ATTENDANCE/PRÉSENCES
38th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) November 23 to 26 2019

BRITISH COLUMBIA
Local/Section 26
Kwantlen Student Association
David Piraquive Ospina

SASKATCHEWAN
Local/Section 101
University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students’ Union
Chiamaka Ezekwesili

MANITOBA
Local/Section 8
University of Winnipeg Students’ Association
Noelle Sagher
Meagan Malcolm
Mahlet Cuff

Local/Section 37
Brandon University Students’ Union
Alexia Waters
Whitney Hodgins

Local/Section 38
Association étudiante de l’Université de Saint Boniface
Elizabeth Labbe
Marie Paule Ehousou

Local/Section 103
University of Manitoba Students’ Union
Jalynn Dela Cruz

ONTARIO
Local/Section 19
University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union
Maryssa Barras

Local/Section 20
Nipissing University Student Union
Maryssa Barras

Local/Section 24
Nipissing University Student Union
Kwaku Agyemang
Augustine Onuh
Victoria Anderson-Gardner

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Du 23 au 26 Novembre 2019

Joshua Wiggins
Naja Pereira

Local/Section 25
Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union
Roshan Thiruchelvam

Local/Section 30
Laurentian University Students’ General Association
Eric Chappell

Local/Section 32
Lakehead University Student Union
Farhan Yousaf
Meagan Bennett
Mohamed Zeida
Masoud Manzouri
Josh Pogue
Rachel Murray
Alexandra Grillo

Local/Section 47
Society of Graduate Students – Western University
Jina Kum

Local/Section 48
University of Windsor Graduate Student Society
Jay Patel

Local/Section 49
University of Windsor Graduate Student Society
Jeremiah Bowers
Sahibiot Singh Grewal
Ahmed Abdallah
Atrop Plaek Deny

Local/Section 54
University of Guelph Central Student Association
Jena Ashley
Horeen Hassan
Dima Ismail

Local/Section 68
York Federation of Students
Rawan Habib
Azinwi Saningong
Sébastien Lalonde
Aaron Suresh
Local/Section 71
Trent Central Student Association
Beth Bekele
Ankit Tripathi
Ann-Majella McKelvie
Ethel Naule
Moriah Hillyer

Local/Section 78
Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association
Ash Courchene
Zidan Mohamed
Mohamed Akbar

Local/Section 82
Algoma University Students’ Union
Savannah Shaver
Robert Sandvik
Marissa Ditoro
Colter Assiniwai

Local/Section 85
Saint Paul University Students’ Association
Pape Abdoulaye Xavier Diagne

Local/Section 92
Student Association of George Brown College
Taranjeet Manchanda
Bernard Brown
Jamie Jamieson

Local/Section 93
Glendon College of Students’ Union
Joseph Moboluwaladide

Local/Section 97
Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto
Jaime Kearns
Susan Froom
Jennifer Coggon
Caitlin Campisi
Richie Pyne

Local/Section 98
Scarborough Campus Students’ Union
Joshua Bowman
Lucas Granger
Muntaka Ahmed
Lina Maragha
Arjun Kaul

Local/Section 99
Scarborough Campus Students’ Union
Francis Pineda
Sarah Mohamed
Chemi Lhano
Tebatalzhara Kadhem
Carly Sahagian

Local/Section 102
Brock University Graduate Students’ Association
Philip Dwomoh
Christopher Yendt

Local/Section 105
Continuing Education Students’ Association of Ryerson
Ayaan Abdule
Nicole Brayannis

Local/Section 106
University of Windsor Organization of Part-time University Students
Maryan Amalow
Bianca Lenarduzzi
Sameena Sultan
Edy Haddad

Local/Section 109
University of Toronto at Mississauga Students’ Union
Nour Alideeb
Miguel Cabral
Kai Ng

Local/Section 114
l’Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l’université de Hearst
Beni Galenga Makowgo
Tall Abdoulaye Saidou

NEW BRUNSWICK/NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Local/Section 67
University of New Brunswick Graduate Students’ Association
Seyedamirrez Shamdsini
Shravani Konda

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND/ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

Local/Section 70
University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Students Association
Emily Pope
Hadil Haddad

NOVA SCOTIA/NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

Local/Section 7
Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design University
Asha Galloway
Kassidy Bernard

Local/Section 11
University of King’s College Students’ Union
Levi Clarkson

Local/Section 16
University of King’s College Students’ Union
Ruby Coles
Naomi Bird
Claudia Castillo-Prentt

Local/Section 34
Mount Saint Vincent University Students’ Union
Jenna Stewart
Ashley Carter
Katerina Allan
Local/Section 69
Association générale des étudiants de l'Université Sainte-Anne
Joseph Cibalinda

Local/Section 95
Cape Breton University Students' Union
Samula Shaji

Local/Section 113
Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students
Fallen Matthews

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR/TERRE-NEUVE ET LABRADOR

Local/Section 35
Memorial University of Newfoundland Students’ Union
Jil Madamieson
Liam O’Neil
Brad Greeley
Antonia Francis
Jessica Richards
Targiv Roham
Precious Familusi

Katherine McLaughlin
Daniel Smith

Local/Section 36
Grenfell Campus Student Union
Nicole Falle
Kendice Armstrong
Shanice Guy
Matheus Da Silva
Valentina Pena

Local/Section 45
Marine Institute Students’ Union
Samantha Tinkham
Kaitlin Squires
Hayley Ford
Nakita Winsor

Local/Section 100
Graduate Students’ Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland
Sabir Manzoor
Pragadeesh Ravicandran
Saeel Abbas
Amin Anish Avadia
Narendra Singh
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**General Meeting Staff/Personnel de l’assemblée générale**
Anti-Harrasment Advisors/Intervenantes et intervenants contre le harcèlement
Brie Crossfield
Bofta
CALL TO ORDER – Saturday, November 23, 2019

At 4:41 pm, the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Sofia Descalzi.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local / Section 86 College of the Rockies Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 26 Kwantlen Student Association Present
Local / Section 100 Graduate Students’ Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Present
Local / Section 46 College of the North Atlantic Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 45 Marine Institute Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 36 Grenfell Campus Student Union Present
Local / Section 35 Memorial University of Newfoundland Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 42 Alberta College of Art and Design Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 21 University of Calgary Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 113 Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students Proxy
Local / Section 95 Cape Breton University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 69 Association générale des étudiants de l’Université Sainte-Anne Present
Local / Section 34 Mount Saint Vincent University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 11 University of King’s College Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 7 Student Union of NSCAD University Present
*Dalhousie Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 101 University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 90 First Nations University of Canada Students Association Absent
Local / Section 9 University of Regina Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 70 University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association Present
Local / Section 63 Holland College Student Union Absent
Local / Section 31 University of Prince Edward Island Student Union Absent
* Mature and Part-Time University Students Association of the University of Prince Edward Island Present
Local / Section 103 University of Manitoba Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 96 University of Manitoba Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 38 Association étudiante de l’Université de Saint-Boniface Present
Local / Section 37 Brandon University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 8 University of Winnipeg Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 67 University of New Brunswick Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 114 Association des étudiant-e-s de l’Université de Hearst Present
Local / Section 112 Association générale des étudiants et étudiantes du Collège Boréal Proxy
Local / Section 110 Laurentian University Graduate Students’ Association / Association des étudiants(es) des études supérieures de l’Université Laurentienne Absent
Local / Section 109 University of Toronto at Mississauga Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 106 University of Windsor Organization of Part-Time University Students Present
Local / Section 105 Continuing Education Students’ Association of Ryerson Present
Local / Section 102 Brock University Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 99 Scarborough Campus Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 98 University of Toronto Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 97 Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto Present
Local / Section 94 University of Ottawa Graduate Students’ / Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l’Université d’Ottawa Absent
Local / Section 93 Glendon College Students’ Union / Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Glendon Present
Local / Section 92 Student Association of George Brown College Present
2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

Descaulzi announced that:

Local 27 designated Local 98 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 1 designated Local 98 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 84 designated Local 68 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 113 designated Local 11 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 20 designated Local 32 as its proxy for the meeting;
Local 112 designated Local 82 as its proxy for the meeting.

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

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

2019/11:001 MOTION
Local 92/Local 99

Be it resolved that Anna Goldfinch be ratified as plenary chair for the November 2019 National General Meeting.

CARRIED
Abstention: 27, 1

4. MEMBERSHIP

2019/11:002 MOTION TO ACCEPT PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP
Local 106/Local 100

Whereas the Northern Undergraduate Students Society (NUGSS) represents over 3,500 undergraduate students at the University of Northern British Columbia; and
Whereas on September 11, 2019, the NUGSS Board of Directors communicated that its board had voted in favour of prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Whereas on October 23, 2019, the National Executive ratified prospective member status for NUGSS; therefore

Be it resolved that prospective membership of the Northern Undergraduate Students Society (NUGSS) at the University of Northern British Columbia in the Canadian Federation of Students be ratified.

CARRIED
Abstention: 27, 98, 1

2019/11:003  MOTION TO EXTEND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP
Local 97/Local 45

Be it resolved that the prospective membership status of the Mature and Part-time University Students’ Association (MAPUS) at UPEI be extended by one year.

CARRIED
Abstention: 27, 98, 1

5.  WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS
Chairperson Descalzi provided welcoming remarks to meeting delegates.

6.  ADOPTION OF THE PLENARY AGENDA
2019/11:004  MOTION
Local 106/Local 20

Be it resolved that the opening plenary agenda for the 38th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

7.  ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
2019/11:005  MOTION
Local 35/Local 71

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 38th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.

CARRIED

8.  ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
2019/11:006  MOTION
Local 68/Local 38

Be it resolved that the minutes of the 72nd Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.

CARRIED
Abstention: 27, 1, 98
9. **OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES**
   a. **Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures**
      Goldfinch asked delegates to refer to their binder for an overview of Robert's Rules of Order, the structure of meeting rules and procedures that the Federation employs for plenary sessions, plenary sub-committee meetings and caucus meetings.

2019/11:007 **MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA**
Local 109/Local 54

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

**CARRIED**

b. **Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting**
   Anti-Harassment Advisors, Bofta Haile and Brie Crossfield, said that the Federation strives 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**
   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**
      Goldfinch introduced Nicole Picton, who had been appointed by the National Executive, in accordance with Bylaw 5, Section 2, to the position of chief returning officer.

2019/11:008 **MOTION**
Local 100/Local 106

Be it resolved to ratify Nicole Picton as Chief Returning Officer for the 38th Annual National General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

Abstentions: 27, 1, 98

b. **Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures**
   Picton explained that elections would be conducted for the following positions on the National Executive for the 2020-2021 term: National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson, National Treasurer, British Columbia Representative, New Brunswick Representative, Prince-Edward-Island Representative, Saskatchewan Representative, Quebec Representative, Alberta Representative, Colleges and Institutes Representative, Racialised Students' Representative, Women's Representative, Student Disability Justice Representative, Francophone Students' Representative, International Students' Representative, Black Caucus Representative and the following positions within caucuses and constituency groups: Mature and Part-Time Students’ Co-Commissioners, 2Spirit&Queer Co-Commissioners, 2Spirit&Trans Commissioner and Black Caucus Chairperson as well as two members to the Appeals Committee. Picton referred delegates to Bylaws 1, 4 and 5 and reviewed timelines for elections.
11. 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.

2019/06:009 MOTION
Local 106/Local 32

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

CARRIED

12. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

a. New Motions Served with Notice

2019/11:010 MOTION
Local 47/Local 106

Whereas the Federation is committed to advocate on behalf of all post-secondary students, including international students;
Whereas international students face tuition fees that are unregulated;
Whereas working a maximum of 20 hours while studying is not sufficient enough to sustain their needs; Whereas work restrictions have remained the same for a while despite inflation;
Whereas the Federation already has a Fairness for International Students Campaign;
Be it resolved that the Federation lobby the government to increase the cap on working hours for international students with valid study permits;
Be it further resolved that the Federation lobby the government to regulate the annual increase in international tuition fees.

2019/11:011 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:010 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2019/11:010 REFERRED

2019/11:012 MOTION
Local 100/Local 106

Whereas students with children struggle to find child care spots/services on campus; and
Whereas off-campus child care services are both inconvenient and costly; and
Whereas the Government of British Columbia has provided $3M to the University of British Columbia for creating childcare spots on campus; therefore
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants work with campuses to increase child care services for students with children.

2019/11:013  MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:012 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2019/11:012  REFERRED

2019/11:014  MOTION
Local 100/Local 106

Whereas crime on campus has increased in the past few years; and

Whereas safety on and off campus should be of the utmost importance; and

Whereas students with emergency safety training have been crucial in emergency situations in the past (e.g., the April, 2018 Toronto van attack); therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants work with campuses to provide free certified Emergency First Aid Training to all students.

2019/11:015  MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:014 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2019/11:014  REFERRED

2019/11:016  MOTION
Local 100/Local 106

Whereas a fifth temporary foreign worker has died at Fiera Foods in Ontario;

Whereas temporary foreign workers are not protected and face precarious and often unsafe conditions;

Whereas the Migrant Action Network continues to provide advocacy, support, and research on how to support migrant workers in Canada;

Be it resolved that CFS-FCEE work with the Migrants’ Rights Network to support their efforts.

2019/11:017  MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:016 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2019/11:016  REFERRED

2019/11:018  MOTION
Local 92/Local 106
Whereas the government of Quebec recently passed Bill 21, the bill banning all religious symbols at government spaces including courts, schools and other offices;
Whereas this is the act of shame;
Be it resolved that the Federation condemns the bill and stands against the decision by supporting various groups affected by it like the Sikhs, Muslims and Jews;
Be it further resolved that the Federation issues a public statement of standing with the communities and also supporting Non-Profit bodies working such as Canadian Civil Liberties Association, The World Sikh Organisation and the National Council of Canadian Muslims.

2019/11:019 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:018 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2019/11:018 REFERRED

2019/11:020 MOTION
Local 93/Local 106
Whereas there was a global climate strike that was supported and attended by many member locals;
Whereas the climate crisis is one of the biggest issues confronting our generation;
Whereas there are many environmental advocacy organisations who have endorsed the policy document known as the Green New Deal;
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students undertake a review of their divestment campaign and rework it so that it becomes actionable in the current political climate for current member locals;
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students consider endorsing the Green New Deal as it currently stands or drafting an alternative document;
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students require member locals to take steps to address the climate crisis and put pressure on their respective university administrations to divest from fossil fuel and weapons manufacturing companies.

2019/11:021 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:020 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.
CARRIED

2019/11:020 REFERRED

2019/11:022 MOTION
Local 7/Local 106

Whereas the Anti-Racism Toolkit has been created by the Federation and is now online for public use; and

Whereas the Toolkit mentions panels, workshops, and teach-ins under the section “Agitating Events” on page 18, but does not specify the content thereof; and

Whereas it is important that a precedent for the content of anti-racism workshops be established; and

Whereas BIPOC student union executives, councillors, and staff face unique challenges and issues specific to their roles; and

Whereas it is imperative that Member Locals uplift and make space for their BIPOC student union executives, councillors, and staff, and general members by actively working to make our student unions safer and more accessible; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive — in consultation and collaboration with the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students, Black Caucus, and Racialized Constituency — create workshops that Member Locals can run on their respective campuses in tandem with the full scope of anti-racism work; and

Be it further resolved that some of these workshops compliment the content of the Anti-Racism Toolkit by providing tailored training and support specifically for BIPOC student union executives, councillors, and staff, such as an “Organizing 101 Workshop for BIPOC on Student Unions;” and

Be it further resolved that these workshops — for BIPOC student union executives, councillors, and staff — are created with the intention of being facilitated (or co-facilitated with external partners) by elected members and staff within the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that the specified workshop for BIPOC student union executives, councillors, and staff be ready by April 2020 and that all other workshops are created and made available by August 2020; and

Be it further resolved that these workshops have a specified review timeline and protocol when created.

2019/11:023  MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:022 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2019/11:022  REFERRED

2019/11:024  MOTION
Local 7/Local 106

Whereas housing is a significant cost for post-secondary students; and

Whereas on-campus residence availability is scarce and increasingly expensive, including on-campus residences in rural areas; and
Whereas housing costs in cities such as Charlottetown, Sydney, and Toronto have lower vacancy rates, making it increasingly difficult for students to have adequate and affordable housing; and

Whereas rental options have grown limited partially due to people renting properties through Airbnb instead of leasing; and

Whereas students, and international students in particular, are vulnerable to housing scams and mistreatment from landlords; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation prepare a fact sheet and set of demands to lobby the federal government on the issue of housing; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components are encouraged to do the same specifically for their unique provincial issues and government; and

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to lobby their institution administration for improved affordability, availability and quality of student housing on-campus; and

Be it further resolved that the demands made by the Federation include regulating Airbnb, instituting landlord licensing, and enforcing rent control; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate potential partners, such as organizations like ACORN Canada (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), that do advocacy on affordable and accessible housing.

2019/11:025 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:024 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2019/11:024 REFERRED

2019/11:026 MOTION
Local 105/Local 106

Whereas the Federation has had a long-standing relationship with elementary, secondary and post-secondary workers that understands their working conditions as our learning conditions; and

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Government has consistently shown a lack of regard for unions across all sectors, specifically with back-to-work legislation for CUPE3903 workers at York University; and

Whereas, most recently, elementary and high school education workers in Ontario were almost forced into a strike due to a lack of regard for worker rights, public education and the public sector; and

Whereas elementary, high school and post-secondary educators in Ontario are approaching bargaining, in the face of increasing class sizes and loss of jobs; and

Whereas University and College contract instructors are being forced into even more precarious working conditions including a loss of benefits, loss of income, increased workload and/or loss of jobs completely; and

Whereas University and College tenured faculty are experiencing increased class sizes, loss of course offerings and attrition in not filling tenured roles; and
Whereas University and College support workers are experiencing a lack of funding and resource support in order to successfully meet the campus standards; and

Whereas the Ontario Government has made direct attacks on Student Unions via the Student Choice initiative, where in return Labour Unions have pooled resources in order to support the Federation and York Federation of Students’ Legal Challenge;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students support Labour Unions via public statements and/or social media posts during mass bargaining periods, or when called upon for support; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students encourage member locals to create on-campus “All Union Coalition” collectives, in which student and labour unions unite to create a strong and supportive force against their respective Provincial Governments and Institutions; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students revive the Workers and Students United Campaign in collaboration with union partners; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate template materials for students’ unions to use for solidarity projects, including but not limited to flyers, posters, placards, buttons, stickers, apparel and campus groups material.

2019/11:027 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:026 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2019/11:026 REFERRED

2019/11:028 MOTION
Local 8/Local 106

Whereas the construction of the Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT) began on July 17th, 2019 and was met with immediate opposition from Hawai’in Indigenous land defenders, elders, and academics.

Whereas the site of construction is planned on Mauna Kea, a sacred site for the original people of Hawaii.

Whereas the federal government has a 15% share in the TMT and has committed $234.5 million to the construction of the project over 10 years.

Whereas the Association for Canadian Universities for Research in Astronomy (ACURA) is also complicit in the construction of the TMT, and its membership includes these seven universities who are home to member locals of the Canadian Federation of Students:

- Brandon University (Local 37)
- Trent University (Local 71)
- University of Calgary (Local 21)
- University of Manitoba (Local 96, Local 103)
- University of Toronto (Local 19, Local 97, Local 98, Local 99, Local 109)
University of Western Ontario (Local 47)  
York University (Local 68, Local 84)

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students ‘United for Equity’ campaign calls on us all to challenge colonialism in all forms within our post-secondary institutions.

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students recognizes the importance of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP).

Whereas the TMT is in violation of Articles 11, 19, 28, 29 of the UNDRIP, specifically by violating Indigenous nations’ right to free, prior, and informed consent.

Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students release a statement both supporting Hawai‘in Indigenous Land Defenders protecting Mauna Kea and also opposing the organizations and institutions funding the project;

Be it further resolved the Canadian Federation of Students include this item within the 2020 lobby document, directed towards the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development as well as the Minister of Science and Sport;

Be it further resolved the Canadian Federation of Students make a monetary donation determined by the National Executive to any or all of the following organizations supporting Indigenous Land Protectors of Mauna Kea:

Mauna Medic Healers Hui  
KAHEA – The Aloha ‘Āina Support Fund  
Hawai‘i Community Bail Fund

2019/11:029 MOTION TO REFER  
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:028 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.

CARRIED

2019/11:028 REFERRED

2019/11:030 MOTION  
National Executive/Local 106

Whereas transphobia is rampant on our campuses; and

Whereas the issues the 2Spirit and trans community face are vastly different from those the queer community face, creating a need for a separate and specific constituency group; and

Whereas there has been numerous discussions in past meetings on the inclusion of 2Spirit and Trans people in General Meetings and within the structure of the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation has provided informal meeting spaces for 2Spirit and Trans people during the Women’s Constituency at past Federation General Meetings, at the request of trans delegates present; and
Whereas the Council of Constituency Representatives currently does not have the informal Trans Constituency Representative in its membership or structure; therefore

Be it resolved that “Standing Resolution 36 - Constituency Groups” be amended to include the 2Spirit and Trans Constituency Group as a current group; and

Be it resolved that any other Federation policies or documents that reference constituency groups be updated to reflect the inclusion of the 2Spirit and Trans Constituency Group; and

Be it further resolved that a new “Standing Resolution - 2Spirit and Trans Constituency” be added as the new Standing Resolution 14 with subsequent standing resolutions being renumbered accordingly.

Standing Resolution 14
2Spirit and Trans Constituency

1. Objectives
The objectives of the Constituency Group shall be:

a. provide a setting for 2Spirit and transgender identifying students at national general meetings to evaluate the political climate within which 2Spirit and trans issues are confronted.

b. to support the statement of purpose of the Federation.

c. to provide a setting for 2Spirit and transgender students at general meetings to communicate, exchange information and share experience and ideas regarding issues facing 2Spirit and transgender communities;

d. to provide a place for 2Spirit and transgender students to develop organisational and political skills;

e. to provide a setting for 2Spirit and transgender students to organise as 2Spirit and trans people and to provide a forum where 2Spirit and trans students can develop a sense of unity and cooperation.

2. Purpose
At each national general meeting, the Constituency Group shall:

a. appoint representatives to the plenary standing sub-committees.

b. discuss national general meeting motions that are of concern to members of the constituency group.

c. discuss campaigns to be implemented by the Constituency Group.

d. determine a budget for the Constituency Group.

e. discuss any other business of concern to members of the Constituency Group.

3. Membership
Membership of the Constituency Group shall include all 2Spirit and transgender people who are delegates from member local associations; constituency, component and caucus representatives; and/or National Executive members at general meetings of the Federation. This membership shall participate in voice and vote at all meetings of the Constituency Group.

4. Rights and Privileges of Members
All members of the Constituency Group are entitled to:

a. attend any Constituency Group meeting and to speak to any matter or motion which may arise;

b. to vote at any Constituency Group meeting;
c. to nominate one member to act as 2Spirit and Trans Students Commissioner.

5. Rights and Privileges of Non-Members
Non-members shall be entitled to participate in any meetings of the Constituency Group, and may speak on any matter arising at such a meeting. Non-members may not vote at meetings of the Constituency Group.

6. Constituency Group Election Procedure
The 2Spirit and Trans Students 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. 2Spirit and Trans Students Commissioner shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from May 1 to April 30.

7. Duties of the Commissioner
The duties of the commissioner shall be:
   a. to act as the spokesperson of the 2Spirit and Trans Students Constituency on national issues;
   b. to implement campaigns as determined by the Constituency Group;
   c. to communicate with the national office, the National Executive, provincial components, the National Graduate Caucus, the Constituency Group Commissioners, participants at national general meetings, and member local associations on national issues of the Constituency Groups.
   d. to send to 2Spirit and trans 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.

8. Meetings
Meetings of the Constituency Group may take place at any general meeting of the Federation at which members of the Constituency Group are present. Meetings of the Constituency Group shall be announced by word of mouth and/or print and will take place at the same time as women's constituency.

Should any clause of this constitution conflict with the Constitution of the Federation, the latter shall prevail. This constitution shall only be repealed or amended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the voting member associations present at a general meeting of the Federation.

2019/11:031 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:030 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2019/11:030 REFERRED

2019/11:032 MOTION
National Executive/Local 106
Be it resolved that all references to “Queer Constituency” in Federation Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Operations Policies be amended to read “2Spirit and Queer Constituency”.

Be it further resolved that all references to “Queer Constituency Commissioner” or “Queer Commissioner” be amended to “2Spirit and Queer Constituency Commissioner” or “2Spirit and Queer Commissioner”.
Commissioner” or “2Spirit and Queer Commissioner” in Federation Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Operations Policies.

2019/11:033 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:032 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:032 REFERRED

2019/11:034 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas membership fee increases are a potential indicator of best practices in the past that could be emulated in the present;
Whereas data on past membership fee increases can help plan for future membership fee increases as necessary;
Whereas including this information will help counter claims that the Federation is not sufficiently transparent;

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “Financial Policy Relating to the Collection of Membership Fees” be amended as follows:

Financial Policy Relating to the Collection of Membership Fees
The Federation’s current national membership fee shall be posted on the Federation’s website in the “About” section. The Federation shall maintain in the “Member Students’ Union” section, the per student amount of the national membership fee for the previous five years, as well as records of all historical national membership fee increases since the Federation’s founding.

The Federation shall send a registered letter to each member association indicating the applicable membership fee, and the letter shall be sent in a timely manner.

The Federation shall apply an interest charge of 1% per month compounded monthly against all member local associations who have failed to remit all membership fees for the past year. Interest will be assessed beginning July 1 for the year immediately preceding and September 1 for the summer immediately preceding. Exception shall be granted to member associations whose institutions operate on a semester-based system. Interest levies shall be subject to review by the National Executive on a case by case basis upon request.

2019/11:035 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:034 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:034 REFERRED

2019/11:036 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas student journalism is real journalism;
Whereas student journalism should not be censored or delegitimized;
Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are a valuable resource to spread the word about the Federation’s victories, initiatives, and calls to action;

Whereas recent attempts to infringe upon student organizations and policy developments that are not beneficial to students, including, but not limited to the Ontario Government’s Student Choice Initiative, cuts to education, and significant detrimental changes to OHIP+ require the Federation more than ever to mobilize student resistance and campaign for positive policy change;

Whereas effective mobilization requires conducting outreach to as many students as possible;

Whereas recognized student-led campus publications can help increase the Federation’s outreach capacities significantly;

Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are under threat by far-right and otherwise authoritarian forces that seek to write them off as fake news;

Whereas excluding recognized student-led campus publications contributes to their delegitimization and plays into the hands of the far-right;

Whereas restricting access to relevant information about the Federation’s decision-making makes it more difficult for marginalized students to become informed about decisions that affect their student movement and participate, which could be interpreted as discrimination against students who are most in need;

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario adopted more inclusive policies for student media at the Annual General Meeting in August 2019, allowing student media to attend and cover Plenary sessions of the Federation;

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “National General Meetings”, add a section below “Recordings” and be amended as follows:

**Student Media**

The Federation shall allow one English and one French representative from the Canadian University Press and other recognized student-led campus publications to attend, observe, and cover General Meetings upon agreement to the following conditions:

- Media shall be allowed to observe plenary sessions and workshops, but shall not have speaking rights during such sessions;
- Media shall be allowed to cover plenary sessions and workshops of the Federation in any manner with the exception of audio or video recordings; and
- Media shall not be permitted to cover meetings of caucuses and constituency groups;
- Media shall be allowed to interview willing delegates in a way that does not distract from delegate participation.

The rights and conditions will be made explicit in resultant agreements between the Federation and the Canadian University Press, and any other recognized student-led campus publications in attendance.

None of the rights of the media supersede the Rules of Order utilized by the Federation or any other policy of the Federation.

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2019/11:037  **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:036 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2019/11:036 REFERRED

2019/11:038 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the Federation needs to mobilize as many students as possible to combat recent detrimental changes to education, including but not limited to cuts to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), and the Student Choice Initiative;

Whereas informing students about the activities National Executive Members are doing on a regular basis will inspire students to volunteer in the Federation’s campaigns;

Whereas regular reports would allow National Executive Members to showcase their advocacy work and provide their perspectives to the students they represent;

Whereas regular reports are a standard practice in many other student unions, Member Locals, and other student representative bodies at local, provincial, national, and international levels, not to mention many incorporated bodies;

Whereas regular reports would bring an additional level of accountability to the Federation;

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “National Executive” be amended as follows:

National Executive

Constituency representatives on the National Executive shall submit full written reports to constituency members via constituency listservs within two (2) weeks following the National Executive meeting. The report shall contain a copy of the agenda, a summary of the relevant discussion and all motions being recommended to the membership.

Each provincial representative on the National Executive shall submit full written reports to member local associations in their province within two (2) weeks following the National Executive meeting. The report shall contain a copy of the agenda, a summary of the relevant discussion and all motions being recommended to the membership.

Each National Executive Member shall also submit at least one (1) full written report each month to member locals in their province or constituency via the appropriate official communication channels. These monthly reports shall be made publicly available on the Federation website. These reports shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- A summary of the activities the respective National Executive Member engaged with over the past month;
- A list of meetings the respective National Executive Member attended with member locals of the Federation, stakeholder groups, politicians.

2019/11:039 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:038 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED
Whereas a strong student movement depends on accurate, comprehensive, and up to date information to be successful;

Whereas long-term historical data can help transfer vital inter-generational lived experiences, best practices, and lessons learned to students of the present;

Whereas making more historical documents accessible online would dispel arguments from the Federation’s critics who argue that the Federation is not transparent and could encourage more students in Ontario affected by the Student Choice Initiative (SCI) to opt into the Federation;

Whereas making more historical documents accessible online would honour the contributions of past student leaders who have served the Federation;

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “Access to Information” be amended as follows:

Access to Information

Preamble

In order to ensure that all members and, where appropriate, all students have access to essential information, the Federation shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the relevant information is readily available, either publicly or upon reasonable request. The Federation shall endeavour to, at all times, be able and willing to grant reasonable requests for information without undue delay.

Public Information

The Federation shall ensure that the current Bylaws, Policies, and Standing Resolutions of the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services are publicly available to all members and students at www.cfs-fcee.ca. It shall make the minutes of all past National General Meetings and the audited financial statements for all past fiscal years available alongside the documents listed above.

For greater clarity, the Federation shall present the audited financial statements of the Canadian Federation Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services separately.

Written Notice

For the purposes of the Bylaws and Policies, the Federation shall accept email as a form of written notice.

2019/11:041 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:040 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:040 REFERRED

2019/11:042 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas some students’ representatives or their families may be harmed by external groups if they vote for certain motions, including, but not limited to those
that involve policy stances on international issues that affect postsecondary education;

Whereas students’ representatives may be harmed or feel threatened by the Federation for voting a certain way;

Whereas the Federation uses Robert’s Rules of Order;

Whereas the Federation must therefore allow for secret ballot requests;

Whereas by allowing secret ballots, members of the Federation are more free to vote on topics that they feel may impact their safety;

Whereas the Federation only notes the specific votes in the minutes if requested;

Be it resolved that Bylaw II.5.a be amended as follows:

5. Procedure at General Meetings
   a. The rules of procedure at general meetings will be those described in the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, supplemented or modified by rules of procedure which may from time to time be established by the Federation’s Bylaws and standing resolutions, including but not limited to the following:
      i. A member local student association may motion that an item be voted on by secret ballot, a request which cannot be overruled and does not require a vote. The general meeting chair shall then ensure that ballots are handed out and that adequate voting instructions are given. When ballots have been cast, the general meeting chair shall count them in the presence of the general meeting and they may be challenged if member local student associations believe they are not counting the ballots correctly or are making poor quality judgements.
      
      ii. A member local student association may motion that an item be voted on by a roll call vote, a request which cannot be overruled and does not require a vote. Each member local student association shall then state openly their vote one at a time. The vote of each member local student association shall be recorded in the minutes.

