remain campuses where cannabis use is criminalized and can be grounds for punitive measures taken against students; and
Whereas there continues to be people incarcerated for cannabis-related injunctions prior to October 2017;
Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants investigate ways to support students on campus in their choices around cannabis use without retribution; and
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants update the current “Cannabis Policy” to reflect the legalization of cannabis.

2018/11:013 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 54
Be it resolved to amend the second clause to read:
Be it further resolved that the National Executive review the current “Cannabis Policy” and present a motion recommending proposed changes to the policy, which, takes into account the legalization of cannabis, to a subsequent general meeting no later than December 2019.

In favour: The motion proposes to change the policy at this meeting without proposing what those changes might be. This may be out of order. A policy must be submitted in its entirety with proper notice before a general meeting so referring it to the national executive will ensure it follows the accepted procedure.

CARRIED

2018/11:012 CARRIED AS AMENDED

12. SPECIAL ITEM: MOTION TO HOLD NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVES ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2018/11:014 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS
Local 32/Local 11
Whereas at the June 2018 National General Meeting, the plenary passed a budget that included only one general meeting per year instead of two;
Whereas the National Executive has since recommended budget amendments to facilitate a two-day, one-delegate June general meeting to ensure compliance with the Not-For-Profit Corporations Act;
Whereas the following amendments to Bylaws and Standing Resolutions are required to allow for the election of all constituency representatives and National Executive representatives without standalone meetings at the November 2018 National General Meeting:

Be it resolved that Bylaw V.2.b be amended to read:

b. Timing of Nominations for Provincial Component Representatives
   i. The nomination of Provincial Component Representatives shall be conducted at such times as set out in the bylaws of the applicable provincial components; or
   ii. In the event that a provincial component does not have a functioning set of bylaws, as determined by the National Executive, the nomination of the Provincial Component Representative shall be conducted at a meeting of the component member local student associations convened by the National Executive at the annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that the following Standing Resolutions be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 8
STUDENT ARTISTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP
7. Student Artists Commissioners
At a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation, the members of the Group shall elect Student Artists Commissioner(s) from the membership of the Group. The Student Artists Commissioners shall act as liaisons between the Constituency Group and the Federation, and will facilitate communication between the Student Artists members of the Federation and non-members. The Student Artists Commissioners shall send to Student Artists organizations and all 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. The Student Artists Commissioners shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election.

Standing Resolution 9
RACIALISED STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP
8. Racialised Student Commissioner Election Procedure
The Racialised Students Constituency Group Commissioner will be elected from the members of the Constituency Group at a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation. The Racialised Students Commissioner shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from the end of the closing plenary of the following semi-annual general meeting until the end of the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting one year later.

Standing Resolution 10
STUDENT DISABILITY JUSTICE CONSTITUENCY GROUP
9. Student Disability Justice Commissioner Election Procedure
The Disability Justice Constituency Group Commissioner will be elected from the members of the Constituency Group at a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation. The Disability Justice Commissioner shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from the end of
the closing plenary of the following semi-annual general meeting until the end of the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting one year later.

**Standing Resolution 11**

**FRANCOPHONE STUDENTS' CONSTITUENCY GROUP**

7. Francophone Commissioner

At a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual meeting of the Federation, the members of the Constituency Group shall elect a Francophone Commissioner from the membership of the Constituency Group. The Francophone Commissioner will act as a liaison for the Constituency Group and will facilitate communication between the Francophone members of the Federation. The Francophone Commissioner shall send to Francophone student organisations 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. The Francophone Commissioner shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from the end of the closing plenary of the following semi-annual general meeting until the end of the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting one year later.

9. Francophone National Executive Representative

The authority, role and responsibilities of the Francophone National Executive representative shall be:

- g. to be elected at a meeting of the Francophone Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation: the members of the constituency group shall elect a Francophone Students National Executive Representative.

**Standing Resolution 12**

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP**

7. International Students Commissioner

At a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation, the members of the Constituency Group shall elect an International Students Commissioner from the membership of the Constituency Group. The International Students Commissioner will act as liaison between the Constituency Group and the rest of the Federation and will facilitate communication between the international student members of the Federation and non-member associations. The International Students Commissioner shall send to international student organisations 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. The International Students Commissioner shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from the end of the closing plenary of the following semi-annual general meeting until the end of the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting one year later.

**Standing Resolution 13**

**PART-TIME AND MATURE STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP**

10. Part Time and Mature Students Constituency Group Co-Commissioner

Election Procedure

The Part Time and Mature Students Constituency Group Co-Commissioner(s) will be elected from the members of the Constituency
Group at a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation. The Part Time and Mature Students Co-Commissioner(s) shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from the end of the closing plenary of the following semi-annual general meeting until the end of the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting one year later.

**Standing Resolution 14**

**QUEER STUDENTS’ CONSTITUENCY GROUP**

10. Queer Students’ Constituency Group Co-Commissioner Election Procedure

The Queer Students’ Constituency Group Co-Commissioner(s) will be elected from the members of the Constituency Group at a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation. The Queer Students’ Co-Commissioner(s) shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from the end of the closing plenary of the following semi-annual general meeting until the end of the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting one year later.

**Standing Resolution 15**

**WOMEN’S CONSTITUENCY GROUP**

6. Constituency Group Election Procedure

The Women’s Representative on the National Executive will be elected from the members of the Constituency Group at a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation. The Women’s Representative on the National Executive shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from the end of the closing plenary of the following semi-annual general meeting until the end of the closing plenary of the semi-annual general meeting one year later.

**Standing Resolution 31**

**QUEBEC COMPONENT**

5. Steering Committee

The affairs of the Component shall be managed by a Steering Committee.

b. Election

i. Election of the Representative on the National Executive

The Quebec Representative on the National Executive shall be elected at the annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Quebec member local associations.

c. Term of Office

i. Term of Office of the National Executive Representative

The term of office for the Quebec Representative on the National Executive shall be one (1) year, commencing at the adjournment of the following semi-annual national general meeting and ceasing at the adjournment of the semi-annual national general meeting one year later.

**Standing Resolution 32**

**SASKATCHEWAN COMPONENT**

3. Steering Committee

b. Election

i. Election of the Representative on the National Executive
The Saskatchewan Representative on the National Executive shall be elected at the annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Saskatchewan member locals.

c. Term of Office

i. Term of Office of the National Executive Representative

The term of office for the Saskatchewan Representative on the National Executive shall be one year commencing at the adjournment of the following semi-annual national general meeting and ceasing at the adjournment of the semi-annual national general meeting one year later.

In favour: Due to new financial realities after the loss of several members in British Columbia, the budget adopted at the June 2018 meeting did not include funds for a June 2019 meeting. Subsequently, it was discovered that in order to be compliant with the Canadian Not-for-Profit Act and ratify National Executive members, a June meeting needs to take place. A new budget will be presented to the Budget Committee to account for this June meeting, which would be a two-day, one-delegate per local meeting. Therefore, this motion would allow National Executive members listed above to be elected at this meeting so that there is a fair number of delegates to participate in that process.

2018/11:015  MOTION TO REFER
Local 98/Local 84

Be it resolved to refer motion 2018/11:014 to Budget Committee.

In favour: Motion 2018/11:020 falls in line with motion 2018/11:014 so it's fair to have the discussion concurrently, which means that having it in Budget Committee makes sense.

Against: By passing it in opening plenary, it allows us to conduct elections in this meeting.

Against: Speaker echoes previous point. Would like to propose amendments that will take care of some concerns.

DEFEATED

2018/11:016  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 71

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to include:

Standing Resolution 39

6. College and Institutes Representative

At a meeting during the annual meeting of the Federation, the members of the Caucus shall elect a Colleges and Institutes Representative from the membership of the Caucus.

In favour: The fact that Standing Resolution 39 was not included in the motion is probably an oversight and it should be included.

CARRIED

2018/11:017  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 109

Be it resolved to amend the motion to include:

Be it further resolved that the National Executive be tasked with developing and bringing forward a long-term recommendation on the timing of the provincial, caucus and constituency representative elections no later than the next Annual General Meeting.

In favour: We need a chance to realign some of our bylaws not only at the national level, but also for provincial components. That cannot be done at this meeting, but it could be done over the course of a year. This motion is an acceptable short-term solution, but this amendment will provide the understanding that the National Executive and various groups
within the CFS will have a chance to think about a permanent solution and a long-term plan that can be implemented within a year.

**CARRIED**

**2018/11:018 MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 32/Local 97

Be it resolved to strike Standing Resolution 8 from the motion.

In favour: In light of the previous motion being passed, that group no longer exists and should not be included.

**CARRIED**

**2018/11:014 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

13. **ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS**

As per Standing Resolution 1, Section 1, the following plenary sub-committees and forum are automatically struck:
- Budget Committee;
- Campaigns and Government Relations Forum;
- Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
- Policy Review and Development Committee.

The plenary considered the plenary sub-committee and forum agendas prepared by the National Executive.

**2018/11:019 MOTION**
Local 68/Local 38

Be it resolved to adopt standing plenary sub-committee agendas.

**CARRIED**

14. **CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE**

a. **New Motions Served with Notice**

**2018/11:020 MOTION**
Local 106/Local 32

Whereas with the expulsion of BCFS member locals and unremitted membership fees over the past four years, the Federation finds itself in a new financial reality; and
Whereas at the November 2018 NGM, plenary adopted a budget containing expenses for one General Meeting this fiscal year; and
Whereas upon consultation with legal counsel, exclusion of the June meeting altogether would result in non-compliance with the Canada Not For Profit Corporations Act as there would not be a meeting to ratify all members of the National Executive prior to the start of their term; and
Whereas sufficient budget savings have been found to subsidize a two-day, single delegate general meeting, following analysis of early first quarter actuals; and
Whereas current Standing Resolution general meeting workshop requirements would constitute almost a quarter of the time allotted for a two-day meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the June 2019 National General Meeting take place under the conditions of it being a two-day meeting, with a maximum registration of one delegate per local;
Be it further resolved that the following budget amendments be proposed at the November National General Meeting to reflect the small June meeting and additional expense offsets (see attached revised Budget);

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 4: General Meeting Workshop Rules and Procedures be amended to read:

1. Time Allotted at National General Meeting
   a. At the semi-annual general meeting of the Federation between two and six hours of time shall be allotted for workshops, forums, panel discussions, and speakers that address issues of oppression and social justice.

2018/11:021 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:020 be referred to the Budget Committee.
CARRIED

2018/11:020 REFERRED

2018/11:022 MOTION
Local 8/Local 32
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students ultimate goal is to achieve a post-secondary education that is accessible to all; and
Whereas there are very few or nonexistent pathways for those without status or have precarious status to access post-secondary education; and
Whereas those pathways that do exist often only include refugees or refugee claimants; therefore
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students create a campaign advocating for access to post-secondary education for those without status or have precarious status;
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students lobby universities to create holistic bridging programs for those without status or have precarious status in order to give them the best possible chance to succeed in academic institutions;
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students emphasize that these programs include not only refugees or refugee claimants, but also those without visas, and those who have expired student, tourist, or work visas.

2018/11:023 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:022 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/11:022 REFERRED

2018/11:024 MOTION
Local 8/Local 32
Whereas Canadian corporations are some of the biggest perpetrators of exploitative resource extraction in the world; and
Whereas many Canadian universities are also invested in these mining corporations; and
Whereas these mining corporations are complicit in displacing Indigenous communities all over the world and heavy militarization of those communities; and
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has a Divest Now campaign that advocates for divestment from fossil fuels; therefore
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students include divestment from irresponsible and exploitative mining in their Divest Now campaign.

2018/11:025 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:024 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/11:024 REFERRED

2018/11:026 MOTION
Local 11/Local 32
Whereas inmates at Burnside released a statement calling on solidarity from “all people with a conscience beyond the bars” to amplify their 10 demands; and
Whereas inmates at Burnside joined national and international movements for justice for prisoners; and
Whereas post-secondary students benefit directly and indirectly from the prison industrial complex; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation stands in solidarity with the prisoners at Burnside; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation works to increase awareness of the relationship between post-secondary students and the prison industrial complex to its membership.

2018/11:027 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:026 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/11:026 REFERRED

2018/11:028 MOTION
Local 35/Local 32
Whereas Unifor Local 597, D-J Composites, has been locked out since December 19, 2016; and
Whereas after the American employer has been found guilty on three separate occasions of bad faith bargaining; and
Whereas workers continue to be locked out in Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, despite recent ruling of the Labour Board in the province; and
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is committed to student and worker solidarity; therefore
Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants write a letter to Premier Dwight Ball calling on the government to stand with workers and force binding arbitration, and fix provincial labour laws.
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants encourage all member locals to write letters in support of Unifor Local 597.