2019/11:043 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:042 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:042 REFERRED

2019/11:044 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas students are the reason the Federation exists;

Whereas the Federation is merely the means through which its members enact the democratic will of Canadian students;

Whereas the goals of the Federation should not supersede the common interests of students studying at Canadian post-secondary institutions;

Be it resolved that the order of the Statement of Purpose clauses in the Bylaws be amended as follows:
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants exists to perform the following functions:

1. to represent, promote and defend the common interests of students studying at Canadian post-secondary institutions;
2. to promote and support the interests and activities of democratic student organisations in all provinces and at all educational institutions in Canada;
3. to bring together post-secondary students from all parts of Canada to discuss and take common, democratic positions on questions affecting students;
4. to represent Canadian students in the federal level of decision-making and to do so by speaking on their behalf with one united voice;
5. to further the goals of the Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants as outlined in the Preamble;
6. to formulate a national programme that will serve as a framework for coordinating the efforts of representative post-secondary student organisations throughout Canada. This programme will summarize a long-term strategy for achieving the objectives of students in post-secondary education; will describe general ways of reaching those objectives; and will be revised periodically as new objectives and approaches become appropriate;
7. to do all other things that are incidental or conducive to these purposes.

2019/11:045 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:044 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:044 REFERRED

2019/11:046 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the Student Choice Initiative (SCI) in Ontario has caused a considerable decrease in the Federation’s revenue;

Whereas the Federation’s Ontario Component has opted to no longer hold semi-annual general meetings in order to save money;

Whereas there should be proportional representation to encourage larger student unions to join the Federation, and have their decisions feel valued;

Be it resolved that Bylaw II.2.a be amended as follows:

2. Notice of General Meetings
   a. Notice of each general meeting will be sent to each member of the Federation at least twenty-eight (28) to sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II.4 be amended as follows:

4. Quorum at General Meetings
A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of members shall consist of not less than one-half plus one \((1/2 + 1)\) of the members of the Federation having voting rights at the time in person or by proxy.

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

### 8. Proportional Representation

a. Each member local student association shall be allotted a number of votes based on the amount of individual members it has in accordance with the following categories:

i. Member local student associations with ten thousand \((10,000)\) individual student members or less shall have one \((1)\) vote.

ii. Member local student associations with a population of individual student members between ten thousand and one \((10,001)\) and twenty thousand \((20,000)\) shall have two \((2)\) votes.

iii. Member local student associations with a population of individual student members greater than or equal to twenty thousand and one \((20,001)\) shall have three \((3)\) votes.

iv. Member local student associations with a population of individual student members greater than or equal to ten thousand and one \((10,001)\) who wish to proxy their vote are only entitled to proxy one \((1)\) vote rather than the amount they would be allotted if they were present at the meeting.

2019/11:047 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:046 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:046 REFERRED

2019/11:048 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas this bylaw has incorrectly labelled clauses;

Whereas the democratic will of the Federation’s membership to add items to a general meeting agenda should be respected;

Whereas information relevant to members and students the Federation represents should be made publicly available on the Federation’s website;

Be it resolved that Bylaw III.2 be amended as follows:

#### 2. Policy and Standing Resolutions Manuals

a. All Federation policy statements will be compiled in a policy manual. The manual will be updated after each general meeting and made publicly available on the Federation’s website no later than thirty \((30)\) days after each general meeting.

b. All Federation standing resolutions will be compiled in a standing resolutions manual. The manual will be updated after each general meeting and made publicly available on the Federation’s website no later than thirty \((30)\) days after each general meeting.

c. The updated policy and standing resolutions manuals will be distributed to member local student associations no later than twelve \((12)\) weeks following each national general meeting.

Be it resolved that Bylaw III.3 be amended as follows:
3. Notice

a. All motions seeking the enactment, amendment or repeal of a policy, or to propose any action, excluding procedural motions and the enactment, amendment or repeal of a standing resolution, must be received by the National Executive Committee at least six (6) weeks before the general meeting at which the proposal is to be considered. Notice provisions exist in order to allow for all motions to be translated and distributed to member local student associations in advance of the meeting so that:

• member local student associations may conduct research, survey their membership, and/or develop positions on motions for consideration prior to the meeting; and

• member local student associations that are unable to send delegates to the meeting may give adequate instruction to their proxy. A simple resolution can be considered as an “emergency motion” and will be exempt from notice provisions in the event that the motion meets the following criteria:

i. The motion pertains to an event or issue that has arisen subsequent to the notice deadline for motions; and

ii. The motion pertains to an imminent and urgent event or issue that requires a resolution prior to the next scheduled general meeting.

b. Section 3.a.i and Section 3.a.ii of this Bylaw can be overridden by a motion to add an item to a general meeting’s agenda that receives a simple majority vote of members present at said general meeting.

c. Policy proposals and resolutions may be submitted by member local student associations, provincial components/ caucuses, constituency groups and the National Executive Committee.

2019/11:049 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:048 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:048 REFERRED

2019/11:050 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas making open session National Executive Meeting minutes available on the Federation's website shall make the Federation more accountable to its members and dispel criticisms that the Federation is not sufficiently transparent;

Be it resolved that Bylaw IV be amended to include section 15 below and that subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly:

BYLAW IV - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

15. National Executive Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes shall be taken at each National Executive Meeting by one or more individuals agreed upon by the National Executive.

b. All open session National Executive Meeting minutes shall be posted on the Federation’s website.

2019/11:051 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:050 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:050 REFERRED

2019/11:052 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the members present at a general meeting should ultimately determine language competency instead of an unelected group;

Whereas having an unelected group be the ultimate arbiters when it comes to language competency can lead to the possibility that a candidate could be falsely deemed not competent in a language because the unelected group does not agree with the candidate’s policies;

Whereas the organization the Federation uses to conduct second languages tests, the Ottawa Language and Bilingualism Institute (OLBI), referred to below as the Second Languages Institute at the University of Ottawa, has had its bilingualism tests called into question in the past:

http://www.larotonde.ca/test-de-competence-linguistique-a-feuo-demystifier-
levaluation-bilinguisme-candidat-e-s-aux-elections/

Be it resolved that Bylaw V.1 be amended to include paragraphs d and e below:

BYLAW V - ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

1. Eligibility of Nominees for the National Executive

d. The second language proficiency of a National Chairperson candidate shall be determined by the members present at the annual general meeting where the election is taking place through members’ votes in the National Chairperson election.

e. In the event that a nominee for National Chairperson fails to demonstrate second language proficiency, as described in the standing resolutions, the nominee shall still be eligible to stand for election.

Be it further resolved that the first bullet of Bylaw V.3.a.iv be amended as follows:

• nominees shall be allotted up to five (5) minutes to present opening statements;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V.3 be amended to strike paragraph c, “Oath of Office”, below:

\[c. Oath of Office\]

Following election to the National Executive, a director must execute, in writing, the Federation’s Oath of Office in order to commence their term.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V.5 be amended to strike paragraph c, “Removal of National Chair for Failure to achieve Second Language Proficiency” below:

\[c. Removal of National Chair for Failure to Achieve Second Language Proficiency\]

In the event that a member elected to the position of National Chairperson fails to achieve second language proficiency, as described in the standing resolutions, by no later than five (5) weeks prior to the general meeting at which the member is to assume the position of National Chairperson, the position will be declared vacant.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V.6.b.i be amended as follows:

\[b. Vacancy in the Executive Positions\]
In the event of a vacancy in the position of National Executive Positions contemplated by Bylaw V, Section 2.b through 2.g:

i. the National Executive shall have the authority to initiate a mail-out vote to members to select a person to fill the position following consultation with the entity which nominated the person who vacated office, until the next national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V.7 be amended as follows:

7. Notice of Elections for National Executive Positions

Information will be posted on the Federation’s website that includes, but is not limited to:

a. rate of remuneration;
b. outline of duties and responsibilities; and
c. outline of travel obligations and/or necessary relocation.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 20.1 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 20
PROCEDURE TO ASSESS LEVEL OF SECOND LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OF NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON

Second language proficiency will be considered the ability to:

- comprehend the second language;
- communicate with member locals in the second language; and
- carry out public relations in the second language.

1. Assessing French or English as a Second Language for National Chairperson

The second language proficiency of a National Chairperson candidate shall be determined by the members present at the annual general meeting where the election is taking place through members’ votes in the National Chairperson election.

2019/11:053 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:052 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:052 REFERRED

2019/11:054 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas access to long-term financial data allows for more informed planning;

Be it resolved that Bylaw VII.5 be amended as follows:

5. Reporting

a. Year-to-date financial statements be produced for every executive and general meeting.

b. Records of all available financial statements from past years shall be made publicly available on the Federation’s website.

2019/11:055 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:054 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:054 REFERRED

2019/11:056 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas the numbering of clauses in Bylaw VIII is incorrect;
Whereas only elected student representatives should serve as officers of the Federation;

Be it resolved that Bylaw VIII be amended as follows:

**BYLAW VIII - OFFICERS**

1. For official purposes, the officers of the Federation will be the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, the National Treasurer and such other persons as the National Executive may from time to time determine.

2. No individual who is not an elected student representative at the time of appointment may serve as an officer of the Federation.

3. The remuneration and conditions of employment of all officers will be settled from time to time by the National Executive subject to confirmation of remuneration by the members at the next general meeting of the Federation.

2019/11:057 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:056 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:056 REFERRED

2019/11:058 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas the Treasurer should be the custodian of the seal of the Federation as opposed to an unelected individual;
Whereas relevant records should be made publicly available on the Federation’s website;

Be it resolved that Bylaw IX.1 be amended as follows:

**BYLAW IX - SEAL, DOCUMENTS, AND RECORDS**

1. **Custodian of the Seal and Records**

The National Treasurer shall be the custodian of the seal of the Federation and of all books, papers, records, correspondence, contracts and other documents belonging to the Federation.

Be it resolved that Bylaw IX.3 be amended as follows:

3. **Books and Records**

a. The National Executive is responsible for ensuring that all books and records required by law or by these Bylaws are regularly and properly kept.
b. The National Executive is responsible for ensuring that all relevant records be made publicly accessible on the Federation's website.

2019/11:059  MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:058 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:058  REFERRED

2019/11:060  MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas it is important for member local student associations to be updated about significant developments in terms of the Federation’s offices;

Be it resolved that Bylaw X.2 be amended as follows:

BYLAW X - REGISTERED OFFICE
1. National Headquarters

The registered office of the Federation will be in the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, and at such locations as may be determined from time to time by the National Executive.

2. Reporting
a. The National Executive is responsible for ensuring that relevant updates regarding the status of all Federation offices are reported to Member Locals at General Meetings as needed.

b. A list of Federation office locations shall be made publicly available on the Federation's website.

2019/11:061  MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:060 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:060  REFERRED

2019/11:062  MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the language of Bylaw XII can be improved;

Whereas there should be a process for consultation and ratification in the case of amending the Preamble;

Be it resolved that Bylaw XII.2 and XII.3 be amended as follows:

BYLAW XII - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
2. Notice

Notice of the substance of an amendment to this Constitution and Bylaws must be received by the National Executive at least six (6) weeks before the general meeting at which it is to be considered. The National Executive shall mail notice of all proposed amendments to the members not less than twenty-one (21) days before the general meeting at which they are to be considered. All said proposed amendments shall
be made available simultaneously in both working languages of the Federation. The declaration of the National Executive that due notice has or has not been served will be held to be necessary proof of notice or lack thereof, unless evidence to the contrary is presented.

3. Amendment of Preamble
The Preamble may only be repealed or amended by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote at a general meeting plus a consensus vote of all current provincial components specified in Bylaw VI, Section 2.

2019/11:063 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:062 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:062 REFERRED

2019/11:064 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas there are more than two gender identities and expressions;
Whereas the Federation’s Bylaws should reflect all gender identities and expressions;

Be it resolved that Bylaw XIV.1 be amended as follows:

**BYLAW XIV - INTERPRETATION**

1. Number and Gender of Words
   Unless the context requires otherwise, all pronouns and possessive adjectives used in these Bylaws refer to persons of all genders, and all singular or plural meanings.

Be it further resolved that the Federation amend its Bylaws, Policies, and Standing Resolutions accordingly.

2019/11:065 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:064 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:064 REFERRED

2019/11:066 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the Federation has been accused of not being a transparent student organization;
Whereas records of meetings can serve as evidence that the meetings were not conducted in a corrupt fashion;
Whereas providing minutes and other records of proceedings will help to quell critiques that the Federation is not sufficiently transparent;
Whereas it is important for students to know why the Federation makes decisions as opposed dogmatically accepting them;
Whereas it is critical that future students understand why decisions were made;
Whereas the Canadian student movement has been tracking these decisions inadequately, providing little historical context for why decisions are made, and why students care about them;

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “Minutes”, be amended as follows:

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

1. Minutes of National Executive Meetings

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

All minutes from National Executive meetings shall be posted online no later than thirty (30) days after the meeting has taken place.

2. Minutes of National General Meetings

National General Meetings shall be minuted, and the minutes shall be presented for ratification at the next National General Meeting.

Upon ratification, National General Meeting minutes shall be made publicly available on the Federation’s website no later than thirty (30) days after being ratified.

In addition to standard minutes, National General Meetings shall be recorded and transcribed, and these transcriptions shall be available upon request by member locals and those studying the student movement.

Nothing shall inhibit the ability of member local student associations present at a National General Meeting to vote to move in camera in order to discuss genuinely confidential matters, although no vote may be conducted in camera.

3. Minutes of Committees and Provincial Components

Meetings of Committees and Provincial Components shall be minuted, and the minutes shall be presented for ratification at the next National General Meeting.

Upon ratification, minutes of meetings of Committees and Provincial Components shall be made publicly available on the Federation’s website no later than thirty (30) days after being ratified.

In addition to standard minutes, meetings of Committees and Provincial Components shall be recorded and transcribed, and these transcriptions shall be available upon request by member locals and those studying the student movement.

Nothing shall inhibit the ability of member local student associations present at meetings of Committees and Provincial Components to vote to move in camera in order to discuss genuinely confidential matters, although no vote may be conducted in camera.

4. Archives

The minutes that are posted shall include highlights of discussion and records of decision, providing that no identification of individuals, member locals, constituency group, or caucus representation is included.

These minutes and transcriptions shall be kept by the Federation, and be allowed for use in the study of the Canadian student movement, or in comparable studies of similar movements. The Federation shall make every attempt for these resources to be accessible, adequate, and accurate by including all relevant
discussions that occurred. The Federation shall also attempt to maintain records of past meetings online, so that students may see the progress the Federation has made.

2019/11:067 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:066 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:066 REFERRED

2019/11:068 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the Federation could become a major source for the study of the student movement in Canada;

Whereas currently it is hard to track the voter turnout at student unions across the country;

Whereas it is hard to define how many members each member local currently represents;

Be it resolved that the Federation solicit any past election turnout numbers in order to create a more accurate and comprehensive list;

Be it further resolved that the Federation solicit the total amount of students that each member local represents.

Be it further resolved that the following Operations Policy be added:

**Member Local Voter Turnout**

**Preamble**

The Federation’s advocacy capacity is largely dependent on the amount of students it is able to represent through its Member Locals. It is important that the Federation keeps track of voter turnout at each of its Member Locals each year in order to estimate the amount of students within the Federation’s jurisdiction who are politically engaged in students’ union politics. It should also be the Federation’s goal to increase participation where possible, a task which would be made much easier if voter turnouts are clearly known.

**Policy**

**List of Member Local Voter Turnouts**

The Federation shall keep an up-to-date list of Member Local Voter turnouts publicly on the Federation’s website. This list should be updated each year and should display past turnout information since the list’s inception. Voter turnout shall be displayed for each Member Local in the form of a percentage of the Member Local’s total electorate and in the raw number of votes cast. There should also be an indication of whether each Member Local uses a paper ballot system, online voting system, or a combination of both.

**Member Locals’ Responsibility to Report Voter Turnout**

Each member local is responsible for reporting voter turnout to the Federation of all general elections, by-elections, and referenda that it has had since the last annual general meeting of the Federation no later than the close of the annual general meeting each year. If a Member Local does not provide voter turnout data, the Federation shall input “data not given” into the appropriate online field on the Federation’s website for said Member Local for the respective year.
Updating the List
The Federation shall update the list annually no later than sixty (60) days after the end of each annual general meeting.

2019/11:069 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:068 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:068 REFERRED

2019/11:070 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas committee approval processes can be improved to maintain one vote per member local students' association, as well as member local students' association voting capabilities;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 1.2 be amended as follows:

2. Committee Composition
   a. Each caucus, constituency group and provincial component shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee to represent the caucus, constituency group or provincial component's members, providing that there is one vote per member local students' association present.
   b. Delegates who have not been selected to participate in a committee or subcommittee of plenary shall have the right to observe the proceedings of a subcommittee meeting but shall not have speaking rights unless a simple majority of the voting subcommittee delegates decide otherwise.
   c. If a motion submitted by a member local students' association is before the committee, the member local students' association in question is granted voting and speaking rights when it comes to committee debate and voting on the motion.

Be it further resolved to amend Standing Resolution 1.3.c.v as follows:

   v. review and make recommendations on the development of new members;

2019/11:071 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:070 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:070 REFERRED

2019/11:072 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas summaries of the Forum's recommendations from a general meeting should be made available on the Federation's website;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 2 be amended to include the following:

6. Reporting
Summaries of the Forum’s recommendations from a general meeting shall be made available on the Federation’s website no later than the time that the minutes for said general meeting are released.

2019/11:073  MOTION TO REFER  
Local 109/Local 92  
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:072 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.  
CARRIED

2019/11:072  REFERRED

2019/11:074  MOTION  
Local 98/Local 106  
Whereas the grammar and language of Standing Resolution 3 can be improved;  
Whereas section 4 does not reflect the true range of gender identities and expressions;  
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 3.2 be amended as follows:

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

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3.3 be amended as follows:

3. Speaker Priority on Plenary Motions  
a. First Priority  
Delegates from member local associations and provincial components  
b. Second Priority  
National Executive members and national caucus representatives  

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3.5 be amended as follows:

5. New Business Motions  
Any motion to be considered for new business may be submitted for translation by the deadline as outlined on the general meeting agenda.  

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3.6 be amended as follows:

6. Allocation of Plenary Time
a. Each committee, constituency group, the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students, the Black Students' Caucus and the National Graduate Caucus shall be allocated a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive and uninterrupted minutes of time in all national general meeting closing plenary sessions to present a report and motions, provided that the report and motions were submitted by the deadline for translation.

b. The plenary of each general meeting shall include thirty (30) minutes in which members may ask questions of the National Executive.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3, section 4 (“Affirmative Action Speaking Procedure”) be reviewed and updated by the next Annual General Meeting by the National Executive.

2019/11:075 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:074 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:074 REFERRED

2019/11:076 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the spelling, grammar, and language of Standing Resolution 5 can be improved;

Whereas situations may arise where it may be best for Caucuses, Provincial Components, and Constituency Groups to submit motions directly;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 5.1 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 5

GUIDELINES FOR CAUCUSES, COMPONENTS AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

1. Guidelines for Caucuses, Components and Constituency Groups

a. Issues policy motions and directives to conduct research should be forwarded through representatives on the Policy Review and Development Committee.

b. Operations Policy, Bylaw, and Standing Resolution motions should be forwarded through representatives on the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

c. Any motion with budgetary implications should be forwarded to the Budget Committee.

d. Campaigns directives should be forwarded to Campaigns Committee.

e. Motions from Caucuses, Components, and Constituency Groups that do not consult with the committees as outlined above shall still be considered to be in order.

2019/11:077 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:076 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED
2019/11:076 REFERRED

2019/11:078 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the Federation can benefit from having Standing Resolution 6 apply to guiding documents other than policies as well;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 6 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 6
DIRECTIVES & POLICY MOTIONS
At least four weeks before a general meeting, all notices of motions that originated from the previous general meeting shall be sent to the member local associations.

2019/11:079 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:078 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:078 REFERRED

2019/11:080 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas there is no Bylaw XVI;

Whereas this change would allow the Federation more flexibility when changing the structure of their bylaws;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 7 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 7
RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS
Policy resolutions, standing resolutions, and constitutional amendments which are considered and adopted by the voting members of the Federation at a general meeting in accordance with the relevant Bylaws shall be noted in the minutes of the general meeting as having met the requirements for notice and passage.

2019/11:081 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:080 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:080 REFERRED

2019/11:082 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the other Standing Resolutions referenced in Standing Resolution 16 need to be corrected;

Whereas the differentiation between small and large institutions should be reviewed to reflect increasing university and college enrollment;
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 16 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 16

MEMBERSHIP OF CAUCUSES

1. Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students
The members of the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students shall be as described in Standing Resolution #17, Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students.

2. Caucus of College and Institute Associations
The members of the Caucus of College and Institute Associations shall all be member locals from colleges and institutes.

3. Caucus of Large Institute Associations
The members of the Caucus of Large Institute Associations shall all be member locals with 14,000 or more members.

4. Caucus of Small University Associations
The members of the Caucus of Small University Associations shall all be member locals with 13,999 or less members.

5. National Graduate Caucus
The members of the National Graduate Caucus shall be as described in Standing Resolution #18, National Graduate Caucus.

6. Black Students' Caucus
The members of the Black Students' Caucus shall be as described in Standing Resolution #40, Black Students Caucus.

2019/11:083 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:082 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:082 REFERRED

2019/11:084 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the grammar of Standing Resolution 24 should be corrected;

Whereas reduced delegate fees should be lowered given the current financial obstacles facing member local students’ associations, including but not limited to the Student Choice Initiative in Ontario;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 24 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 24

SCALED GENERAL MEETING DELEGATE FEES

Reduced delegate fees shall be charged to member local associations with an annual fee revenue of less than $200,000 using the following formula:

\[(\text{students' union budget} \times \text{delegate fee}) + (\text{delegate fee}) = 400,000.00\]

A yearly inflationary adjustment shall be applied, upwards, to the subsidy ceiling.
The small budget member subsidy shall be based on the students’ association’s gross revenue which includes association membership fees, and net revenue from subsidiary organizations such as pubs, cafeterias, administration grants; and which does not include membership fees collected on behalf of autonomous organizations: the Federation, public interest research groups, athletic levies, and autonomous student newspapers and student radio stations, and medical plans.

The National Executive, upon request, shall be empowered to reduce or waive the delegate fee if the fee causes undue hardship upon the local association.

All delegates from small budget members shall participate in a travel pool. The small budget member subsidy shall be applied to the travel pool average.

2019/11:085  MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:084 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:084  REFERRED

2019/11:086  MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas National Executive Reports can benefit from being made more comprehensive and transparent;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 25 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 25
CONTENT OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS
The National Executive Report shall be produced and distributed to the membership before the annual national general meetings.

The Report shall contain, but not be limited to, information on:
1. campaign activities and the goals achieved;
2. an identification of membership issues and how they are being dealt with;
3. a breakdown of current budget status (i.e. actuals compared to the budget);
4. a record of all decisions made at National Executive meetings;
5. an identification of goals and priorities for the remainder of the term of office;
6. Federation internal affairs;
7. social justice and anti-oppression work;
8. coalition building;
9. a services review including details about partnerships and the implementation of operations policies related to the purchase of products and services and the impact of operations;
10. any goals that were not achieved or any opportunities that were missed; and
11. any other information which is pertinent to members.
2019/11:087  MOTION TO REFER  
Local 109/Local 92  
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:086 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.  
CARRIED

2019/11:086  REFERRED

2019/11:088  MOTION  
Local 98/Local 106  
Whereas Standing Resolution 26 could benefit by adding outlines of parameters of the Federation bylaws as well;  
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 26 be amended as follows:  

Standing Resolution 26  
POLICY AND BYLAWS WORDING FORMAT  
1. The Federation shall adopt all policy in statement form and shall list all policies in the Federation's Policy Manual in statement form.  
2. The Federation shall adopt all bylaws in clause form with sections numbered as needed.

2019/11:089  MOTION TO REFER  
Local 109/Local 92  
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:088 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.  
CARRIED

2019/11:088  REFERRED

2019/11:090  MOTION  
Local 98/Local 106  
Whereas translation services should be provided for all Forum meetings;  
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 27 be amended to include the following:  

8. Translation Services  
Translation services shall be provided for all forum meetings.

2019/11:091  MOTION TO REFER  
Local 109/Local 92  
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:090 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.  
CARRIED

2019/11:090  REFERRED

2019/11:092  MOTION  
Local 98/Local 106  
Whereas Standing Resolution 28 would benefit from having numbered clauses;  
Whereas information pertaining to salaries of At Large members of the National Executive of the Federation could be made more transparent;  
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 28 be amended as follows:
Standing Resolution 28

RENUMERATION OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

1. The National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and National Treasurer shall:
   a. receive a salary of $2,750.00 per month, and prorated for partial months, to be adjusted each June 1 by the rate of change in the Consumer Price Index, for the greater Ottawa/Hull area, during the previous calendar year; and
   b. have access to the extended health and dental plan available to the Federation's employees.

2. The salaries of all At Large members of the National Executive of the Federation:
   a. will be disclosed publicly on the Federation’s website and updated on an annual basis; and
   b. shall be included as separate line items in the budget presented at the annual general meetings of the Federation.

2019/11:093 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:092 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:092 REFERRED

2019/11:094 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas unanticipated issues, such as the Student Choice Initiative, may arise part way through the academic year;

Whereas the Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy should be made more accessible to students of the Federation’s member local students’ associations;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 33 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 33

CAMPAIGNS OF THE FEDERATION

General Description: Campaigns shall be the Federation's planned course of action on issues for the academic year beginning at each annual general meeting and amended as needed over the course of the academic year.

1. Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy

The National Executive shall prepare a draft Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy to be circulated four weeks prior to each annual general meeting. The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall assess the recent and ongoing campaigns of the Federation, as well as proposing new campaigns. The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall include a section on implementation of the Strategy, which shall include:

- research and information compilation to be undertaken;
- contact with government(s);
- membership mobilisation;
- media strategy; and
- coalition work.

The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall be reviewed at the annual general meeting and shall be made publicly available on the Federation’s website and shall be updated no later than thirty (30) days after each annual general meeting.

2. Established at General Meetings

Notice of the substance of a campaign proposal must be received by the National Executive at least six (6) weeks before the general meeting at which the proposal is to be introduced so that four weeks notice can be given to voting members by mail.

2019/11:095  MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:094 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:094  REFERRED

2019/11:096  MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the Student Choice Initiative requires the Federation to cut costs to survive financially;

Whereas the money the Federation uses to cover accommodations most likely comes from fees paid by students of member local student associations;

Whereas student union staff are not representatives of student issues;

Whereas student money should not subsidize non-student delegates

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 34 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 34

GENERAL MEETING DELEGATE FEES

The Federation will assume the accommodation, food and travel costs for the first delegate from each member local union for each Annual General Meeting, as described in Bylaw II.

The Federation will not further subsidize non-student and non-member delegates from each member local. These delegates must pay for the full accommodation and travel fees without assistance from the Federation. Further, these delegates may not comprise of more than twenty five percent (25%) of any member local delegation.

2019/11:097  MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:096 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:096  REFERRED

2019/11:098  MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas media should be allowed to report on the Federation’s activities;
Whereas shutting out the media is not going to stop negative media coverage of the Federation;
Whereas including media can spread the word about the Federation’s activities and help increase student engagement;
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 35 be amended as follows:

**Standing Resolution 35**

**MEDIA PRESENCE AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

1. The National Executive and any member local student association shall have the authority to extend invitations to the media to attend workshops and/or plenary sessions at national general meetings.
2. Media representatives do not need an invitation from the Federation to attend workshops and/or plenary sessions at national general meetings.
3. Media representatives cannot be kicked out of a meeting of the Federation if they are fulfilling the requirements of decorum.
4. Members of the media shall not have speaking privileges in a session at which they are permitted to attend unless granted by a majority vote of those present at said session.

**2019/11:099  MOTION TO REFER**

Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:098 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

**2019/11:098  REFERRED**

**2019/11:100  MOTION**

Local 98/Local 106

Whereas recent political events like the Student Choice Initiative (SCI) in Ontario threaten the financial sustainability of member locals;
Whereas member locals with more low-income students will likely be adversely affected by the SCI;
Whereas member locals provide vital services to marginalized students and the continued operations of these services needs to be prioritized;
Whereas this time of financial hardship for student unions would be mitigated through an approach focusing on compassion and leniency;
Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “Financial Policy Relating to the Collection of Membership Fees”, be amended as follows:

**Financial Policy Relating to the Collection of Membership Fees**

The Federation’s current national membership fee shall be posted on the Federation’s website in the “About” section. The Federation shall maintain in the “Member Students’ Union” section, the per student amount of the national fee for the previous five years.

The Federation shall send a registered letter to each member association indicating the applicable membership fee, and the letter shall be sent in a timely manner.
The Federation shall apply an interest charge of 1% per month compounded monthly against all member local associations who have failed to remit all membership fees for the past year, except for member local associations who are currently subjected to mandatory opt-out policies like the Student Choice Initiative in Ontario, for which the Federation shall apply an interest charge of 1% per year compounded yearly. Interest will be assessed beginning July 1 for the year immediately preceding and September 1 for the summer immediately preceding. Exception shall be granted to member associations whose institutions operate on a semester-based system. Interest levies shall be subject to review by the National Executive on a case by case basis upon request.

2019/11:101 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:100 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:100 REFERRED

2019/11:102 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the democracy and autonomy of member local students’ associations should be respected;

Whereas the National Executive should not meddle in the democratic processes of member local students’ associations;

Be it resolved to amend the Preamble of the Operations Policy, “National Executive Code of Ethics”, as follows:

National Executive Code of Ethics

Preamble

It is the Federation’s desire that members of the National Executive conduct themselves with integrity that is beyond reproach and in a manner that:

- avoids any conflicts of interest;
- protects confidential information, in accordance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act;
- complies with all applicable governmental laws, regulations, and rules;
- respects the democracy and autonomy of member local associations; and
- adheres to good disclosure practices, in accordance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Be it further resolved to add the following paragraph, “Member Local Association Democracy and Autonomy”, between the “Conflicts of Interest” and “Confidentiality” paragraphs:

Member Local Association Democracy and Autonomy

In order to respect the democracy and autonomy of member local associations, and represent all member locals equally, members of the National Executive shall:

- not interfere with democratic elections of member local associations that they are not a dues-paying member of or allocate the Federation’s staff, volunteers, or resources to such election interference;
- not interfere with the hiring processes of member local associations that they are not a dues-paying member of or allocate the Federation’s staff, volunteers, or resources to such hiring process interference;
- not interfere with the democratic referenda of member local associations that they are not a dues-paying member of or allocate the Federation’s staff, volunteers, or resources to such democratic referenda interference;

2019/11:103 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:102 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2019/11:102 REFERRED

2019/11:104 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas Member Locals are autonomous, democratic organizations;
Whereas any kind of interference in Member Local elections by outside forces is a direct infringement upon democracy;
Be it resolved the Operations Policy, “Campaigns” be amended to include the following under “The Federation opposes”:
- working or supporting any campaign that involves interfering with the democratic processes of Member local associations.

2019/11:105 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:104 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2019/11:104 REFERRED

2019/11:106 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas the Federation is a national student organization;
Whereas the Federation represents many student unions outside of Ontario, specifically the Ottawa/Gatineau area;
Whereas the current Bylaw II.3.a already gives the National Executive the ability to change locations of a General Meeting under undefined “extenuating circumstances”;
Whereas the General Meetings of the past have been located in cities such as Victoria - British Columbia (Nov 1982), Thunder Bay - Ontario (May 1994), North York - Ontario (May 1998), Renfrew - Ontario (Nov 1998);
Whereas the costs and expenses of General Meetings can vary depending on location;
Whereas the Members pay a fee that is equal to everyone else, regardless of distance travelled;
Be it resolved that Bylaw II.2.b, II.2.c and II.2.e be amended as follows:

b. Each member will be asked to indicate its intention to attend or not to attend each general meeting. If one-half (1/2) or more of the members, not including prospective members, indicate that they will not attend, the National Executive will cancel the meeting.

c. The Notice will include all positions that are to be elected at the general meeting, including descriptions of these positions.

e. Notice of any meeting where special business will be transacted shall state the nature of that business in sufficient detail to permit a member to form a reasoned judgment on the business and state the text of any resolution requiring approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members to be submitted to the meeting. All business transacted at a meeting of members, except for consideration of the financial statements, public accountant’s report, election of directors and re-appointment of the incumbent public accountant, is “special business”.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II.3 be amended as follows:

3. Location of General Meetings

a. Each general meeting of the Federation will be held in a location determined by the National Executive. The National Executive shall attempt to select locations that reflect the diversity of provinces that the Federation represents.

b. The cost of travel to a general meeting for delegates of each member will be equalized, taking into account members’ ability to pay, by such a system of pooling travel costs as may be determined from time to time by the National Executive.

c. The Federation shall not have meetings in the same region more than once every two (2) years. The regions for consideration are as follows:

i. Atlantic Provinces
ii. Quebec
iii. Ontario
iv. Manitoba and Saskatchewan
v. Alberta and British Columbia

Be it resolved that Bylaw II.6 be amended as follows:

6. Travel Pool

Each member local student association having representation in a general meeting will participate in the general meeting travel pool.