2018/11:029 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:028 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2018/11:028 REFERRED**

**2018/11:030 MOTION**

Local 35/Local 32

Whereas there has been an escalation in hate speech on our campuses with transphobic, Islamophobic, and misogynistic materials and personal attacks; and

Whereas these displays of hatred are not only triggering but target those who are the most vulnerable on our campuses with blatant threats of violence; and

Whereas Administrations have been unwilling to release the names of the perpetrators of these acts of violence in order to protect their identity; and

Whereas campuses must be safe, inclusive, and free from hate for all students;

Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants investigate ways to further combat hate speech on our campuses; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants pressure administrations to strengthen policies and procedures to protect those groups or individuals' being targeted and not the perpetrators of said violence.

**2018/11:031 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 105/Local 69

Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:030 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

**CARRIED**

**2018/11:030 REFERRED**

**2018/11:032 MOTION**

Local 47/Local 32

Whereas Fairness for International Students is a long-standing campaign of the Canadian Federation of Students that seeks to reach social justice among all the fellow post-secondary students across Canada; and

Whereas fair access to health insurance is a basic need for everyone, but not all students are aware of the significance of being provided with public health insurance; and

Whereas there have been increases in tuition fees and inflation rates across Canada, which disproportionately increase the financial challenges faced by international students; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation work with the members of the International Students Constituency Group to provide informational resources and training sessions for students’ unions to educate members on the impact of re-integrating international students into the public health insurance programs;

Be it further resolved that the Federation develop a standard survey for locals to distribute to international students to measure the necessity of lobbying for public health insurance programs for international students.

**2018/11:033 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 105/Local 69

Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:032 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED
2018/11:032 REFERRED
2018/11:034 MOTION
Local 68/Local 32
Whereas in 1946, the state of Israel was established through the expulsion of the majority of the Palestinian population, turning them into refugees whom decades later still cannot exercise their fundamental right to return as stipulated in UN General Assembly resolution 194;
Whereas since 1967, Israel has illegally occupied the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem, and has built and continues to expand illegal settlements and the apartheid wall;
Whereas Israel’s entrenched system of racial discrimination against its own Arab-Palestinian citizens remain intact;
Whereas Israel systematically obstructs Palestinian students’ right to education through military checkpoints and roadblocks, the illegal apartheid wall, and the frequent closure of cities, routinely preventing thousands of students and teachers from reaching their schools and universities;
Whereas on July 9, 2005, 171 Palestinian organizations called upon people of conscience around the world to implement a global campaign of boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) against Israel, similar to those applied to South Africa in the apartheid era;
Whereas the Gaza Civil Society released a statement on July 12, 2014, signed by 22 civil society organizations in Gaza calling for conscientious people all over the world to act and support the call for an arms embargo on Israel, the suspension of all free trade and bilateral agreements with Israel and the implementation of boycotts, divestments, and sanctions; and
Whereas these calls have been endorsed by students’ unions across the country and throughout the world; and
Whereas many of our institutions continue to invest in Weapons Arms Manufacturers that support War Crimes globally and within Israel; and
Whereas there have been initiatives across various campuses to launch weapons divestment campaigns; therefore
Be it resolved that the ongoing occupation of Palestine be condemned by the Canadian Federation of Students; and
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students endorse the boycotts, divestments, and sanctions campaign; and
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students support Palestine-Solidarity organizing nationally; and
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students support locals in launching weapons divestment campaigns targeted towards their individual administrations.

2018/11:035 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:034 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED
2018/11:034 REFERRED
2018/11:036 MOTION
Whereas there has been an increased presence of white supremacy, Islamophobia, and anti-blackness on campuses across the country; and
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has always been at the forefront of Anti-Racist organizing; and
Whereas the CFS previously had a No Islamophobia, No Anti-Semitism, No Racism campaign; and
Whereas the CFS began working on revamping those materials over three years ago via a working group and local consultations; and
Whereas those consultations were reset last year in an attempt to create and finalize new graphics; and
Whereas the full suite of No Islamophobia graphics have yet to be complete, and have not been fully revamped;
Be it resolved that the CFS create a new working group in collaboration with provincial components to consult locals on the revamp of the No Islamophobia campaign materials; and
Be it further resolved that these consultations occur before the end of this fiscal year; and
Be it further resolved that draft materials, including but not limited to posters, postcards, stickers, buttons, and social media graphics be completed before June 2019; and
Be it further resolved that final materials be ready for distribution before November 2019.

2018/11:037 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:036 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2018/11:036 REFERRED

2018/11:038 MOTION
Local 113/Local 32
Whereas (RISE) Climate Convergence 2019, organised by a coalition of youth climate organisers from across Canada, will be a multi-day conference in Ottawa in February 2019 that will bring together hundreds of young people from across Canada to learn and mobilise around issues of climate change, Indigenous rights, protecting the environment and addressing social and economic inequality; and
Whereas the (RISE) Climate Convergence 2019 will include workshops, symposiums, presentations, skill building, inspirational keynotes, and uplifting entertainment that will provide invaluable knowledge to student and youth organizers; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation endorse the (RISE) Climate Convergence 2019 and, where possible, provide financial or in-kind resources to the Convergence organisers; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation promote the (RISE) Climate Convergence 2019 on their platforms, including email lists and social media, to ensure maximum outreach to its members; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage the provincial components to promote the (RISE) Climate Convergence 2019 to their members, and help facilitate their members’ travel to the Convergence.

2018/11:039 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:038 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/11:038 REFERRED

2018/11:040 MOTION
Local 113/Local 32
Whereas national coordination and training for student fossil fuel divestment campaigns has historically been resourced by 350 Canada and the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition (CYCC) through Fossil Free Canada; and
Whereas both 350 Canada and CYCC have stepped back from national divestment coordination and training roles, leaving Canadian student divestment campaigns largely unresourced and unsupported; and
Whereas student divestment organising, in general, is taking place separate from student union organising; and
Whereas the Go Fossil Free campaign is a standing campaign of the Canadian Federation of Students; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation develop an organising workshop specific to divestment campaigns and create a section of the Federation’s website to compile online resources for campus divestment chapters; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate ways to coordinate targeted skill building workshops for divestment organisers across the country, including, but not limited to, online seminars, national phone calls and in-person workshops, with any or all university divestment campaigns, and not limited to campuses affiliated with the Federation; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation consider the possibility of hiring a campaign consultant with divestment campaigning experience to support national divestment campaigns and coordination between campus divestment campaigns as part of the Go Fossil Free campaign; and
Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to reach out to and include divestment organisers at Federation provincial skills building summits, or similar events.

2018/11:041 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:040 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/11:040 REFERRED

2018/11:042 MOTION
Local 34/Local 32
Whereas the Childcare policy in the Canadian Federation of Students Issues Policy defines the parameters for child care services and the provisions for childcare in the Canadian Federation of Students Operations do not;
Be it resolved that the Childcare subsection of the National General Meetings section of the Operations policy be enacted so that childcare be extended to delegates with children aged 0-12 and children with disabilities over the age of 12.

2018/11:043 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:042 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2018/11:042 REFERRED

2018/11:044 MOTION
Local 35/Local 32
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students operates within an anti-oppressive framework; and
Whereas the Federation organizes equity- and justice-seeking students in the Constituencies and Caucuses; and
Whereas the Challenge campaigns of the Federation aim to convert bystanders to allies; and
Whereas time is dedicated at General Meetings for these groups of students to meet and discuss lived experiences, discuss campaigns, and review motions; and
Whereas equity and justice is not the responsibility of people seeking equity and justice but of the privileged who navigate society without oppression; and
Whereas delegates at General Meetings of the Federation who do not identify with equity- and justice-seeking Constituencies or Caucuses are left with essentially free-time during General Meetings while others are planning ways to end oppression; therefore
Be it resolved that the structure of the National General Meetings be changed to reflect the need for everyone, not just those groups seeking equity and/or justice, to organize and work towards ending oppression by adding anti-oppression workshops that would run concurrently to meetings of Constituency Groups that would be mandatory for anyone not identifying with a constituency group.

2018/11:045 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:044 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2018/11:044 REFERRED
The following motion was ruled out of order by the plenary chair:

2018/11:046 MOTION
Local 46/Local 32
Whereas the CNASU (College of the North Atlantic Student Union) only accounts for one vote in both the national and provincial CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) but has seventeen campus locations across the province in eastern, central, western and Labrador, each with differentiating requirements, needs and views;
Whereas the CNASU accounts for the only post-secondary schooling in Labrador within the CFS and has their own requirements, needs and views;
Whereas all of the seventeen campus locations have their own student council with their own elected executives;

Whereas other post-secondary institutes have different locations having their own separate vote, such as MUN, Grenfell, Marine Institute and Graduates;

Be it resolved that the CNASU have its voting separated into four different votes: Eastern CNASU, Central CNASU, Western CNASU and Labrador CNASU.

OUT OF ORDER

2018/11:047 MOTION
Local 113/Local 32
Whereas physical barriers and limitations may impede delegates to the National General Meeting from reaching a designated “in favour” or “against” microphone; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is committed to reducing barriers that impede a delegate’s participation in general meetings;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 3 be modified to read:

Standing Resolution 3
PLENARY RULES AND PROCEDURES
1. Speaking Procedure
   a. Delegates wishing to speak shall proceed to the nearest microphone from where they have been seated and state if they are in favour of the motion or against the motion.
   b. Delegates wishing to speak will observe and abide by the timing instrument governed by the Chair.

2018/11:048 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:048 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/11:047 REFERRED

2018/11:049 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS
Local 106/Local 32
Whereas at 30th CIRCLE Standalone meeting in May 2017, delegates approved the official name change of the National Aboriginal Caucus (NAC) to The Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students (CIRCLE)";

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has unofficially adopted The Circle of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Students as the name of the caucus representing First Nation, Métis and Inuit students both in reference and practice;

Whereas, officially, no motion has been adopted through plenary to cement the changes, besides direction from the Circle of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Students;

Whereas references to the term Aboriginal in official documents was changed to Indigenous;

Whereas Aboriginal is an out-dated term, and First Nation, Métis, and Inuit is more comprehensive and objective than the former;

Whereas the term Indigenous, while correct, is an international term that describes Indigenous peoples, and isn’t specific to peoples Indigenous to lands which lay in what is now recognized as Canada;
Whereas the official name of this caucus is still The National Aboriginal Caucus;

Be it resolved that the National Aboriginal Caucus be officially renamed to the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students;

Be it further resolved that the official “acronym” of this caucus be officially recognized as The Circle, as the oral and written short form of this caucus;

Be it further resolved that all references of Indigenous or Aboriginal be changed in CFS documents to read “First Nations, Métis and Inuit” instead;

Be it further resolved that the National Aboriginal Caucus Chairperson and the National Aboriginal Caucus National Executive Representative, be officially changed to The Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Chairperson and The Circle of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Students National Executive Representative, respectfully;

Be it further resolved that the both the full name and “acronym” change be reflected in all documents of the Federation, including voting cards for plenary and its subcommittees, and election documents and all voting documents;

Be it further resolved that all these changes be applied to all by-laws, standing resolutions, and all policy stances that impact, interact or reference this caucus and members, to provide swift transition;

Be it further resolved that the term Aboriginal be discouraged from being used in spaces in the Canadian Federation of Students;

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to reflect these changes by changing their Aboriginal Representative to [Provincial] Representative of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students;

Be it further resolved that provincial components and their executives be encouraged to budget and send their representatives to Circle Standalone and National General Meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students, to represent their regions;

Be it further resolved that locals be encouraged to continue to bring Indigenous students to spaces of the Canadian Federation of Students.