In the event that member locals are located within one hundred sixty (160) kilometers of the location of the Federation’s Annual General Meeting, these member locals shall pay eighty percent (80%) of the travel pool cost.

2019/11:107 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:106 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:106 REFERRED

2019/11:108 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas the current bylaw of the Federation is undemocratic and outdated;

Whereas in the past, the Federation has been more accepting of new members, as well as members leaving;

Whereas the Federation should respect student democracy;

Whereas the Federation’s work should speak for itself, and convince students that they should join and remain within the Federation;

Whereas student organizations who are not members of the Federation are concerned about the Federation’s current practices and lack of transparency;

Whereas current members of the Federation feel as though they are unable to advise the Federation on best practices due to fear of criticism, attack, and harassment;

Whereas students don’t feel represented by the Federation;

Whereas the students are in close communication with their member local student association, and receive the vast majority of services from them;

Whereas the Federation should not fear student democracy, and the elected representatives that arise from it;

Whereas the Federation needs to be attentive in order to listen to the concerns of those who do not feel represented, and attempt to keep them within the Federation by choice rather than by force;

Whereas none of this is controversial outside of this plenary room;

Be it resolved that Bylaw I.3.a be amended as follows:

3. Student and Member Rights

a. Rights of Students

i. The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have sole authority to make decisions through a vote on all questions of membership of the local student association in the Federation, subject to the other provisions of this Bylaw.

ii. The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%), or five thousand (5000), whichever is less, of such students and delivered to the National Executive, a vote to certify as described in Bylaw I, Section 4.

iii. The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have the right to be represented by their member local student association, and as such both parties may initiate a vote on decertification, as described in Bylaw I.6 by submitting to the National Executive of the Federation any of the required documentation for the methods as laid out in Bylaw I.6.a.

iv. The students collectively belonging to a local student association have the right to have their interests represented collectively in the Federation through their local student association, but, for greater certainty, are not members of the Federation or the Canadian Federation of Students-Services and accordingly will not have voting rights at Federation or Canadian Federation of Students-Services general meetings.
v. The Federation will attempt to ensure that a Federation student card is issued to each student who is a member of a member local student association of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.6.a be amended as follows:

6. Vote to Decertify

The students collectively belonging to a member local student association may vote on the question of continuing the membership of the local student association, subject to the following rules and procedures:

a. Methods for Referendum

The Member Local association will have the authority to trigger a vote on decertification through the following methods:

i. Petition from the Member Local

As per Bylaw I, Section 3.a.iii, a petition calling for a vote on decertification shall be signed by no less than ten percent (10%) or five thousand students collectively belonging to the member local student association, whichever is less, and delivered to the National Executive of the Federation.

The petition shall be worded as follows: “We, the undersigned, petition the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.”

The original, unaltered petition must be delivered in its entirety to the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson or National Treasurer, by registered mail. Petitions received that are not original copies, have been altered in any manner, or have been received by any means other than registered mail are not valid.

The petition may not contain any words or images, with the exception of those required by Bylaw I, Section 6.a.i and those required to indicate which fields a signatory must complete.

In order to be considered valid by the National Executive, a name on a petition must be reasonably legible, be accompanied by a valid and corresponding student identification number, and a unique signature.

A student may request that their name be removed from a petition. If the National Executive receives such a request in writing, before the conclusion of the verification process of the petition, the name must be struck from the petition. The name shall not be included in the total number of names on the petition.

ii. General Meeting of the Member Local

As per Bylaw I, Section 3.a.iii, the Member Local shall have the authority to allow the students collectively belonging to it to have a vote on decertification at a General Meeting of the Member Local.

The students shall be able to submit a resolution to the General Meeting of the Member Local calling for the Federation to allow a vote on Decertification. This resolution shall be worded as follows, replacing the blank space with the correct Member Local number: “We, the students of Local _____, petition the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.”
Should this resolution be submitted to the General Meeting with the correct advanced notice, as set out in the Bylaws and Policies of the Member Local, the Member Local in question shall retain legal counsel to observe the vote. Should the resolution pass with the required majority, this legal counsel shall send a letter verifying the information to the National Executive. This letter shall be signed by the legal counsel that witnessed the vote, and shall be delivered via registered mail not less than six (6) months prior to the vote.

The Quorum for the vote shall be that of the Member Local. The resolution shall pass with a \(\frac{2}{3}\) majority of those voting. Two (2) members of the Federation shall be allotted 15 minutes of speaking time at any General Meeting where this resolution is on the agenda.

iii. Referenda of the Member Local

As per Bylaw I, Section 3.a.iii, the Member Local shall have the authority to allow the students collectively belonging to it to have a vote on decertification through a referendum, compliant with the Bylaws and Policies of the Member Local.

The students shall be able to request a referendum through the Bylaws and Policies set out in the Bylaws and Policies of the Member local. This referendum question shall be worded as follows, replacing the blank space with the correct Member Local number: “We, the students of Local _____, petition the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.” The options for voting shall be “Yes”, “No”, and “Abstain”.

In the case where a referendum is called, the Member Local shall retain legal counsel to observe the results of the vote. Should the resolution pass with the required quorum, this legal counsel shall send a letter verifying the information to the National Executive. This letter shall be signed by the legal counsel that witnessed the vote, and shall be delivered via registered mail not less than six (6) months prior to the vote.

Quorum for this referendum shall be ten percent (10%) of the Member Local’s membership.

Campaigning in this referendum shall be subject to the Bylaws and Policies of the Member Local.

iv. Vote of the Board of Directors of the Member Local

As per Bylaw I, Section 3.a.iii, the Member Local shall have the authority to allow the students collectively belonging to it to have their elected representatives vote on continuing membership within the Canadian Federation of Students.

A decision calling for a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students, that has been approved by a \(\frac{3}{4}\) majority of the local member association’s Board of Directors, with a letter signed by legal counsel that witnessed the vote must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than six (6) months prior to the vote.

The letter and decision must include either the decision to hold the vote at a general meeting, or proposed dates of voting, provided that there shall be no fewer than two (2) days of voting.
No vote on decertification shall be scheduled between April 15 and September 15 or between December 15 and January 15.

The motion to vote on decertification at a local member association must include the wording as follows, replacing the blank space with the correct Member Local number: "Be it resolved that we, the students of Local _____, petition the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students."

Quorum for the vote in question shall be that of the Member Local’s Board of Directors. The required majority for a valid vote shall be ¾.

v. Student Choice Initiative Opt Out Rates

For member local student associations in a province with an option for students to opt out of Federation membership fees, each individual student that opts out of Federation membership fees shall be treated the same as if they signed a petition, thus opt-outs may be counted in lieu of or in addition to petition signatures.

If twenty five percent (25%) or more of individual student members of a member local student association opt out of Federation membership fees for four (4) consecutive opt-out periods, a decertification referendum shall be automatically triggered. This process restarts if at any point during those four (4) consecutive terms opt out rates are below twenty five percent (25%).

These opt out rates must be verified by an independent source, such as the member local university administration, legal counsel, or other sources required by the Federation. In any of these cases, the member local is not permitted to share individualized data, such as names, student numbers, gender identity, year of study, and other personal identifiers.

In order to confirm this information, the member local should follow the procedure laid out in section 6.a.iv.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.6.b.iii be amended as follows:

iii. There shall be no more than four (4) votes to decertify in any one (1) period of ninety (90) consecutive days.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.6.l be amended as follows:

I. Minimum Period Between Vote to Certify and Vote to Decertify

In addition to required compliance with Bylaw I, Sections 6.a. to 6.k., in order for a vote on decertification to proceed, a vote to certify may not have been held within the previous thirty (30) months for members comprised of university students and fifteen (15) months for members comprised of college students, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the National Executive.

2019/11:109 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:108 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:108 REFERRED
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2019/11:110 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas some member locals require reports to be written and submitted to their Board of Directors on any conference members attend;
Whereas motions for Annual General Meetings are hard to write without completed and updated documents;
Whereas every local should be informed of decisions made for their own record keeping;
Whereas not every representative has the ability to receive a transition from their predecessor, and may not be aware of what happened at the last meeting;
Be it resolved that the National Executive send each member local a draft copy of the updated Governing Documents so that they may base their next Annual General Meeting submission package on correct information no more than ninety (90) days after the end of the most recent Annual General Meeting.
Be it further resolved that the National Executive send each member local the amendments to any motion at committee and closing plenary, as well as their adoption, failure, or tabling status within thirty (30) days of the end of the meeting at which these took place.

2019/11:111 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:110 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED

2019/11:112 MOTION
Local 97/Local 106
Whereas the formerly named Students with Disabilities Constituency Group recently changed its name to the Student Disability Justice Constituency Group; and
Whereas this updated name is not reflected consistently throughout the current Standing Resolutions of the Federation; Therefore
Be it resolved that the Standing Resolutions be updated to reflect the correct name of the Constituency Group as follows:
- Update the name of the group in the Table of Contents under Standing Resolution 9.
- Update the name of the group in Standing Resolution 9, Section 6 e (STUDENT DISABILITY JUSTICE CONSTITUENCY GROUP, Duties of the Student Disability Justice Commissioner).
- Update the name of the group in Standing Resolution 15, Section 2 b (CONSTITUENCY GROUP COMMISSION, Membership)
- Update the name of the group in Standing Resolution 36, Section 3 (CONSTITUENCY GROUPS, Current Constituency Groups)

2019/11:113 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:112 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:112 REFERRED

2019/11:114 MOTION
Local 97/Local 106
Whereas the Federation recently decided to include subsidies for dependent care as well as childcare; and
Whereas this decision is not reflected consistently throughout the Standing Resolutions and Operations Policy of the Federation; therefore
Be it resolved that the Operations Policy on National General Meetings, subsection Childcare and Dependent Care, be amended as follows:

-Change the beginning of the first sentence from “The Federation shall provide partial reimbursement for childcare expenses incurred” to read “The Federation shall provide partial reimbursement for childcare and dependent care expenses incurred”

-Change the portion of section 1, which reads “shall reimburse the member (parent or guardian of the child/dependent)”, to read “shall reimburse the member (parent or guardian or caregiver of the child/dependent)”

-Change section 2, which reads “for each child after the first requiring childcare services, the member or member local association will be reimbursed for an additional $15.00 per day up to a maximum of three additional children;”, to read “for each child or dependent after the first requiring childcare or dependent care services, the member or member local association will be reimbursed for an additional $15.00 per day up to a maximum of three additional children or dependents.”

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 18, subsection 8.f.iii (THE NATIONAL GRADUATE CAUCUS, Finances, Subsidies for [Caucus] General Meetings), which reads “The subsidy will only cover child care, travel and accommodation costs.”, be amended to read “The subsidy will only cover child care, dependent care, travel and accommodation costs.”

2019/11:115 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:114 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:114 REFERRED

2019/11:116 MOTION
Local 97/Local 106
Whereas the Federation recently eliminated its Semi-Annual General Meeting and opted to instead have one (annual) General Meeting; and
Whereas this is not consistently reflected in the Federation’s Standing Resolutions; therefore
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 12, Section 10 (PART TIME AND MATURE STUDENTS CONSORTIUM GROUP, Part Time and Mature Students Constituency Group Co-Commissioner Election Procedure), be amended as follows:

- Change the sentence reading “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” to read “The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from the end of the closing plenary of the annual general meeting until the end of the closing plenary of the annual general meeting one year later.”

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 13, Section 10 (QUEER STUDENTS’ CONSORTIUM GROUP, Queer Students’ Constituency Group Co-Commissioner Election Procedure) be amended as follows:

- Change the sentence reading: “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” to read “The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from the end of the closing plenary of the annual general meeting until the end of the closing plenary of the annual general meeting one year later”.

2019/11:117 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:116 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:116 REFERRED

2019/11:118 MOTION
Local 97/Local 106

Whereas the Federation ought to, when feasible, conduct its operations in a manner which reduces unnecessary costs; and

Whereas all member locals have access to email; and

Whereas the cost of postal mail is higher than email; and

Whereas it is thus desirable that the Federation disseminate documents via email rather than by postal mail when feasible; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw XII, Section 2 (AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, Notice) be amended as follows:

- Change the sentence which reads “The National Executive shall mail notice of all proposed amendments to the members not less than twenty-one (21) days before the general meeting at which they are to be considered.” to read “The National Executive shall mail and/or e-mail notice of all proposed amendments to the members not less than twenty-one (21) days before the general meeting at which they are to be considered.”

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 33, Section 2 (CAMPAIGNS OF THE FEDERATION, Established at General Meetings) be amended as follows:
- Change the sentence which reads: “Notice of the substance of a campaign proposal must be received by the National Executive at least six (6) weeks before the general meeting at which the proposal is to be introduced so that four weeks notice can be made to voting members by mail” to read “Notice of the substance of a campaign proposal must be received by the National Executive at least six (6) weeks before the general meeting at which the proposal is to be introduced so that four weeks notice can be made to voting members by mail and/or e-mail.”

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Operations Policy on Federation Documents, subsection “Annual Report” be amended as follows:

- Change the sentence reading: “A copy of the annual report shall be mailed to each member local not in attendance at the meeting no later than four (4) weeks following the meeting.” to read “A copy of the annual report shall be mailed and/or e-mailed to each member local not in attendance at the meeting no later than four (4) weeks following the meeting.”

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Operations Policy on International Union of Students be amended as follows:

- Change the sentence reading: “Copies of the International Union of Students Newsletter shall be mailed out to all member local associations on a regular basis” to read: “Copies of the International Union of Students Newsletter shall be mailed and/or e-mailed out to all member local associations on a regular basis.”

**2019/11:119 MOTION TO REFER**
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:118 be referred to the Organisation and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2019/11:118 REFERRED**

**2019/11:120 MOTION**
Local 11/Local 106

Whereas the term sexualized violence is broad enough to account for the many ways that violence can be enacted in a sexualized manner; and

Whereas sexualized violence disproportionately affects not only cisgender women but trans women, trans men, non-binary people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people; and

Whereas the creation of stand-alone sexualized violence policies at post-secondary institutions across the country means that students must continue to push institutions to adequately address the reality of sexualized violence on campus by creating awareness of the issue, fully-funded systems of support and response, and tools for prevention; and

Whereas sexualized violence awareness, prevention, and response at an institutional level must become and remain survivor-centric, trauma-informed, and anti-oppressive in its approach; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on “Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women on Campus” be renamed “Sexualized Violence on Campus.”
Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on “Sexualized Violence on Campus” (as renamed) be amended to read:

Preamble

When sexualized violence against self-identified women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people occurs at a post-secondary institution, it is the responsibility of the campus community to provide a safe and inclusive environment that supports the survivor(s). Post-secondary institutions have a responsibility to: foster awareness of sexualized violence on campus and dismantle rape culture myths; respond appropriately to sexualized violence in a survivor-centric, trauma-informed, and anti-oppressive manner (including the implementation of fully-funded systems of survivor support and response); and take all necessary steps to preventing sexualized violence on campus and eliminating the root causes of gender-based violence.

Too often, post-secondary institutions have publicly downplayed incidences of sexualized violence on their campuses in order to protect the institution’s reputation. Such efforts hinder the ability of campus communities to engage in meaningful and open dialogue, and to address matters related to sexualized violence on their campuses. Post-secondary institutions have a responsibility to address the reality of sexualized violence on campus. Furthermore, institutions have a responsibility to address the reality that survivors/victims of sexualized violence often know their perpetrators who are not necessarily “strangers” to the campus community.

Institutional stand-alone sexualized violence policies and practices that are survivor-centric, trauma-informed, and anti-oppressive are critical to ending gender-based discrimination and violence. Such policies and practices should be rooted in the recognition of sexism as a mechanism of oppression that is intensified by colonial violence, racism, classism, homophobia, transphobia and ableism, as well as a range of other experiences that affect the profound and complex physical, psychological, and social responses to the trauma of sexualized violence. Additionally, these policies and practices should seek to empower the individual(s) who has experienced sexualized violence by placing their needs at the centre of decision-making related to support and response. This includes the active inclusion and participation of students and survivors in the creation of sexualized violence policies and practices that affect them.

Furthermore, all sexualized violence policies and practices should be accompanied by fully-funded support services for survivors/victims, including the hiring of full-time staff person(s) to respond to incidences of sexualized violence on campus.

In some institutional and police responses to sexualized violence, visual representations of alleged perpetrators have focused on racialised characteristics. Such responses serve to target racialised groups rather than provide meaningful information such as age, height, and behaviour that will aid in identifying the perpetrator. All investigators that are hired at an institutional level should be trained in anti-oppression and culturally-competent practices, as well as trauma-informed practices.

Additionally, it is important that institutions keep the campus community aware of ongoing developments and investigations to ensure that students are not left in a state of fear.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- the implementation of stand-alone sexualized violence policies at every post-secondary institution across the country, which are survivor-centric, trauma-informed, and anti-oppressive in their approach - and the creation of which includes student representation, consultation, and active participation;
- the hiring of full-time staff person(s) to respond to sexualized violence and help survivors/victims navigate sexualized violence policies, systems for reporting, and all the supports and accommodations available to them;
- an adequate level of funding and resources for campus health and counselling services, including sexual assault crisis and trauma services, and public education on ending the legacy of sexism and gender-based violence;
- incident reporting mechanisms that respect the rights and decisions of survivors, reflect trauma-informed and anti-oppressive practice, and promote campus safety and inform the campus community of immediate risks;
- reporting systems established through the collaboration of institutional administrative bodies, students’ unions, faculty associations, campus labour unions and associations, and local sexual assault support centres and rape crisis centres
- that which respect the rights and decisions of survivors and reflect trauma-informed and anti-oppressive practice;
- the hiring of investigators which are trained in anti-oppression and culturally-competent practices, as well as trauma-informed practices;
- annual safety audits, that are community-driven and examine safety holistically;
- on-campus safety committees, composed of representatives of the institution, students’ unions, faculty associations and campus labour unions and associations, and mandated to improve safety and fulfill safety audit recommendations;
- the provision of adequately-funded campus safewalk services;
- institutional policies and practices that recognise the importance of campus safety measures while at the same time promoting education, awareness and accountability with the goal of eradicating the legacy of sexism and gender-based violence and systemic forms of oppression that exist within post-secondary institutions;
- the inclusion in staff training and faculty professional development sessions of anti-oppressive and trauma-informed training, as well as gender-based violence awareness and education, especially for those staff and faculty working in security and frontlines service provision;
- institutional safety policies and practices that recognize the reality that a majority of incidents of sexualized violence occur between acquaintances and not strangers;
- student-run sexualized violence support services including, but not limited to emotional support, outreach activities and awareness-building campaigns; and
- institutional attitudes that support and recognize student-run programming, organizing, and support around sexualized violence on campus, and institutional commitment to programming and support that takes its lead directly from students who have historically been doing this work on campus.

The Federation opposes:
- campaigns, forums, groups, meetings or events whose purpose is to frighten, intimidate and/or target women, trans, two-spirit, and intersex students on campus;
- the institutional lack of response to calls for public support and protection of students being drugged, threatened, stalked and/or attacked on campus;
- inaction on the part of post-secondary institutions to address the reality of sexualized violence on campus, including but not limited to: implementing fully-funded supports and services for survivors/victims, committing to outcomes or consequences for perpetrators, and keeping students adequately informed about imminent risks to their safety on campus; and
- institutions which prioritize their reputation and monetary assets over justice, safety, and healing for survivors/victims.

2019/11:121 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:120 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:120 REFERRED

2019/11:122 MOTION
Local 11/Local 106

Whereas the Federation’s Issues Policy on Women’s Issues has not been amended since 1996 and was not exceptionally broad in scope; and

Whereas many issues classified as “women’s issues” not only disproportionately affect cisgender women but also disproportionately affect trans women, trans men, non-binary people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people; and

Whereas many of these issues are evolving and new issues are constantly arising; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation’s Issues Policy on “Women’s Issues” be renamed “Gendered Issues.”

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Issues Policy on “Gendered Issues” (as renamed) be amended to read:

Preamble

Gendered issues are such issues which disproportionately affect cisgender women, trans women, trans men, non-binary people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people. These issues of sexism and misogyny are made more complex by racism, colonialism, xenophobia, classism, ableism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, and other oppressive systems that further marginalize those affected by sexism and misogyny. We must always address gendered issues using an intersectional and anti-oppressive framework. This framework will aid the collective organizing of women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people, and help them to work together as a cohesive unit. This framework will help those who are affected by sexism and misogyny to recognize the differences in their experiences and to work together to understand their unique experiences of sexism and misogyny.

Policy

The Federation supports the following rights of women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people:

- the right to control their own bodies;
- the right to free and accessible abortion upon demand and opposes the implementation of user fees and other barriers to accessing abortions;
- the right to access free, safe, and reliable birth control and family planning information and the right of choice in the method;
- the right to free and accessible contraceptives, pregnancy tests, menstrual health products, and STI testing;
- the right to publicly funded, quality sexual health clinics and health services which provide the following (including information on the following so that women, trans, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people can make informed decisions about their own health and bodies): abortions, STI testing, contraceptives, birth control, pregnancy tests, and menstrual health products;
- the right to access a full range of options and to be able to freely exercise whatever decision they make in the case of pregnancy; - the right to free and accessible safer sex education at the primary, secondary, and post-secondary education level, as well as in the broader community;

- the right to access culturally competent, anti-oppressive, and trauma-informed sexual health services that take into account such barriers as: language, physical accessibility, affordability, etc.; - the right to freedom of expression of sexual orientation and gender identity;

- the right to freedom from sexualized violence, gender-based violence, intimate partner violence, and all other forms of violence; - the right to live and work in an environment free of sexual harassment; - the right to freedom of choice of lifestyle, employment, and education as full and equal participants in society;

- the right to employment, and the right to equal opportunity of employment with equal pay for work of equal value; - the right to access full, government subsidised, quality child care, provided by adequately trained and paid child care workers; and

- the right to organize collectively as people who are all affected by sexism and misogyny, since organisations run for and by women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people are necessary to actively raise the issues faced by these groups, to provide a place for those affected by sexism and misogyny to develop organisational and political skills, and to provide a forum where those affected by sexism and misogyny can develop a sense of unity and co-operation. Please see “Gendered Student Issues” in the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy for more information pertaining to the Federation’s stance on gendered issues specific to education.

2019/11:123 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:122 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:122 REFERRED

2019/11:124 MOTION
Local 11/Local 106

Whereas the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on “Women Students’ Issues” has not been amended since 1995; and

Whereas many issues classified as “women students’ issues” not only disproportionately affect cisgender women but also disproportionately affect trans women, trans men, non-binary people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people; and

Whereas many of these issues are evolving and new issues are constantly arising; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on “Women Students’ Issues” be renamed “Gendered Student Issues.”

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on “Gendered Student Issues” (as renamed) be amended to read:

Preamble

Gendered student issues are such issues which disproportionately affect students who are cisgender women, trans women, trans men, non-binary people,
two-spirit peoples, and intersex people. These issues of sexism and misogyny in post-secondary education are made more complex by racism, colonialism, xenophobia, classism, ableism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, and other oppressive systems that further marginalize those affected by sexism and misogyny. We must always address gendered issues in post-secondary education using an intersectional and anti-oppressive framework. This framework will aid the collective organizing of women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people, and help them to work together as a cohesive unit. This framework will help those who are affected by sexism and misogyny to recognize the differences in their experiences and to work together to understand their unique experiences of sexism and misogyny.

Policy
The Federation declares that women, trans, two-spirit, and intersex students have the right to:

1. freedom of choice of lifestyle, employment, and education as full and equal participants in society;
2. access post-secondary education without barriers, including but not limited to barriers resulting from sexism, racism, colonialism, xenophobia, classism, ableism, homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia;
3. employment, and the right to equal opportunity of employment with equal pay for work of equal value;
4. access full, government subsidised, quality child care, provided by adequately trained and paid child care workers, since access to education is limited by a lack thereof;
5. financial student assistance programs which meet the needs of full-time students, part-time students, and single parents, the majority of whom are women, trans, and two-spirit, and which does not require dependence on their parents or spouse;
6. concrete programs for re-entry of women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people into post-secondary education, to aid them in overcoming the barriers of interrupted studies and inadequate backgrounds;
7. academic counselling which informs women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people of all educational and employment opportunities available, in order to actively combat the streaming of women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people into traditional fields;
8. an education through non-sexist, non-heteronormative, and non-cisnormative instruction, textbooks and materials, recognising that some literature and materials must be viewed relative to their historical or social context but that all instruction, contemporary textbooks and materials should be free of sexual and gendered stereotyping and discrimination;
9. an education which is anti-oppressive in its approach, including the active diversification of curricula;
10. effective, legal, and academic grievance procedures recognised by students, faculty, and support staff;
11. an educational environment free of advertisements, entertainment programming and/or materials which promote gendered or sexualized violence, stereotyping and/or discrimination;
12. government funded gender studies courses in post-secondary educational institutions;
13. organize collectively as people who are all affected by sexism and misogyny, since organisations run for and by women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people within the student movement are necessary to actively raise the issues faced by these groups, to provide a place for those affected by sexism
and misogyny to develop organisational and political skills, and to provide a forum where those affected by sexism and misogyny can develop a sense of unity and co-operation;
14. create and participate in programming around gendered issues on their campuses without fear of reprisal;
15. a student organisation which recognises, promotes and funds a gender justice organisation on campus to facilitate involvement in gendered issues; and
16. control their own bodies, including but not limited to:
- access to safe, reliable birth control and family planning information and the right of choice in the method;
- access to quality health services and counselling which meet the needs of women, trans, two-spirit, and intersex students and respect their bodily autonomy;
- access to a full range of options and to be able to freely exercise whatever decision they make in the case of pregnancy;
- freedom of expression of sexual orientation and gender identity;
- freedom from sexualized violence and all other forms of violence; and
- the right to an educational environment free of sexual harassment.

2019/11:125 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:124 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.
CARRIED

2019/11:124 REFERRED

2019/11:126 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas student journalism is real journalism;
Whereas student journalism should not be censored nor delegitimized;
Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are a valuable resource to spread the word about the Federation’s victories, initiatives, and calls to action;
Whereas there have been recent attempts to infringe upon student organizations and policy developments which are not beneficial to students including, but not limited to the Ontario Government’s Student Choice Initiative, cuts to education, and significant detrimental changes to OHIP+ requiring the Federation to mobilize student resistance and campaign for positive policy change more than ever;
Whereas effective mobilization requires conducting outreach to as many students as possible;
Whereas recognized student-led campus publications will increase the Federation’s outreach capacities significantly;
Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are under threat by far-right and otherwise authoritarian forces that seek to write them off as fake news;
Whereas excluding recognized student-led campus publications contributes to their delegitimization and plays into the hands of the far-right;
Whereas restricting access to relevant information about the Federation’s decision-making makes it more difficult for marginalized students to become informed about decisions that affect their student movement and participate, which could be interpreted as discrimination against students who are most in need;

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy, “Media”, be amended as follows:

Preamble
The Federation acknowledges the importance of free and independent journalism institutions in society. The Federation recognizes that student journalists play an important role in the student movement to promote and keep records of student advocacy, which helps ensure that best practices and lessons learned are preserved for future generations of students. Furthermore, the Federation supports the existence of free and independent student-led campus publications on all campuses.

Student-led campus publications allow students to tell their own stories, challenge the decisions made by institutional decision-making structures, expose injustices on campuses, and inform the general student body about events organized on campuses. Student-led campus publications can also empower students to become storytellers or journalists, and tell stories about their own communities that may be left out of the mainstream press. Student-led campus publications should be autonomous and offer a student-centred perspective that tends to be absent from university or college publications produced by institutional administrations.

Media
The Federation supports:

- editorial autonomy of student publications;
- the fair remittance of student levies passed democratically that guarantee funding for student-led campus publications;
- recognized student-led campus publications attending and reporting on General Meetings of the Federation, including both the Opening and Closing Plenary, and all committee meetings, and excluding caucuses and constituency group meetings.

The Federation opposes:

- The Federation strongly opposes the budgetary cuts to Radio Canada and CBC and demands that the Federal government ensure a broad range of local and national programs in both official languages;
- the concentration of media ownership by large corporations;
- any attempt to censor or delegitimize student journalism;
- publications that are established and controlled by campus administrations as an affront to independent newspapers on campus;
- interference in the collection or remittance of student levies for student media outlets by institutional administrations;
- students’ unions who infringe on the autonomy and integrity of recognized student-led campus publications

The Federation refrains from aiding in the distribution and the purchase of advertising in commercial, campus-targeted publications other than non-
Federation publications which displace money from the student community and threaten the livelihood of non-profit, student-run publications.

2019/11:127 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:126 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.
CARRIED

2019/11:126 REFERRED

2019/11:128 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas student employment is often precarious;
Whereas students’ unions express the democratic will of their student members;
Be it resolved that the Issues Policy, “Student Employment” be amended to include the following under “The Federation supports”:
- students being able to be members of labour unions associated with their occupations and/or places of work; and
- the prioritization of student hiring for positions within students’ unions.

2019/11:129 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:128 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.
CARRIED

2019/11:128 REFERRED

2019/11:130 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas special students are often overlooked in education policy;
Whereas special students contributions to student life should be valued;
Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy, “Special Student Issues”, be added to the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policies:

Special Student Issues

Preamble
Special students are students who are enrolled in courses at a post-secondary institution but are not affiliated with any degree or program. These students may be taking courses to obtain new prerequisites for jobs, have been forced to change careers, are looking to build knowledge for immediate application in their community, or may not be able to afford the cost of a full program, even with a part-time course load. While this classification of students is not as common as others, the Federation recognizes that these students are also part of campus communities.

Policy
The Federation supports:
- special students being eligible to access student services offered by education institutions and students’ unions;
- special students being eligible to be members of students’ unions and pay students’ union membership fees;
- special students being eligible to get involved in extracurricular activities; and
- formal certificates of recognition for special students for completing courses that can be used to provide proof of course completion for job and education related applications.

The Federation opposes:
- special students being ineligible for services due to their special student status; and
- unfair treatment on the basis of special student status.

2019/11:131 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:130 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.
CARRIED

2019/11:130 REFERRED

2019/11:132 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas students’ unions should develop organizational structures that emulate the fair decision making processes their student members want to see in society;
Whereas harassment must be prevented as much as possible in all institutions;
Whereas access to legal aid would help students who are victims of harassment;
Whereas the Federation and its Member Locals should commit to harassment prevention;
Whereas there are a number of spelling and grammar mistakes in the policy that need to be ameliorated;
Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy, “Harassment and Grievance Policies”, be amended as follows:

Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policies

The Federation supports and encourages the development of common elements of harassment complaint procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to, confidentiality of the complainant; a response period that is respectful of students and staff; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, language, socioeconomic class, position of influence, and employment as an academic worker including, but not limited to, research assistants and teaching assistants, and therefore a need for an advocacy procedure for the complainant.

The Federation supports the creation and maintenance of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are autonomous and fully funded, publicly and adequately, to serve the needs of all students. The Federation further supports these offices being equipped to provide students with legal assistance.

The Federation encourages post-secondary institutions to acknowledge and address in their Harassment Complaint Procedures academic workers including, but not limited to, research assistants and teaching assistants are in a unique employment situation where they may face harassment from both supervisors and students and can experience repercussions on the basis of their employment and/or academic status.
The Federation encourages post-secondary institutions to develop and provide harassment prevention training, guidelines, policies, and procedures for those who supervise academic workers including, but not limited to, research assistants and teaching assistants.

The Federation encourages Member Locals to develop and provide harassment prevention training, guidelines, policies, and procedures, for student representatives and other individuals in managerial positions who interact with the study body and supervise employees and volunteers.

The Federation shall strive to develop and provide harassment prevention training, guidelines, policies, and procedures, for student representatives and other individuals in managerial positions who interact with student representatives, students, and other individuals from internal and external stakeholder groups.

2019/11:133 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:132 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

CARRIED

MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

2019/11:132 REFERRED

Whereas there are a number of spelling and grammatical errors in this policy that need to be ameliorated;

Whereas environmental sustainability is another issue to take into consideration for a policy on housing;

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy, “Housing”, be amended as follows:

Housing
The Federation supports:
- the construction of affordable university and community college housing in communities with a shortage of affordable housing;
- the abolition of housing policies that discriminate against students, including but not limited to policies on subsidized housing;
- the abolition of barriers to accessibility to non-profit, tenant-controlled housing, including exclusionary housing bylaws; and
- efforts to make new and existing campus student residences environmentally sustainable.