2018/11:050 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:050 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/11:049 REFERRED

2018/11:051 MOTION
Local 106/Local 32
Whereas at the June 2018 National General Meeting, the plenary approved a motion to create the position of Elder Coordinator; and

Whereas the motion adopted had no formal standing resolution amendment cementing the change besides the title;

Whereas the motion set the direction to implement the position of Elder Coordinator; and

Whereas the intent of the motion was clear in cementing this as a standard practice; therefore
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 18 be amended to read:

9. Elder Coordinator

a. Appointment of Elder Coordinator

The Appointment of the Elder Coordinator shall be conducted according to the following process:

i. The At-Large Executive of the Federation, Caucus Chairperson and National Executive Representative must actively seek candidates for the position of Elder Coordinator, and present a list and a recommendation in the form of a report to the Caucus Executive.

ii. The Appointment of Elder Coordinator will be established no less than (1) month prior to a scheduled National General Meeting and;

iii. The Caucus Executive will conduct the appointment of the Elder Coordinator either by teleconference or at the Caucus Standalone, whichever occurs first prior to the established deadline.

iv. The At-Large and Caucus Executive will prioritize the appointment of such position to someone who is First Nations, Metis and/or Inuit.

b. Duties of Elder Coordinator

The Elder Coordinator shall be responsible for:

i. Attending or providing evidence of cultural sensitivity training and on Indigenous cultures prior to National General Meeting.

ii. Communicating and fulfilling the needs of the Elders of the Federation, providing any material needs required such as medicines, as well as addressing any scheduling needs pertaining to ceremony and cultural activities.

iii. Responding to the needs of the Circle delegates and Indigenous staff as it relates to ceremonial and spiritual needs; but it should be noted that:

a. The Coordinator may support Circle Members and staff emotionally, but any interpersonal conflicts that arise from the National General Meeting will be the responsibility of other Federation staff; and

b. The Coordinator will not be responsible for resourcing Circle delegates or Indigenous staff persons as it relates to any of the plenary or sub-plenary content of the National General Meeting;

iv. Assessing the proceedings and venue of the National General Meeting, and providing suggestions for improvement to the Caucus Executive and Federation staff upon the completion of the position.

v. Reporting to the National Executive Director or any designated staff for any logistical issues or needs that the coordinator cannot provide for.

vi. Communicating immediately to the Federation’s National Executive Director upon learning of or recognizing issues that may impact the emotional wellbeing of Circle Members and Indigenous Staff.

vii. The Elder Coordinator must follow all standing ethics, conduct and policies mandated to and by the Federation.
Local 105/Local 69

Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:052 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/11:041 REFERRED

2018/11:053 MOTION

Local 106/Local 32

Whereas the Colleges and Institutes Representative was not included as part of the Constituency Group Commission in the Federation’s recent amendments to Standing Resolution 16;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 16: Constituency Group Commission be amended to include the Colleges and Institutes Representative under section 2 and subsection 5.b.

2018/11:054 MOTION TO REFER

Local 105/Local 69

Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:054 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/11:053 REFERRED

2018/11:055 MOTION

Local 7/Local 32

Whereas mental health is an increasing factor in student wellness and student life; and

Whereas it is the responsibility of post-secondary institutions to ensure student safety and satisfaction, and to assist students to participate fully in post-secondary studies; and

Whereas post-secondary institutions consistently fail to provide and promote student access to culturally responsive and readily available mental health services;

Whereas student mental health is directly impacted by forces of oppression, including but not limited to racism, sexism, xenophobia, ableism, ageism, homophobia, transphobia, colonialism, classism; and

Whereas student mental health is also severely affected by rising tuition costs and the stress of unstable employment; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Mental Health

Preamble

The rigour of post-secondary studies is a source of significant stress, even considered in isolation from other factors in student life, which include but are not limited to the financial strain incurred by rising tuition fees, stress of living in a new area, separation from family and close friends, the realities of oppressive societal structures, and the pressure of adapting to new social structures and groups. Students who are marginalized may face a variety of other stressors and barriers, especially in university environments where their needs are not formally addressed. For international students, this can be intensified by adjusting to a new environment and culture, tuition fees that are increasingly prohibitive, increased challenges in finding employment along with the potential challenge of accessing education, communication
and services in one’s non-dominant language. Other students whose first language is not English or French may face added stress and challenge while accessing course material, social environments and services.

Students are more likely to experience mental health concerns during times of change and added stress. Without proper supports for mental health, students are often unable to fully engage with post-secondary education, which can often compound the stress and anxiety already experienced by students. For students who arrive at university or college with pre-existing mental health conditions, institutions must provide students with transitional support as they adjust to new services and coping skills in the post-secondary environment. As tuition fees rise and supports for students consistently decline in quantity and fail to meet demands, post-secondary institutions must deliver on their obligation to promote student wellness, which involves promoting awareness of mental health and creating more accessible services that meet the needs of a diverse population of students.

POLICY

The Federation supports mental health services that:

- Are developed in consultation with students who have a variety of accessibility and mental health needs;
- Are consistently reviewed and updated by a committee comprised of student representatives, student union representatives, faculty and staff unions, and representatives of the institution;
- Acknowledge the existence and impact of racism, sexism, xenophobia, ableism, ageism, homophobia, transphobia, colonialism, classism and other aspects of oppression on student mental health;
- Support the existence of student groups who work towards peer support, collective care, and lobbying for more inclusive and effective mental health policy;
- Include opportunities for the students most directly impacted by mental health barriers to guide and contribute to discussions around on-campus mental health services;
- Engage in an inclusive approach to mental health that does not pathologize or generalize student mental health needs;
- Recognize the impact of gender-based and/or sexual violence on mental health, and ensure policies are in place to ensure access to services that serve all of students’ needs when negotiating this trauma;
- Recognize the impact of colonialism, residential schools and intergenerational trauma for Indigenous students, commit to decolonizing services and policies on campus, and provide access to mental health services that may involve Indigenous healing practices and Indigenous Elders;
- Address the impacts of racism on student mental health, and ensure that racialised students have access to mental health services that support their needs and affirm their lived experiences;
- Acknowledge the experiences of transgender students, recognize the impact of gender dysphoria on mental health, and ensure that students have access to gender-affirming services and mental health supports that are competent and inclusive;
- Acknowledge that queer students have a diversity of experiences and must not be pathologized or stereotyped when accessing mental health services;
- Acknowledge the experiences of students whose first language is not English or French, and ensure that all students have access to services in their preferred language;
- Recognize the necessity of leave-of-absence policies that allow students to take time off without penalty in cases of mental health, family crisis, or other crisis;
- Acknowledge the mental health needs of mature students;
- Ensure that services can be accessed promptly, regularly, and on an ongoing basis;
- Actively destigmatize mental illness, and create safe spaces for discussing mental health and collective care;
- Assist students experiencing severe mental illness to remain enrolled in post-secondary students, if they wish, and provide support and accommodations for completion of coursework and assessments;
- Recognize the impact of rising tuition costs, financial instability, inadequate minimum wage, and unstable employment on student wellness;
- Are funded by universities and are accessible at no cost for students.

The Federation opposes:
- University policies that implement mandatory Leave of Absence policies;
- University policies that force students to leave residences if their mental health causes significant barriers to their education;
- Discussions of mental health that do not actively work to acknowledge and unpack the impacts of oppression and power on mental health;
- Mental health strategies that are based on online or app-based support models, in lieu of adequate and accessible in-person care.

2018/11:056 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:056 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.
CARRIED

2018/11:055 REFERRED

b. Motions Referred to National Executive

2018/11:029 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.

2018/11:057 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 106/Local 32
Be it resolved that both clauses be struck and replaced with the following:
Be it resolved that the Federation strike a working committee to investigate tools to combat social media campaigns of fascists and the ultra-right.

2018/11:058 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motions 2018/06:029 and 2018/11:057 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/06:029 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; and
Be it further resolved that the National Executive report back to the plenary at the November 2018 General Meeting.

2018/11:059 MOTION TO REFER
Local 105/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion 2018/06:047 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2018/06:047 REFERRED

15. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

As per Bylaw V, Section 2-f., the National Executive will present a report to the plenary detailing the work of the Federation undertaken since the previous National General Meeting. As per Standing Resolution 3.6, the presentation of the report will be followed by a 30-minute period during which members may ask questions of the National Executive.

2018/11:060 MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA
Local 71/Local 11

Be it resolved to table the presentation of the National Executive report to closing plenary.

Point of information: Is this for time constraints?
Response: Yes.

In favour: We have the National Executive report in writing and it would be helpful if we had a chance to read it and come prepared with questions for the National Executive at closing plenary.

Point of information: When would this report be presented and will the time allotted to the presentation and questions be 60 minutes?
Response: At the beginning of closing plenary and the time allotted will be 60 minutes.
CARRIED

16. RECESS

2018/11:061 MOTION
Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that the plenary of the 37th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) recess until November 19, 2018, at 2:30 p.m.
CARRIED
CALL TO ORDER – Monday, November 19, 2018

At 2:46 pm, the meeting was called to order by Chair Anne-Marie Roy.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

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2018/11:062 MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA
Local 105/Local 84
Be it resolved that the presentation of the National Executive report be moved to Other Business in the Agenda.
CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

2018/11:063 MOTION
Local 35/Local 49
Be it resolved that the 2018 financial statements be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

2018/11:064 MOTION
Local 67/Local 110
Be it resolved that Parker Prins Lebano be appointed as auditors to review and audit the 2019 financial statements.
CARRIED

2018/11:065 MOTION
Local 109/Local 71
Be it resolved that the 2018-2019 revised budget be adopted.

2018/11:066 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 67
Be it resolved that the budget include $250,000 for “National Congress (Spring)”.

2018/11:067 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 98/Local 103
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:066 include:
Be it further resolved that the $250,000 allocation be used toward a full June meeting with a maximum registration of 10 delegates per local.

2018/11:068 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 105/Local 68
Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:067 be amended to read:
Be it further resolved that the $250,000 allocation be used toward a full June meeting with a maximum registration of 3 delegates per local.

In favour: We should limit the number of delegates who go to general meetings in order to minimize the current deficit.
Against: Besides the first delegate sent from each local, the other delegates are paid for by the local. The cost should then be covered mostly by the registration fees.
In favour: The Federation subsidizes $250,000 of the meeting, so registration fees do not cover the full cost of a delegate.
Against: The Spring Congress last year cost $250,000 without any restrictions. We shouldn’t set any restrictions so member locals can send as many delegates as they like.
Point of information: Is the $250,000 the total amount of the proposed deficit?
Response: The deficit would be a little under $250,000 because the initial proposed budget had a surplus of a little over $3,000.
Point of information: How much did we lose on the last general meeting?
Answer: The total amount spent was $257,683.84.

DEFEATED

Against: It’s within the power of the National Executive to choose what the subsidy is to make the budget work. If the National Executive wants to raise delegate fees to make up the difference, they are able to.
Against: The current amendment specifies June instead of Spring and therefore does not follow the bylaws.

2018/11:069 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 98/Local 92
Be it resolved to amend motion 2018/11:067 to strike “June” and add “Spring” instead.

CARRIED

Point of information: Would the 10-delegate limit contravene other bylaws or standing resolutions?
Response: It does not contravene any bylaw or standing resolution.

2018/11:070 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 99/Local 92
Be it resolved to amend motion 2018/11:067 to strike “10” and add “5” instead.

In favour: This would ensure that the meeting doesn’t cost more than what is allotted.
Against: Having 10 delegates is in line with what has been done in the past. It was clarified that the $250,000 allocation would cover those 10 delegates.
In favour: No local has brought 10 delegates to this meeting or previous meetings. It’s rare for a local to bring that many delegates. The intent is to keep it exactly the same. This amendment passing likely won’t affect the meeting structure.
In favour: The five delegates limit potentially allows each local to send someone to each of the four committees if they like. This number is also fairer for smaller schools that can’t send as many delegates.
Against: Very few Indigenous students are in this space. For a lot of locals, seeking other sources of funding has allowed them to send Indigenous students. Limiting the number of delegates would limit the number of Indigenous delegates who are able to come.

Point of information: Are we moving towards keeping a two-meeting model or changing to a one-meeting model?

Response: The June general meeting, as it stands, whether this motion fails or not, will happen. At that June general meeting, motions will be presented to move towards a one general meeting a year structure. The National Executive will also be presenting options to deal with the new financial realities.

DEFEATED

2018/11:067  DEFEATED
2018/11:065  CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/11:020  MOTION
Local 106/Local 32

Whereas with the expulsion of BCFS member locals and unremitted membership fees over the past four years, the Federation finds itself in a new financial reality; and

Whereas at the November 2018 NGM, plenary adopted a budget containing expenses for one General Meeting this fiscal year; and

Whereas upon consultation with legal counsel, exclusion of the June meeting altogether would result in non-compliance with the Canada Not For Profit Corporations Act as there would not be a meeting to ratify all members of the National Executive prior to the start of their term; and

Whereas sufficient budget savings have been found to subsidize a two-day, single delegate general meeting, following analysis of early first quarter actuals; and

Whereas current Standing Resolution general meeting workshop requirements would constitute almost a quarter of the time allotted for a two-day meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the June 2019 National General Meeting take place under the conditions of it being a two-day meeting, with a maximum registration of one delegate per local;

Be it further resolved that the following budget amendments be proposed at the November National General Meeting to reflect the small June meeting and additional expense offsets (see attached revised Budget);

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 4: General Meeting Workshop Rules and Procedures be amended to read:

1. Time Allotted at National General Meeting
   a. At the semi-annual general meeting of the Federation, between two and six hours of time shall be allotted for workshops, forums, panel discussions, and speakers that address issues of oppression and social justice.

Against: The adopted revised budget does not require adoption of this motion.

DEFEATED

3. PRESENTATION OF CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT

2018/11:022  MOTION
Local 8/Local 32

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students ultimate goal is to achieve a post-secondary education that is accessible to all; and
Whereas there are very few or nonexistent pathways for those without status or have precarious status to access post-secondary education; and

Whereas those pathways that do exist often only include refugees or refugee claimants; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students create a campaign advocating for access to post-secondary education for those without status or have precarious status;

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students lobby universities to create holistic bridging programs for those without status or have precarious status in order to give them the best possible chance to succeed in academic institutions;

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students emphasize that these programs include not only refugees or refugee claimants, but also those without visas, and those who have expired student, tourist, or work visas.

2018/11:071 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 109/Local 47
Be it resolved that the second clause of motion (2018/11:022) be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students lobby post-secondary education institutions and the federal government to create holistic bridging programs for those without status or have precarious status in order to give them the best possible chance to succeed in academic institutions; and

CARRIED

2018/11:072 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 35/Local 46
Be it resolved to amend motion (2018/11:022) to include, as a third clause:

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students lobby campus institutions to offer immigration advisors and support staff to assist temporary status students while ensuring that the number of advisors and staff provided be in proportion to the number of students on campus and that the advisors not only advise on questions of student visas, but also immigration pathways; and

CARRIED

2018/11:073 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 54/Local 8
Be it resolved to amend motion (2018/11:022) to include, as a fifth clause:

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby their respective institutions to support such initiatives.

CARRIED

2018/11:022 CARRIED AS AMENDED
2018/11:026 MOTION
Local 11/Local 32
Whereas inmates at Burnside released a statement calling on solidarity from “all people with a conscience beyond the bars” to amplify their 10 demands; and

Whereas inmates at Burnside joined national and international movements for justice for prisoners; and

Whereas post-secondary students benefit directly and indirectly from the prison industrial complex; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation stands in solidarity with the prisoners at Burnside; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation works to increase awareness of the relationship between post-secondary students and the prison industrial complex to its membership.

2018/11:074 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 11/Local 54
Be it resolved to amend the first clause of motion (2018/11:026) to read:
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students write and release a statement of support for the prisoners who were striking at Burnside (Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility), Nova-Scotia, as well as those who went on strike across Canada and the United States; and

CARRIED

2018/11:075 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 11/Local 68
Be it resolved to amend motion (2018/11:026) to include:
Be it further resolved that the Federation highlights in the statement its support of the prisoners’ demands (including, but not limited to, better healthcare, education, increased investment in and greater focus on rehabilitation services and restorative justice, food security, and proper labour standards); and

CARRIED

2018/11:076 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 32/Local 8
Be it resolved to amend (2018/11:026) to include:
Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage the federal government to engage in a dialogue with prisoners and those with lived experiences about improving the human rights and rehabilitatory approaches present in federal and provincial correctional facilities; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation send letters to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Public Safety, Minister of Justice, Opposition and NDP critics, and Corrections Canada; and
Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send similar letters; and
Be it further resolved that the prisoners who organized be copied on the letters; and
Be it further resolved that the member locals whose institutions hold food service contracts with Aramark, Compass group and other corporate food service providers who have been implicit in providing rotten and inadequate food for inmates look for new food service providers as Aramark has been investigated for providing rotten and inadequate food for inmates; and
Be it further resolved that member locals with contracts with Aramark and Compass group be encouraged to find alternative food service providers.

CARRIED

2018/11:077 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 8/Local 46
Be it resolved to replace the words “post-secondary students and the prison industrial complex” with “post-secondary institutions, prisoners, and correctional facilities” in the second clause of motion 2018/11:026.

CARRIED

2018/11:026 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/11:028 MOTION
Local 35/Local 32
Whereas Unifor Local 597, D-J Composites, has been locked out since December 19, 2016; and
Whereas after the American employer has been found guilty on three separate occasions of bad faith bargaining; and
Whereas workers continue to be locked out in Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, despite recent ruling of the Labour Board in the province; and
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is committed to student and worker solidarity; therefore
Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants write a letter to Premier Dwight Ball calling on the government to stand with workers and force binding arbitration, and fix provincial labour laws.
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students - Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants encourage all member locals to write letters in support of Unifor Local 597.

2018/11:078 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 109/Local 46
Be it resolved that motion (2018/11:028) be amended be include:
Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages member locals across Canada to advocate for better worker rights.
CARRIED

2018/11:079 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 35/Local 36
Be it resolved that the first clause of motion (2018/11:028) be amended to read:
Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants write a letter to Premier Dwight Ball calling on the government to stand with workers and fix provincial labour laws, in consultation with labour unions.
CARRIED

2018/11:028 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/11:030 MOTION
Local 35/Local 32
Whereas there has been an escalation in hate speech on our campuses with transphobic, Islamophobic, and misogynistic materials and personal attacks; and
Whereas these displays of hatred are not only triggering but target those who are the most vulnerable on our campuses with blatant threats of violence; and
Whereas Administrations have been unwilling to release the names of the perpetrators of these acts of violence in order to protect their identity; and
Whereas campuses must be safe, inclusive, and free from hate for all students;
Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants investigate ways to further combat hate speech on our campuses; and
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants pressure administrations to strengthen policies and procedures to protect those groups or individuals’ being targeted and not the perpetrators of said violence.
CARRIED
2018/11:032 MOTION
Local 47/Local 32
Whereas Fairness for International Students is a long-standing campaign of the Canadian Federation of Students that seeks to reach social justice among all the fellow post-secondary students across Canada; and
Whereas fair access to health insurance is a basic need for everyone, but not all students are aware of the significance of being provided with public health insurance; and
Whereas there have been increases in tuition fees and inflation rates across Canada, which disproportionately increase the financial challenges faced by international students; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation work with the members of the International Students Constituency Group to provide informational resources and training sessions for students’ unions to educate members on the impact of re-integrating international students into the public health insurance programs;
Be it further resolved that the Federation develop a standard survey for locals to distribute to international students to measure the necessity of lobbying for public health insurance programs for international students.

2018/11:080 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 109/Local 32
Be it resolved to amend motion (2018/11:032) to include:
Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate to make the surveys multilingual.
CARRIED

2018/11:081 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 35/Local 68
Be it resolved to amend motion (2018/11:032) to include:
Be it further resolved that the Federation develop materials to promote the survey.
CARRIED

2018/11:082 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 47/Local 94
Be it resolved that the second clause motion (2018/11:032) be amended to read:
Be it further resolved that the Federation develop a standard survey template by the 2019 spring general meeting for locals or for CFS provincial components to distribute to international students to measure the necessity of lobbying for public health insurance programs for international students. The results of local and provincial surveys may then be collected and analysed by CFS for federal and provincial lobbying efforts.
CARRIED

2018/11:032 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/11:036 MOTION
Local 68/Local 32
Whereas there has been an increased presence of white supremacy, Islamophobia, and anti-blackness on campuses across the country; and
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has always been at the forefront of Anti-Racist organizing; and
Whereas the CFS previously had a No Islamophobia, No Anti-Semitism, No Racism campaign; and
Whereas the CFS began working on revamping those materials over three years ago via a working group and local consultations; and
Whereas those consultations were reset last year in an attempt to create and finalize new graphics; and
Whereas the full suite of No Islamophobia graphics have yet to be complete, and have not been fully revamped;
Be it resolved that the CFS create a new working group in collaboration with provincial components to consult locals on the revamp of the No Islamophobia campaign materials; and
Be it further resolved that these consultations occur before the end of this fiscal year; and
Be it further resolved that draft materials, including but not limited to posters, postcards, stickers, buttons, and social media graphics be completed before June 2019; and
Be it further resolved that final materials be ready for distribution before November 2019.

2018/11:040 MOTION
Local 113/Local 32
Whereas national coordination and training for student fossil fuel divestment campaigns has historically been resourced by 350 Canada and the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition (CYCC) through Fossil Free Canada; and
Whereas both 350 Canada and CYCC have stepped back from national divestment coordination and training roles, leaving Canadian student divestment campaigns largely unresourced and unsupported; and
Whereas student divestment organising, in general, is taking place separate from student union organising; and
Whereas the Go Fossil Free campaign is a standing campaign of the Canadian Federation of Students; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation develop an organising workshop specific to divestment campaigns and create a section of the Federation’s website to compile online resources for campus divestment chapters; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate ways to coordinate targeted skill building workshops for divestment organisers across the country, including, but not limited to, online seminars, national phone calls and in-person workshops, with any or all university divestment campaigns, and not limited to campuses affiliated with the Federation; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation consider the possibility of hiring a campaign consultant with divestment campaigning experience to support national divestment campaigns and coordination between campus divestment campaigns as part of the Go Fossil Free campaign; and
Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to reach out to and include divestment organisers at Federation provincial skills building summits, or similar events.

2018/11:034 MOTION
Local 68/Local 32
Whereas in 1946, the state of Israel was established through the expulsion of the majority of the Palestinian population, turning them into refugees whom decades later still cannot
exercise their fundamental right to return as stipulated in UN General Assembly resolution 194;

Whereas since 1967, Israel has illegally occupied the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem, and has built and continues to expand illegal settlements and the apartheid well;

Whereas Israel’s entrenched system of racial discrimination against its own Arab-Palestinian citizens remain intact;

Whereas Israel systematically obstructs Palestinian students’ right to education through military checkpoints and roadblocks, the illegal apartheid well, and the frequent closure of cities, routinely preventing thousands of students and teachers from reaching their schools and universities;

Whereas on July 9, 2005, 171 Palestinian organizations called upon people of conscience around the world to implement a global campaign of boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) against Israel, similar to those applied to South Africa in the apartheid era;

Whereas the Gaza Civil Society released a statement on July 12, 2014, signed by 22 civil society organizations in Gaza calling for conscientious people all over the world to act and support the call for an arms embargo on Israel, the suspension of all free trade and bilateral agreements with Israel and the implementation of boycotts, divestments, and sanctions; and

Whereas these calls have been endorsed by students’ unions across the country and throughout the world; and

Whereas many of our institutions continue to invest in Weapons Arms Manufacturers that support War Crimes globally and within Israel; and

Whereas there have been initiatives across various campuses to launch weapons divestment campaigns; therefore

Be it resolved that the ongoing occupation of Palestine be condemned by the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students endorse the boycotts, divestments, and sanctions campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students support Palestine-Solidarity organizing nationally; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students support locals in launching weapons divestment campaigns targeted towards their individual administrations.

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**2018/11:083 MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 68/Local 109

Be it resolved that the third clause of motion (2018/11:034) be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students support Palestine-Solidarity organizing nationally by providing in-kind support and financial donations to different Palestine-Solidarity organizations on a case-by-case basis with a limit of $500 per organization; and

**CARRIED**

**2018/11:084 MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 68/Local 109

Be it resolved that motion (2018/11:034) be amended to include:
Be it further resolved that the CFS explore existing Boycott, Divestments, Sanctions (BDS) campaigns and organizing resources in order to better support locals with individual organizing, and recommend one for adoption at the next general meeting; and

CARRIED

2018/11:085 MOTION TO AMEND Local 32/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion (2018/11:034) be amended to include as the fourth clause:

Be it further resolved that organizations that receive donations be encouraged to report back within six months of their activities to the Federation.

CARRIED

Against: This motion is divisive and will cause a number of students to feel detached from the Federation. The Federation should focus on motions that will unite their members.

In favour: It’s important as a Federation to take a national stance on international issues. There are Palestinian students who cannot access post-secondary education around the world. This is a good way to bring awareness to this issue.

2018/11:086 MOTION TO AMEND Local 109/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion (2018/11:034) be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that a statement be released to our membership condemning the recent atrocities against Palestinians in Gaza, and reaffirming the Federation’s commitment to BDS and anti-war organizing.

In favour: As a national organization, making such a statement would educate our membership.

In favour: It is important to recognize that conflating all Jewish people with the actions of the government of Israel or saying all Jewish people support its actions is anti-Semitic. Many Jewish students don’t support the Israeli government, and many do. It is anti-Muslim and racist to think that all Muslims are on one side of an issue. BDS is a non-violent education campaign. Passing this motion will not divide our campuses. There needs to be more education on this issue. While there is anti-Semitism on our campuses, the BDS campaign is not anti-Semitic. A variety of independent Jewish groups support this campaign. This is a human rights conflict that students have been fighting for since the 1980s. It is essential to pass this motion and actually do work on it.
CARRIED

In favour: Palestinian students have identified that this is a need in Canadian post-secondary education. It is important to recognize that, as students who are not Palestinians, we must unite with students who are identifying this issue as relevant to them. To do productive work in this movement, it is our job and responsibility to unite with all students who identify issues important to them as issues in post-secondary education.