Be it further resolved that the last bullet of the Post-secondary Education Issues Policy “Housing” be amended as follows:

- full accessibility and fair and equitable allocation of campus student residence spaces to students with partners, dependents, or other family-oriented living requirements.

2019/11:135 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:134 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.
CARRIED

2019/11:134 REFERRED

2019/11:136 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas there are a number of grammatical issues in this policy that need to be ameliorated;

Whereas accessibility should apply to extracurricular participation and participation in students’ unions;

Be it resolved that the Preamble of the Post-secondary Education Issues Policy, “Accessibility”, be amended as follows:

Accessibility
Preamble
A system of accessible education is one in which education is available to all applicants who wish to attend a postsecondary institution to further their education. The Federation recognises that the class-stratified nature of Canadian society serves to discriminate against most Canadians in their attempts to obtain a quality postsecondary education. A system of accessible education should allow individual students to pursue the education of their choice.

Be it further resolved that the Post-secondary Education Issues Policy, “Accessibility”, be amended to include the following under “The Federation supports”:

- the elimination of all aforementioned barriers as they apply to student involvement in the extracurricular aspect of education;
- the elimination of all aforementioned barriers as they apply to participation in the democratic decision-making processes of students’ unions;
- Recognizing online voting systems with software and implementation procedures that allow all students to have access to make informed votes as the most accessible type of voting system.

2019/11:137 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:136 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:136 REFERRED

2019/11:138 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas the Federation could benefit from a solidarity approach that focuses on inclusion;

Whereas many Member Locals have left the Federation due to its past practices;

Whereas a toxic organizational culture is detrimental to students’ mental health and is a sign that an organization is oppressive;

Whereas critique and debate are healthy aspects of an organization that helps it grow;
Whereas any attempt to bring back those who left the Federation, those who opted out due to the Student Choice Initiative in Ontario, or those who are critical of the Federation should be done through inclusion instead of fostering animosity towards those individuals and groups;

Whereas the fact that this motion has been submitted indicates that the Federation has problems with its current organizational culture;

Whereas progressive ends cannot be reached through authoritarian means;

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy, “Solidarity”, be amended as follows:

**Solidarity**

The Federation encourages students to work in solidarity with members of the post-secondary educational community. The Federation opposes penalties imposed upon members of the post-secondary educational community for respecting picket lines.

The Federation shall remain in solidarity even with members who are critical of the Federation, because it is through a continuous process of productive discourse that the Federation improves over time.

**The Federation opposes:**

- any behaviour that encourages resentment towards Member Locals and students who are critical of the Federation or Member Locals and students who wish to leave the Federation;
- any behaviour that encourages resentment towards other provincial and national students’ unions that have emerged out of opposition to the Federation’s past decisions and/or current practices;
- any behaviour that encourages resentment towards students who have recently begun learning about progressive politics and who may be just learning about its intricacies including, but not limited to, correct language, connotations, understandings, and practices;
- any behaviour that falsely labels Member Locals and students who are critical of the Federation as being adherents of a particular political ideology, demographic, or other factors and using such labels with the same vitriol as slurs within the context of the Federation’s organizational culture;
- The Federation shall remain in solidarity with all students under its territorial jurisdiction regardless of whether they pay fees to the Federation, and shall carry out the will of these students before all else, even if doing so results in the dissolution of the Federation; and

The Federation acknowledges that any violation of this policy is a direct attempt to foster a toxic culture within the Federation that is damaging to students’ mental health. Any such violation is the opposite of what the Federation seeks to promote and is a grossly failed attempt to practice progressive politics.

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2019/11:139 **MOTION TO REFER**

Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:138 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:138 **REFERRED**

2019/11:140 **MOTION**

Local 98/Local 106
Whereas students’ unions should not only be autonomous, but democratic;
Whereas compliance with the current corporate legislation in Canada does not ensure sufficiently fair and democratic decision-making;
Whereas appointed municipal student advisory councils could be used as an excuse for policymakers to not consult with elected students’ representatives;
Whereas there should no meddling in Member Local elections by any external groups, including other students’ unions;

Be it resolved that the third paragraph of the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy, “Students' Union Autonomy”, be amended as follows:

Students’ Union Autonomy

Preamble

Students’ unions’ ability to provide representation and high-quality services for their members depends, in large part, on their ability to receive membership fees and to conduct their work autonomously.

While students’ unions in some provinces have strong legislation that recognises their right to organise and ensures their financial and democratic autonomy, students’ unions in other provinces exist without formal government recognition or protection. As such, for the majority of students’ unions in Canada, the legal rights for the collection fees only exist in common law. In the absence of clearly defined legal rights, students’ unions in much of Canada secure rights and powers from their respective institutional administrations by entering into individual contracts or agreements.

However, in order to represent the views and defend the interests of their members, students’ unions must, from time-to-time, take positions that are critical of the decisions or actions of campus administrations, governments, external political parties, other relevant organisations and bodies, or this Federation without fear of reprisals in the form of the withholding of funds or the eviction from space. In the absence of legislation protecting the students’ union autonomy and right to organise, students’ unions are vulnerable to interference from campus administration, governments and all external parties, and are in constant threat of having their funds withheld by politically motivated college and university administrations.

Policy

The Federation supports legislation that:

- defines students’ unions as autonomous entities whose operations are subject only to the laws that govern not-for-profit corporations and the democratic will of their members;
- mandates the collection and remission of membership fees to students’ unions by university and college governing bodies and guarantees this right of remission without interference from institutional administrative bodies;
- enshrines students’ unions’ full financial and operational autonomy, including the ability to hire and manage staff, set fees, prepare financial statements, arrange for audits, and enter into arrangements with external service providers;
- enshrines students’ unions’ full democratic autonomy, such as the ability to set and administer referendum and election rules, define membership, and maintain policies and bylaws;
- recognises only member-driven students’ unions as the official student voice on campus, in Canada and prohibits any post-secondary education institution administration, municipal, provincial, or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external political party, or any agent or representative thereof, from selecting, appointing, overseeing or administering
the election of student representatives to institutional and governmental bodies of any kind, including commissions, consultations, or any other advisory or decision-making body; and
- guarantees access to relevant, accurate membership lists and associated contact information for all students’ unions.

The Federation opposes:
- the recognition of any individual student or student group that is not elected or appointed through and officially recognised member-driven students’ unions as a student representative for the purpose of representing the needs or interests of students on any institutional and governmental body of any kind, including commissions, consultations, or any other advisory or decision-making body;
- any legislation, policy or action on the part of any post-secondary education institution administration, municipal, provincial or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external party, this Federation, or any agent or representative thereof, that undermines students’ union autonomy, right and ability to organise, or ability to work collectively in broader coalitions and with other organisations;
- interference by any post-secondary education institution administration, municipal, provincial or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external party, this Federation, or any agent or representative thereof, in students’ union financial or operational affairs or democratic processes, including meetings, elections and referenda;
- any criteria or conditions put in place by college and university administrations as a prerequisite for setting, collecting and remitting membership fees;
- any attempt by this Federation to meddle in the democratic processes of its Member Locals, including, but not limited to elections, referenda, and the votes taken by Member Local governing boards.

2019/11:141 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:140 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:140 REFERRED

2019/11:142 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas that an absence or insufficient size and/or number of prayer spaces on campus is an issue affecting many Canadian postsecondary education institutions;

Be it resolved that a postsecondary education issues policy, “Multi-Faith Campus Prayer Spaces” be adopted as follows:

Multi-Faith Campus Prayer Spaces

Preamble
The Federation acknowledges the importance of religious obligation for students and staff in postsecondary education institution campuses. These spaces should be inclusive, safe, easily accessible, and should be sufficiently sizeable for the number of individuals using them.

The Federation supports:
- Inclusive, safe, accessible, and sufficiently sizeable prayer spaces on postsecondary education institution campuses;
- Prayer spaces being equipped for various individual and group religious activities;
- Prayer spaces being open seven days a week for as many hours a day as possible.

**The Federation opposes:**
- Postsecondary education institutions that do not have prayer spaces;
- Prayer spaces that are not inclusive, accessible, or sufficiently sizeable;
- Prayer spaces with limited hours that provide significant inconveniences for students and staff.

**2019/11:143 MOTION TO REFER**
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:142 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

CARRIED

**2019/11:142 REFERRED**

**2019/11:144 MOTION**
Local 98/Local 106

Whereas there are a number of minor grammatical and structural issues in this policy that need to be amended;

Whereas it is important to revise policies to provide updates on changing concerns relating to the issues they encapsulate and to make them more comprehensive where additional detail would be beneficial;

Whereas the recent trend of political and institutional leaders favouring appointed student advisory councils over elected students’ representative bodies is concerning, as these appointed groups undermine the elected students’ representatives and students’ stakeholder groups that these institutional and political leaders should be consulting with;

Whereas structure of academic senates and boards is not the only way to structure an education institution in order to fulfill the spirit of this policy;

Whereas Innis College at the University of Toronto (St. George) has a structure where students and administration are equal in representation, allowing students to actually have a say in policy matters such as finances, services, renovations, purchasing, and more;

Be it resolved that the Post-secondary Education Issues Policy, “Governance of Post-Secondary Institutions”, be amended as follows:

**Governance of Post-Secondary Institutions**

Preamble If post-secondary institutions are to fulfill their public responsibilities for the creation and transmission of knowledge, students and staff should play a decisive role in making educational decisions and setting educational policy.

**Policy**

Final authority for administrative and financial matters should be vested in institutional boards of governance, composed primarily of community representatives. Educational decisions and the setting of academic policy should be the responsibility of a senior academic body called a senate.

**The Federation supports:**
- institutional boards of governance containing a representative sample of community members including academic and non-academic staff, students and alumni.
- the right of representatives of students’ unions to participate in the decision-making process.
- increasing voting representation of students on university and college institutional boards of governance to fifty percent, or a percentage proportionate to the amount of student contributions through fees like tuition, whichever is higher.
- The right of students’ unions to democratically decide who will represent students on institutional boards of governance.
- a majority of membership of an academic senate being academic staff elected by their colleagues, with at least one third plus one of additional representatives being students elected through a democratic process set out by their respective students’ union.
- the University’s and College’s President and Provost being ex-officio members of the senate;
- Membership on subcommittees of institutional boards of governance and senates being open to all members of the respective body.
- The procedures and rules for institutional boards of governance and senates being set out in the legislation constituting the institution, and in collective agreements negotiated between the institution and its academic staff.
- the membership of governing bodies reflecting, the diversity of the academic community in the case of a senate, and the diversity of the community in which the institution is located in the case of a board.
- governance structures of post-secondary institutions being representative of and accountable to the communities served by these institutions, to achieve equitable representation of faculty, support staff, and students and to include increased numbers of economically disadvantaged people, women, First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, racialised peoples, queer people, people with disabilities, Francophones, international students, mature and part-time students, and student union representatives.
- governance structures that are inherently anti-colonial and offer additional ways to conduct fair and equitable decision-making within education institutions.

**The Federation opposes:**
- the domination of governance structures of post-secondary institutions by members of the business, financial and legal community.
- elections for student seats on institutional senates and boards of governors held by post-secondary institutions themselves, and not by recognised students’ unions.
- students’ representatives on institutional governing bodies being prevented from speaking about decisions of said bodies to their members.
- the denial of international students of sitting on institutional boards of governance.
- the use of security and police to prevent access to governance meetings of post-secondary educational institutions.
- the selection of students as appointees to institutional senates and institutional boards of governance by those or other post-secondary institutional administrative bodies.
- student advisory councils that replace the existence or potential existence of a group of democratically elected students’ representatives.
2019/11:145 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92
Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:144 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.
CARRIED

2019/11:144 REFERRED

2019/11:146 MOTION
Local 98/Local 106
Whereas a number of provincial components have become defunct since Bylaw VI’s creation;
Whereas there should be a process in place in case a defunct provincial component is revived;
Be it resolved that Bylaw VI.2 be amended as follows:

2. Current Provincial Components
The current provincial components of the Federation are:
a. Canadian Federation of Students - Manitoba Component
b. Canadian Federation of Students - Newfoundland and Labrador Component
c. Canadian Federation of Students - Nova Scotia Component
d. Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario Component

3. Defunct Provincial Components
Former provincial components of the Federation that have since become defunct are:
a. Canadian Federation of Students - Alberta Component
b. Canadian Federation of Students - British Columbia Component
c. Canadian Federation of Students - New Brunswick Component
d. Canadian Federation of Students - Prince Edward Island Component
e. Canadian Federation of Students - Québec Component
f. Canadian Federation of Students - Saskatchewan Component

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VI.7 be renamed as follows:

7. Designation or Revival of Provincial Components

DEFEATED
Against motion 2019/11:146:
- all three provincial components listed as defunct have members or prospective members within them
- adopting this motion would mean that every time a students’ union wants to join from a “defunct” component, the Federation would have to amend its bylaws
- there are members from the Prince-Edward-Island and New-Brunswick component at this meeting

2019/11:147 MOTION
Local 49/Local 106
Whereas Standing Resolution 40, the Black Students’ Caucus, was provided as an emergency motion at the June 2019 General Meeting; and
Whereas Black students across the country have had more time to discuss the structure of the Black Caucus and Black Caucus Executive; and

Whereas the structure of other caucuses, such as the Circle of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students, provides a solid framework and precedent for managing the significant and extensive work for supporting a movement of this magnitude, which is reflected in these amendments; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 40 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 40
BLACK STUDENTS’ CAUCUS
5. Black Caucus Executive
The affairs of the Caucus shall be managed by the Black Caucus Executive.

a. Composition
There shall be a Caucus Executive comprised of:
   i. The Black Caucus Chairperson (“Chairperson”);
   ii. Black Students’ National Executive Representative (“National Executive Representative”); and
   iii. All Black students’ representatives or an equivalent position from the respective executive of each Provincial Component.

The Caucus Executive shall be chaired by the Black Caucus Chairperson.

b. Term of Office
The term of office for:
   i. The Caucus Chairperson and National Executive Representative shall be one year from May 1 to April 30 of the following year; and
   ii. Provincial component Black students’ representatives (or equivalent) shall be one year in accordance with the provincial component by-laws.

c. Collective Duties of the Caucus Executive
The Caucus Executive shall be responsible for:
   i. conducting a monthly teleconference meeting and reporting results to the Listserv;
   ii. contacting and informing all member locals about Caucus meetings;
   iii. ensuring that all mandates of the Caucus are fulfilled;
   iv. supporting and giving guidance to the Chairperson and National Executive Representative throughout the year;
   v. consulting and representing Black student members of their Provincial Components;
   vi. administering or causing to be administered the funds of the Caucus;
   vii. maintaining the minutes of the Caucus;
   viii. maintaining an up-to-date membership list for the Caucus; and
   ix. maintaining the Caucus policy manual.

d. Decision-Making
The Caucus Executive shall endeavour to reach decisions on a consensus basis.

e. Meetings
Meetings of the Caucus Executive shall be structured as follows:

i. Frequency of Meetings
The Caucus Executive shall meet at least one (1) time between regularly scheduled General Meetings of the Federation via video-conference.

ii. Quorum
At least one (1) voting member of the Caucus Executive shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Non-voting members shall not count towards quorum.

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

iv. Calling a Meeting
The Black Caucus Chairperson will coordinate meetings.

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

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 40 be amended to add a new subsection 6, with the appropriate numbering of other clauses as necessary:

6. Election and Removal of Caucus Executive Members
a. Election of the Chairperson
The Chairperson shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Federation by the members of the Caucus. Upon election, the Chairperson shall be ratified by the Federation plenary.

b. Election of the National Executive Representative
The National Executive Representative shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Federation by the members of the Caucus. Upon election, the Chairperson shall be ratified by the Federation plenary.

c. Eligibility
   i. A nominee for the position of Chairperson must be a Black student registered at an educational institution and an individual member of the Federation.
   ii. A nominee for the position of National Executive Representative must be a Black student registered at an educational institution and an individual member of the Federation.

d. Voting
Voting in Caucus Executive elections will be conducted by secret ballot.

e. Required Majorities
   i. A nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected.
ii. In the event that no nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, additional votes will be taken until one of the nominees receives a majority or until the Caucus reopens nominations.

iii. In the event that more than two nominees are running for a position, the nominee receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped from the succeeding ballot.

iv. In the event that only one nominee is seeking a particular position, member associations will vote either “yes” or “no” for the nominee. In the event of an affirmed “no” vote, the Caucus may reopen nominations exclusively for that position.

f. Removal from Office
A Caucus Executive member may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote at a Caucus general meeting.

7. Individual Duties of Caucus Executive Members
a. Black Caucus Chairperson
The Chairperson will act as a spokesperson for the Caucus, support and lead the visioning of the Caucus, and will facilitate communication between Black student members of the Federation.

The authority, role and responsibility of the Chairperson shall be to:

i. chair Caucus meetings during national general meetings;

ii. be a co-spokesperson of the Caucus, in conjunction with the National Executive Representative, and, as such, articulate the policies of the Federation with respect to issues and matters of concern to Black students;

iii. be responsible for the lobbying activities of the Caucus, in conjunction with the National Executive Representative, on issues of primary concern to Black students;

iv. assist and support Black student delegates representing the Caucus on committees at Federation national general meetings and be available to present information to committees;

v. take direction from the Caucus during national general meetings;

vi. make decisions on behalf of the Caucus between general meetings;

vii. coordinate, in conjunction with the National Executive Representative, a nation-wide network of self-identifying Black students (“Black student network”) in collaboration with member local student associations;

viii. organize, in conjunction with the Caucus Executive, an annual meeting of the Black student network, where feasible, between general meetings;

ix. communicate regularly with Caucus members throughout the year;

x. be available, within budgetary limitations, to visit member associations and non-member associations wishing to know more about the Caucus and the Federation’s policies; and

xi. attend, upon invitation, provincial component meetings at Federation general meetings.

b. Black Students’ National Executive Representative
The National Executive Representative will act as a liaison for the Caucus and will facilitate communication between Black members of the Federation.

The authority, role and responsibility of the National Executive Representative shall be to:

1. Represent the interests of the Caucus on the National Executive;
2. Be responsible for communication between the National Executive and the Caucus;
3. Be a co-spokesperson of the Caucus, in conjunction with the Chairperson, and, as such, articulate the policies of the Federation with respect to issues and matters of concern to Black students;
4. Be responsible for the lobbying activities of the Caucus, in conjunction with the Chairperson, on issues of primary concern to Black students;
5. Coordinate, in conjunction with the Chairperson, a nationwide network of self-identifying Black students (“Black student network”) in collaboration with member local student associations;
6. Organize, in conjunction with the Caucus Executive, an annual meeting of the Black student network between general meetings;
7. Be available, within budgetary limitations, to visit member associations and non-member associations wishing to know more about the Caucus and the Federation’s policies;
8. Communicate regularly with Caucus members throughout the year;
9. Present a written report to each Caucus meeting detailing actions and decisions of the National Executive; and
10. To carry out the duties of the National Executive members as outlined in Bylaw V in the Constitution and Bylaws.

8. Residual Authority

The Caucus Executive shall be empowered to address any issues not clearly defined in this constitution. Any such action of the Caucus Executive must be ratified by or at the next regularly scheduled Caucus meeting.


Should any clause of these Caucus By-Laws conflict with the By-Laws of the Federation, the latter shall prevail. These by-laws shall only be repealed or amended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the voting member associations present at a general meeting of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw IV 1.b.xvi be amended as follows:

The following representatives nominated by their respective provincial component or caucus and elected by the national plenary as a director:

xvi. Black Students’ Caucus Representative

Be it further resolved that By-Law IV.13 be amended as follows:

13. Duties and Powers of the Black Caucus Representative

The Black Caucus Representative shall perform all duties and such powers as established by Standing Resolution.

Be it further resolved that By-Law V.2 be amended to add:
j. Timing of the Nominations of the Black Caucus Representative

The nominations for the Black Caucus Representative shall be conducted at such times as established by Standing Resolution.

Be it further resolved that the Council of Constituency budget be amended to add a $500 remuneration for the Black Students’ Caucus National Executive Representative.

2019/11:148  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 49/Local 78

Be it resolved to modify subsection e(ii) of the standing resolution to read as follows: “At least five (5) voting members of the Caucus Executive shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.”

CARRIED

2019/11:149  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 78/Local 105

Be it resolved that the remuneration of the Black Students’ Caucus National Executive Representative be changed from $500 to $1000.

CARRIED

For motion 2019/11:149:
- the Black Students’ Caucus National Executive Representative should be fairly compensated for their work

Points of information on motion 2019/11:149:
- constituency representatives receive $500; Caucus representatives receive more, according to their budget and whether they are hired part-time by the Caucus

2019/11:150  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 105/Local 98

Be it resolved to amend the last clause of motion 2019/11:147 to read:

Be it further resolved that the Black Caucus budget be amended to add $1,000 remuneration for the Black Students’ Caucus National Executive Representative and Chairperson.

CARRIED

For motion 2019/11:150:
- the Black Students’ Caucus Chairperson should also be compensated
- the remuneration should be allocated from the Black Caucus budget as there is money already allocated there

2019/11:147  CARRIED AS AMENDED

Points of information on motion 2019/11:147:
- The Caucus will strive to follow a consensus-based model to put community at the heart of discussion. There may be a need to adopt a simple majority vote system in case the Caucus isn’t able to achieve consensus.

b. Motions referred to the National Executive

The following motions were referred to the National Executive for consideration at the November 2019 National General Meeting.

2019/06:007  MOTION
Local 103/Local 109
Be it resolved that member locals may request the Canadian Federation of Students’ National office to supplement costs of delegates to the National General Meetings and that the Canadian Federation of Students update its governing bodies accordingly.

Be it further resolved that the NE amend the budget prior to the next NGM to include a minimum of $10,000 to support further subsidies for racialized and Indigenous delegates not sitting on student union executives;

Be it further resolved that member locals may submit applications to the Federation by the NGM registration deadline for an additional delegate subsidy;

Be it further resolved that the amount given to subsidize each delegate be divided equally among all applicants or cover the total cost of each applicant, should the total cost not exceed $10,000;

Be it further resolved that the National Executive encourages provincial components to follow the same practice;

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages member locals to think critically about how they may best prioritize the voices of BIPOC students in all spaces.

2019/11:151 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/06:007 be referred to the Budget Committee.

CARRIED

2019/06:007 REFERRED

2019/11:152 MOTION
National Executive/Local 106

Be it resolved that the Federation’s Operations Policy titled National General Meetings be amended to include the following sub-section:

Media

The Federation shall allow one English and one French representative from the Canadian University Press and recognized student-led campus publications to attend and observe General Meetings upon agreement to the following conditions:

- Media shall be allowed to observe plenary sessions and workshops, but shall not have speaking rights during such sessions;
- Media shall be allowed to cover plenary sessions of the Federation in any manner with the exception of audio or video recordings;
- Media shall not be permitted to cover meetings of caucuses, constituency groups, nor sub-committees; and
- Media shall be allowed to interview willing delegates in a way that does not distract from delegate participation (i.e. not during active plenary sessions or workshops).
- Media shall not print the name of delegates interviewed

The rights and conditions will be made explicit in resultant agreements between the Federation and the Canadian University Press.

None of the rights of the media supersede the Rules of Order utilized by the Federation or any other policy of the Federation.
Be it resolved that *Standing Resolution 35: Media Presence at General Meetings* be amended to read:

The National Executive shall have the authority to extend invitations to the media to attend workshops and/or plenary sessions at national general meetings.

Members of the media shall not have speaking privileges in any of the sessions at which they are permitted to attend, as detailed in the Federation's *Operations Policy on National General Meetings*.

2019/11:153 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:152 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/11:152 REFERRED

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Deputy Chair Asekome made announcements relating to the functionality of the National General Meeting.

14. RECESS
2019/11:154 MOTION
Local 78/Local 38

Be it resolved that the plenary of the 38th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) recess until November 26, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED
CAR LIC TO ORDER – Tuesday, November 26, 2019
At 2:12 pm, the meeting was called to order by Plenary Chair Anna Goldfinch.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local / Section 86 College of the Rockies Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 26 Kwantlen Student Association Present
*Northern Undergraduate Student Society Present
Local / Section 42 Alberta College of Art and Design Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 21 University of Calgary Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 101 University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 90 First Nations University of Canada Students Association Absent
Local / Section 9 University of Regina Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 103 University of Manitoba Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 96 University of Manitoba Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 38 Association étudiante du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface Proxy
Local / Section 37 Brandon University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 8 University of Winnipeg Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 114 Association des étudiant-e-s de l’Université de Hearst Present
Local / Section 112 Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal Absent
Local / Section 110 Laurentian University Graduate Students’ Association / Association des étudiant(es) des études supérieures de l’Université Laurentienne Absent
Local / Section 109 University of Toronto at Mississauga Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 106 University of Windsor Organization of Part-time University Students Present
Local / Section 105 Continuing Education Students’ Association of Ryerson Present
Local / Section 102 Brock University Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 99 Scarborough Campus Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 98 University of Toronto Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 97 Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto Present
Local / Section 94 University of Ottawa Graduate Students’ / Association des étudiant(e)s diplômé(e)s de l’Université d’Ottawa Absent
Local / Section 93 Glendon College Students’ Union / Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Glendon Present
Local / Section 92 Student Association of George Brown College Present
Local / Section 88 Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l’Université Laurentienne Absent
Local / Section 85 Saint Paul University Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 84 York University Graduate Students’ Association Proxy
Local / Section 82 Algoma University Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 78 Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 71 Trent Central Student Association Present
Local / Section 68 York Federation of Students Present
Local / Section 62 University of Guelph Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 56 Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students’ Association Absent
Local / Section 54 University of Guelph Central Student Association Present
Local / Section 49 University of Windsor Students’ Alliance Present
Local / Section 48 University of Windsor Graduate Student Society Absent
Local / Section 47 University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students Present
Local / Section 32 Lakehead University Student Union Present
Local / Section 30 Laurentian University Students’ General Association Absent
Local / Section 27 Queen’s University Society of Graduate and Professional Students Proxy
Local / Section 25 Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union Present
Local / Section 24 Ryerson Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 20 Nipissing University Student Union Proxy
Local / Section 19 University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 1 Carleton University Students’ Association Proxy
Local / Section 67 University of New Brunswick Graduate Students’ Association Present
Local / Section 113 Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students Proxy
Local / Section 95 Cape Breton University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 69 Association générale des étudiants de l’Université Sainte-Anne Present
Local / Section 34 Mount Saint Vincent University Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 11 University of King’s Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 7 Student Union of NSCAD University Present
* Dalhousie Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 70 University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association Present
Local / Section 63 Holland College Student Union Present
Local / Section 31 University of Prince Edward Island Student Union Absent
* Mature and Part-Time University Students Association of the University of Prince Edward Island Absent
Local / Section 100 Graduate Students’ Union of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Present
Local / Section 46 College of the North Atlantic Students’ Union Absent
Local / Section 45 Marine Institute Students’ Union Present
Local / Section 36 Grenfell Campus Student Union Present
Local / Section 35 Memorial University of Newfoundland Students’ Union Present
* denotes prospective member

2. 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.

2019/11:155 MOTION
Local 49/Local 54
Be it resolved to adopt the report of the National Executive.
CARRIED

3. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

2019/11:156 MOTION
Local 92 / Local 99
Be it resolved that the 2019 Audited Financial Statements be accepted.
CARRIED

2019/11:157 MOTION
Local 92 / Local 99
Be it resolved that the 2019-2020 Revised Budget be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

2019/11:158 MOTION
Local 92 / Local 99

Be it resolved that the 2020-2021 Budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2019/11:159 MOTION Local 92 / Local 99

Be it resolved that Parker Prins Lebano be appointed as auditors to produce the Federation’s 2020 financial statements.

2019/11:160 MOTION TO AMEND Local 98 / Local 100

Be it further resolved that the Federation conduct a request for proposals (RFP) after this fiscal year for its auditor.

CARRIED

CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/06:007 MOTION Local 103/Local 109

Be it resolved that member locals may request the Canadian Federation of Students’ National office to supplement costs of delegates to the National General Meetings and that the Canadian Federation of Students update its governing bodies accordingly.

Be it further resolved that the NE amend the budget prior to the next NGM to include a minimum of $10,000 to support further subsidies for racialized and Indigenous delegates not sitting on student union executives;

Be it further resolved that member locals may submit applications to the Federation by the NGM registration deadline for an additional delegate subsidy;

Be it further resolved that the amount given to subsidize each delegate be divided equally among all applicants or cover the total cost of each applicant, should the total cost not exceed $10,000;

Be it further resolved that the National Executive encourages provincial components to follow the same practice;

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages member locals to think critically about how they may best prioritize the voices of BIPOC students in all spaces.

2019/11:161 MOTION TO AMEND Local 99 / Local 98

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to strike the third clause.

CARRIED

2019/11:162 MOTION TO AMEND Local 99 / Local 98

Be it resolved that the fourth clause of the motion be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the amount be allocated to the existing subsidy process, as detailed in the First Notice package registration documents.

CARRIED

2019/11:163 MOTION TO AMEND Local 98 / Local 35
Be it resolved that the second clause of the motion be amended to strike “prior to the next NGM” and read as follows:

Be it further resolved that the NE amend the budget to include a minimum of $10,000 to support further subsidies for racialized and Indigenous delegates not sitting on student union executives;

CARRIED

2019/11:164 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 98 / Local 100

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the Federation disseminate information accordingly to members at-large.

CARRIED

2019/06:007 CARRIED AS AMENDED

4. PRESENTATION OF CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT

2019/11:012 MOTION
Local 100/Local 106

Whereas students with children struggle to find child care spots/services on campus;

Whereas off-campus child care services are both inconvenient and costly;

Whereas the Government of British Columbia has provided $3M to the University of British Columbia for creating childcare spots on campus;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants work with campuses to increase child care services for students with children.

2019/11:165 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 100/Local 109

Be it resolved to amend motion 2019/11:012 to include:

Be it further resolved that CFS lobby institutions to abolish child-free policies and add breastfeeding and chest-feeding spaces on campus.

CARRIED

2019/11:166 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 109

Be it resolved the amend motion 2019/11:012 to read:

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants work with member locals to lobby for free child care services for students with children.

CARRIED

2019/11:012 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:014 MOTION
Local 100/Local 106

Whereas crime on campus has increased in the past few years; and
Whereas safety on and off campus should be of the utmost importance; and
Whereas students with emergency safety training have been crucial in emergency situations in the past (e.g., the April, 2018 Toronto van attack);
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students- Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants work with campuses to provide free certified Emergency First Aid Training to all students.

2019/11:167 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 24
Be it resolved to amend motion 2019/11:014 to read:
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants work with member locals to lobby their own administration to provide free and accessible certified Emergency First Aid Training to all students.
CARRIED

2019/11:014 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:016 MOTION
Local 100/Local 106
Whereas a fifth temporary foreign worker has died at Fiera Foods in Ontario;
Whereas temporary foreign workers are not protected and face precarious and often unsafe conditions;
Whereas the Migrant Action Network continues to provide advocacy, support, and research on how to support migrant workers in Canada;
Be it resolved that CFS-FCEE work with the Migrants’ Rights Network to support their efforts.

2019/11:168 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 37
Be it resolved to amend motion 2019/11:016 to include:
Be it further resolved that the CFS write a letter of support to Migrant Action Network and send letters to appropriate politicians and opposition critics and encourage member locals to do the same.
CARRIED

2019/11:016 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:018 MOTION
Local 92/Local 106
Whereas the government of Quebec recently passed Bill 21, the bill banning all religious symbols at government spaces including courts, schools and other offices;
Whereas this is the act of shame;
Be it resolved that the Federation condemns the bill and stands against the decision by supporting various groups affected by it like the Sikhs, Muslims and Jews;
Be it further resolved that the Federation issues a public statement of standing with the communities and also supporting Non-Profit bodies working such as Canadian Civil Liberties Association, The World Sikh Organisation and the National Council of Canadian Muslims.
2019/11:020  MOTION
Local 93/Local 106
Whereas there was a global climate strike that was supported and attended by many member locals;
Whereas the climate crisis is one of the biggest issues confronting our generation;
Whereas there are many environmental advocacy organisations who have endorsed the policy document known as the Green New Deal;
Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students undertake a review of their divestment campaign and rework it so that it becomes actionable in the current political climate for current member locals;
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students consider endorsing the Green New Deal as it currently stands or drafting an alternative document;
Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students require member locals to take steps to address the climate crisis and put pressure on their respective university administrations to divest from fossil fuel and weapons manufacturing companies.