In favour: Reducing the genocide of the Palestinian people to a faith conflict is unfair to the entire Palestinian community and the injustices they’ve been facing for over 70 years. As a Federation, we’ve had an anti-war stance as long as we’ve existed. As a Federation, we’ve had a lot of conversations about what work we need to do when it comes to racism, white supremacy, colonialism and imperialism on and off our campuses. If your activism doesn’t include Palestine, it is not anti-colonial. I do not support the Israel occupation of Palestine. Folks should take this conversation seriously and think about conversations that need to happen.

In favour: When choosing how to implement this campaign, the CFS needs to make sure we educate our locals on this issue so it is not divisive.

In favour: The BDS movement does not target the Jewish people, but the actions of the state of Israel and their settler colonial project of Palestine. It is a non-violent challenge to Israel’s push to legitimize apartheid and its lack of respect for Palestine’s self-determination and statehood.

In favour: The area Israel is surrounded by is considered dangerous. Israel is protected very heavily by the UK and the United States. People in Palestine suffer through daily electricity shortages. Their crops are being destroyed and they are being denied access to water. It is not about taking a side, but about bringing justice.

In favour: This is not a conflict with two even sides. There is an occupier, Israel, and an occupied, Palestine. The atrocities that have taken place against Palestine are horrible and this is why the CFS must take a stance on this issue.

2018/11:034 CARRIED AS AMENDED

Abstention: 98

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; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive report back to the plenary at the November 2018 General Meeting.

2018/11:087 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 82
Be it resolved to amend the fourth clause of motion (2018/06:047) to read:

Be it further resolved that the National Executive report back to the plenary by the November 2019 General Meeting.

2018/11:088 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 54
Be it resolved that motion (2018/06:047) be amended to include:
Be it further resolved that the National Executive develop this campaign in consultation with the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students, the racialized students, students with disabilities, and international students constituencies to ensure that the campaign is reflective of the diversity of the issue;

2018/11:089 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 49/Local 8
Be it resolved to amend motion (2018/06:047) to include:
Be it further resolved that the National Executive explore alternative names for the campaign as Saneism has a racist and colonial history of oppressing Racialized and Indigenous peoples.

2018/11:090 MOTION TO REFER
Be it resolved the refer motion 2018/06:047 and subsequent amendments to the National Executive.

2018/11:091 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 94/Local 38
Be it resolved that the motion 2018/06:047 referred to the National Executive include the following amendment:
Be it further resolved that the National Executive consult with French-speaking associations, not only within the membership of the CFS but also in the province of Quebec, to ensure that there is a suitable translation for the name of the campaign.

CARRIED

2018/11:090 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2016/06:047 REFERRED
2018/11:087 REFERRED
2018/11:088 REFERRED
2018/11:089 REFERRED
2018/11:091 REFERRED

2018/11:024 MOTION
Local 8/Local 32
Whereas Canadian corporations are some of the biggest perpetrators of exploitative resource extraction in the world; and
Whereas many Canadian universities are also invested in these mining corporations; and
Whereas these mining corporations are complicit in displacing Indigenous communities all over the world and heavy militarization of those communities; and
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has a Divest Now campaign that advocates for divestment from fossil fuels; therefore
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students include divestment from irresponsible and exploitative mining in their Divest Now campaign.

2018/11:092 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 45/Local 46

Be it resolved to amend motion 2018/11:024 to read:

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students include divestment from irresponsible and exploitative mining, with a focus on protection and preservation of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities in their Divest Now campaign.

In favour: Want to ensure that the motion centres around the communities mostly affected and displaced. The Marine Institute receives funding from the oil and gas industry to provide equipment and funding needed to provide the best education within the fields of study as part of their initiative to move towards a greener alternative and give back to students and the community. Many students work in the oil and gas industry, but a lot of them also work in environmental protection.

CARRIED

2018/11:024 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/06:29 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 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.

2018/11:057 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 106/Local 32

Be it resolved that both clauses be struck and replaced with the following:

Be it resolved that the Federation strike a working committee to investigate tools to combat social media campaigns of fascists and the ultra-right.

2018/11:093 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 78/Local 82

Be it resolved to amend motion (2018/11:057) to read:

Be it resolved that the second clause be struck and replaced with the following:
Be it resolved that the Federation strike a working committee to investigate tools to combat social media campaigns of fascists and the ultra-right.

In favour: We should keep the donation because the alt-right and nationalist movement is much more organized than we think. It’s a common tactic for these groups to attack individuals who do progressive work. It’s important for the Federation to stand up for those who are fighting against alt-right groups. The Sandy & Nora podcast is listened to quite widely by progressive folks and community organizers across Canada. They touch on all the subjects that we talk about and we can all benefit from the information they provide.

Against: If you do it for one, you have to do it for all. What they faced was not right. There are a lot of people who have to deal with death threats on a daily basis. It’s not fair to pick one person to fund. Because they were with the CFS, it might look like favouritism.

Against: This looks like favouritism. There are a lot of people who experience this kind of hatred online. The amendment allows the CFS to investigate this and develop tools. Not sure how the money would help; it is their voice that makes the podcast great.

In favour: It’s important that the Federation donates to folks who face this kind of thing more frequently. If folks at various locals are being attacked, that should be addressed here as well. Anyone facing something like this needs to be supported. The podcast has been trying to become more accessible, and a donation could help them with their goal of providing translation and transcription.

In favour: Supporting one is supporting all. This could be a great precedent.

Against: I am for supporting the people who are doing this podcast. We have to support those folks when they are facing a difficult situation. But if we donate every time someone is facing discrimination, we would use up our funds very quickly. We can show support by creating forums or material and by doing outreach instead of financial support to fix a problem. Those funds could be used to do other things that would be more effective and help our members facing these issues.

Point of information: How much funds are left in the donation line?

Answer from Treasurer: As of Sept. 30, we have spent $3,000.

DEFEATED

2018/11:094 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 94
Be it resolved to amend motion (2018/11:057) to read:

Be it resolved that both clauses be struck and replaced with the following:

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate tools to combat social media campaigns of fascists and the ultra-right, and those that target and harass marginalized groups and individuals.

CARRIED

2018/11:057 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/06:029 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/11:038 MOTION
Local 113/Local 32

Whereas (RISE) Climate Convergence 2019, organised by a coalition of youth climate organisers from across Canada, will be a multi-day conference in Ottawa in February 2019 that will bring together hundreds of young people from across Canada to learn and mobilise around issues of climate change, Indigenous rights, protecting the environment and addressing social and economic inequality; and
Whereas the (RISE) Climate Convergence 2019 will include workshops, symposiums, presentations, skill building, inspirational keynotes, and uplifting entertainment that will provide invaluable knowledge to student and youth organizers; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation endorse the (RISE) Climate Convergence 2019 and, where possible, provide financial or in-kind resources to the Convergence organisers; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation promote the (RISE) Climate Convergence 2019 on their platforms, including email lists and social media, to ensure maximum outreach to its members; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage the provincial components to promote the (RISE) Climate Convergence 2019 to their members, and help facilitate their members’ travel to the Convergence.

2018/11:095 MOTION
Local 113/Local 8

Be it resolved to strike every instance of the word “RISE” and include “PowerShift” instead.

CARRIED

2018/11:096 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 100/Local 69

Be it resolved that motion 2018/11:038 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation endorse the PowerShift Climate Convergence 2019 and any future PowerShift Convergence in Canada and, where possible, provide financial or in-kind resources to the Convergence organisers; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation promote the PowerShift Climate Convergence 2019 and any future PowerShift Convergence in Canada on their platforms, including email lists and social media, to ensure maximum outreach to its members; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage the provincial components to promote the PowerShift Climate Convergence 2019 and any future PowerShift Convergence in Canada to their members, and help facilitate their members’ travel to the Convergence.

Point of information: Is the motion to amend out of order because the budget is adopted on a yearly basis?

Response: No, because there is no monetary amount included in the motion and the amendment.

Against: This is the first time this conference is happening. Promoting the conference in the future would be a policy change, which is not a campaigns issue. It may not be in order to consider this amendment as a campaigns issue, as it would be a policy debate.

DEFEATED

2018/11:038 CARRIED AS AMENDED

4. PRESENTATION OF POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

2018/11:055 MOTION
Local 7/Local 32

Whereas mental health is an increasing factor in student wellness and student life; and

Whereas it is the responsibility of post-secondary institutions to ensure student safety and satisfaction, and to assist students to participate fully in post-secondary studies; and
Whereas post-secondary institutions consistently fail to provide and promote student access to culturally responsive and readily available mental health services;

Whereas student mental health is directly impacted by forces of oppression, including but not limited to racism, sexism, xenophobia, ableism, ageism, homophobia, transphobia, colonialism, classism; and

Whereas student mental health is also severely affected by rising tuition costs and the stress of unstable employment; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Mental Health
Preamble
The rigour of post-secondary studies is a source of significant stress, even considered in isolation from other factors in student life, which include but are not limited to the financial strain incurred by rising tuition fees, stress of living in a new area, separation from family and close friends, the realities of oppressive societal structures, and the pressure of adapting to new social structures and groups. Students who are marginalized may face a variety of other stressors and barriers, especially in university environments where their needs are not formally addressed. For international students, this can be intensified by adjusting to a new environment and culture, tuition fees that are increasingly prohibitive, increased challenges in finding employment along with the potential challenge of accessing education, communication and services in one’s non-dominant language. Other students whose first language is not English or French may face added stress and challenge while accessing course material, social environments and services.

Students are more likely to experience mental health concerns during times of change and added stress. Without proper supports for mental health, students are often unable to fully engage with post-secondary education, which can often compound the stress and anxiety already experienced by students. For students who arrive at university or college with pre-existing mental health conditions, institutions must provide students with transitional support as they adjust to new services and coping skills in the post-secondary environment. As tuition fees rise and supports for students consistently decline in quantity and fail to meet demands, post-secondary institutions must deliver on their obligation to promote student wellness, which involves promoting awareness of mental health and creating more accessible services that meet the needs of a diverse population of students.

Policy
The Federation supports mental health services that:

• Are developed in consultation with students who have a variety of accessibility and mental health needs;
• Are consistently reviewed and updated by a committee comprised of student representatives, student union representatives, faculty and staff unions, and representatives of the institution;
• Acknowledge the existence and impact of racism, sexism, xenophobia, ableism, ageism, homophobia, transphobia, colonialism, classism and other aspects of oppression on student mental health;
• Support the existence of student groups who work towards peer support, collective care, and lobbying for more inclusive and effective mental health policy;
• Include opportunities for the students most directly impacted by mental health barriers to guide and contribute to discussions around on-campus mental health services;
• Engage in an inclusive approach to mental health that does not pathologize or generalize student mental health needs;
• Recognize the impact of gender-based and/or sexual violence on mental health, and ensure policies are in place to ensure access to services that serve all of students’ needs when negotiating this trauma;
• Recognize the impact of colonialism, residential schools and intergenerational trauma for Indigenous students, commit to decolonizing services and policies on campus, and provide access to mental health services that may involve Indigenous healing practices and Indigenous Elders;
• Address the impacts of racism on student mental health, and ensure that racialised students have access to mental health services that support their needs and affirm their lived experiences;
• Acknowledge the experiences of transgender students, recognize the impact of gender dysphoria on mental health, and ensure that students have access to gender-affirming services and mental health supports that are competent and inclusive;
• Acknowledge that queer students have a diversity of experiences and must not be pathologized or stereotyped when accessing mental health services;
• Acknowledge the experiences of students whose first language is not English or French, and ensure that all students have access to services in their preferred language;
• Recognize the necessity of leave-of-absence policies that allow students to take time off without penalty in cases of mental health, family crisis, or other crisis;
• Acknowledge the mental health needs of mature students;
• Ensure that services can be accessed promptly, regularly, and on an ongoing basis;
• Actively destigmatize mental illness, and create safe spaces for discussing mental health and collective care;
• Assist students experiencing severe mental illness to remain enrolled in post-secondary students, if they wish, and provide support and accommodations for completion of coursework and assessments;
• Recognize the impact of rising tuition costs, financial instability, inadequate minimum wage, and unstable employment on student wellness;
• Are funded by universities and are accessible at no cost for students.

The Federation opposes:
• University policies that implement mandatory Leave of Absence policies;
• University policies that force students to leave residences if their mental health causes significant barriers to their education;
• Discussions of mental health that do not actively work to acknowledge and unpack the impacts of oppression and power on mental health;
• Mental health strategies that are based on online or app-based support models, in lieu of adequate and accessible in-person care.

2018/11:097 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 7/Local 47

Be it resolved that motion (2018/11:055) be amended to read:

Mental Health

Preamble

The rigour of post-secondary studies is a source of significant stress, even considered in isolation from other factors in student life, which may include, but are not limited to, the financial strain incurred by rising tuition fees, stress of living in a new area, separation from family and close friends, the realities of oppressive societal structures, and the pressure of adapting to new social structures and groups. Students who are marginalized may face a variety of other stressors and barriers, especially in post-secondary environments where their needs are not formally addressed. Students seeking mental health supports in French must be accommodated and supported while navigating the specific language barriers that they face. Students wishing to access mental health supports in First Nations, Metis and Inuit languages must also be accommodated and supported. For international students, this can be intensified by adjusting to a new environment and culture, tuition fees that are increasingly prohibitive, increased challenges in finding employment along with the potential challenge of accessing education, communication and services in one’s non-dominant language. Students whose first language is not English or French may face added stress and challenge while accessing course material, social environments and services. Students are more likely to experience mental health concerns during times of change and added stress. Without proper supports for mental health, students are often unable to fully engage with post-
secondary education, which can often compound the stress and anxiety already experienced by students. For students who arrive at post-secondary institutions with pre-existing mental health conditions, institutions must provide students with transitional support as they adjust to new services and coping skills in the post-secondary environment. As tuition fees rise and supports for students consistently decline in quantity and fail to meet demands, post-secondary institutions must deliver on their obligation to promote student wellness, which involves promoting awareness of mental health and creating more accessible services that meet the needs of a diverse population of students.

Policy

The Federation supports mental health services that:

- Are developed through extensive and meaningful consultation with students who have a variety of accessibility and mental health needs;
- Are consistently reviewed and updated by a committee comprised of student representatives, student union representatives, faculty and staff unions, and representatives of the institution;
- Acknowledge and address the existence and impact of racism, sexism, xenophobia, ableism, ageism, homophobia, transphobia, colonialism, classism and other systems of oppression on student mental health;
- Support the existence of student groups who work towards and advocate for peer support and collective care, and those who are lobbying for more inclusive and effective mental health policy;
- Include opportunities for students impacted by mental health barriers to guide and contribute to discussions around on-campus mental health services;
- Engage in an inclusive approach to mental health that does not pathologize, medicalize, or generalize student mental health needs;
- Engage in an inclusive approach to mental health that does not pathologize, medicalize, generalize or devalorize First Nations, Métis and Inuit mental health practices, values and worldviews;
- Acknowledge and address the impact of gender-based and/or sexualized violence on mental health, and ensure policies are in place to ensure access to services that serve all of students’ needs when negotiating this trauma;
- Acknowledge and address the impacts of colonialism, forced assimilation, residential schools and intergenerational trauma for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students, commit to decolonizing services and policies on campus, and provide mental health services that offer First Nations, Metis and Inuit healing practices and access to First Nations, Metis and Inuit Elders;
- Acknowledge and address the impacts of racism on student mental health, and ensure that racialized students have access to mental health services that support their needs and affirm their lived experiences;
- Acknowledge and address the experiences of transgender students, including non-binary and gender non-conforming students, recognize that individuals experiencing gender dysphoria may or may not identify dysphoria as a factor impacting their mental health, while emphasizing the impact of systemic cissexism on mental health and ensuring that students have access to gender-affirming services and mental health supports that are competent and inclusive;
- Acknowledge and address the diverse experiences of 2SLGBTQIA+ students, and ensure that they are not pathologized or stereotyped when accessing mental health services;
- Acknowledge and address the experiences of students whose first language is not English, and ensure that all students have access to services in their preferred language;
- Acknowledge and address the necessity of consensual leave of absence policies that acknowledge students’ right to time off, and offer time off without penalty in cases of mental health, family crisis, or other crises;
- Provide mature students with specific mental health services that acknowledge and support their distinct mental health concerns;
- Provide graduate students with specific mental health services that acknowledge and support their distinct mental health concerns;
- Ensure that services can be accessed promptly, regularly, and on an ongoing basis;
- Actively destigmatize mental illness, and create safer spaces for discussing mental health and collective care;
- Assist students experiencing mental illness to remain enrolled in post-secondary institutions, if they wish, and provide support and accommodations for completion of coursework and assessments;
- Acknowledge and address the impact of rising tuition costs, financial instability, inadequate minimum wage, and unstable employment on student wellness;
- Are funded by post-secondary institutions and are accessible at no cost to students;
- Acknowledge and address the experiences of students with disabilities/neurodivergent/disabled students and recognizing the impacts and effects that both ableism and the medical model of disability can have on one’s mental health;
- Encourage staff, faculty, and administration of post-secondary institutions to participate in anti-oppression training and mental health training that is grounded in understandings of systems of oppression;
- Are developed while recognizing continued impacts of forced psychiatry and medicalization, and actively work to prevent further harm that would occur from the presence of biomedical and mainstream psychiatric perspectives and practices;

The Federation opposes:
- Policies at post-secondary institutions that include mandatory leaves of absence;
- Policies at post-secondary institutions that force students to leave residences if their mental health is perceived as a barrier to the students’ education;
- Discussions of mental health that do not actively work to acknowledge and unpack the impacts of oppression and power on mental health;
- Mental health strategies that are solely based on online or app-based support models, in lieu of comprehensive, inclusive, adequate and accessible in-person care;
- Policies at post-secondary institutions that put international students’ residency status in jeopardy based on perceived mental health issues;
- Policies and services at post-secondary institutions that prioritize medical perspectives and practices, and force students to take medication when they would prefer to access other treatments;

CARRIED

2018/11:055 CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. PRESENTATION OF ORGANISATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

2018/11:042 MOTION
Local 34/Local 32
Whereas the Childcare policy in the Canadian Federation of Students Issues Policy defines the parameters for child care services and the provisions for childcare in the Canadian Federation of Students Operations do not;

Be it resolved that the Childcare subsection of the National General Meetings section of the Operations policy be enacted so that childcare be extended to delegates with children aged 0-12 and children with disabilities over the age of 12.

2018/11:098 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 54
Be it resolved that motion (2018/11:042) be amended to include:
Be it further resolved that funding dependents who are not children be continued at the rates stipulated in the current National General Meeting Operations Policy.

Be it further resolved that this subsection of the National General Operations Policy be changed from Childcare to Child and Dependent Care.

**CARRIED**

2018/11:099 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 99/Local 37

Be it resolved that motion (2018/11:042) be amended to include:

Be it resolved that the Childcare subsection of the National General Meetings section of the Operations Policy be enacted so that childcare be extended to delegates with children aged 0-18.

**CARRIED**

2018/11:042 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/11:047 MOTION
Local 113/Local 32

Whereas physical barriers and limitations may impede delegates to the National General Meeting from reaching a designated “in favour” or “against” microphone; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is committed to reducing barriers that impede a delegate’s participation in general meetings;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 3 be modified to read:

Standing Resolution 3

PLENARY RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Speaking Procedure

a. Delegates wishing to speak shall proceed to the nearest microphone from where they have been seated and state if they are in favour of the motion or against the motion.

b. Delegates wishing to speak will observe and abide by the timing instrument governed by the Chair.

**CARRIED**

2018/11:100 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 99/Local 54

Be it resolved that motion (2018/11:047) be amended:

Standing Resolution 3

PLENARY RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Speaking Procedure

a. Delegates wishing to speak shall proceed to the nearest microphone from where they have been seated, or request for a microphone to be brought to them, and state if they are in favour of the motion or against the motion.

b. Delegates wishing to speak will observe and abide by the timing instrument governed by the Chair.

**CARRIED**

2018/11:047 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/11:049 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS
Local 106/Local 32

Whereas at the 30th CIRCLE Standalone meeting in May 2017, delegates approved the official name change of the National Aboriginal Caucus (NAC) to The Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students (CIRCLE)";
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has unofficially adopted The Circle of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Students as the name of the caucus representing First Nation, Métis and Inuit students both in reference and practice;

Whereas, officially, no motion has been adopted through plenary to cement the changes, besides direction from the Circle of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Students;

Whereas references to the term Aboriginal in official documents was changed to Indigenous;

Whereas Aboriginal is an out-dated term, and First Nation, Métis, and Inuit is more comprehensive and objective than the former;

Whereas the term Indigenous, while correct, is an international term that describes Indigenous peoples, and isn’t specific to peoples Indigenous to lands which lay in what is now recognized as Canada;

Whereas the official name of this caucus is still The National Aboriginal Caucus;

Be it resolved that the National Aboriginal Caucus be officially renamed to the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students;

Be it further resolved that the official “acronym” of this caucus be officially recognized as The Circle, as the oral and written short form of this caucus;

Be it further resolved that all references of Indigenous or Aboriginal be changed in CFS documents to read “First Nations, Métis and Inuit” instead;

Be it further resolved that the National Aboriginal Caucus Chairperson and the National Aboriginal Caucus National Executive Representative, be officially changed to The Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Chairperson and The Circle of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Students National Executive Representative, respectfully;

Be it further resolved that the both the full name and “acronym” change be reflected in all documents of the Federation, including voting cards for plenary and its subcommittees, and election documents and all voting documents;

Be it further resolved that all these changes be applied to all by-laws, standing resolutions, and all policy stances that impact, interact or reference this caucus and members, to provide swift transition;

Be it further resolved that the term Aboriginal be discouraged from being used in spaces in the Canadian Federation of Students;

Be it further resolved that provincial components be encouraged to reflect these changes by changing their Aboriginal Representative to [Provincial] Representative of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students;

Be it further resolved that provincial components and their executives be encouraged to budget and send their representatives to Circle Standalone and National General Meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students, to represent their regions;

Be it further resolved that locals be encouraged to continue to bring Indigenous students to spaces of the Canadian Federation of Students.

CARRIED

2018/11:051  MOTION
Local 106/Local 32

Whereas at the June 2018 National General Meeting, the plenary approved a motion to create the position of Elder Coordinator; and

Whereas the motion adopted had no formal standing resolution amendment cementing the change besides the title;
Whereas the motion set the direction to implement the position of Elder Coordinator; and
Whereas the intent of the motion was clear in cementing this as a standard practice; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 18 be amended to read:

9. Elder Coordinator
   a. Appointment of Elder Coordinator
      The Appointment of the Elder Coordinator shall be conducted according to the following process:
      i. The At-Large Executive of the Federation, Caucus Chairperson and National Executive
         Representative must actively seek candidates for the position of Elder Coordinator, and
         present a list and a recommendation in the form of a report to the Caucus Executive.
      ii. The Appointment of Elder Coordinator will be established no less than (1) month prior to a
         scheduled National General Meeting and;
      iii. The Caucus Executive will conduct the appointment of the Elder Coordinator either by
         teleconference or at the Caucus Standalone, whichever occurs first prior to the established
         deadline.
      iv. The At-Large and Caucus Executive will prioritize the appointment of such position to
         someone who is First Nations, Metis and/or Inuit.
   b. Duties of Elder Coordinator
      The Elder Coordinator shall be responsible for:
      i. Attending or providing evidence of cultural sensitivity training and on Indigenous cultures
         prior to National General Meeting.
      ii. Communicating and fulfilling the needs of the Elders of the Federation, providing any
         material needs required such as medicines, as well as addressing any scheduling needs
         pertaining to ceremony and cultural activities.
      iii. Responding to the needs of the Circle delegates and Indigenous staff as it relates to
         ceremonial and spiritual needs; but it should be noted that:
         a. The Coordinator may support Circle Members and staff emotionally, but any
            interpersonal conflicts that arise from the National General Meeting will be the
            responsibility of other Federation staff; and
         b. The Coordinator will not be responsible for resourcing Circle delegates or
            Indigenous staff persons as it relates to any of the plenary or sub-plenary content
            of the National General Meeting;
      iv. Assessing the proceedings and venue of the National General Meeting, and providing
         suggestions for improvement to the Caucus Executive and Federation staff upon the
         completion of the position;
      v. Reporting to the National Executive Director or any designated staff for any logistical issues
         or needs that the coordinator cannot provide for.
      vi. Communicating immediately to the Federation’s National Executive Director upon learning
         of or recognizing issues that may impact the emotional wellbeing of Circle Members and
         Indigenous Staff.
      vii. The Elder Coordinator must follow all standing ethics, conduct and policies mandated to
         and by the Federation.

CARRIED

2018/11:053  MOTION
Local 106/Local 32
Whereas the Colleges and Institutes Representative was not included as part of the
Constituency Group Commission in the Federation’s recent amendments to Standing
Resolution 16;
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 16: Constituency Group Commission be
amended to include the Colleges and Institutes Representative under section 2 and
subsection 5.b.
CARRIED

2018/11:044  MOTION
Local 35/Local 32...
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students operates within an anti-oppressive framework; and
Whereas the Federation organizes equity- and justice-seeking students in the Constituencies and Caucuses; and
Whereas the Challenge campaigns of the Federation aim to convert bystanders to allies; and
Whereas time is dedicated at General Meetings for these groups of students to meet and discuss lived experiences, discuss campaigns, and review motions; and
Whereas equity and justice is not the responsibility of people seeking equity and justice but of the privileged who navigate society without oppression; and
Whereas delegates at General Meetings of the Federation who do not identify with equity- and justice-seeking Constituencies or Caucuses are left with essentially free-time during General Meetings while others are planning ways to end oppression; therefore
Be it resolved that the structure of the National General Meetings be changed to reflect the need for everyone, not just those groups seeking equity and/or justice, to organize and work towards ending oppression by adding anti-oppression workshops that would run concurrently to meetings of Constituency Groups that would be mandatory for anyone not identifying with a constituency group.