2019/11:169  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 100
Be it resolved to strike the second clause.
CARRIED

2019/11:170  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 92
Be it resolved to replace “require” with “encourage” in the third clause.
CARRIED

2019/11:171  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 82
Be it resolved to replace the first clause with the following:
Be it resolved that the National Executive strike a working group to review and revamp the CFS Divestment campaign to adjust it to the current political climate.
CARRIED

2019/11:172  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 24
Be it resolved to add the following clause:
Be it further resolved that the working group create materials and introduce calls to action to be completed by June 2020 for member locals to access.
CARRIED

2019/11:173  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 7/Local 24
Be it resolved to add the following clause:
Be it further resolved that the working group include representation appointed by the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students.

CARRIED

2019/11:174 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 92/Local 100

Be it resolved to strike the word “university” from the third clause.

CARRIED

2019/11:020 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:022 MOTION
Local 7/Local 106

Whereas the Anti-Racism Toolkit has been created by the Federation and is now online for public use; and

Whereas the Toolkit mentions panels, workshops, and teach-ins under the section “Agitating Events” on page 18, but does not specify the content thereof; and

Whereas it is important that a precedent for the content of anti-racism workshops be established; and

Whereas BIPOC student union executives, councillors, and staff face unique challenges and issues specific to their roles; and

Whereas it is imperative that Member Locals uplift and make space for their BIPOC student union executives, councillors, and staff, and general members by actively working to make our student unions safer and more accessible; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive — in consultation and collaboration with the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students, Black Caucus, and Racialized Constituency — create workshops that Member Locals can run on their respective campuses in tandem with the full scope of anti-racism work; and

Be it further resolved that some of these workshops compliment the content of the Anti-Racism Toolkit by providing tailored training and support specifically for BIPOC student union executives, councillors, and staff, such as an “Organizing 101 Workshop for BIPOC on Student Unions;” and

Be it further resolved that these workshops — for BIPOC student union executives, councillors, and staff — are created with the intention of being facilitated (or co-facilitated with external partners) by elected members and staff within the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that the specified workshop for BIPOC student union executives, councillors, and staff be ready by April 2020 and that all other workshops are created and made available by August 2020; and

Be it further resolved that these workshops have a specified review timeline and protocol when created.

2019/11:175 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 100/Local 7

Be it resolved that motion 2019/11:022 be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the CFS consult with other organizations that do similar work, such as the NCCM.

CARRIED
2019/11:176 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 71/Local 106

Be it resolved to amend motion 2019/11:022 to read:

Be it further resolved that the specified workshop for BIPOC student union executives, councillors, and staff be ready by August 1, 2020, and that all other workshops are created and made available by August 1, 2020; and

CARRIED

2019/11:177 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 24/Local 32

Be it resolved to amend motion 2019/11:022 to read:

Be it resolved that the National Executive — in consultation and collaboration with the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students, Black Caucus, Racialized Constituency, and the 2019-2020 International Constituency representative — create workshops that Member Locals can run on their respective campuses in tandem with the full scope of anti-racism work; and

Be it further resolved to amend motion 2019/11:022 to include:

Be it resolved that the BIPOC members of the international constituency group appoint a representative of a Black, Indigenous and/or Person of Colour identity to represent international students during the review of the Anti-Racism toolkit.

CARRIED

2019/11:022 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:024 MOTION
Local 7/Local 106

Whereas housing is a significant cost for post-secondary students; and

Whereas on-campus residence availability is scarce and increasingly expensive, including on-campus residences in rural areas; and

Whereas housing costs in cities such as Charlottetown, Sydney, and Toronto have lower vacancy rates, making it increasingly difficult for students to have adequate and affordable housing; and

Whereas rental options have grown limited partially due to people renting properties through Airbnb instead of leasing; and

Whereas students, and international students in particular, are vulnerable to housing scams and mistreatment from landlords; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation prepare a fact sheet and set of demands to lobby the federal government on the issue of housing; and

Be it further resolved that provincial components are encouraged to do the same specifically for their unique provincial issues and government; and

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to lobby their institution administration for improved affordability, availability and quality of student housing on-campus; and

Be it further resolved that the demands made by the Federation include regulating Airbnb, instituting landlord licensing, and enforcing rent control; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate potential partners, such as organizations like ACORN Canada (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), that do advocacy on affordable and accessible housing.

CARRIED

2019/11:026  MOTION  
Local 105/Local 106  

Whereas the Federation has had a long-standing relationship with elementary, secondary and post-secondary workers that understands their working conditions as our learning conditions; and

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Government has consistently shown a lack of regard for unions across all sectors, specifically with back-to-work legislation for CUPE3903 workers at York University; and

Whereas, most recently, elementary and high school education workers in Ontario were almost forced into a strike due to a lack of regard for worker rights, public education and the public sector; and

Whereas elementary, high school and post-secondary educators in Ontario are approaching bargaining, in the face of increasing class sizes and loss of jobs; and

Whereas University and College contract instructors are being forced into even more precarious working conditions including a loss of benefits, loss of income, increased workload and/or loss of jobs completely; and

Whereas University and College tenured faculty are experiencing increased class sizes, loss of course offerings and attrition in not filling tenured roles; and

Whereas University and College support workers are experiencing a lack of funding and resource support in order to successfully meet the campus standards; and

Whereas the Ontario Government has made direct attacks on Student Unions via the Student Choice initiative, where in return Labour Unions have pooled resources in order to support the Federation and York Federation of Students’ Legal Challenge;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students support Labour Unions via public statements and/or social media posts during mass bargaining periods, or when called upon for support; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students encourage member locals to create on-campus “All Union Coalition” collectives, in which student and labour unions unite to create a strong and supportive force against their respective Provincial Governments and Institutions; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students revive the Workers and Students United Campaign in collaboration with union partners; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate template materials for students’ unions to use for solidarity projects, including but not limited to flyers, posters, placards, buttons, stickers, apparel and campus groups material.

CARRIED

2019/11:028  MOTION  
Local 8/Local 106  

Whereas the construction of the Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT) began on July 17th, 2019 and was met with immediate opposition from Hawai’i’In Indigenous land defenders, elders, and academics.
Whereas the site of construction is planned on Mauna Kea, a sacred site for the original people of Hawaii.

Whereas the federal government has a 15% share in the TMT and has committed $234.5 million to the construction of the project over 10 years.

Whereas the Association for Canadian Universities for Research in Astronomy (ACURA) is also complicit in the construction of the TMT, and its membership includes these seven universities who are home to member locals of the Canadian Federation of Students:

Brandon University (Local 37)
Trent University (Local 71)
University of Calgary (Local 21)
University of Manitoba (Local 96, Local 103)
University of Toronto (Local 19, Local 97, Local 98, Local 99, Local 109)
University of Western Ontario (Local 47)
York University (Local 68, Local 84)

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students ‘United for Equity’ campaign calls on us all to challenge colonialism in all forms within our post-secondary institutions.

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students recognizes the importance of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP).

Whereas the TMT is in violation of Articles 11, 19, 28, 29 of the UNDRIP, specifically by violating Indigenous nations’ right to free, prior, and informed consent.

Be it resolved the Canadian Federation of Students release a statement both supporting Hawai’i Indigenous Land Defenders protecting Mauna Kea and also opposing the organizations and institutions funding the project;

Be it further resolved the Canadian Federation of Students include this item within the 2020 lobby document, directed towards the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development as well as the Minister of Science and Sport;

Be it further resolved the Canadian Federation of Students make a monetary donation determined by the National Executive to any or all of the following organizations supporting Indigenous Land Protectors of Mauna Kea:

Mauna Medic Healers Hui
KAHEA – The Aloha ‘Āina Support Fund
Hawai‘i Community Bail Fund

2019/11:178 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 92

Be it resolved to amend motion 2019/11:028 to include:

Be it further resolved that the Federation send letters to the Prime Minister, to the Ministers responsible and to opposition critics and to encourage locals to do the same.

CARRIED

2019/11:179 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 7/Local 92
Be it resolved to amend motion 2019/11:028 to include:

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students encourage member locals to either promote the letter of support written by the Federation or write their own letters of support.

CARRIED

2019/11:180  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 71/Local 82

Be it further resolved that the Federation support lobby efforts towards the construction of the 30-metre telescope at one of the potential alternate sites that is not on traditional sacred Indigenous land and consults with the Indigenous communities in which the 30-metre telescope will be situated.

CARRIED

2019/11:028  CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:010  MOTION
Local 47/Local 106

Whereas the Federation is committed to advocate on behalf of all post-secondary students, including international students;

Whereas international students face tuition fees that are unregulated;

Whereas working a maximum of 20 hours while studying is not sufficient enough to sustain their needs; Whereas work restrictions have remained the same for a while despite inflation;

Whereas the Federation already has a Fairness for International Students Campaign;

Be it resolved that the Federation lobby the government to increase the cap on working hours for international students with valid study permits;

Be it further resolved that the Federation lobby the government to regulate the annual increase in international tuition fees.

CARRIED

2019/11:181  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 100/Local 71

Be it resolved to amend the first clause of motion 2019/11:010 to read:

BIRT the Federation lobby the government to allow international students with valid study permits to work full-time with the long-term goal of removing all limitations on working hours.

CARRIED

2019/11:182  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 100

Be it resolved to amend the second clause of motion 2019/11:010 to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation lobby the government to lower international tuition fees and to lower the annual increase in international fees.

CARRIED

2019/11:010  CARRIED AS AMENDED

5.  PRESENTATION OF POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
MOTION
Local 11 / Local 106

Whereas the term sexualized violence is broad enough to account for the many ways that violence can be enacted in a sexualized manner; and

Whereas sexualized violence disproportionately affects not only cisgender women but trans women, trans men, non-binary people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people; and

Whereas the creation of stand-alone sexualized violence policies at post-secondary institutions across the country means that students must continue to push institutions to adequately address the reality of sexualized violence on campus by creating awareness of the issue, fully-funded systems of support and response, and tools for prevention; and

Whereas sexualized violence awareness, prevention, and response at an institutional level must become and remain survivor-centric, trauma-informed, and anti-oppressive in its approach; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on “Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women on Campus” be renamed “Sexualized Violence on Campus.”

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on “Sexualized Violence on Campus” (as renamed) be amended to read:

Preamble

When sexualized violence against self-identified women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people occurs at a post-secondary institution, it is the responsibility of the campus community to provide a safe and inclusive environment that supports the survivor(s). Post-secondary institutions have a responsibility to:

- foster awareness of sexualized violence on campus and dismantle rape culture myths;
- respond appropriately to sexualized violence in a survivor-centric, trauma-informed, and anti-oppressive manner (including the implementation of fully-funded systems of survivor support and response);
- and take all necessary steps to preventing sexualized violence on campus and eliminating the root causes of gender-based violence.

Too often, post-secondary institutions have publicly downplayed incidences of sexualized violence on their campuses in order to protect the institution’s reputation. Such efforts hinder the ability of campus communities to engage in meaningful and open dialogue, and to address matters related to sexualized violence on their campuses. Post-secondary institutions have a responsibility to address the reality of sexualized violence on campus. Furthermore, institutions have a responsibility to address the reality that survivors/victims of sexualized violence often know their perpetrators who are not necessarily “strangers” to the campus community.

Institutional stand-alone sexualized violence policies and practices that are survivor-centric, trauma-informed, and anti-oppressive are critical to ending gender-based discrimination and violence. Such policies and practices should be rooted in the recognition of sexism as a mechanism of oppression that is intensified by colonial violence, racism, classism, homophobia, transphobia and ableism, as well as a range of other experiences that affect the profound and complex physical, psychological, and social responses to the trauma of sexualized violence.

Additionally, these policies and practices should seek to empower the individual(s) who has experienced sexualized violence by placing their needs at the centre of decision-making related to support and response. This includes the active inclusion and participation of students and survivors in the creation of sexualized violence policies and practices that affect them.
Furthermore, all sexualized violence policies and practices should be accompanied by fully-funded support services for survivors/victims, including the hiring of full-time staff person(s) to respond to incidences of sexualized violence on campus.

In some institutional and police responses to sexualized violence, visual representations of alleged perpetrators have focused on racialised characteristics. Such responses serve to target racialised groups rather than provide meaningful information such as age, height, and behaviour that will aid in identifying the perpetrator. All investigators that are hired at an institutional level should be trained in anti-oppression and culturally-competent practices, as well as trauma-informed practices.

Additionally, it is important that institutions keep the campus community aware of ongoing developments and investigations to ensure that students are not left in a state of fear.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- the implementation of stand-alone sexualized violence policies at every post-secondary institution across the country, which are survivor-centric, trauma-informed, and anti-oppressive in their approach - and the creation of which includes student representation, consultation, and active participation;
- the hiring of full-time staff person(s) to respond to sexualized violence and help survivors/victims navigate sexualized violence policies, systems for reporting, and all the supports and accommodations available to them;
- an adequate level of funding and resources for campus health and counselling services, including sexual assault crisis and trauma services, and public education on ending the legacy of sexism and gender-based violence;
- incident reporting mechanisms that respect the rights and decisions of survivors, reflect trauma-informed and anti-oppressive practice, and promote campus safety and inform the campus community of immediate risks;
- reporting systems established through the collaboration of institutional administrative bodies, students’ unions, faculty associations, campus labour unions and associations, and local sexual assault support centres and rape crisis centres that which respect the rights and decisions of survivors and reflect trauma-informed and anti-oppressive practice;
- the hiring of investigators which are trained in anti-oppression and culturally-competent practices, as well as trauma-informed practices;
- annual safety audits, that are community-driven and examine safety holistically;
- on-campus safety committees, composed of representatives of the institution, students’ unions, faculty associations and campus labour unions and associations, and mandated to improve safety and fulfill safety audit recommendations;
- the provision of adequately-funded campus safewalk services;
- institutional policies and practices that recognise the importance of campus safety measures while at the same time promoting education, awareness and accountability with the goal of eradicating the legacy of sexism and gender-based violence and systemic forms of oppression that exist within post-secondary institutions;
- the inclusion in staff training and faculty professional development sessions of anti-oppressive and trauma-informed training, as well as gender-based violence awareness and education, especially for those staff and faculty working in security and frontlines service provision;
- institutional safety policies and practices that recognize the reality that a majority of incidents of sexualized violence occur between acquaintances and not strangers;
- student-run sexualized violence support services including, but not limited to emotional support, outreach activities and awareness-building campaigns; and
- institutional attitudes that support and recognize student-run programming, organizing, and support around sexualized violence on campus, and institutional commitment to programming and support that takes its lead directly from students who have historically been doing this work on campus.

The Federation opposes:
- campaigns, forums, groups, meetings or events whose purpose is to frighten, intimidate and/or target women, trans, two-spirit, and intersex students on campus;
- the institutional lack of response to calls for public support and protection of students being drugged, threatened, stalked and/or attacked on campus;
- inaction on the part of post-secondary institutions to address the reality of sexualized violence on campus, including but not limited to: implementing fully-funded supports and services for survivors/victims, committing to outcomes or consequences for perpetrators, and keeping students adequately informed about imminent risks to their safety on campus; and
- institutions which prioritize their reputation and monetary assets over justice, safety, and healing for survivors/victims.

2019/11:183 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 98 / Dalhousie Student Union
Be it resolved that the second whereas clause be amended to read:

Whereas sexualized violence disproportionately affects self-identified women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people. When sexualized violence occurs at a post-secondary institution, it is the responsibility of the campus community to provide a safe and inclusive environment that supports the survivor(s).

CARRIED

2019/11:120 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:122 MOTION
Local 11 / Local 106

Whereas the Federation’s Issues Policy on Women’s Issues has not been amended since 1996 and was not exceptionally broad in scope; and
Whereas many issues classified as “women’s issues” not only disproportionately affect cisgender women but also disproportionately affect trans women, trans men, non-binary people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people; and
Whereas many of these issues are evolving and new issues are constantly arising; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation’s Issues Policy on “Women’s Issues” be renamed “Gendered Issues.”
Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Issues Policy on “Gendered Issues” (as renamed) be amended to read:

Preamble
Gendered issues are such issues which disproportionately affect cisgender women, trans women, trans men, non-binary people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people. These issues of sexism and misogyny are made more complex by racism, colonialism, xenophobia, classism, ableism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, and other oppressive systems that further marginalize those affected by sexism and
misogyny. We must always address gendered issues using an intersectional and anti-oppressive framework. This framework will aid the collective organizing of women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people, and help them to work together as a cohesive unit. This framework will help those who are affected by sexism and misogyny to recognize the differences in their experiences and to work together to understand their unique experiences of sexism and misogyny.

Policy
The Federation supports the following rights of women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people:

- the right to control their own bodies; the right to free and accessible abortion upon demand and opposes the implementation of user fees and other barriers to accessing abortions; the right to access free, safe, and reliable birth control and family planning information and the right of choice in the method; the right to free and accessible contraceptives, pregnancy tests, menstrual health products, and STI testing; the right to publicly funded, quality sexual health clinics and health services which provide the following (including information on the following so that women, trans, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people can make informed decisions about their own health and bodies): abortions, STI testing, contraceptives, birth control, pregnancy tests, and menstrual health products; the right to access a full range of options and to be able to freely exercise whatever decision they make in the case of pregnancy; the right to free and accessible safer sex education at the primary, secondary, and post-secondary education level, as well as in the broader community; the right to access culturally competent, anti-oppressive, and trauma-informed sexual health services that take into account such barriers as: language, physical accessibility, affordability, etc.; the right to freedom of expression of sexual orientation and gender identity; the right to freedom from sexualized violence, gender-based violence, intimate partner violence, and all other forms of violence; the right to live and work in an environment free of sexual harassment; the right to freedom of choice of lifestyle, employment, and education as full and equal participants in society; the right to employment, and the right to equal opportunity of employment with equal pay for work of equal value; the right to access full, government subsidised, quality child care, provided by adequately trained and paid child care workers; and the right to organize collectively as people who are all affected by sexism and misogyny, since organisations run for and by women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people are necessary to actively raise the issues faced by these groups, to provide a place for those affected by sexism and misogyny to develop organisational and political skills, and to provide a forum where those affected by sexism and misogyny can develop a sense of unity and co-operation.

Please see “Gendered Student Issues” in the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy for more information pertaining to the Federation’s stance on gendered issues specific to education.

2019/11:184 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 34 / Local 32

Be it resolved that motion be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the CFS recommends that institutions have clearly defined policies on, and mechanisms for, handling domestic violence occurring within residence buildings on campus.

CARRIED

2019/11:122 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:124 MOTION
Local 11 / Local 106
Whereas the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on “Women Students’ Issues” has not been amended since 1995; and

Whereas many issues classified as “women students’ issues” not only disproportionally affect cisgender women but also disproportionally affect trans women, trans men, non-binary people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people; and

Whereas many of these issues are evolving and new issues are constantly arising; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on “Women Students’ Issues” be renamed “Gendered Student Issues.”

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy on “Gendered Student Issues” (as renamed) be amended to read:

Preamble

Gendered student issues are such issues which disproportionally affect students who are cisgender women, trans women, trans men, non-binary people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people. These issues of sexism and misogyny in post-secondary education are made more complex by racism, colonialism, xenophobia, classism, ableism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, and other oppressive systems that further marginalize those affected by sexism and misogyny. We must always address gendered issues in post-secondary education using an intersectional and anti-oppressive framework. This framework will aid the collective organizing of women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people, and help them to work together as a cohesive unit. This framework will help those who are affected by sexism and misogyny to recognize the differences in their experiences and to work together to understand their unique experiences of sexism and misogyny.

Policy

The Federation declares that women, trans, two-spirit, and intersex students have the right to:

1. freedom of choice of lifestyle, employment, and education as full and equal participants in society;
2. access post-secondary education without barriers, including but not limited to barriers resulting from sexism, racism, colonialism, xenophobia, classism, ableism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia;
3. employment, and the right to equal opportunity of employment with equal pay for work of equal value;
4. access full, government subsidised, quality child care, provided by adequately trained and paid child care workers, since access to education is limited by a lack thereof;
5. financial student assistance programs which meet the needs of full-time students, part-time students, and single parents, the majority of whom are women, trans, and two-spirit, and which does not require dependence on their parents or spouse;
6. concrete programs for re-entry of women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people into post-secondary education, to aid them in overcoming the barriers of interrupted studies and inadequate backgrounds;
7. academic counselling which informs women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people of all educational and employment opportunities available, in order to actively combat the streaming of women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people into traditional fields;
8. an education through non-sexist, non-heteronormative, and non-cisnormative instruction, textbooks and materials, recognising that some literature and materials must be viewed relative to their historical or social context but that all instruction, contemporary textbooks and materials should be free of sexual and gendered stereotyping and discrimination;

9. an education which is anti-oppressive in its approach, including the active diversification of curricula;

10. effective, legal, and academic grievance procedures recognised by students, faculty, and support staff;

11. an educational environment free of advertisements, entertainment programming and/or materials which promote gendered or sexualized violence, stereotyping and/or discrimination;

12. government funded gender studies courses in post-secondary educational institutions;

13. organize collectively as people who are all affected by sexism and misogyny, since organisations run for and by women, trans people, two-spirit peoples, and intersex people within the student movement are necessary to actively raise the issues faced by these groups, to provide a place for those affected by sexism and misogyny to develop organisational and political skills, and to provide a forum where those affected by sexism and misogyny can develop a sense of unity and cooperation;

14. create and participate in programming around gendered issues on their campuses without fear of reprisal;

15. a student organisation which recognises, promotes and funds a gender justice organisation on campus to facilitate involvement in gendered issues; and

16. control their own bodies, including but not limited to:

- access to safe, reliable birth control and family planning information and the right of choice in the method;

- access to quality health services and counselling which meet the needs of women, trans, two-spirit, and intersex students and respect their bodily autonomy;

- access to a full range of options and to be able to freely exercise whatever decision they make in the case of pregnancy;

- freedom of expression of sexual orientation and gender identity;

- freedom from sexualized violence and all other forms of violence; and

- the right to an educational environment free of sexual harassment.

CARRIED

2019/11:126 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas student journalism is real journalism;

Whereas student journalism should not be censored nor delegitimized;

Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are a valuable resource to spread the word about the Federation’s victories, initiatives, and calls to action;

Whereas there have been recent attempts to infringe upon student organizations and policy developments which are not beneficial to students including, but not limited to the Ontario Government’s Student Choice Initiative, cuts to education, and significant detrimental changes to OHIP+ requiring the Federation to mobilize student resistance and campaign for positive policy change more than ever;
Whereas effective mobilization requires conducting outreach to as many students as possible;

Whereas recognized student-led campus publications will increase the Federation’s outreach capacities significantly;

Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are under threat by far-right and otherwise authoritarian forces that seek to write them off as fake news;

Whereas excluding recognized student-led campus publications contributes to their delegitimization and plays into the hands of the far-right;

Whereas restricting access to relevant information about the Federation’s decision-making makes it more difficult for marginalized students to become informed about decisions that affect their student movement and participate, which could be interpreted as discrimination against students who are most in need;

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy, “Media”, be amended as follows:

Preamble
The Federation acknowledges the importance of free and independent journalism institutions in society. The Federation recognizes that student journalists play an important role in the student movement to promote and keep records of student advocacy, which helps ensure that best practices and lessons learned are preserved for future generations of students. Furthermore, the Federation supports the existence of free and independent student-led campus publications on all campuses.

Student-led campus publications allow students to tell their own stories, challenge the decisions made by institutional decision-making structures, expose injustices on campuses, and inform the general student body about events organized on campuses. Student-led campus publications can also empower students to become storytellers or journalists, and tell stories about their own communities that may be left out of the mainstream press. Student-led campus publications should be autonomous and offer a student-centred perspective that tends to be absent from university or college publications produced by institutional administrations.

Media
The Federation supports:

- editorial autonomy of student publications;
- the fair remittance of student levies passed democratically that guarantee funding for student-led campus publications;
- recognized student-led campus publications attending and reporting on General Meetings of the Federation, including both the Opening and Closing Plenary, and all committee meetings, and excluding caucuses and constituency group meetings.

The Federation opposes:

- The Federation strongly opposes the budgetary cuts to Radio Canada and CBC and demands that the Federal government ensure a broad range of local and national programs in both official languages;
- the concentration of media ownership by large corporations;
- any attempt to censor or delegitimize student journalism;
- publications that are established and controlled by campus administrations as an affront to independent newspapers on campus;
- interference in the collection or remittance of student levies for student media outlets by institutional administrations;
- students’ unions who infringe on the autonomy and integrity of recognized student-led campus publications

The Federation refrains from aiding in the distribution and the purchase of advertising in commercial, campus-targeted publications other than non-Federation publications which displace money from the student community and threaten the livelihood of non-profit, student-run publications.

2019/11:185 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 34 / Dalhousie Student Union
Be it resolved that the third point of “The Federation supports” be amended to read:
- recognized student-led campus publications attending and reporting on General Meetings of the Federation, including Opening and Closing Plenary;
CARRIED

2019/11:186 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97 / Local 82
Be it resolved that the first bullet of “The Federation opposes” be amended to read:
- budgetary cuts to Radio Canada and CBC
CARRIED

2019/11:187 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 11 / Local 32
Be it resolved that the policy be amended to include under “The Federation supports”:
- a broad range of local and national programming, available in multiple languages and not limited to Canada’s official languages
CARRIED

2019/11:188 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97 / Local 71
Be it resolved that the motion be amended to strike under “The Federation opposes”:
- the censorship or delegitimize of student journalism
CARRIED

2019/11:189 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97 / Local 82
Be it resolved that the motion be amended to strike under “The Federation opposes”:
- interference in the collection or remittance of student levies for student media outlets by institutional administrations
CARRIED

2019/11:190 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97 / Local 34
Be it resolved that the fifth bullet under “The Federation opposes” be amended to read:
- the infringement of the autonomy and integrity of recognized student-led campus publications
CARRIED

2019/11:126 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:128 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas student employment is often precarious;
Whereas students’ unions express the democratic will of their student members;

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy, “Student Employment” be amended to include the following under “The Federation supports”:
- students being able to be members of labour unions associated with their occupations and/or places of work; and
- the prioritization of student hiring for positions within students’ unions.

2019/11:191 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 99/ Dalhousie Student Union

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to strike “the prioritization of student hiring for positions within students’ unions”.

CARRIED

2019/11:128 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:130 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas special students are often overlooked in education policy;
Whereas special students contributions to student life should be valued;

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy, “Special Student Issues”, be added to the Federation’s Post-Secondary Education Issues Policies:

Special Student Issues

Preamble
Special students are students who are enrolled in courses at a post-secondary institution but are not affiliated with any degree or program. These students may be taking courses to obtain new prerequisites for jobs, have been forced to change careers, are looking to build knowledge for immediate application in their community, or may not be able to afford the cost of a full program, even with a part-time course load. While this classification of students is not as common as others, the Federation recognizes that these students are also part of campus communities.

Policy
The Federation supports:
- special students being eligible to access student services offered by education institutions and students’ unions;
- special students being eligible to be members of students’ unions and pay students’ union membership fees;
- special students being eligible to get involved in extracurricular activities; and
- formal certificates of recognition for special students for completing courses that can be used to provide proof of course completion for job and education related applications.
The Federation opposes:
- special students being ineligible for services due to their special student status;
and
- unfair treatment on the basis of special student status.

CARRIED

2019/11:132 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas students’ unions should develop organizational structures that emulate the fair decision making processes their student members want to see in society;
Whereas harassment must be prevented as much as possible in all institutions;
Whereas access to legal aid would help students who are victims of harassment;
Whereas the Federation and its Member Locals should commit to harassment prevention;
Whereas there are a number of spelling and grammar mistakes in the policy that need to be ameliorated;

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy, “Harassment and Grievance Policies”, be amended as follows:

Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policies

The Federation supports and encourages the development of common elements of harassment complaint procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to, confidentiality of the complainant; a response period that is respectful of students’ and staff; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, language, socioeconomic class, position of influence, and employment as an academic worker including, but not limited to, research assistants and teaching assistants, and therefore a need for an advocacy procedure for the complainant.

The Federation supports the creation and maintenance of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are autonomous and fully funded, publicly and adequately, to serve the needs of all students. The Federation further supports these offices being equipped to provide students with legal assistance.

The Federation encourages post-secondary institutions to acknowledge and address in their Harassment Complaint Procedures academic workers including, but not limited to, research assistants and teaching assistants are in a unique employment situation where they may face harassment from both supervisors and students and can experience repercussions on the basis of their employment and/or academic status.

The Federation encourages post-secondary institutions to develop and provide harassment prevention training, guidelines, policies, and procedures for those who supervise academic workers including, but not limited to, research assistants and teaching assistants.

The Federation encourages Member Locals to develop and provide harassment prevention training, guidelines, policies, and procedures, for student representatives and other individuals in managerial positions who interact with the study body and supervise employees and volunteers.

The Federation shall strive to develop and provide harassment prevention training, guidelines, policies, and procedures, for student representatives and other individuals in managerial positions who interact with student representatives, students, and other individuals from internal and external stakeholder groups.
2019/11:192  **Motion to Amend**  
Local 97 / Dalhousie Student Union  

Be it resolved to amend the fifth paragraph of the policy to read:  

The Federation supports Member Locals to develop and provide harassment prevention training, guidelines, policies, and procedures, for student representatives and other individuals in managerial positions who interact with the student body and supervise employees and volunteers.  

CARRIED

2019/11:193  **Motion to Amend**  
Local 34 / Dalhousie Student Union  

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to include:  

The Federation supports member locals to advocate for academic and research employers on campus to respect accommodation for students with learning and other disabilities, and protect students from harassment by academic and research employers, on the basis of their disability.  

CARRIED

2019/11:194  **Motion to Amend**  
Local 11 / Local 98  

Be it resolved that the policy be amended to strike the following paragraph:  

The Federation shall strive to develop and provide harassment prevention training, guidelines, policies, and procedures, for student representatives and other individuals in managerial positions who interact with student representatives, students, and other individuals from internal and external stakeholder groups  

CARRIED

2019/11:195  **Motion to Amend**  
Local 11 / Local 34  

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to include:  

The Federation also supports the active and ongoing consultation of and collaboration with students on part of institutions when creating and updating harassment policies or procedures.  

CARRIED

2019/11:196  **Motion to Amend**  
Local 11 / Dalhousie Student Union  

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to include:  

The Federation encourages post-secondary institutions, in consultation and collaboration with students, to develop and provide harassment prevention training, guidelines, policies, and procedures for those who supervise academic workers including, but not limited to, research assistants and teaching assistants  

CARRIED

2019/11:132  **Carried as Amended**

2019/11:134  **Motion**  
Local 98 / Local 106  

Whereas there are a number of spelling and grammatical errors in this policy that need to be ameliorated;
Whereas environmental sustainability is another issue to take into consideration for a policy on housing;

Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy, “Housing”, be amended as follows:

**Housing**

**The Federation supports:**

- the construction of affordable university and community college housing in communities with a shortage of affordable housing;

- the abolition of housing policies that discriminate against students, including but not limited to policies on subsidized housing;

- the abolition of barriers to accessibility to non-profit, tenant-controlled housing, including exclusionary housing bylaws; and

- efforts to make new and existing campus student residences environmentally sustainable.

Be it further resolved that the last bullet of the Post-secondary Education Issues Policy “Housing” be amended as follows:

- full accessibility and fair and equitable allocation of campus student residence spaces to students with partners, dependents, or other family-oriented living requirements.

2019/11:197 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 11 / Local 98

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to strike the first three points of “The Federation supports” section, as these points already exist in the policy.

CARRIED

2019/11:134 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

2019/11:136 **MOTION**

Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas there are a number of grammatical issues in this policy that need to be ameliorated;

Whereas accessibility should apply to extracurricular participation and participation in students’ unions;

Be it resolved that the Preamble of the Post-secondary Education Issues Policy, “Accessibility”, be amended as follows:

**Accessibility**

**Preamble**

A system of accessible education is one in which education is available to all applicants who wish to attend a postsecondary institution to further their education. The Federation recognises that the class-stratified nature of Canadian society serves to discriminate against most Canadians in their attempts to obtain a quality postsecondary education. A system of accessible education should allow individual students to pursue the education of their choice.

Be it further resolved that the Post-secondary Education Issues Policy, “Accessibility”, be amended to include the following under “The Federation supports”:

- the elimination of all aforementioned barriers as they apply to student involvement in the extracurricular aspect of education;
- the elimination of all aforementioned barriers as they apply to participation in the
democratic decision-making processes of students’ unions;
- Recognizing online voting systems with software and implementation procedures
that allow all students to have access to make informed votes as the most
accessible type of voting system.

2019/11:198 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 98 / Local 34

Be it resolved that the Preamble of the Post-secondary Education Issues Policy,
“Accessibility”, be amended as follows:

A system of accessible education is one in which education is available to all
applicants who wish to attend a postsecondary institution to further their education.
The Federation recognises that the class-stratified nature of Canadian society serves
to discriminate against and marginalize Canadians and international students in their
attempts to obtain a quality postsecondary education. A system of accessible
education should allow individual students to pursue the education of their choice.

CARRIED

2019/11:199 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 11 / Dalhousie Students’ Union

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to strike the second clause in its entirety.

CARRIED

2019/11:200 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 34 / Local 82

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to include:

Be it further resolved that the Federation supports the use of voting systems compatible
with accessibility software and devices.

CARRIED

2019/11:136 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:138 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the Federation could benefit from a solidarity approach that focuses on
inclusion;
Whereas many Member Locals have left the Federation due to its past practices;
Whereas a toxic organizational culture is detrimental to students’ mental health and is a
sign that an organization is oppressive;
Whereas critique and debate are healthy aspects of an organization that helps it grow;
Whereas any attempt to bring back those who left the Federation, those who opted out
due to the Student Choice Initiative in Ontario, or those who are critical of the Federation
should be done through inclusion instead of fostering animosity towards those
individuals and groups;
Whereas the fact that this motion has been submitted indicates that the Federation has
problems with its current organizational culture;
Whereas progressive ends cannot be reached through authoritarian means;
Be it resolved that the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy, “Solidarity”, be amended as follows:

**Solidarity**

The Federation encourages students to work in solidarity with members of the post-secondary educational community. The Federation opposes penalties imposed upon members of the post-secondary educational community for respecting picket lines.

The Federation shall remain in solidarity even with members who are critical of the Federation, because it is through a continuous process of productive discourse that the Federation improves over time.

**The Federation opposes:**

- any behaviour that encourages resentment towards Member Locals and students who are critical of the Federation or Member Locals and students who wish to leave the Federation;
- any behaviour that encourages resentment towards other provincial and national students’ unions that have emerged out of opposition to the Federation’s past decisions and/or current practices;
- any behaviour that encourages resentment towards students who have recently begun learning about progressive politics and who may be just learning about its intricacies including, but not limited to, correct language, connotations, understandings, and practices;
- any behaviour that falsely labels Member Locals and students who are critical of the Federation as being adherents of a particular political ideology, demographic, or other factors and using such labels with the same vitriol as slurs within the context of the Federation’s organizational culture;
- The Federation shall remain in solidarity with all students under its territorial jurisdiction regardless of whether they pay fees to the Federation, and shall carry out the will of these students before all else, even if doing so results in the dissolution of the Federation; and

The Federation acknowledges that any violation of this policy is a direct attempt to foster a toxic culture within the Federation that is damaging to students’ mental health. Any such violation is the opposite of what the Federation seeks to promote and is a grossly failed attempt to practice progressive politics.

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**DEFEATED**

2019/11:140 **MOTION**

Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas students’ unions should not only be autonomous, but democratic;

Whereas compliance with the current corporate legislation in Canada does not ensure sufficiently fair and democratic decision-making;

Whereas appointed municipal student advisory councils could be used as an excuse for policymakers to not consult with elected students’ representatives;

Whereas there should be no meddling in Member Local elections by any external groups, including other students’ unions;

Be it resolved that the third paragraph of the Post-Secondary Education Issues Policy, “Students’ Union Autonomy”, be amended as follows:

**Students’ Union Autonomy**

Preamble
Students’ unions’ ability to provide representation and high-quality services for their members depends, in large part, on their ability to receive membership fees and to conduct their work autonomously.

While students’ unions in some provinces have strong legislation that recognises their right to organise and ensures their financial and democratic autonomy, students’ unions in other provinces exist without formal government recognition or protection. As such, for the majority of students’ unions in Canada, the legal rights for the collection fees only exist in common law. In the absence of clearly defined legal rights, students’ unions in much of Canada secure rights and powers from their respective institutional administrations by entering into individual contracts or agreements.

However, in order to represent the views and defend the interests of their members, students’ unions must, from time-to-time, take positions that are critical of the decisions or actions of campus administrations, governments, external political parties, other relevant organisations and bodies, or this Federation without fear of reprisals in the form of the withholding of funds or the eviction from space. In the absence of legislation protecting the students’ union autonomy and right to organise, students’ unions are vulnerable to interference from campus administration, governments and all external parties, and are in constant threat of having their funds withheld by politically motivated college and university administrations.

Policy

The Federation supports legislation that:

- defines students' unions as autonomous entities whose operations are subject only to the laws that govern not-for-profit corporations and the democratic will of their members;

- mandates the collection and remission of membership fees to students' unions by university and college governing bodies and guarantees this right of remission without interference from institutional administrative bodies;

- enshrines students’ unions’ full financial and operational autonomy, including the ability to hire and manage staff, set fees, prepare financial statements, arrange for audits, and enter into arrangements with external service providers;

- enshrines students’ unions' full democratic autonomy, such as the ability to set and administer referendum and election rules, define membership, and maintain policies and bylaws;

- recognises only member-driven students’ unions as the official student voice on campus, in Canada and prohibits any post-secondary education institution administration, municipal, provincial, or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external political party, or any agent or representative thereof, from selecting, appointing, overseeing or administering the election of student representatives to institutional and governmental bodies of any kind, including commissions, consultations, or any other advisory or decision-making body; and

- guarantees access to relevant, accurate membership lists and associated contact information for all students’ unions.

The Federation opposes:

- the recognition of any individual student or student group that is not elected or appointed through and officially recognised member-driven students’ unions as a student representative for the purpose of representing the needs or interests of students on any institutional and governmental body of any kind, including commissions, consultations, or any other advisory or decision-making body;
- any legislation, policy or action on the part of any post-secondary education institution administration, municipal, provincial or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external party, this Federation, or any agent or representative thereof, that undermines students’ union autonomy, right and ability to organise, or ability to work collectively in broader coalitions and with other organisations;
- interference by any post-secondary education institution administration, municipal, provincial or federal government, governmental or quasi-governmental agency, external party, this Federation, or any agent or representative thereof, in students’ union financial or operational affairs or democratic processes, including meetings, elections and referenda;
- any criteria or conditions put in place by college and university administrations as a prerequisite for setting, collecting and remitting membership fees;
- any attempt by this Federation to meddle in the democratic processes of its Member Locals, including, but not limited to elections, referenda, and the votes taken by Member Local governing boards.

DEFEATED

2019/11:142 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas that an absence or insufficient size and/or number of prayer spaces on campus is an issue affecting many Canadian postsecondary education institutions;

Be it resolved that a postsecondary education issues policy, “Multi-Faith Campus Prayer Spaces” be adopted as follows:

Multi-Faith Campus Prayer Spaces
Preamble
The Federation acknowledges the importance of religious obligation for students and staff in postsecondary education institution campuses. These spaces should be inclusive, safe, easily accessible, and should be sufficiently sizeable for the number of individuals using them.

The Federation supports:
- Inclusive, safe, accessible, and sufficiently sizeable prayer spaces on postsecondary education institution campuses;
- Prayer spaces being equipped for various individual and group religious activities;
- Prayer spaces being open seven days a week for as many hours a day as possible.

The Federation opposes:
- Postsecondary education institutions that do not have prayer spaces;
- Prayer spaces that are not inclusive, accessible, or sufficiently sizeable;
- Prayer spaces with limited hours that provide significant inconveniences for students and staff.

2019/11:201 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 11 / Local 98

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to amend the first bullet of “The Federation supports”:

- The creation and maintenance of inclusive, safe, accessible, and sufficiently sizeable prayer spaces on postsecondary education institution campuses.

CARRIED
2019/11:202 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 82 / Local 11

Be it resolved that the motion be amended to strike from “The Federation opposes”:
- Postsecondary education intuitions that do not have prayer spaces

CARRIED

2019/11:142 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:144 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas there are a number of minor grammatical and structural issues in this policy that need to be amended;

Whereas it is important to revise policies to provide updates on changing concerns relating to the issues they encapsulate and to make them more comprehensive where additional detail would be beneficial;

Whereas the recent trend of political and institutional leaders favouring appointed student advisory councils over elected students’ representative bodies is concerning, as these appointed groups undermine the elected students’ representatives and students’ stakeholder groups that these institutional and political leaders should be consulting with;

Whereas structure of academic senates and boards is not the only way to structure an education institution in order to fulfill the spirit of this policy;

Whereas Innis College at the University of Toronto (St. George) has a structure where students and administration are equal in representation, allowing students to actually have a say in policy matters such as finances, services, renovations, purchasing, and more;

Be it resolved that the Post-secondary Education Issues Policy, “Governance of Post-Secondary Institutions”, be amended as follows:

**Governance of Post-Secondary Institutions**

**Preamble**

If post-secondary institutions are to fulfill their public responsibilities for the creation and transmission of knowledge, students and staff should play a decisive role in making educational decisions and setting educational policy.

**Policy**

Final authority for administrative and financial matters should be vested in institutional boards of governance, composed primarily of community representatives. Educational decisions and the setting of academic policy should be the responsibility of a senior academic body called a senate.

**The Federation supports:**

- institutional boards of governance containing a representative sample of community members including academic and non-academic staff, students and alumni.
- the right of representatives of students’ unions to participate in the decision-making process.
- increasing voting representation of students on university and college institutional boards of governance to fifty percent, or a percentage proportionate to the amount of student contributions through fees like tuition, whichever is higher.
- The right of students' unions to democratically decide who will represent students on institutional boards of governance.

- a majority of membership of an academic senate being academic staff elected by their colleagues, with at least one third plus one of additional representatives being students elected through a democratic process set out by their respective students’ union.

- the University’s and College’s President and Provost being ex-officio members of the senate;

- Membership on subcommittees of institutional boards of governance and senates being open to all members of the respective body.

- The procedures and rules for institutional boards of governance and senates being set out in the legislation constituting the institution, and in collective agreements negotiated between the institution and its academic staff.

- the membership of governing bodies reflecting the diversity of the academic community in the case of a senate, and the diversity of the community in which the institution is located in the case of a board.

- governance structures of post-secondary institutions being representative of and accountable to the communities served by these institutions, to achieve equitable representation of faculty, support staff, and students and to include increased numbers of economically disadvantaged people, women, First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, racialised peoples, queer people, people with disabilities, Francophones, international students, mature and part-time students, and student union representatives.

- governance structures that are inherently anti-colonial and offer additional ways to conduct fair and equitable decision-making within education institutions.

**The Federation opposes:**

- the domination of governance structures of post-secondary institutions by members of the business, financial and legal community.

- elections for student seats on institutional senates and boards of governors held by post-secondary institutions themselves, and not by recognised students’ unions.

- students’ representatives on institutional governing bodies being prevented from speaking about decisions of said bodies to their members.

- the denial of international students of sitting on institutional boards of governance.

- the use of security and police to prevent access to governance meetings of post-secondary educational institutions.

- the selection of students as appointees to institutional senates and institutional boards of governance by those or other post-secondary institutional administrative bodies.

- student advisory councils that replace the existence or potential existence of a group of democratically elected students’ representatives.

2019/11:203 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 99 / Local 82

Be it resolved that the motion be amended strike the last bullet under “The Federation supports”.

CARRIED

2019/11:204 MOTION TO AMEND
Local11 / Local 34
Be it resolved that the following bullet under “The Federation supports” be amended to include “trans and two spirit people”, as follows:

- governance structures of post-secondary institutions being representative of and accountable to the communities served by these institutions, to achieve equitable representation of faculty, support staff, and students and to include increased numbers of economically disadvantaged people, women, First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, racialised peoples, queer, trans and two spirit people, people with disabilities, Francophones, international students, mature and part-time students, and student union representatives.

CARRIED

2019/11:144 CARRIED AS AMENDED

6. PRESENTATION OF ORGANISATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

2019/11:030 MOTION

National Executive / Local 106

Whereas transphobia is rampant on our campuses; and

Whereas the issues the 2Spirit and trans community face are vastly different from those the queer community face, creating a need for a separate and specific constituency group; and

Whereas there has been numerous discussions in past meetings on the inclusion of 2Spirit and Trans people in General Meetings and within the structure of the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation has provided informal meeting spaces for 2Spirit and Trans people during the Women’s Constituency at past Federation General Meetings, at the request of trans delegates present; and

Whereas the Council of Constituency Representatives currently does not have the informal Trans Constituency Representative in its membership or structure; therefore

Be it resolved that “Standing Resolution 36 - Constituency Groups” be amended to include the 2Spirit and Trans Constituency Group as a current group; and

Be it resolved that any other Federation policies or documents that reference constituency groups be updated to reflect the inclusion of the 2Spirit and Trans Constituency Group; and

Be it further resolved that a new “Standing Resolution - 2Spirit and Trans Constituency” be added as the new Standing Resolution 14 with subsequent standing resolutions being renumbered accordingly.

Standing Resolution 14

2Spirit and Trans Constituency

1. Objectives

The objectives of the Constituency Group shall be:

a. provide a setting for 2Spirit and transgender identifying students at national general meetings to evaluate the political climate within which 2Spirit and trans issues are confronted.

b. to support the statement of purpose of the Federation.
c. to provide a setting for 2Spirit and transgender students at general meetings to communicate, exchange information and share experience and ideas regarding issues facing 2Spirit and transgender communities;

d. to provide a place for 2Spirit and transgender students to develop organisational and political skills;

e. to provide a setting for 2Spirit and transgender students to organise as 2Spirit and trans people and to provide a forum where 2Spirit and trans students can develop a sense of unity and cooperation.

2. Purpose

At each national general meeting, the Constituency Group shall:

a. appoint representatives to the plenary standing sub-committees.

b. discuss national general meeting motions that are of concern to members of the constituency group.

c. discuss campaigns to be implemented by the Constituency Group.

d. determine a budget for the Constituency Group.

e. discuss any other business of concern to members of the Constituency Group.

3. Membership

Membership of the Constituency Group shall include all 2Spirit and transgender people who are delegates from member local associations; constituency, component and caucus representatives; and/or National Executive members at general meetings of the Federation. This membership shall participate in voice and vote at all meetings of the Constituency Group.

4. Rights and Privileges of Members

All members of the Constituency Group are entitled to:

a. attend any Constituency Group meeting and to speak to any matter or motion which may arise;

b. to vote at any Constituency Group meeting;

c. to nominate one member to act as 2Spirit and Trans Students Commissioner.

5. Rights and Privileges of Non-Members

Non-members shall be entitled to participate in any meetings of the Constituency Group, and may speak on any matter arising at such a meeting. Non-members may not vote at meetings of the Constituency Group.

6. Constituency Group Election Procedure

The 2Spirit and Trans Students 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. 2Spirit and Trans Students Commissioner shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from May 1 to April 30.

7. Duties of the Commissioner

The duties of the commissioner shall be:

a. to act as the spokesperson of the 2Spirit and Trans Students Constituency on national issues;

b. to implement campaigns as determined by the Constituency Group;

c. to communicate with the national office, the National Executive, provincial components, the National Graduate Caucus, the Constituency Group Commissioners, participants at national general meetings, and member local associations on national issues of the Constituency Groups.
d. to send to 2Spirit and trans 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.

8. Meetings
Meetings of the Constituency Group may take place at any general meeting of the Federation at which members of the Constituency Group are present. Meetings of the Constituency Group shall be announced by word of mouth and/or print and will take place at the same time as women’s constituency.

Should any clause of this constitution conflict with the Constitution of the Federation, the latter shall prevail. This constitution shall only be repealed or amended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the voting member associations present at a general meeting of the Federation.

2019/11:205  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97 / Local 49

Be it resolved that section 5. Rights and Privileges of Non-Members be amended to read:

5. Rights and Privileges of Non-Members
2Spirit and trans people who are present but are not delegates from member local associations shall be entitled to participate in any meetings of the Constituency Group, and may speak on any matter arising at such a meeting, but may not vote at meetings of the Constituency Group.

CARRIED

2019/11:206  MOTION TO AMEND
Dalhousie Student Union / Local 49

Be it resolved that section 7. Duties of the Commissioner title be amended to read:

7. Duties and Responsibilities of the 2Spirit and Trans Representative on the National Executive
Be it further resolved that section 7. add:

e. Carry out other duties, as do other national executive members, as outlined in bylaw V in Federation Constitution and Bylaws.

Be it further resolved that all other governing documents be amended to reflect these changes.

CARRIED

2019/11:030  CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:032  MOTION
National Executive / Local 106

Be it resolved that all references to “Queer Constituency” in Federation Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Operations Policies be amended to read “2Spirit and Queer Constituency”.

Be it further resolved that all references to “Queer Constituency Commissioner” or “Queer Commissioner” be amended to “2Spirit and Queer Constituency Commissioner” or “2Spirit and Queer Commissioner” in Federation Bylaws, Standing Resolutions, and Operations Policies.
CARRIED

2019/11:112 MOTION
Local 97 / Local 106

Whereas the formerly named Students with Disabilities Constituency Group recently changed its name to the Student Disability Justice Constituency Group; and

Whereas this updated name is not reflected consistently throughout the current Standing Resolutions of the Federation; Therefore

Be it resolved that the Standing Resolutions be updated to reflect the correct name of the Constituency Group as follows:

- Update the name of the group in the Table of Contents under Standing Resolution 9.
- Update the name of the group in Standing Resolution 9, Section 6 e (STUDENT DISABILITY JUSTICE CONSTITUENCY GROUP, Duties of the Student Disability Justice Commissioner).
- Update the name of the group in Standing Resolution 15, Section 2 b (CONSTITUENCY GROUP COMMISSION, Membership)
- Update the name of the group in Standing Resolution 36, Section 3 (CONSTITUENCY GROUPS, Current Constituency Groups)

CARRIED

2019/11:114 MOTION
Local 97 / Local 106

Whereas the Federation recently decided to include subsidies for dependent care as well as childcare; and

Whereas this decision is not reflected consistently throughout the Standing Resolutions and Operations Policy of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy on National General Meetings, subsection Childcare and Dependent Care, be amended as follows:

- Change the beginning of the first sentence from “The Federation shall provide partial reimbursement for childcare expenses incurred” to read “The Federation shall provide partial reimbursement for childcare and dependent care expenses incurred”
- Change the portion of section 1, which reads “shall reimburse the member (parent or guardian of the child/dependent)”, to read “shall reimburse the member (parent or guardian or caregiver of the child/dependent)”
- Change section 2, which reads “for each child after the first requiring childcare services, the member or member local association will be reimbursed for an additional $15.00 per day up to a maximum of three additional children;”, to read “for each child or dependent after the first requiring childcare or dependent care services, the member or member local association will be reimbursed for an additional $15.00 per day up to a maximum of three additional children or dependents;”

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 18, subsection 8.f.iii (THE NATIONAL GRADUATE CAUCUS, Finances, Subsidies for [Caucus] General Meetings), which reads “The subsidy will only cover childcare, travel and accommodation costs.”, be amended to read “The subsidy will only cover child care, dependent care, travel and accommodation costs.”

CARRIED
2019/11:116  MOTION
Local 97 / Local 106

Whereas the Federation recently eliminated its Semi-Annual General Meeting and opted to instead have one (annual) General Meeting; and

Whereas this is not consistently reflected in the Federation’s Standing Resolutions; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 12, Section 10 (PART TIME AND MATURE STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP, Part Time and Mature Students Constituency Group Co-Commissioner Election Procedure), be amended as follows:

- Change the sentence reading “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” to read “The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from the end of the closing plenary of the annual general meeting until the end of the closing plenary of the annual general meeting one year later.”

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 13, Section 10 (QUEER STUDENTS’ CONSTITUENCY GROUP, Queer Students’ Constituency Group Co-Commissioner Election Procedure) be amended as follows:

- Change the sentence reading: “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” to read “The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from the end of the closing plenary of the annual general meeting until the end of the closing plenary of the annual general meeting one year later”.

CARRIED

2019/11:118  MOTION
Local 97 / Local 106

Whereas the Federation ought to, when feasible, conduct its operations in a manner which reduces unnecessary costs; and

Whereas all member locals have access to email; and

Whereas the cost of postal mail is higher than email; and

Whereas it is thus desirable that the Federation disseminate documents via email rather than by postal mail when feasible; therefore

Be it resolved that that Bylaw XII, Section 2 (AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, Notice) be amended as follows:

- Change the sentence which reads “The National Executive shall mail notice of all proposed amendments to the members not less than twenty-one (21) days before the general meeting at which they are to be considered.” to read “The National Executive shall mail and/or e-mail notice of all proposed amendments to the members not less than twenty-one (21) days before the general meeting at which they are to be considered.”

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 33, Section 2 (CAMPAIGNS OF THE FEDERATION, Established at General Meetings) be amended as follows:

- Change the sentence which reads: “Notice of the substance of a campaign proposal must be received by the National Executive at least six (6) weeks before the general
meeting at which the proposal is to be introduced so that four weeks notice can be made to voting members by mail to read “Notice of the substance of a campaign proposal must be received by the National Executive at least six (6) weeks before the general meeting at which the proposal is to be introduced so that four weeks notice can be made to voting members by mail and/or e-mail.”

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Operations Policy on Federation Documents, subsection “Annual Report” be amended as follows:

-Change the sentence reading: “A copy of the annual report shall be mailed to each member local not in attendance at the meeting no later than four (4) weeks following the meeting.” to read: “A copy of the annual report shall be mailed and/or e-mailed to each member local not in attendance at the meeting no later than four (4) weeks following the meeting.”

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Operations Policy on International Union of Students be amended as follows:

-Change the sentence reading: “Copies of the International Union of Students Newsletter shall be mailed out to all member local associations on a regular basis” to read: “Copies of the International Union of Students Newsletter shall be mailed and/or e-mailed out to all member local associations on a regular basis.”

CARRIED

2019/11:034 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas membership fee increases are a potential indicator of best practices in the past that could be emulated in the present;

Whereas data on past membership fee increases can help plan for future membership fee increases as necessary;

Whereas including this information will help counter claims that the Federation is not sufficiently transparent;

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “Financial Policy Relating to the Collection of Membership Fees” be amended as follows:

Financial Policy Relating to the Collection of Membership Fees

The Federation’s current national membership fee shall be posted on the Federation’s website in the “About” section. The Federation shall maintain in the “Member Students’ Union” section, the per student amount of the national membership fee for the previous five years, as well as records of all historical national membership fee increases since the Federation’s founding.

The Federation shall send a registered letter to each member association indicating the applicable membership fee, and the letter shall be sent in a timely manner.

The Federation shall apply an interest charge of 1% per month compounded monthly against all member local associations who have failed to remit all membership fees for the past year. Interest will be assessed beginning July 1 for the year immediately preceding and September 1 for the summer immediately preceding. Exception shall be granted to member associations whose institutions operate on a semester-based system. Interest levies shall be subject to review by the National Executive on a case by case basis upon request.

CARRIED

2019/11:036 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106
Whereas student journalism is real journalism;
Whereas student journalism should not be censored or delegitimized;
Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are a valuable resource to spread
the word about the Federation’s victories, initiatives, and calls to action;
Whereas recent attempts to infringe upon student organizations and policy
developments that are not beneficial to students, including, but not limited to the Ontario
Government’s Student Choice Initiative, cuts to education, and significant detrimental
changes to OHIP+ require the Federation more than ever to mobilize student resistance
and campaign for positive policy change;
Whereas effective mobilization requires conducting outreach to as many students as
possible;
Whereas recognized student-led campus publications can help increase the
Federation’s outreach capacities significantly;
Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are under threat by far-right and
otherwise authoritarian forces that seek to write them off as fake news;
Whereas excluding recognized student-led campus publications contributes to their
delegitimization and plays into the hands of the far-right;
Whereas restricting access to relevant information about the Federation’s decision-
making makes it more difficult for marginalized students to become informed about
decisions that affect their student movement and participate, which could be interpreted
as discrimination against students who are most in need;
Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario adopted more inclusive policies
for student media at the Annual General Meeting in August 2019, allowing student media
to attend and cover Plenary sessions of the Federation;
Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “National General Meetings”, add a section
below “Recordings” and be amended as follows:

**Student Media**

The Federation shall allow one English and one French representative from the
Canadian University Press and other recognized student-led campus publications to
attend, observe, and cover General Meetings upon agreement to the following
conditions:
- Media shall be allowed to observe plenary sessions and workshops, but shall not
  have speaking rights during such sessions;
- Media shall be allowed to cover plenary sessions and workshops of the Federation
  in any manner with the exception of audio or video recordings; and
- Media shall not be permitted to cover meetings of caucuses and constituency
groups;
- Media shall be allowed to interview willing delegates in a way that does not distract
  from delegate participation.

The rights and conditions will be made explicit in resultant agreements between the
Federation and the Canadian University Press, and any other recognized student-led
campus publications in attendance.

None of the rights of the media supersedes the Rules of Order utilized by the
Federation or any other policy of the Federation.

DEFEATED
2019/11:038  MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the Federation needs to mobilize as many students as possible to combat recent detrimental changes to education, including but not limited to cuts to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), and the Student Choice Initiative;

Whereas informing students about the activities National Executive Members are doing on a regular basis will inspire students to volunteer in the Federation's campaigns;

Whereas regular reports would allow National Executive Members to showcase their advocacy work and provide their perspectives to the students they represent;

Whereas regular reports are a standard practice in many other student unions, Member Locals, and other student representative bodies at local, provincial, national, and international levels, not to mention many incorporated bodies;

Whereas regular reports would bring an additional level of accountability to the Federation;

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “National Executive” be amended as follows:

National Executive

Constituency representatives on the National Executive shall submit full written reports to constituency members via constituency list-serves within two (2) weeks following the National Executive meeting. The report shall contain a copy of the agenda, a summary of the relevant discussion and all motions being recommended to the membership.

Each provincial representative on the National Executive shall submit full written reports to member local associations in their province within two (2) weeks following the National Executive meeting. The report shall contain a copy of the agenda, a summary of the relevant discussion and all motions being recommended to the membership.

Each National Executive Member shall also submit at least one (1) full written report each month to member local associations in their province or constituency via the appropriate official communication channels. These monthly reports shall be made publicly available on the Federation website. These reports shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- A summary of the activities the respective National Executive Member engaged with over the past month;
- A list of meetings the respective National Executive Member attended with member locals of the Federation, stakeholder groups, politicians.

2019/11:207  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97 / Local 93

Be it resolved that the third paragraph be amended to read:

Each National Executive Member shall also submit at least one (1) full written report each quarter to member local associations in their province or constituency via the appropriate official communication channels. These quarterly reports shall be made publicly available on the Federation website. These reports shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- A summary of the activities the respective National Executive Member engaged with over the past quarter;
- A list of meetings the respective National Executive Member attended with member locals of the Federation, stakeholder groups, politicians.
CARRIED

2019/11:038 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:040 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas a strong student movement depends on accurate, comprehensive, and up to date information to be successful;

Whereas long-term historical data can help transfer vital inter-generational lived experiences, best practices, and lessons learned to students of the present;

Whereas making more historical documents accessible online would dispel arguments from the Federation’s critics who argue that the Federation is not transparent and could encourage more students in Ontario affected by the Student Choice Initiative (SCI) to opt into the Federation;

Whereas making more historical documents accessible online would honour the contributions of past student leaders who have served the Federation;

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “Access to Information” be amended as follows:

Access to Information

Preamble
In order to ensure that all members and, where appropriate, all students have access to essential information, the Federation shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the relevant information is readily available, either publicly or upon reasonable request. The Federation shall endeavour to, at all times, be able and willing to grant reasonable requests for information without undue delay.

Public Information
The Federation shall ensure that the current Bylaws, Policies, and Standing Resolutions of the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services are publicly available to all members and students at www.cfsfcee.ca. It shall make the minutes of all past National General Meetings and the audited financial statements for all past fiscal years available alongside the documents listed above.

For greater clarity, the Federation shall present the audited financial statements of the Canadian Federation Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services separately.

Written Notice
For the purposes of the Bylaws and Policies, the Federation shall accept email as a form of written notice.

DEFEATED

2019/11:042 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas some students’ representatives or their families may be harmed by external groups if they vote for certain motions, including, but not limited to those that involve policy stances on international issues that affect postsecondary education;

Whereas students’ representatives may be harmed or feel threatened by the Federation for voting a certain way;

Whereas the Federation uses Robert’s Rules of Order;
Whereas the Federation must therefore allow for secret ballot requests;
Whereas by allowing secret ballots, members of the Federation are more free to vote on topics that they feel may impact their safety;
Whereas the Federation only notes the specific votes in the minutes if requested;
Be it resolved that Bylaw II.5.a be amended as follows:

5. Procedure at General Meetings
a. The rules of procedure at general meetings will be those described in the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, supplemented or modified by rules of procedure which may from time to time be established by the Federation’s Bylaws and standing resolutions, including but not limited to the following:
   i. A member local student association may motion that an item be voted on by secret ballot, a request which cannot be overruled and does not require a vote. The general meeting chair shall then ensure that ballots are handed out and that adequate voting instructions are given. When ballots have been cast, the general meeting chair shall count them in the presence of the general meeting and they may be challenged if member local student associations believe they are not counting the ballots correctly or are making poor quality judgements.
   ii. A member local student association may motion that an item be voted on by a roll call vote, a request which cannot be overruled and does not require a vote. Each member local student association shall then state openly their vote one at a time. The vote of each member local student association shall be recorded in the minutes.

DEFEATED
2019/11:058 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the Treasurer should be the custodian of the seal of the Federation as opposed to an unelected individual;
Whereas relevant records should be made publicly available on the Federation’s website;
Be it resolved that Bylaw IX.1 be amended as follows:

BYLAW IX - SEAL, DOCUMENTS, AND RECORDS
1. Custodian of the Seal and Records
   The National Treasurer shall be the custodian of the seal of the Federation and of all books, papers, records, correspondence, contracts and other documents belonging to the Federation.

Be it resolved that Bylaw IX.3 be amended as follows:

3. Books and Records
   a. The National Executive is responsible for ensuring that all books and records required by law or by these Bylaws are regularly and properly kept.
   b. The National Executive is responsible for ensuring that all relevant records be made publicly accessible on the Federation’s website.

DEFEATED
2019/11:046 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106
Whereas the Student Choice Initiative (SCI) in Ontario has caused a considerable decrease in the Federation's revenue;

Whereas the Federation’s Ontario Component has opted to no longer hold semi-annual general meetings in order to save money;

Whereas there should be proportional representation to encourage larger student unions to join the Federation, and have their decisions feel valued;

Be it resolved that Bylaw II.2.a be amended as follows:

2. Notice of General Meetings
a. Notice of each general meeting will be sent to each member of the Federation at least twenty-eight (28) to sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II.4 be amended as follows:

4. Quorum at General Meetings
A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of members shall consist of not less than one-half plus one (1/2 + 1) of the members of the Federation having voting rights at the time in person or by proxy.

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

8. Proportional Representation
a. Each member local student association shall be allotted a number of votes based on the amount of individual members it has in accordance with the following categories:
   i. Member local student associations with ten thousand (10,000) individual student members or less shall have one (1) vote.
   ii. Member local student associations with a population of individual student members between ten thousand and one (10,001) and twenty thousand (20,000) shall have two (2) votes.
   iii. Member local student associations with a population of individual student members greater than or equal to twenty thousand and one (20,001) shall have three (3) votes.
   iv. Member local student associations with a population of individual student members greater than or equal to ten thousand and one (10,001) who wish to proxy their vote are only entitled to proxy one (1) vote rather than the amount they would be allotted if they were present at the meeting.