2018/11:101 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 35/Local 69
Be it resolved that motion (2018/11:044) be amended to read:
Be it resolved that the National Executive investigate changes to the structure of the National General Meetings to add ally building workshops that would run concurrently to meetings of constituency groups that would be for anyone not identifying with a constituency group, or who choose not to attend a constituency group.
Be it further resolved that the National Executive explore having an external group or persons facilitate these ally building workshops, as to not add additional labour to the National Executive members and staff conducting meetings of constituency groups.
Be it further resolved that the National Executive launch a pilot of these ally building workshops for the November 2019 National General Meeting, seeking feedback from delegates and constituencies of the meeting to continue the workshops at future National General Meetings.

2018/11:102 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 41/Local 94
Be it resolved that motion (2018/11:044) be amended to include:
Be it further resolved that those conducting these workshops create a format that is diverse and reflective of the differences in community and culture.

Against: The Ontario component voted against this motion. The committee made a number of amendments, including changing the language from anti-oppression workshops to ally-building workshops. There are still issues with this motion. Regarding the notion of allyship, we need to focus on how this will be taught and who it will be for. If these workshops are held during constituency group meetings, it doesn’t address the fact that constituencies also need to ally with each other. When we hold workshops and panels in the evenings, we are working on allyship and finding ways to support each other. We need to focus on making those spaces better before we add more. There isn’t a lot of space within this motion to include working groups or other spaces during those times.
Against: This motion allowed us to have a conversation about building allyship, which is good. The motion doesn’t address the problem. We have workshops and anti-oppressive workshops where we can reflect on how to be an ally. A lot of the workshops have low attendance. We should make those spaces better and we should prioritize them. Talking about allyship without the people present who you’re trying to be an ally to, what does this conversation look like?

Against: The spirit of the motion is appreciated. The amendments put forward at OSD were well-worded and well-crafted to mediate some of the concerns being brought up, but still don’t address all the concerns. Maybe we can try it out at the provincial level first and give feedback.

In favour: We’re not saying that the organization of the national meeting is bad, but offering these possibilities to people who don’t belong to a constituency or don’t feel comfortable going to it would give them another option. We talk a lot about the Ontario component doing a trial test, but when we come to the National General Meeting, we need to talk about all the provinces. Giving the opportunity to other components to try it would be a better option than focusing on only one province. The way the motion and the amendments are written is more inclusive. When we talk about allyship workshops, it can look like whatever we want it to be, we can have a conversation, invite an organization. It is a way to open discussion and be inclusive to everyone.

In favour: It’s necessary to have these spaces running parallel to the constituencies. It’s been reworded to encompass all the folks who wish to attend those spaces. This would be beneficial to the members that I represent. This motion is considerate of small campuses that send fewer delegates and therefore gives them an extra space to participate in. Defeating this motion would result in the folks who are most oppressed continuing to do most of the work during these meetings and the Federation doesn’t stand for that.

In favour: A lot of folks who want to participate are left out. We should always encourage creating additional spaces.

Against: We can always do better. Our constituency groups could change over time to be more encompassing. When we choose delegates, we look at who could attend which constituency and what voices have historically been disenfranchised. We could add a low-income students group, a parent students group, a mental health group. Those voices would greatly appreciate it.

In favour: A lot of people feel left out and that they’re not considered. A lot of people who fall in the most privileged category are doing less work.

Against: We hear that there is a problem where folks who can’t attend constituency groups are not doing work. What we are failing to recognize is the ways in which we work towards being an ally. It is not just about providing more spaces for folks. A lot of folks are saying we’re giving room for marginalized and racialized folks to do the work. The way the student movement has progressed is not because folks who are most privileged are forcing folks to come into these spaces and do this work. Those folks do that work because they need to. As a privileged person, we have to have those conversations and recognize that there are folks who are doing the work. The workshops are not well attended. Having another workshop will not make people want to be better allies. We need to approach this more fundamentally in terms of what it means to be allies instead of what it means to provide spaces to be an ally.

In favour: Both sides aren’t on the same page. Instead of thinking about it from an allyship perspective, perhaps we could think about it from an education perspective. No matter where you are, what space you’re in or what the attendance is, there’s always someone who will be interested. A lot of people can gain from this.

2018/11:103 MOTION TO REFER
Local 35/Local 68
Be it resolved to refer motion 2018/11:044 and subsequent amendments to the National Executive.
CARRIED
2018/11:105 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 32/Local 71
Be it resolved to amend the proposed policy to strike “recognize that individuals experiencing gender dysphoria may or may not identify dysphoria as a factor impacting their mental health, while”.

In favour: In discussion in trans constituency, it was said the discussion on dysphoria can sometimes overtake discussion regarding the mental health of trans folks. The two shouldn’t be conflated as being the only way that trans folks experience mental health. The policy currently identifies that it may or may not be an experience, but including that language could confuse people.

CARRIED

2018/11:106 MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA
Local 68/Local 82
Be it resolved to move to item 8, Presentation of the Elections Report, immediately.

CARRIED

6. 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.

2018/11:107 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Sarah Strachan as British Columbia Representative be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:108 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Lenny Tiller as College and Institute Students’ Representative be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:109 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Rizki Rachiq as Francophone Students’ Representative be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:110 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Wesam Abdelhamid Mohamed as International Students’ Representative be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:111 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Khaleel Arfeen as New Brunswick Representative be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:112 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Rawan Habib as Racialised Students’ Representative be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:113 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Lucy Musqua as Saskatchewan Representative be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:114 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Madeline Mitchell as Student Disability Justice Commissioner be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:115 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Isa Wright as Women’s Representative be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:116 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Trina James as National Treasurer be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:117 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Mary Asekome as National Deputy Chairperson be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:118 MOTION
Local 109/Local 99
Be it resolved that the election of Sofia Descalzi as National Chairperson be ratified.

CARRIED

2018/11:119 MOTION
Local 110/Local 105
Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED
7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY CAUCUSES AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS
   a. Caucuses
      National Graduate Caucus Chair Shannon Kitchings gave a report on the work of the National Graduate Caucus.
   b. Constituency Groups
      Queer Commissioner Brandon Remmelgas gave a report on the work of the Queer Constituency.
      Trans Commissioner Olson Crow gave a report on the work of the Trans Constituency.

8. 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: What actions are being taken to prepare for the possibility that SFUO is no longer able to collect CFS’s membership fees and how will this impact current and future budgets?
   Answer from Chairperson: The issue at Local 41 is very serious. We take a hard line against the administration dictating student union autonomy on campus. We are in communication with local 41 to develop strategies to move forward.
   Question: If a member of the National Executive is suspected of having committed fraud or if they do not represent their members adequately, will the National Executive commit to keep this member on the National Executive?
   Response from Treasurer: Speaking on principle, in the event that it came to the attention of the National Executive that one of its members committed fraud, it would make sense to hold a meeting of the National Executive meeting and have a robust conversation about that and report back to members on the result of that conversation.
   Question: Following your meeting with Peter Schiefke, could you speak to how that meeting went and whether there will be any follow-up?
   Response from Chairperson: The CFS released a statement in favour of land protectors around the Trans Mountain pipeline. In response, the MP’s office reached out to schedule a meeting, which was attended by the chairperson and the communications coordinator. I relayed our concerns and it seemed like we received lip service in return.
   Question: A referendum at CUSA recently failed, but it cost the Federation $80,000. Will the CFS let other locals leave despite the cost of running a referendum?
   Response from Treasurer: In regards to finances attached to a referendum, a large portion of the funds are dedicated to hiring the third party who oversees the referendum. The CFS also covers the cost of hiring polling clerks and any materials directly related to the vote itself. In the event that another local wants to leave the organization, they have to go through the process of decertification, as laid out in the bylaws. We encourage folks who have issues with the organization to talk to us so we can find a middle ground because we recognize the importance of being a part of a national students’ union.
   Question: Which campaigns will you be focusing on this year and how will they be implemented on the ground? Are there any new services can we look forward to?
   Response from Chairperson: It’s our goal to work on all the campaigns this year. If there is one you’d like to work on specifically on your campus, we encourage you to reach out.
Question: How will the $15 and Fairness campaign be launched across the country and how will the Federation support its goals?
Response from Newfoundland Representative: The $15 and Fairness Campaign was launched last week by a coalition called Common Front NL, of which CFS-Newfoundland is a founding member. It involves labour unions, teachers’ unions, university faculty unions, citizens and small businesses. The launch went very well and picked up a lot of media. We are excited to bring in more students because they are affected by the minimum wage.

Question: Will the CFS include all member locals executive teams in its lobby week?
Response from Chairperson: Anyone who is interested in the federal lobby week is encouraged to participate. With increased presence, we can have more meetings and bring more regional context to individual meetings. Anyone who is interested can send the National Chairperson an email.

Question: Recognizing that Canada does not have a federal ministry responsible for education, how are lobbying efforts to establish a Post-Secondary Education Act going?
Response from Chairperson: We sent a questionnaire to the federal political parties asking about their stance on a Post-Secondary Education Act. We did not hear back from all, but some of them were very favourable. We will be putting pressure on those people during lobbying efforts.

Question: As the CFS has lost a significant amount of fees from the expulsion of the members of the BCFS, does the National Executive plan to build a membership drive and spend resources to recruit new students to the CFS?
Response from Treasurer: We currently have a member local who is observing. We continually have conversations with students’ unions that are not members of the Federation. At any time, if those students’ unions signify their interest in becoming members of the CFS, we welcome that process. We also focus on solidarity work.

Response from Chairperson: We always need to be expanding. We need to be talking to unions who are not members because we have shared, common goals.

Question: Regarding the forensic review of the previously unreported CIBC bank account, what is your opinion of what was done by your predecessors? Will you show members the report? What is going to change?
Response from Treasurer: I am proud to say that since then, as an organization, we have made ourselves available to respond to questions on the budget and audits, and they are available online. Because of human resources issues, we cannot release the audit.

Response from Chairperson: Would like to commend our predecessors for finding the account and bringing it to the attention of everyone and allowing that discussion to happen.

Question: What graduate issues will you be focusing in your lobbying efforts?
Response from National Graduate Caucus Chair: We spent some time in the caucus speaking about lobbying and we are in the process of assessing what the priorities of graduate students are federally and regionally.

Question: What was the cost of the referendum at Local 1?
Response from Treasurer: The provincial component and national office each spent $40,000 for a total of $80,000.

Question: There was a motion passed at the June 2018 meeting to hold a Part-Time Students Symposium. This has not happened yet. Is there a plan to hold this symposium in the future?
Response from Chairperson: We are committing to doing this in the next year.

Question: Our campus has been fighting for a fully funded and fully staffed sexualized violence policy. How will the CFS support survivors on campus and within the internal structure of the CFS? Will there be more done for the consent culture campaign around racialized and First Nations, Métis and Inuit students?
Response from Treasurer: The Federation is currently in the process of creating a sexualized violence toolkit. Developing the toolkit is compiling all the sexual violence policies that exist across the country at the college, undergraduate and graduate level. In regards to internal processes, we are also editing our own sexual violence policy.

Question: Regarding the CUPW strike, what kind of strategies has the national executive put in place to support the striking workers and how unions can implement these in their own areas.

Response from Chairperson: Labour is one of our biggest coalition partners and we have been standing in solidarity with them over the years. They have supported us in many ways so it's important to stand in solidarity with them as students.

Response from Nova Scotia Representative: Folks should check out their visionary labour policy on how they envision postal workers’ role in a just transition to a green economy and combatting climate change. The government has indicated that they would legislate folks in time for the holidays, so we should be cognizant of this. Connecting the struggles or students and workers is critical. If the rotating strike is coming through areas where you are, the Federation has a role to play in connecting students with solidarity work. We can support their strike actions. We could also take a photo and tweet it out in solidarity to the folks at CUPW.

Question: My first experience with CFS and the student movement as a whole was the Day of Action of 2016. Are there any plans from the National Executive to unify our entire student body to shout and bang on the doors of elected officials who continue to disregard our education.

Response from Chairperson: We’ve been mandated to have a Day of Action before 2020. A committee is being formed to talk about what that day of action looks like in 2020. Student action is a powerful tool for student mobilization.