2019/11:208 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97 / Local 71
Be it resolved to strike the third clause, Bylaw II, “8. Proportional Representation”, in its entirety.
CARRIED

2019/11:046 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:048 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106
Whereas this bylaw has incorrectly labelled clauses;

Whereas the democratic will of the Federation’s membership to add items to a general meeting agenda should be respected;
Whereas information relevant to members and students the Federation represents should be made publicly available on the Federation’s website;

Be it resolved that Bylaw III.2 be amended as follows:

2. Policy and Standing Resolutions Manuals
   a. All Federation policy statements will be compiled in a policy manual. The manual will be updated after each general meeting and made publicly available on the Federation’s website no later than thirty (30) days after each general meeting.
   b. All Federation standing resolutions will be compiled in a standing resolutions manual. The manual will be updated after each general meeting and made publicly available on the Federation’s website no later than thirty (30) days after each general meeting.
   c. The updated policy and standing resolutions manuals will be distributed to member local student associations no later than twelve (12) weeks following each national general meeting.

Be it resolved that Bylaw III.3 be amended as follows:

3. Notice
   a. All motions seeking the enactment, amendment or repeal of a policy, or to propose any action, excluding procedural motions and the enactment, amendment or repeal of a standing resolution, must be received by the National Executive Committee at least six (6) weeks before the general meeting at which the proposal is to be considered. Notice provisions exist in order to allow for all motions to be translated and distributed to member local student associations in advance of the meeting so that:
      • member local student associations may conduct research, survey their membership, and/or develop positions on motions for consideration prior to the meeting; and
      • member local student associations that are unable to send delegates to the meeting may give adequate instruction to their proxy. A simple resolution can be considered as an “emergency motion” and will be exempt from notice provisions in the event that the motion meets the following criteria:
         i. The motion pertains to an event or issue that has arisen subsequent to the notice deadline for motions; and
         ii. The motion pertains to an imminent and urgent event or issue that requires a resolution prior to the next scheduled general meeting.
   b. Section 3.a.i and Section 3.a.ii of this Bylaw can be overridden by a motion to add an item to a general meeting’s agenda that receives a simple majority vote of members present at said general meeting.
   c. Policy proposals and resolutions may be submitted by member local student associations, provincial components/ caucuses, constituency groups and the National Executive Committee.

2019/11:209  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97 / Local 82

Be it resolved to amend the first clause, “Bylaw III.2”, as follows:

2. Policy and Standing Resolutions Manuals
   a. All Federation policy statements will be compiled in a policy manual. The manual will be updated after each general meeting and made publicly
available on the Federation’s website no later than thirty (30) sixty (60) days after each general meeting.

b. All Federation standing resolutions will be compiled in a standing resolutions manual. The manual will be updated after each general meeting and made publicly available on the Federation’s website no later than thirty (30) sixty (60) days after each general meeting.

c. The updated policy and standing resolutions manuals will be distributed to member local student associations no later than twelve (12) weeks following each national general meeting.

CARRIED

2019/11:210 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97 / Local 49
Be it resolved to strike the following section in the second clause, “Bylaw III.3”:

b. Section 3.a.i and Section 3.a.ii of this Bylaw can be overridden by a motion to add an item to a general meeting’s agenda that receives a simple majority vote of members present at said general meeting.

CARRIED

2019/11:048 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:054 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106
Whereas access to long-term financial data allows for more informed planning;

Be it resolved that Bylaw VII.5 be amended as follows:

5. Reporting

a. Year-to-date financial statements be produced for every executive and general meeting.

b. Records of all available financial statements from past years shall be made publicly available on the Federation’s website.

2019/11:211 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97 / Dalhousie Student Union
Be it resolved that Bylaw VII.5.b, Reporting, be amended to read:

b. Records of all audited financial statements from past 5 fiscal years shall be made publicly available on the Federation’s website.

CARRIED

2019/11:054 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:064 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106
Whereas there are more than two gender identities and expressions;

Whereas the Federation’s Bylaws should reflect all gender identities and expressions;

Be it resolved that Bylaw XIV.1 be amended as follows:

BYLAW XIV - INTERPRETATION

1. Number and Gender of Words
Unless the context requires otherwise, all pronouns and possessive adjectives used in these Bylaws refer to persons of all genders, and all singular or plural meanings.

Be it further resolved that the Federation amend its Bylaws, Policies, and Standing Resolutions accordingly.

2019/11:212 MOTION TO AMEND
Dalhousie Student Union / Local 103

Be it resolved to amend the first clause, Bylaw XIV – Interpretation 1. Number and Gender of Words be amended to read:

**BYLAW XIV - INTERPRETATION**

1. Number and Gender of Words

   Unless the context requires otherwise, all pronouns and possessive adjectives used in these Bylaws refer to persons of all **multiple or no** genders, and all singular or plural meanings.

CARRIED

2019/11:064 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:110 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas some member locals require reports to be written and submitted to their Board of Directors on any conference members attend;

Whereas motions for Annual General Meetings are hard to write without completed and updated documents;

Whereas every local should be informed of decisions made for their own record keeping;

Whereas not every representative has the ability to receive a transition from their predecessor, and may not be aware of what happened at the last meeting;

Be it resolved that the National Executive send each member local a draft copy of the updated Governing Documents so that they may base their next Annual General Meeting submission package on correct information no more than ninety (90) days after the end of the most recent Annual General Meeting.

Be it further resolved that the National Executive send each member local the amendments to any motion at committee and closing plenary, as well as their adoption, failure, or tabling status within thirty (30) days of the end of the meeting at which these took place.

CARRIED

2019/11:213 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97 / Local 68

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

Be it further resolved that the National Executive send each member local the amendments to any motion at committee and closing plenary, as well as their adoption, failure, or tabling status within **sixty (60)** days of the end of the meeting at which these took place.

CARRIED

2019/11:110 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:044 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106
Whereas students are the reason the Federation exists;
Whereas the Federation is merely the means through which its members enact the democratic will of Canadian students;
Whereas the goals of the Federation should not supersede the common interests of students studying at Canadian post-secondary institutions;

Be it resolved that the order of the Statement of Purpose clauses in the Bylaws be amended as follows:

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants exists to perform the following functions:

1. to represent, promote and defend the common interests of students studying at Canadian post-secondary institutions;
2. to promote and support the interests and activities of democratic student organisations in all provinces and at all educational institutions in Canada;
3. to bring together post-secondary students from all parts of Canada to discuss and take common, democratic positions on questions affecting students;
4. to represent Canadian students in the federal level of decision-making and to do so by speaking on their behalf with one united voice;
5. to further the goals of the Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants as outlined in the Preamble;
6. to formulate a national programme that will serve as a framework for coordinating the efforts of representative post-secondary student organisations throughout Canada. This programme will summarize a long-term strategy for achieving the objectives of students in post-secondary education; will describe general ways of reaching those objectives; and will be revised periodically as new objectives and approaches become appropriate;
7. to do all other things that are incidental or conducive to these purposes.

2019/11:214 MOTION TO REFER
Be it resolved to refer motion 2019/11:044 to the National Executive.

CARRIED

2019/11:044 REFERRED

2019/11:084 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the grammar of Standing Resolution 24 should be corrected;
Whereas reduced delegate fees should be lowered given the current financial obstacles facing member local students’ associations, including but not limited to the Student Choice Initiative in Ontario;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 24 be amended as follows:

**Standing Resolution 24**

**SCALLED GENERAL MEETING DELEGATE FEES**

Reduced delegate fees shall be charged to member local associations with an annual fee revenue of less than $200,000 using the following formula:
(students’ union budget x delegate fee) + (delegate fee) =  
$400,000.00

A yearly inflationary adjustment shall be applied, upwards, to the subsidy ceiling.

The small budget member subsidy shall be based on the students’ association’s gross revenue which includes association membership fees, and net revenue from subsidiary organizations such as pubs, cafeterias, administration grants; and which does not include membership fees collected on behalf of autonomous organizations: the Federation, public interest research groups, athletic levies, and autonomous student newspapers and student radio stations, and medical plans.

The National Executive, upon request, shall be empowered to reduce or waive the delegate fee if the fee causes undue hardship upon the local association.

All delegates from small budget members shall participate in a travel pool.

The small budget member subsidy shall be applied to the travel pool average.

CARRIED

2019/11:052 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the members present at a general meeting should ultimately determine language competency instead of an unelected group;

Whereas having an unelected group be the ultimate arbiters when it comes to language competency can lead to the possibility that a candidate could be falsely deemed not competent in a language because the unelected group does not agree with the candidate’s policies;

Whereas the organization the Federation uses to conduct second languages tests, the Ottawa Language and Bilingualism Institute (OLBI), referred to below as the Second Languages Institute at the University of Ottawa, has had its bilingualism tests called into question in the past:


Be it resolved that Bylaw V.1 be amended to include paragraphs d and e below:

**BYLAW V - ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

1. Eligibility of Nominees for the National Executive
   
d. The second language proficiency of a National Chairperson candidate shall be determined by the members present at the annual general meeting where the election is taking place through members’ votes in the National Chairperson election.

   e. In the event that a nominee for National Chairperson fails to demonstrate second language proficiency, as described in the standing resolutions, the nominee shall still be eligible to stand for election.

Be it further resolved that the first bullet of Bylaw V.3.a.iv be amended as follows:

• nominees shall be allotted up to five (5) minutes to present opening statements;

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V.3 be amended to strike paragraph c, “Oath of Office”, below:

  c. Oath of Office
Following election to the National Executive, a director must execute, in writing, the Federation’s Oath of Office in order to commence their term.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V.5 be amended to strike paragraph c, “Removal of National Chair for Failure to achieve Second Language Proficiency” below:

**c. Removal of National Chair for Failure to Achieve Second Language Proficiency**

In the event that a member elected to the position of National Chairperson fails to achieve second language proficiency, as described in the standing resolutions, by no later than five (5) weeks prior to the general meeting at which the member is to assume the position of National Chairperson, the position will be declared vacant.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V.6.b.i be amended as follows:

**b. Vacancy in the Executive Positions**

In the event of a vacancy in the position of National Executive Positions contemplated by Bylaw V, Section 2.b through 2.g:

i. the National Executive shall have the authority to initiate a mail-out vote to members to select a person to fill the position following consultation with the entity which nominated the person who vacated office, until the next national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V.7 be amended as follows:

**7. Notice of Elections for National Executive Positions**

Information will be posted on the Federation’s website that includes, but is not limited to:

a. rate of remuneration;

b. outline of duties and responsibilities; and

c. outline of travel obligations and/or necessary relocation.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 20.1 be amended as follows:

**Standing Resolution 20**

**PROCEDURE TO ASSESS LEVEL OF SECOND LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OF NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON**

Second language proficiency will be considered the ability to:

- comprehend the second language;
- communicate with member locals in the second language; and
- carry out public relations in the second language.

**1. Assessing French or English as a Second Language for National Chairperson**

The second language proficiency of a National Chairperson candidate shall be determined by the members present at the annual general meeting where the election is taking place through members’ votes in the National Chairperson election.

**DEFEATED**

2019/11:082 **MOTION**

Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the other Standing Resolutions referenced in Standing Resolution 16 need to be corrected;
Whereas the differentiation between small and large institutions should be reviewed to reflect increasing university and college enrollment;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 16 be amended as follows:

**Standing Resolution 16**

**MEMBERSHIP OF CAUCUSES**

1. **Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students**
   
The members of the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students shall be as described in Standing Resolution #17, Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students.

2. **Caucus of College and Institute Associations**
   
The members of the Caucus of College and Institute Associations shall all be member locals from colleges and institutes.

3. **Caucus of Large Institute Associations**
   
The members of the Caucus of Large Institute Associations shall all be member locals with 14,000 or more members.

4. **Caucus of Small University Associations**
   
The members of the Caucus of Small University Associations shall all be member locals with 13,999 or less members.

5. **National Graduate Caucus**
   
The members of the National Graduate Caucus shall be as described in Standing Resolution #18, National Graduate Caucus.

6. **Black Students’ Caucus**
   
The members of the Black Students’ Caucus shall be as described in Standing Resolution #40, Black Students Caucus.

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**2019/11:215 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 97 / Local 49

Be it resolved to amend and add points 3, 4 and 5 to Standing Resolution 16, as follows, and renumber following paragraphs accordingly:

3. **Caucus of Large Institute Associations**
   
The members of the Caucus of Large Institute Associations shall all be member locals with 14,000 or more members or member locals from intuitions with 14,000 or more students.

4. **Caucus of Mid-Size University Associations**
   
The members of the Caucus of Mid-Size University Associations shall be member locals from intuitions with 7,000 - 13,999 members or member locals from intuitions with 7,000 – 13,999 students.

5. **Caucus of Small University Associations**
   
The members of the Caucus of Small University Associations shall all be member locals from institutions with 6,999 or less members or member locals from intuitions with 6,999 or less students.

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**2019/11:216 MOTION TO REFER**

Be it resolved to refer motion 2019/11:082 with subsequent amendment motion 2019/11:215 to the National Executive.

CARRIED

**2019/11:082 REFERRED**
2019/11:215  REFERRED

2019/11:050  MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas making open session National Executive Meeting minutes available on the Federation’s website shall make the Federation more accountable to its members and dispel criticisms that the Federation is not sufficiently transparent;

Be it resolved that Bylaw IV be amended to include section 15 below and that subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly:

**BYLAW IV - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

15. National Executive Meeting Minutes
   a. Minutes shall be taken at each National Executive Meeting by one or more individuals agreed upon by the National Executive.
   b. All open session National Executive Meeting minutes shall be posted on the Federation’s website.

**CARRIED**

2019/11:056  MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the numbering of clauses in Bylaw VIII is incorrect;

Whereas only elected student representatives should serve as officers of the Federation;

Be it resolved that Bylaw VIII be amended as follows:

**BYLAW VIII - OFFICERS**

1. For official purposes, the officers of the Federation will be the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, the National Treasurer and such other persons as the National Executive may from time to time determine.

2. No individual who is not an elected student representative at the time of appointment may serve as an officer of the Federation.

3. The remuneration and conditions of employment of all officers will be settled from time to time by the National Executive subject to confirmation of remuneration by the members at the next general meeting of the Federation.

**DEFEATED**

2019/11:060  MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas it is important for member local student associations to be updated about significant developments in terms of the Federation’s offices;

Be it resolved that Bylaw X.2 be amended as follows:

**BYLAW X - REGISTERED OFFICE**

1. National Headquarters
   The registered office of the Federation will be in the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, and at such locations as may be determined from time to time by the National Executive.

2. Reporting
a. The National Executive is responsible for ensuring that relevant updates regarding the status of all Federation offices are reported to Member Locals at General Meetings as needed.

b. A list of Federation office locations shall be made publicly available on the Federation’s website.

CARRIED

2019/11:062 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the language of Bylaw XII can be improved;
Whereas there should be a process for consultation and ratification in the case of amending the Preamble;

Be it resolved that Bylaw XII.2 and XII.3 be amended as follows:

**BYLAW XII - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

2. Notice

Notice of the substance of an amendment to this Constitution and Bylaws must be received by the National Executive at least six (6) weeks before the general meeting at which it is to be considered. The National Executive shall mail notice of all proposed amendments to the members not less than twenty-one (21) days before the general meeting at which they are to be considered. All said proposed amendments shall be made available simultaneously in both working languages of the Federation. The declaration of the National Executive that due notice has or has not been served will be held to be necessary proof of notice or lack thereof, unless evidence to the contrary is presented.

3. Amendment of Preamble

The Preamble may only be repealed or amended by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote at a general meeting plus a consensus vote of all current provincial components specified in Bylaw VI, Section 2.

DEFEATED

2019/11:068 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the Federation could become a major source for the study of the student movement in Canada;
Whereas currently it is hard to track the voter turnout at student unions across the country;
Whereas it is hard to define how many members each member local currently represents;

Be it resolved that the Federation solicit any past election turnout numbers in order to create a more accurate and comprehensive list;
Be it further resolved that the Federation solicit the total amount of students that each member local represents.

Be it further resolved that the following Operations Policy be added:

**Member Local Voter Turnout**

**Preamble**

The Federation’s advocacy capacity is largely dependent on the amount of students it is able to represent through its Member Locals. It is important that the Federation
keeps track of voter turnout at each of its Member Locals each year in order to estimate the amount of students within the Federation’s jurisdiction who are politically engaged in students’ union politics. It should also be the Federation’s goal to increase participation where possible, a task which would be made much easier if voter turnouts are clearly known.

Policy

List of Member Local Voter Turnouts

The Federation shall keep an up-to-date list of Member Local Voter turnouts publicly on the Federation’s website. This list should be updated each year and should display past turnout information since the list’s inception. Voter turnout shall be displayed for each Member Local in the form of a percentage of the Member Local’s total electorate and in the raw number of votes cast. There should also be an indication of whether each Member Local uses a paper ballot system, online voting system, or a combination of both.

Member Locals’ Responsibility to Report Voter Turnout

Each member local is responsible for reporting voter turnout to the Federation of all general elections, by-elections, and referenda that it has had since the last annual general meeting of the Federation no later than the close of the annual general meeting each year. If a Member Local does not provide voter turnout data, the Federation shall input “data not given” into the appropriate online field on the Federation’s website for said Member Local for the respective year.

Updating the List

The Federation shall update the list annually no later than sixty (60) days after the end of each annual general meeting.

DEFEATED

2019/11:070 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas committee approval processes can be improved to maintain one vote per member local students’ association, as well as member local students’ association voting capabilities;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 1.2 be amended as follows:

2. Committee Composition

a. Each caucus, constituency group and provincial component shall have the right to select one voting member to sit on each standing general meeting committee to represent the caucus, constituency group or provincial component’s members, providing that there is one vote per member local students’ association present.

b. Delegates who have not been selected to participate in a committee or subcommittee of plenary shall have the right to observe the proceedings of a subcommittee meeting but shall not have speaking rights unless a simple majority of the voting subcommittee delegates decide otherwise.

c. If a motion submitted by a member local students’ association is before the committee, the member local students’ association in question is granted voting and speaking rights when it comes to committee debate and voting on the motion.

Be it further resolved to amend Standing Resolution 1.3.c.v as follows:

v. review and make recommendations on the development of new members;

DEFEATED
MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas summaries of the Forum’s recommendations from a general meeting should be made available on the Federation’s website;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 2 be amended to include the following:

6. Reporting

Summaries of the Forum’s recommendations from a general meeting shall be made available on the Federation’s website no later than the time that the minutes for said general meeting are released.

DEFEATED

MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the spelling, grammar, and language of Standing Resolution 5 can be improved;

Whereas situations may arise where it may be best for Caucuses, Provincial Components, and Constituency Groups to submit motions directly;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 5.1 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 5

GUIDELINES FOR CAUCUSES, COMPONENTS AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

1. Guidelines for Caucuses, Components and Constituency Groups

a. Issues policy motions and directives to conduct research should be forwarded through representatives on the Policy Review and Development Committee.

b. Operations Policy, Bylaw, and Standing Resolution motions should be forwarded through representatives on the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

c. Any motion with budgetary implications should be forwarded to the Budget Committee.

d. Campaigns directives should be forwarded to Campaigns Committee.

e. Motions from Caucuses, Components, and Constituency Groups that do not consult with the committees as outlined above shall still be considered to be in order.

CARRIED

MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the Federation can benefit from having Standing Resolution 6 apply to guiding documents other than policies as well;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 6 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 6

DIRECTIVES & POLICY MOTIONS

At least four weeks before a general meeting, all notices of motions that originated from the previous general meeting shall be sent to the member local associations.

CARRIED
2019/11:080  MOTION  
Local 98 / Local 106  
Whereas there is no Bylaw XVI;  
Whereas this change would allow the Federation more flexibility when changing the structure of their bylaws;  
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 7 be amended as follows:  

Standing Resolution 7  
RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS  
Policy resolutions, standing resolutions, and constitutional amendments which are considered and adopted by the voting members of the Federation at a general meeting in accordance with the relevant Bylaws shall be noted in the minutes of the general meeting as having met the requirements for notice and passage.  

CARRIED  

2019/11:086  MOTION  
Local 98 / Local 106  
Whereas National Executive Reports can benefit from being made more comprehensive and transparent;  
Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 25 be amended as follows:  

Standing Resolution 25  
CONTENT OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS  
The National Executive Report shall be produced and distributed to the membership before the annual national general meetings.  
The Report shall contain, but not be limited to, information on:  
1. campaign activities and the goals achieved;  
2. an identification of membership issues and how they are being dealt with;  
3. a breakdown of current budget status (i.e. actuals compared to the budget);  
4. a record of all decisions made at National Executive meetings;  
5. an identification of goals and priorities for the remainder of the term of office;  
6. Federation internal affairs;  
7. social justice and anti-oppression work;  
8. coalition building;  
9. a services review including details about partnerships and the implementation of operations policies related to the purchase of products and services and the impact of operations;  
10. any goals that were not achieved or any opportunities that were missed; and  
11. any other information which is pertinent to members.  

DEFEATED  

2019/11:088  MOTION  
Local 98 / Local 106
Whereas Standing Resolution 26 could benefit by adding outlines of parameters of the Federation bylaws as well;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 26 be amended as follows:

**Standing Resolution 26**

**POLICY AND BYLAWS WORDING FORMAT**

1. The Federation shall adopt all policy in statement form and shall list all policies in the Federation’s Policy Manual in statement form.

2. The Federation shall adopt all bylaws in clause form with sections numbered as needed.

*CARRIED*

2019/11:090 **MOTION**

Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas translation services should be provided for all Forum meetings;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 27 be amended to include the following:

**8. Translation Services**

Translation services shall be provided for all forum meetings.

*CARRIED*

2019/11:092 **MOTION**

Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas Standing Resolution 28 would benefit from having numbered clauses;

Whereas information pertaining to salaries of At Large members of the National Executive of the Federation could be made more transparent;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 28 be amended as follows:

**Standing Resolution 28**

**REMUNERATION OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

1. The National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and National Treasurer shall:

   a. receive a salary of $2,750.00 per month, and prorated for partial months, to be adjusted each June 1 by the rate of change in the Consumer Price Index, for the greater Ottawa/Hull area, during the previous calendar year; and

   b. have access to the extended health and dental plan available to the Federation’s employees.

2. The salaries of all At Large members of the National Executive of the Federation:

   a. will be disclosed publicly on the Federation’s website and updated on an annual basis; and

   b. shall be included as separate line items in the budget presented at the annual general meetings of the Federation.

*DEFEATED*

2019/11:094 **MOTION**

Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas unanticipated issues, such as the Student Choice Initiative, may arise part way through the academic year;
Whereas the Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy should be made more accessible to students of the Federation’s member local students’ associations;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 33 be amended as follows:

**Standing Resolution 33**

**CAMPAIGNS OF THE FEDERATION**

General Description: Campaigns shall be the Federation’s planned course of action on issues for the academic year beginning at each annual general meeting and amended as needed over the course of the academic year.

1. Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy

The National Executive shall prepare a draft Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy to be circulated four weeks prior to each annual general meeting. The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall assess the recent and ongoing campaigns of the Federation, as well as proposing new campaigns. The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall include a section on implementation of the Strategy, which shall include:

- research and information compilation to be undertaken;
- contact with government(s);
- membership mobilisation;
- media strategy; and
- coalition work.

The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall be reviewed at the annual general meeting and shall be made publicly available on the Federation’s website and shall be updated no later than thirty (30) days after each annual general meeting.

2. Established at General Meetings

Notice of the substance of a campaign proposal must be received by the National Executive at least six (6) weeks before the general meeting at which the proposal is to be introduced so that four weeks notice can be given to voting members by mail.

DEFEATED

2019/11:096 MOTION

Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the Student Choice Initiative requires the Federation to cut costs to survive financially;

Whereas the money the Federation uses to cover accommodations most likely comes from fees paid by students of member local student associations;

Whereas student union staff are not representatives of student issues;

Whereas student money should not subsidize non-student delegates

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 34 be amended as follows:

**Standing Resolution 34**

**GENERAL MEETING DELEGATE FEES**

The Federation will assume the accommodation, food and travel costs for the first delegate from each member local union for each Annual General Meeting, as described in Bylaw II.
The Federation will not further subsidize non-student and non-member delegates from each member local. These delegates must pay for the full accommodation and travel fees without assistance from the Federation. Further, these delegates may not comprise of more than twenty five percent (25%) of any member local delegation.

DEFEATED

2019/11:098 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas media should be allowed to report on the Federation’s activities;
Whereas shutting out the media is not going to stop negative media coverage of the Federation;
Whereas including media can spread the word about the Federation’s activities and help increase student engagement;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 35 be amended as follows:

Standing Resolution 35
MEDIA PRESENCE AT GENERAL MEETINGS
1. The National Executive and any member local student association shall have the authority to extend invitations to the media to attend workshops and/or plenary sessions at national general meetings.
2. Media representatives do not need an invitation from the Federation to attend workshops and/or plenary sessions at national general meetings.
3. Media representatives cannot be kicked out of a meeting of the Federation if they are fulfilling the requirements of decorum.
4. Members of the media shall not have speaking privileges in a session at which they are permitted to attend unless granted by a majority vote of those present at said session.

DEFEATED

2019/11:100 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas recent political events like the Student Choice Initiative (SCI) in Ontario threaten the financial sustainability of member locals;
Whereas member locals with more low-income students will likely be adversely affected by the SCI;
Whereas member locals provide vital services to marginalized students and the continued operations of these services needs to be prioritized;
Whereas this time of financial hardship for student unions would be mitigated through an approach focusing on compassion and leniency;

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “Financial Policy Relating to the Collection of Membership Fees”, be amended as follows:

Financial Policy Relating to the Collection of Membership Fees
The Federation’s current national membership fee shall be posted on the Federation’s website in the “About” section. The Federation shall maintain in the “Member Students’ Union” section, the per student amount of the national fee for the previous five years.

The Federation shall send a registered letter to each member association indicating the applicable membership fee, and the letter shall be sent in a timely manner.
The Federation shall apply an interest charge of 1% per month compounded monthly against all member local associations who have failed to remit all membership fees for the past year, except for member local associations who are currently subjected to mandatory opt-out policies like the Student Choice Initiative in Ontario, for which the Federation shall apply an interest charge of 1% per year compounded yearly.

Interest will be assessed beginning July 1 for the year immediately preceding and September 1 for the summer immediately preceding. Exception shall be granted to member associations whose institutions operate on a semester-based system. Interest levies shall be subject to review by the National Executive on a case by case basis upon request.

DEFEATED

2019/11:102 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the democracy and autonomy of member local students’ associations should be respected;

Whereas the National Executive should not meddle in the democratic processes of member local students’ associations;

Be it resolved to amend the Preamble of the Operations Policy, “National Executive Code of Ethics”, as follows:

National Executive Code of Ethics
Preamble
It is the Federation’s desire that members of the National Executive conduct themselves with integrity that is beyond reproach and in a manner that:
- avoids any conflicts of interest;
- protects confidential information, in accordance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act;
- complies with all applicable governmental laws, regulations, and rules;
- respects the democracy and autonomy of member local associations; and
- adheres to good disclosure practices, in accordance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Be it further resolved to add the following paragraph, “Member Local Association Democracy and Autonomy”, between the “Conflicts of Interest” and “Confidentiality” paragraphs:

Member Local Association Democracy and Autonomy
In order to respect the democracy and autonomy of member local associations, and represent all member locals equally, members of the National Executive shall:
- not interfere with democratic elections of member local associations that they are not a dues-paying member of or allocate the Federation’s staff, volunteers, or resources to such election interference;
- not interfere with the hiring processes of member local associations that they are not a dues-paying member of or allocate the Federation’s staff, volunteers, or resources to such hiring process interference;
- not interfere with the democratic referenda of member local associations that they are not a dues-paying member of or allocate the Federation’s staff, volunteers, or resources to such democratic referenda interference;

DEFEATED
2019/11:104 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas Member Locals are autonomous, democratic organizations;

Whereas any kind of interference in Member Local elections by outside forces is a direct infringement upon democracy;

Be it resolved the Operations Policy, “Campaigns” be amended to include the following under “The Federation opposes”:

- working or supporting any campaign that involves interfering with the democratic processes of Member local associations.

DEFEATED

2019/11:074 MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the grammar and language of Standing Resolution 3 can be improved;

Whereas section 4 does not reflect the true range of gender identities and expressions;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 3.2 be amended as follows:

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

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3.3 be amended as follows:

3. Speaker Priority on Plenary Motions
   a. First Priority
      Delegates from member local associations and provincial components
   b. Second Priority
      National Executive members and national caucus representatives

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3.5 be amended as follows:

5. New Business Motions
    Any motion to be considered for new business may be submitted for translation by the deadline as outlined on the general meeting agenda.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3.6 be amended as follows:

6. Allocation of Plenary Time
a. Each committee, constituency group, the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students, the Black Students’ Caucus and the National Graduate Caucus shall be allocated a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive and uninterrupted minutes of time in all national general meeting closing plenary sessions to present a report and motions, provided that the report and motions were submitted by the deadline for translation.

b. The plenary of each general meeting shall include thirty (30) minutes in which members may ask questions of the National Executive.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 3, section 4 (“Affirmative Action Speaking Procedure”) be reviewed and updated by the next Annual General Meeting by the National Executive.

2019/11:217 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 98 / Local 97

Be it resolved that section 3. Speaker Priority on Plenary Motions add:

c. Third Priority
National and provincial staff of the Federation

CARRIED

2019/11:218 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 34/Local 100

Be it resolved to strike 3.2.b.

DEFEATED

For motion 2019/11:218:

This clause allows a local with more delegates to speak to the motion more often.

Against motion 2019/11:218:

Because Roberts’ Rules allows each delegate to speak twice on a motion and these meetings follow Roberts’ Rules, eliminating this clause wouldn’t change the practice.

2019/11:219 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 34/Local 7

Be it resolved to strike “delegate” and replace with “member local” from paragraph 3.2(b).

DEFEATED

Against motion 2019/11:219:

Locals don’t have voting rights in many spaces, such as committees, where delegates go on behalf of a province, constituency group or caucus. This would actually limit delegates’ ability to speak.

Delegates are very diverse and limiting them to speaking on behalf of their locals would limit their voice.

2019/11:074 CARRIED AS AMENDED

For motion 2019/11:074:

In regards to 3.2.b, it refers to speaking to the motion in plenary, and not throughout the whole general meeting.

Against motion 2019/11:074:

In regards to 3.2.b, delegates should be able to speak more than twice on each motion during the course of the general meeting.
2019/11:152  MOTION  
National Executive / Local 106

Be it resolved that the Federation’s Operations Policy titled National General Meetings be amended to include the following sub-section:

Media

The Federation shall allow one English and one French representative from the Canadian University Press and recognized student-led campus publications to attend and observe General Meetings upon agreement to the following conditions:

- Media shall be allowed to observe plenary sessions and workshops, but shall not have speaking rights during such sessions;
- Media shall be allowed to cover plenary sessions of the Federation in any manner with the exception of audio or video recordings;
- Media shall not be permitted to cover meetings of caucuses, constituency groups, nor sub-committees; and
- Media shall be allowed to interview willing delegates in a way that does not distract from delegate participation (i.e. not during active plenary sessions or workshops).
- Media shall not print the name of delegates interviewed

The rights and conditions will be made explicit in resultant agreements between the Federation and the Canadian University Press.

None of the rights of the media supersede the Rules of Order utilized by the Federation or any other policy of the Federation.

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 35: Media Presence at General Meetings be amended to read:

The National Executive shall have the authority to extend invitations to the media to attend workshops and/or plenary sessions at national general meetings.

Members of the media shall not have speaking privileges in any of the sessions at which they are permitted to attend, as detailed in the Federation’s Operations Policy on National General Meetings.

2019/11:220  MOTION TO AMEND  
Local 98/Local 97

Be it resolved to add “unless the delegate has consented” to the last bullet point so it reads: “Media shall not print the name of delegates interviewed, unless the delegate has consented.”

CARRIED

For motion 2019/11:220

Delegates should be able to decide whether they would like their name published or not.

2019/11:152  CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:066  MOTION  
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the Federation has been accused of not being a transparent student organization;

Whereas records of meetings can serve as evidence that the meetings were not conducted in a corrupt fashion;

Whereas providing minutes and other records of proceedings will help to quell critiques that the Federation is not sufficiently transparent;
Whereas it is important for students to know why the Federation makes decisions as opposed dogmatically accepting them;
Whereas it is critical that future students understand why decisions were made;
Whereas the Canadian student movement has been tracking these decisions inadequately, providing little historical context for why decisions are made, and why students care about them;

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, “Minutes”, be amended as follows:

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

1. Minutes of National Executive Meetings
Meetings of the National Executive shall be minuted, and the minutes shall be presented for information at the next National General Meeting. Nothing shall inhibit the ability of the National Executive to move in camera in order to discuss genuinely confidential matters, although no vote may be conducted in camera.
All minutes from National Executive meetings shall be posted online no later than thirty (30) days after the meeting has taken place.

2. Minutes of National General Meetings
National General Meetings shall be minuted, and the minutes shall be presented for ratification at the next National General Meeting.
Upon ratification, National General Meeting minutes shall be made publicly available on the Federation’s website no later than thirty (30) days after being ratified.
In addition to standard minutes, National General Meetings shall be recorded and transcribed, and these transcriptions shall be available upon request by member locals and those studying the student movement.
Nothing shall inhibit the ability of member local student associations present at a National General Meeting to vote to move in camera in order to discuss genuinely confidential matters, although no vote may be conducted in camera.

3. Minutes of Committees and Provincial Components
Meetings of Committees and Provincial Components shall be minuted, and the minutes shall be presented for ratification at the next National General Meeting.
Upon ratification, minutes of meetings of Committees and Provincial Components shall be made publicly available on the Federation’s website no later than thirty (30) days after being ratified.
In addition to standard minutes, meetings of Committees and Provincial Components shall be recorded and transcribed, and these transcriptions shall be available upon request by member locals and those studying the student movement.
Nothing shall inhibit the ability of member local student associations present at meetings of Committees and Provincial Components to vote to move in camera in order to discuss genuinely confidential matters, although no vote may be conducted in camera.

4. Archives
The minutes that are posted shall include highlights of discussion and records of decision, providing that no identification of individuals, member locals, constituency group, or caucus representation is included.
These minutes and transcriptions shall be kept by the Federation, and be allowed for use in the study of the Canadian student movement, or in comparable studies of similar movements. The Federation shall make every attempt for these resources to be accessible, adequate, and accurate by including all relevant discussions that occurred. The Federation shall also attempt to maintain records of past meetings online, so that students may see the progress the Federation has made."

2019/11:221  MOTION TO AMEND
Local 97/Local 71

Be it resolved to amend section 1 to strike “thirty (30) days after the meeting has taken place” and replace it with “sixty (60) days after ratification”.

Be it further resolved to amend section 2 to strike “no later than thirty (30) days” and replace it with “no later than sixty (60) days”.

Be it further resolved to amend section 2 to strike the third paragraph that reads: “In addition to standard minutes, National General Meetings shall be recorded and transcribed, and these transcriptions shall be available upon request by member locals and those studying the student movement.”

Be it further resolved to strike section 3 in its entirety.

Be it further resolved to amend section 4 to strike “and transcriptions” from the second paragraph.

CARRIED

2019/11:066  CARRIED AS AMENDED

2019/11:106  MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the Federation is a national student organization;

Whereas the Federation represents many student unions outside of Ontario, specifically the Ottawa/Gatineau area;

Whereas the current Bylaw II.3.a already gives the National Executive the ability to change locations of a General Meeting under undefined “extenuating circumstances”;

Whereas the General Meetings of the past have been located in cities such as Victoria - British Columbia (Nov 1982), Thunder Bay - Ontario (May 1994), North York - Ontario (May 1998), Renfrew - Ontario (Nov 1998);

Whereas the costs and expenses of General Meetings can vary depending on location;

Whereas the Members pay a fee that is equal to everyone else, regardless of distance travelled;

Be it resolved that Bylaw II.2.b, II.2.c and II.2.e be amended as follows:

b. Each member will be asked to indicate its intention to attend or not to attend each general meeting. If one-half (1/2) or more of the members, not including prospective members, indicate that they will not attend, the National Executive will cancel the meeting.

c. The Notice will include all positions that are to be elected at the general meeting, including descriptions of these positions.

e. Notice of any meeting where special business will be transacted shall state the nature of that business in sufficient detail to permit a member to form a reasoned judgment on the business and state the text of any resolution requiring approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members to be
submitted to the meeting. All business transacted at a meeting of members, except for consideration of the financial statements, public accountant’s report, election of directors and re-appointment of the incumbent public accountant, is “special business”.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II.3 be amended as follows:

3. Location of General Meetings
   a. Each general meeting of the Federation will be held in a location determined by the National Executive. The National Executive shall attempt to select locations that reflect the diversity of provinces that the Federation represents.
   b. The cost of travel to a general meeting for delegates of each member will be equalized, taking into account members’ ability to pay, by such a system of pooling travel costs as may be determined from time to time by the National Executive.
   c. The Federation shall not have meetings in the same region more than once every two (2) years. The regions for consideration are as follows:
      i. Atlantic Provinces
      ii. Quebec
      iii. Ontario
      iv. Manitoba and Saskatchewan
      v. Alberta and British Columbia

Be it resolved that Bylaw II.6 be amended as follows:

6. Travel Pool
   Each member local student association having representation in a general meeting will participate in the general meeting travel pool.

   In the event that member locals are located within one hundred sixty (160) kilometers of the location of the Federation’s Annual General Meeting, these member locals shall pay eighty percent (80%) of the travel pool cost.

2019/11:222  MOTION TO REFER
Local 78/Local 92

Be it resolved to refer motion 2019/11:106 to the National Executive.

CARRIED

2019/11:106  REFERRED
For motion 2019/11:106:

Engagement in the West is fairly low and it would be good to increase that engagement. Moving conferences from city to city would encourage outreach in the Prairies and the West as well as the East.

Against motion 2019/11:106:

Smaller provinces wouldn’t have hotels that accommodate this type of meeting and the demand would too high on staff in those components. It would be a burden for delegates to travel from the West coast to the East coast and vice versa.

2019/11:108  MOTION
Local 98 / Local 106

Whereas the current bylaw of the Federation is undemocratic and outdated;
Whereas in the past, the Federation has been more accepting of new members, as well as members leaving;

Whereas the Federation should respect student democracy;

Whereas the Federation’s work should speak for itself, and convince students that they should join and remain within the Federation;

Whereas student organizations who are not members of the Federation are concerned about the Federation’s current practices and lack of transparency;

Whereas current members of the Federation feel as though they are unable to advise the Federation on best practices due to fear of criticism, attack, and harassment;

Whereas students don’t feel represented by the Federation;

Whereas the students are in close communication with their member local student association, and receive the vast majority of services from them;

Whereas the Federation should not fear student democracy, and the elected representatives that arise from it;

Whereas the Federation needs to be attentive in order to listen to the concerns of those who do not feel represented, and attempt to keep them within the Federation by choice rather than by force;

Whereas none of this is controversial outside of this plenary room;

Be it resolved that Bylaw I.3.a be amended as follows:

3. Student and Member Rights
   a. Rights of Students
      i. The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have sole authority to make decisions through a vote on all questions of membership of the local student association in the Federation, subject to the other provisions of this Bylaw.
      ii. The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%), or five thousand (5000), whichever is less, of such students and delivered to the National Executive, a vote to certify as described in Bylaw I, Section 4.
      iii. The students collectively belonging to a local student association will have the right to be represented by their member local student association, and as such both parties may initiate a vote on decertification, as described in Bylaw I.6 by submitting to the National Executive of the Federation any of the required documentation for the methods as laid out in Bylaw I.6.a.
      iv. The students collectively belonging to a local student association have the right to have their interests represented collectively in the Federation through their local student association, but, for greater certainty, are not members of the Federation or the Canadian Federation of Students-Services and accordingly will not have voting rights at Federation or Canadian Federation of Students-Services general meetings.
      v. The Federation will attempt to ensure that a Federation student card is issued to each student who is a member of a member local student association of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.6.a be amended as follows:
6. Vote to Decertify

The students collectively belonging to a member local student association may vote on the question of continuing the membership of the local student association, subject to the following rules and procedures:

a. Methods for Referendum

The Member Local association will have the authority to trigger a vote on decertification through the following methods:

i. Petition from the Member Local

As per Bylaw I, Section 3.a.iii, a petition calling for a vote on decertification shall be signed by no less than ten percent (10%) or five thousand students collectively belonging to the member local student association, whichever is less, and delivered to the National Executive of the Federation.

The petition shall be worded as follows: “We, the undersigned, petition the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.”

The original, unaltered petition must be delivered in its entirety to the National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson or National Treasurer, by registered mail. Petitions received that are not original copies, have been altered in any manner, or have been received by any means other than registered mail are not valid.

The petition may not contain any words or images, with the exception of those required by Bylaw I, Section 6.a.i and those required to indicate which fields a signatory must complete.

In order to be considered valid by the National Executive, a name on a petition must be reasonably legible, be accompanied by a valid and corresponding student identification number, and a unique signature.

A student may request that their name be removed from a petition. If the National Executive receives such a request in writing, before the conclusion of the verification process of the petition, the name must be struck from the petition. The name shall not be included in the total number of names on the petition.

ii. General Meeting of the Member Local

As per Bylaw I, Section 3.a.iii, the Member Local shall have the authority to allow the students collectively belonging to it to have a vote on decertification at a General Meeting of the Member Local.

The students shall be able to submit a resolution to the General Meeting of the Member Local calling for the Federation to allow a vote on Decertification. This resolution shall be worded as follows, replacing the blank space with the correct Member Local number: “We, the students of Local _____, petition the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.”

Should this resolution be submitted to the General Meeting with the correct advanced notice, as set out in the Bylaws and Policies of the Member Local, the Member Local in question shall retain legal counsel to observe the vote. Should the resolution pass with the required majority, this legal counsel shall send a letter verifying the information to the National Executive. This letter shall be signed by
the legal counsel that witnessed the vote, and shall be delivered via registered mail not less than six (6) months prior to the vote.

The Quorum for the vote shall be that of the Member Local. The resolution shall pass with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of those voting. Two (2) members of the Federation shall be allotted 15 minutes of speaking time at any General Meeting where this resolution is on the agenda.

iii. Referenda of the Member Local

As per Bylaw I, Section 3.a.iii, the Member Local shall have the authority to allow the students collectively belonging to it to have a vote on decertification through a referendum, compliant with the Bylaws and Policies of the Member Local.

The students shall be able to request a referendum through the Bylaws and Policies set out in the Bylaws and Policies of the Member local. This referendum question shall be worded as follows, replacing the blank space with the correct Member Local number: “We, the students of Local _____, petition the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a referendum on the issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.” The options for voting shall be “Yes”, “No”, and “Abstain”.

In the case where a referendum is called, the Member Local shall retain legal counsel to observe the results of the vote. Should the resolution pass with the required quorum, this legal counsel shall send a letter verifying the information to the National Executive. This letter shall be signed by the legal counsel that witnessed the vote, and shall be delivered via registered mail not less than six (6) months prior to the vote.

Quorum for this referendum shall be ten percent (10%) of the Member Local’s membership.

Campaigning in this referendum shall be subject to the Bylaws and Policies of the Member Local.

iv. Vote of the Board of Directors of the Member Local

As per Bylaw I, Section 3.a.iii, the Member Local shall have the authority to allow the students collectively belonging to it to have their elected representatives vote on continuing membership within the Canadian Federation of Students.

A decision calling for a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students, that has been approved by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the local member association’s Board of Directors, with a letter signed by legal counsel that witnessed the vote must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than six (6) months prior to the vote.

The letter and decision must include either the decision to hold the vote at a general meeting, or proposed dates of voting, provided that there shall be no fewer than two (2) days of voting. No vote on decertification shall be scheduled between April 15 and September 15 or between December 15 and January 15.

The motion to vote on decertification at a local member association must include the wording as follows, replacing the blank space with the correct Member Local number: “Be it resolved that we, the students of Local _____, petition the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students to conduct a referendum on the
issue of continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.”

Quorum for the vote in question shall be that of the Member Local’s Board of Directors. The required majority for a valid vote shall be \( \frac{3}{4} \).

v. Student Choice Initiative Opt Out Rates

For member local student associations in a province with an option for students to opt out of Federation membership fees, each individual student that opts out of Federation membership fees shall be treated the same as if they signed a petition, thus opt-outs may be counted in lieu of or in addition to petition signatures.

If twenty five percent (25%) or more of individual student members of a member local student association opt out of Federation membership fees for four (4) consecutive opt-out periods, a decertification referendum shall be automatically triggered. This process restarts if at any point during those four (4) consecutive terms opt out rates are below twenty five percent (25%).

These opt out rates must be verified by an independent source, such as the member local university administration, legal counsel, or other sources required by the Federation. In any of these cases, the member local is not permitted to share individualized data, such as names, student numbers, gender identity, year of study, and other personal identifiers.

In order to confirm this information, the member local should follow the procedure laid out in section 6.a.iv.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.6.b.iii be amended as follows:

iii. There shall be no more than four (4) votes to decertify in any one (1) period of ninety (90) consecutive days.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw I.6.l be amended as follows:

I. Minimum Period Between Vote to Certify and Vote to Decertify

In addition to required compliance with Bylaw I, Sections 6.a. to 6.k., in order for a vote on decertification to proceed, a vote to certify may not have been held within the previous thirty (30) months for members comprised of university students and fifteen (15) months for members comprised of college students, unless waived, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the National Executive.

DEFEATED

Against motion 2019/11:108:

Students’ union boards can be very small and shouldn’t be able to make this type of decision on behalf of their local.

2019/11:223  MOTION TO RECESS
Local 11/Local 106

Be it resoled to recess for 8 minutes.

CARRIED

2019/11:224  MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA
Local 45/Local 49

Be it resoled the move to Other Business immediately.

CARRIED
9. OTHER BUSINESS

2019/11:225  EMERGENCY MOTION

Dalhousie Student Union/Local 11

Whereas the administration of Dalhousie University continually ignored calls from the student union and student body to cancel a conference where Laura Lynn Tylor Thompson, an openly transphobic, racist, Islamophobic and anti-choice politician, spoke on Saturday, November 23, 2019;

Whereas students unions across the country are combatting administrations who are complicit in creating unsafe environments for marginalized students;

Whereas students unions are often ill-equipped to defend the rights of marginalized students in the era of “free speech” arguments and other oppressive rhetoric;

Whereas queer and trans students across Canada are continually endangered by the presence of the alt-right on the campuses of postsecondary institutions;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students issue a letter in solidarity with 2SLGBTQ+ and racialized students in the K’jipuktuk / the city of Halifax, and sign on to the petition started by queer students of Dalhousie University;

Be it further resolved that the CFS United for Equity campaigns, specifically the Challenge Transphobia and Challenge Homophobia campaigns, be expanded to include resources for student unions whose administration and student bodies support and condone openly transphobic and homophobic rhetoric;

Be it further resolved that these resources contain guidelines for interacting with university administrators who openly condone oppressive rhetoric, guides for hosting counter-events, and resources that equip member locals to differentiate and communicate the nuanced relationship between freedom of expression and hate speech;

Be it further resolved that these resources include a Critical Dialogue tool kit, to provide student unions with resources to petition their administrators to prioritize student safety including the following: clarification of legal terms and limitations on Freedom of Expression and Hate Speech, including information on topics which are considered Hate Speech in Canada; explanation of tactics to help the administrators of post-secondary institutions to understand the benefits of prioritizing student safety; and general resources to help students unions to combat hate speech on their campuses;

Be it further resolved that resources clarifying legal terms and limitations be available to member locals by April 2020, with all other resources available by November 2020.

CARRIED

For motion 2019/11:225:

This issue isn’t unique to this local. This toolkit would help student union executives and organizers equip themselves to fight administrations who fail to distinguish between freedom of expression and hate speech.

2019/11:226  EMERGENCY MOTIONS

Local 78/Local 7

Whereas on November 24th delegates at the National General Meeting were provided with non-Halal food and were told it was Halal

Whereas other delegates with various food safety concerns have also found that their pre-registered food issues have been neglected with regards to planning of National General Meetings
Whereas the response of the Federation to this issue, until the direct intervention of other delegates, was one that continued to perpetuate harm,

Whereas violating an individual's religious or personal rights with regards to food restrictions is a serious issue which constitutes anti Muslim racism, anti-semitism, and general willful disregard for the safety and security of delegates

Whereas this constitutes an act of violence which has seriously damaged the faith of various delegates in the Federation’s ability to accommodate their needs and needs to be corrected, therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation provide the menu for General Meetings to registered delegates in advance of the General Meeting, clearly noting all religious and allergy-related issues,

Be it further resolved that the Federation, prior to the approval of a menu strive to ensure that registered delegates’ dietary restrictions be clearly communicated and respected during General Meetings.

Be it further resolved that the Federation ensure that its staff are given comprehensive training around food security for religious and ethnic minorities as well as with regards to food allergies

Be it further resolved that the Federation contact and work with those who have dietary restrictions to ensure all are accommodated with regards to General Meetings.

Be it further resolved that the Federation ensure that staff at hotels who handle or are in charge of food are provided with comprehensive training with regards to communicating with and providing delegates with the proper food they need

Be it further resolved that the Federation apologize for the error to delegates affected

Be it further resolved that the Federation compensate any and all affected delegates who have experienced trauma and harm as a result of this negligence

CARRIED

For motion 2019/11:226:
This motion seeks to create a space where delegates’ dietary needs, including accommodations for religious dietary restrictions and allergies, are being met and rebuild trust that has been lost within this space. Delegates have been harmed during this meeting because of consuming food contrary to their religious beliefs and being subject to foods they were allergic to, and the after-care has been inadequate.

2019/11:227 EMERGENCY MOTION (JUSTICE FOR ROKSANA, CELINA AND CAMILA)

Local 78/Local 71

Whereas despite government policies that appear supportive of refugees and immigration, refugees and immigrants face significant barriers prior to and after entry, and

Whereas the Federation holds historic support for movements around migrant and refugee justice, and

Whereas a family of refugees in Ottawa is facing deportation, through no error of their own, and

Whereas the father in this family has already been deported and
Whereas the mother, Celina is facing deportation and the two young woman Roksana and Camila the two stateless sisters face the same, and;

Whereas February 12, 2020 will officially mark 23 years that Celina, Roksana and Camila have been in Canada with no status and face a risk of family separation, and;

Whereas due to their intersectional identities, members of this family face persecution and discrimination in the areas where they may be deported to; and

Whereas the Federation is an organization which can be instrumental in aiding this family in avoiding unjust and unlawful deportation and

Whereas Roksana is and has been an active member of the Local 78 community, therefore;

Be it resolved that the Federation write a letter in support of Roksana, Celina, and Camila

Be it further resolved that the Federation coordinate with the organizers of the Justice for Celina, Roksana and Camila campaign (https://www.facebook.com/Justice4CRC/) in Ottawa

Be it further resolved that the Federation aid in and advertise the protests and actions organized by the Justice for Celina, Roksana and Camila campaign,

Be it further resolved that the Federation donate $1000 to the campaign and legal defense fund for the family.

CARRIED

For motion 2019/11:227:

This campaign isn’t getting traction and they need our support.

2019/11:228  EMERGENCY MOTION

Circle of First Nations, Mètis and Inuit Students/Local 24

Whereas the first draft of the Membership Advisory on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit people inquiry was released at the November 2019 CFS AGM, and;

Whereas the Circle of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Students decided after seeing the Membership Advisory that the creation of a Indigenous Women, Two-Spirit, Trans and Nonbinary council within the Circle was needed, and;

Whereas the Membership Advisory points out that Indigenous women, Two-spirit, Trans and Nonbinary people are disproportionally at risk for facing violence, and;

Whereas the creation of an Indigenous Women, Two Spirit, Trans and nonbinary council within the circle will help facilitate safer spaces to address the above issues and more;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 17 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 17
THE CIRCLE OF FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT STUDENTS

The following Circle bylaws shall govern the affairs of the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students of the Federation:

1. Name
   [Unchanged/Not Amended]

2. Objectives
   [Unchanged/Not Amended]
3. Membership
   [Unchanged/Not Amended]

4. General Meetings of the Circle
   [Unchanged/Not Amended]

5. Circle Executive

   The affairs of the Circle shall be managed by the Circle Executive:

   a. Composition

      i. Chairperson;
      
      ii. National Executive Representative;

      iii. The Circle’s Women, Two Spirit, Trans, and Non-Binary Representative; and

      iv. All provincial component First Nations, Métis and Inuit representatives.

   b. Term of Office

      The term of office for

      i. the Circle Chairperson, National Executive Representative, and

      the Circle’s Women, Two Spirit, Trans, and Non-Binary Representative shall be one year from May 1 to April 30; and

      ii. provincial component First Nations, Métis and Inuit Representatives shall be on year in accordance with the provincial component by-laws.

   c. Vacancy

      [unchanged/unamended]

6. Election and Removal of the Circle Executive Members

   a. Election of the Chairperson

      The Chairperson shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Circle by the members of the Circle.

   b. Election of the National Executive Representative

      The National Executive Representative shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Circle by the members of the Circle.

   c. Election of the Circle’s Women, Two Spirit, Trans, and Non-Binary Representative

      The Circle’s Women, Two Spirit, Trans, and Non-Binary Representative shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Circle by the members of the Circle.

   d. Eligibility

      i. A nominee for the position of Chairperson must be a First Nations, Métis and Inuit student registered at an education institution and an individual member of the Federation.

      ii. A nominee for the position of National Executive Representative must be a First Nations, Métis and Inuit student registered at an educational institution and an individual members of the Federation.

      iii. A nominee for the position of the Circle’s Women, Two Spirit, Trans, and Non-Binary Representative must be a First Nations, Métis and Inuit Student registered at an educational institution, and an individual
member of the Federation, and a part of at least one of the constituencies being represented.

e. Voting  
[unchanged/unamended]

f. Required Majorities  
[unchanged/unamended]

g. Removal from Office  
[unchanged/unamended]

7. Duties of the Circle Executive  

a. Collective Duties of the Circle Executive  
[unchanged/unamended]

b. Motions to Federation General Meetings  
[unchanged/unamended]

c. Individual Duties of the Chairperson  
[unchanged/unamended]

And  

d. Individual Duties of the National Executive Representative  
[unchanged/unamended]

e. Individual Duties of the Circle’s Women, Two Spirit, Trans, and Non-Binary Representative  

The Circle’s Women, Two Spirit, Trans, and Non-Binary Representative shall:

Chair all of the Circle’s Women, Two Spirit, Trans, and Nonbinary council meetings,

Be responsible for the communication between the Federation’s National Executive and the Circle,

Be a co-spokesperson, in conjunction with the chairperson and National Representative of the Circle, and, as such, articulate the policies of the Federation with respect to issues and matters of concern to First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Students,

Be responsible for the lobbying activities of the Circle, in conjunction with the chairperson and National Representative of the Circle, on issues of primary concern to First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Students.

Be available, within budgetary limitations, to visit member associations and non-member associations wishing to know more about the circle and the Federation’s policies.

8. Finances  
[unchanged/unamended]

9. Elder Coordinator  
[unchanged/unamended]

10. Residual Authority  
[unchanged/unamended]

11. Override  
[unchanged/unamended]

Be it further resolved that the Circle’s Women, Two Spirit, Trans, and Nonbinary Representative is elected at the 2020 Circle Standalone conference, and;
Be it further resolved that the Circle’s Women, Two Spirit, Trans and Nonbinary Council meet at the same time as Womens’ constituency meetings at all future CFS NGMs.

CARRIED

For motion 2019/11:228:
Since the Report on MMIWG2S came out this year, the Circle felt it was important to have Indigenous women, trans and non-binary folks to be represented within the structure of the Circle.

2019/11:229 MOTION TO RECESS
Local 97/Local 114
Be it resolved to recess the 38th Annual National General Meeting until 7 p.m.

CARRIED

2019/11:230 EMERGENCY MOTION
Local 99/Local 71
Whereas there is a humanitarian emergency at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, with students trapped inside by riot police, attacked with tear gas when attempting to leave; weakened by shortages of food and water; and in severe psychological distress, facing up to ten years imprisonment if arrested.

Whereas freedom of assembly and freedom of expression has been severely curtailed in Hong Kong, with permits regularly refused for peaceful demonstrations and nonviolent demonstrators brutally beaten, indiscriminately tear gassed or even shot by police.

Whereas freedom of expression on Canadian soil has been threatened by a campaign of intimidation launched by agents of the Chinese state, who have incited the aggressive targeting of 1) Canadians that assembled peacefully in Vancouver and Toronto in support of the Hong Kong pro-democracy movement, 2) By blocking their way, shoving, insulting and harassing them.

Whereas information was recently leaked that the Chinese government is tracking members of its Uyghur population living around the world, in attempts to arrest Uyghurs with foreign citizenship upon their return to China East Turkestan, including Canadian-Uyghur students.

Whereas students in Canada and across the world are being silenced, threatened, intimidated and harassed for having critical views of the Chinese government and their oppressive policies, including mainland international Chinese students.

Whereas Tibetan students have in the past, and to this day continue to face threats and intimidation from Chinese entities; this includes being denied their right to bring their national flag to campus ‘Celebration of Nations’ event, having their event posters taken down, or being cyber-bullied for running for student elections.

Whereas Canadian academic institutions are complicit in the violent erasure of many people and their cultures, joining the train of so-called prestigious universities like Columbia who recently cancelled their “The human rights violations by the Chinese Communist Party and how they affect the world.” event in fear of staged protests.

Whereas in recent years, incidents of vandalism, hate speech and assault from Pro-Beijing entities have become widespread across academic institutions worldwide including the US, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Britain, other European countries and our very own, Canada.

Whereas “Chinese government authorities have grown bolder in trying to shape global perceptions of China on campuses and in academic institutions outside China. These
authorities have sought to influence academic discussions, monitor overseas students from China, censor scholarly inquiry, or otherwise interfere with academic freedom.” - HumanRightWatch.org

Whereas the voices and movements led by the people across the world, are being silenced. Starting from the disrespect of the Whipala flag of Bolivia, the internet shutdown in Iran, the villainization of palestinian students who exercised their right to protest, killings of Iraq’s ‘PUBG generation’, June 3rd massacre and crackdown in Sudan, attack on student driven civil disobedience in Chile #evasionmasiva and uprisings led by women in Beirut, to the brutal Human Rights Violations in Tibet, East Turkestan, China, Taiwan and the violent crackdown Hong Kong including their academic institutions.

Whereas the principles of the Canadian Federation of Students reads:

- To articulate the real desire of students to fulfill the duties, and be accorded the rights of citizens in our society and in the international community;
- To ensure the effective use and distribution of the resources of the student movement, while maintaining a balanced growth and development of student organisations that respond to students' needs and desires;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) issue a statement of support that includes the clauses below and encourage local unions to share them or create their own.

a. condemning violence in academic institutions and re-affirming its values of Democracy, Freedom and the Rule of Law.

b. call on our government to condemn police brutality in Hong Kong and urge the Chief Executive of Hong Kong to immediately withdraw police from Hong Kong Polytechnic University so that those trapped inside can leave safely without being arrested; and respond directly to the Hong Kong people’s five demands including the set-up of an independent commission of inquiry into police violence.

Be it resolved that the CFS strike a working group that conducts a research investigation on the following:

i. Foreign influence in our academic institutions with respects to the Human Right violations in Tibet, HK, East Turkestan, Taiwan and China.

ii. Violence, intimidation and harassment within academic institutions of students who speak out against injustices.

iii. The pressure on students who are being instructed, manipulated or coerced into taking actions against pro-democracy movements

Be it further resolved that the CFS take actions to hold respective universities accountable on being complicit and not providing students the necessary support.

Be it resolved that the CFS create a Toolkit to support unions with ways to better support students advocating on the grounds consulting entities that have been doing work in this area.

Be it further resolved that the CFS donate to the Coalition of Human Rights on China by Amnesty International as determined by the National Executives.

2019/11:231 MOTION FOR SECRET BALLOT
Local 7/Local 35

Be it resolved that the vote on motion 2019/11:230 take place through a secret ballot.
CARRIED

2019/11:232 MOTION TO REFER
Dalhousie Students’ Union/Local 25
Be it resolved to refer motion 2019/11:230 to the National Executive.

DEFEATED

2019/11:233 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 71/Local 37
Be it further resolved that the CFS national executive do not make a public statement until locals have consulted with their students and prepared a report submitted to their provincial representative who will be then responsible for bringing this to the national executive.

DEFEATED

2019/11:234 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 71
Be it resolved to strike the entire first clause (including paragraphs a and b) and replace it with:

Be it resolved that the National Executive, in consultation with Chinese student members, draft a statement in response to the violence and police brutality in Hong Kong, with an emphasis on protecting students, democracy and freedom of speech.

2019/11:235 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 71/Local 100
Be it resolved to amend motion 2019/11:234 to change “Chinese” to “affected”.

CARRIED

2019/11:234 CARRIED AS AMENDED

For motion 2019/11:234:
- This issue is politically complicated and is controversial, and this needs to be considered as well as the highly political nature of the motion.

Against motion 2019/11:234:
- Hong Kong students aren’t Chinese.
- It shouldn’t be controversial to condemn violence in academic institutions, reaffirm values of democracy, freedom and rule of law, call on the government to condemn police brutality in Hong Kong and to urge the Chief Executive of Hong Kong to immediately withdraw police from the Hong Kong Polytechnic and support the demands of Hong Kong protestors.

2019/11:230 CARRIED AS AMENDED

For motion 2019/11:230:
- Students across the world who are practicing their right to protest are being attacked. Student movements are being silenced and erased. Canadian universities and colleges are complicit in this. There are Canadian students in Hong Kong today. It is our responsibility and duty as student leaders to address this immediately.

- At our local, we were called upon by our Hong Kong Students’ Association and Hong Kong Extradition Law Awareness Group to set up a Lennon Wall, which invites students to post messages in solidarity with Hong Kong protestors. This issue means a lot to members at my local and as students’ unions, we need to take a stance on this issue.
- This motion is very serious and affects a lot of students. There would be relief to know that there is support going towards those students. Students on our campus who have attempted to mobilize have had difficulties. Would like the working group to come up with a document helping student groups who are mobilizing implement safety precautions.

- If this motion passes, the National Executive will have the opportunity to explore the issue further in order to develop support materials. When students are asking for help, our responsibility as student leaders is to help them.

- This issue is very time sensitive. If it’s tabled until the next meeting, it will take a year before there is a response, which is too long.

- If there are things within the motion that are tricky, we could work to amend them now because students need help now.

Against motion 2019/11:230:

- At our own local, we shared an event in solidarity with the protesters in Hong Kong and we experienced a huge backlash that we were not prepared for. As a result, we ended up endangering and isolating students from Hong Kong and other Asian-identified and international students. If we make this decision, we need to be prepared with safety measures. I believe in freedom and solidarity with students everywhere, but we have a duty to preserve the safety of our members from Hong Kong and other Asian-identified students we represent. We need more time to make this decision and to do necessary consultation and planning.

- This organization has historically fought against human rights abuses, but before we take a stance, we consult our members. Before taking a stance, we need to consult students and those being affected by this issue and make sure we understand the scope of the issue.

- There are elected student representatives who left the room tonight because they are uncomfortable and fear for their safety and we should be doing more consultation before we make this decision.

8. PRESENTATION OF ELECTIONS REPORT

CRO Picton announced that the following individuals were elected to the national executive board for the 2020-2021 term.

2019/11:236 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Sofia Descalzi as Chairperson be ratified.

2019/11:237 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Nicole Brayiannis as Deputy Chairperson be ratified.

2019/11:238 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Alannah McKay as Treasurer be ratified.

2019/11:239 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Taranjeet Machanda as Colleges and Institutes Students’ Representative be ratified.

2019/11:240 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Sarah Strachan as British Columbia Representative be ratified.
2019/11:241 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Chiamaka Ezekwesili as Saskatchewan Representative be ratified.

2019/11:242 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Aaron Suresh as Racialized Students’ Representative be ratified.

2019/11:243 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Levi Clarkson as Student Disability Justice Commissioner be ratified.

2019/11:244 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Pape Abdoulaye Xavier Diagne as Francophone Students’ Representative be ratified.

2019/11:245 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Noelle Sagher as Women’s Representative be ratified.

2019/11:246 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Ramin Shamsdini as New Brunswick Representative be ratified.

2019/11:247 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Ankit Tripathi as International Students’ Representative be ratified.

2019/11:248 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Logan Bigelow as Prince Edward Island Representative be ratified.

2019/11:249 MOTION
Local 92/ Local 7
Be it resolved that the election of Azinwi Kien Saningong as Black Students’ Caucus Representative be ratified.

2019/11:250 MOTION
Local 99 / Local 100
Be it resolved to destroy all election ballots.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Deputy Chairperson Mary Asekome and National Treasurer Trina James made logistical announcements.
11. ADJOURNMENT

2019/11:251 MOTION TO ADJOURN
Local 99/Local 68
Be it resolved to adjourn.
CARRIED