2018/11:120 MOTION
Local 84/Local 49
Be it resolved to adopt the report of the National Executive.
CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

2018/11:121 MOTION
Local 8/Local 32
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students believes in human rights, challenging racism and colonialism, and creating more equitable access to healthcare and services; and
Whereas Indigenous, Black, and racialized people, as well as other marginalized people, are overrepresented in the prison system, especially solitary confinement, due to racist and colonial systems; and
Whereas prisoners often lack equitable access to quality health care, services, and supports; and
Whereas solitary confinement violates human rights and exacerbates the aforementioned issues, and also prevents prisoners from accessing various services and supports; and
Whereas solitary confinement is unconstitutional, as was recently ruled on by the Ontario Superior Court and British Columbia Supreme Court; and
Whereas the United Nations (UN) has banned the use of solitary confinement for longer than 15 days according to the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (Nelson Mandela Rules); and
Whereas solitary confinement causes significant psychiatric and psychosocial harm to those exposed to it; and
Whereas Bill C-83, which looks at the use of solitary confinement, passed second reading in the House of Commons and is now before committee; and
Therefore be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students officially condemn the use of solitary confinement in Canada; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation release a statement urging the federal government to adhere to the UN Standard Minimum Rules and hold meaningful consultation with inmates and prisoners’ rights advocates to ensure that Bill C-83 is amended to reflect the changes that are needed to make it more effective in ending solitary confinement in its entirety.

CARRIED

2018/11:122 MOTION
Local 41/Local 94
Whereas the Francophone presence in Ontario goes back more than 400 years;
Whereas the Government of Ontario issued a formal apology in 2016 for the harmful impacts of Regulation 17 on the Franco-Ontarian community (1912-1927);
Whereas the Franco-Ontarian community has been requesting the creation of a French-language university in Ontario for decades;
Whereas the principal recommendation of the 2013 Provincial Summit on French-language Postsecondary Education in Ontario was the creation of a French-language university in Ontario;
Whereas Franco-Ontarians have a right to study in their language in institutions that bring them together and represent them and the creation of a French-language university in Ontario constitutes the achievement of that right;
Whereas the French-Ontarian community has the right to acquire the collective tools to ensure its survival and growth;
Whereas the French Languages Services Act, unanimously adopted by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 1986, has a quasi-constitutional status;
Whereas the French Language Services Commissioner has carried out its mandate with thoroughness and professionalism since its creation in 2007;
Whereas the Office of the French Language Services Commissioner is independent from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario since January 1, 2014;
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) upholds and defends the rights of minorities and marginalized communities;
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is a bilingual organization that recognizes the rights of francophone students;
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is committed to denouncing actions against marginalized communities;
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) condemn and denounce the Ontario Conservative government’s decision to eliminate the French Language Services Commissioner and the project to create a new French-language university;
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) issue a press release condemning the actions of the Government of Ontario with regards to this decision;
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) support protests organized by the Assemblée francophone de l’Ontario (AFO), the Fédération de la jeunesse franco-ontarienne (FESFO), the Regroupement étudiant franco-ontarien (RÉFO) and other recognized Francophone organizations;
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) encourage member locals to write support letters denouncing the Government of Ontario’s decision;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) requests a meeting with Premier Doug Ford in order to share its position and demand that this decision be reversed;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) demand that the French Language Services Commissioner of Ontario and the Université de l’Ontario français be reinstated immediately.

In favour: This motion was presented jointly by locals 41 and 94. We are asking the Canadian Federation of Students to act because the French language is under attack in Ontario. On campuses, students are less and less able to take classes and pursue their studies in French.

CARRIED

2018/11:123 MOTION
Local 98/Local 47

Whereas on October 27th, 2018, in the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, eleven Jewish people were killed and seven were injured, making it the largest mass shooting of Jewish peoples in North America; and

Whereas the Jewish people have historically been victims of persecution and genocide;

Whereas there has been an increase in anti-semitic rhetoric and acts of violence across campuses in North America; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students’ United for Equity campaign “aims to challenge all forms of discrimination and oppression on our campuses”;

Whereas the United for Equity campaign includes materials raising awareness on homophobia, transphobia, ableism, colonialism, sexism, and racism;

Whereas the United for Equity campaign does not include materials raising awareness on anti-Semitism;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students expand the portfolio of materials in the United for Equity campaign to include anti-Semitism;

Be it further resolved that the National Executive and member locals commit to eliminating anti-Semitism in post-secondary institutions.

In favour: We brought this motion forward in light of the attack at the Pittsburgh Synagogue and an attack against someone somewhere is an attack against someone everywhere. Anti-Semitism is right on our doorstep and we need to show our students across Canada that we care about them.

In favour: I encourage all locals to connect with Jewish activist groups at their local to carry out actions. Anti-Semitism is not a thing of the past.

In favour: It addresses a lot of concerns I have heard from the Jewish community on my campus.

2018/11:124 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 85/Local 98

Be it resolved to replace “commit to eliminating” with “commit to fighting against”.

In favour: We cannot ourselves eliminate anti-Semitism, but we can promote ways to fight against it.

CARRIED

In favour: I would encourage the national office to send locals any materials they have with that language while this new material is being developed.

2018/11:123 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/11:125 MOTION
Local 71/Local 110
Whereas First Nations, Métis and Inuit women have faced violence at the hands of colonial powers since first contact;
Whereas missing and murdered Indigenous women and gendered violence has been at the forefront of conversations concerning reconciliation;
Whereas sterilization has been one of those tools used in gender-based violence against First Nations, Métis and Inuit women;
Whereas on November 14, 2018, it was discovered that at least 60 First Nations, Métis and Inuit women in Saskatchewan had underwent forced sterilization;
Whereas their children were used to force these sterilizations;
Whereas these women have been fighting for justice for over two years;
Whereas it is our jobs, as leaders, to protect future generations’ and women’s right to body autonomy;
Be it resolved that the Federation supports and encourages current actions being taken by First Nations, Métis and Inuit leadership;
Be it further resolved that the Federation support spiritual and legal action being taken;
Be it further resolved that the Federation support the redress and call for consequences for these actions;
Be it further resolved that the Federation writes a letter condemning the sterilization of First Nations, Métis and Inuit women;
Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters;
Be it further resolved that on February 14, 2019, member locals hold healing circles and actions in partnership with First Nations, Métis and Inuit organizations in departments on campuses;
Be it further resolved that the Federation donate $500 to the legal fund of those affected in which the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students will match.

In favour: The forced sterilization of Indigenous women across Canada has just come to light, but it has been happening for decades. The Circle asks for the support of the Federation on this matter as it affects many First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who still suffer from the intergenerational effects of these procedures. It's important to come together and support these women. This is being done without their consent, as they are seeking medical care for a different procedure but are being sterilized without their knowledge and consent.

2018/11:126 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 90/Local 78
Be it resolved to add the following clause after the fifth clause:
Be it further resolved that each local writes a letter to their local MPs, MPPs and health organization condemning the sterilization of First Nations, Métis and Inuit women.
CARRIED

In favour: As an international student, it is inspiring to see this kind of solidarity. You have shown to international students how the students, united, can never be defeated.

2018/11:125 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2018/11:127 MOTION
Local 41/Local 9
Be it resolved the National and provincial office support local and grassroots students campaigns. This should include financial and material resources, tangible on the ground organizing, and supporting individual student organizers as well as student collectives already doing this work not just limited to CFS members.
Be it further resolved the National and Provincial Organize a Capacity Development Strategy which will include financial and material resources that go toward the capacity development of student organizing work, such as learning organizing tactics, media training, understanding institutional mechanics, and rigorous anti-oppression training facilitated by external, well-equipped facilitators. These should be localized to campuses so they’re the most accessible for students, and should include online accessibility.

Be it further resolved the creation of an Emergency Fund for Unions, Student Groups, and Student Organizers. This fund could be used in moments that post-secondary institutions take actions against unions, student groups, and/or student organizers, and such actions result in the loss of funding and/or action requiring legal representation.

Against: While I agree with majority of the motion and sentiments, my local did not reach out to the Federation and if we wanted more substantial help, we could have reached out. As a person who was involved in the action that took place, I am disheartened that I did not hear about this motion before now.

In favour: A similar motion was passed at the Ontario component creating a fund for member locals to support each other during actions to combat racism and discrimination on campuses.

Point of information: In regards to the language in the third paragraph, would this allow for the CFS to help the SFUO in regard to the union referendum that is happening at their local.

Response: With the language that’s there, it’s for the basic use of what’s there. If it means helping the SFUO, it means helping them, but if it doesn’t, then it doesn’t.

2018/11:128 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 47/Local 98
Be it resolved to modify the first sentence of the first clause to read:

Be it resolved the National and provincial office support local and grassroots students campaigns that are in line with the Federation’s values.

CARRIED

2018/11:129 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 98/Local 95
Be it resolved to strike the third clause.

In favour: The spirit of this is greatly in line with the CFS, but seeing that the referendum for the SFUO is coming up soon, it is not our place, especially member locals that are not near uOttawa, to help decide how students should vote. As elected representatives, we should act with accountability and transparency.

Against: Striking the entirety of the third clause would remove funding for student groups and this would not allow those groups to access those funds and do the work that is in line with the Federation’s values.

Against: The student movement is supposed to be radical and show compassion. What is happening at local 41, to the SFUO, is much larger than a siloed executive issue. An entire students’ union has been under attack. This motion does not specifically outline local 41, it talks about students’ unions and the autonomy of students’ unions and to be able to have help for students’ unions. We should be discussing giving students’ unions real help.

Point of information: What is the actual motivation for this motion as it has changed from the motivation given at the beginning of the discussion on this motion?

Response: As there are no whereas clauses, the motivation given was related to the gag order policy the Ford government has been pushing on post-secondary campuses.

Response: The motion wasn’t written by local 41 but by another organization and sent to local 41. Black students are outlining their needs. What is happening at Ryerson is the vote happened, folks
went and disturbed the vote and now their group is being asked by other member locals to have that same type of support, but the BLC is not able to do that work and as votes are coming up, they need support and they need the backing of the Federation to help member locals continue that work on campus. What we are discussing is the fact that black students at the University of Ryerson are asking for this.

Against: Regardless of whether this motion is for the SFUO or the BLC, both those groups deserve support from the student movement as they are facing challenges from university administrations that have attacked a variety of our members for years. The reality is that there’s already a Kevin Coleman Legal Defence Fund for the purpose of defending students’ unions that are in the situation that the SFUO is. In reality, this would create another fund for what is outlined here. There’s no reason to strike the third clause as that fund already exists and cannot be eliminated through this motion.

Against: This fund could help social justice organizations grow and combat those issues.

In favour: The intent behind the motion is good, but there is no outline about what groups could receive this fund and it is very vague. It’s not exactly in relation to the other two clauses and it should be considered separately.

In favour: There are a lot of assumptions being made. There is a lack of clarity since we haven’t received this motion with whereas clauses. If the purpose of this discussion is to act in the spirit of the motion and according to the rationale given by the delegate, this operative clause is specifically outside the scope of that. I appreciate the intent, but this isn’t an emergency motion and it falls outside the scope of the emergency at hand.

Against: Everyone is so worried about who will get the money that we’re not realizing we’re leaving out a lot of people who can get the money. My question is at the end of the day, do you care that black, Indigenous, racialized and queer folks are saying they are attacked and they need support? Otherwise what is the point of the student movement? We’re nit-picking about who can or can’t receive funds.

Point of information: As a member of Indigenous Students Rising at Ryerson, which is not a student group and does not work with the students’ union at Ryerson, I’m confused as to why this has turned into an argument about students’ union support, since our students’ union wouldn’t have helped with this action at all.

Response: BLC is asking for resources. Other groups and locals across the country are asking for help in fighting the Doug Ford gag order policy. It’s not about supporting a local, it’s about giving resources to a student group who is doing that work.

DEFEATED

2018/11:130  MOTION TO AMEND

Local 7/Local 47

Be it resolved to amend the motion to include:

Be it further resolved that between now and the spring Annual General Meeting, the national executive will discuss the amount to be allocated to the emergency fund for consideration by budget at the next Annual General Meeting. Until then, funding will be considered and allocated within the current budget on an as-needed basis.

In favour: There is a need for students doing organizing work to access these funds. Most of the concerns are that it creates complications within the current budget, so hopefully the amendment can ease those concerns. Folks can trust the national executive to provide funding where it is needed.

CARRIED

2018/11:131  MOTION TO REFER TO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Local 68/Local 114
Be it resolved to refer the motion and subsequent amendments to the National Executive.
CARRIED

2018/11:127 REFERRED
2018/11:128 REFERRED
2018/11:130 REFERRED
2018/11:131 MOTION TO ADJOIN
Local 68/Local 49
Be it resolved to adjourn.
CARRIED