

MINUTES

Opening Plenary

69th Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services)
Sunday, June 5 to Wednesday, June 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER—Sunday, June 5, 2016

16:42 the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Bilan Arte.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

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Local	37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local	96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local	103	University of Manitoba Students' Union	Present
Local	38	Association étudiante de l'Université de Saint Boniface	Present
Local	8	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local	90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Present
Local	9	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local	101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local	17	University of Saskatchewan Students' Union	Absent
Local	42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Absent
Local	21	Graduate Students' Association of the University of Calgary	Absent
Local	3	University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan	Present
Local	73	Students' Union of Vancouver Community College	Absent
Local	75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local	18	Douglas Students' Union	Absent
Local	33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local	26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local	61	Vancouver Island University Students' Union	Present
Local	13	College of New Caledonia Students' Union	Absent
Local	72	North Island Students' Union	Absent
Local	66	Northwest Community College Students' Union	Absent
Local	53	Okanagan College Students' Union	Absent
Local	86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Present
Local	4	Selkirk College Students' Union	Absent
Local	15	Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	Absent

Arte declared that a quorum had been achieved.

Arte noted that observers from the Dalhousie Students' Union and the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students have been invited to the meeting.

2016/06:001 MOTION

Local 11/Local 32

Be it resolved that the Dalhousie Students' Union and the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students be granted speaking rights for the duration of the meeting.

CARRIED

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

Arte said that the Federation's Bylaws enabled a voting member that was unable to attend all or portions of a general meeting to appoint another member to act as its proxy for all or portions of the meeting.

There were no proxies at the meeting.

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

2016/06:002 MOTION

Local 37/Local 97

Be it resolved that National Chairperson Bilan Arte be ratified as plenary speaker.

CARRIED

4. WELCOMING REMARKS, INTRODUCTIONS AND GUEST SPEAKER

Arte provided welcoming remarks and subsequently introduced guest speaker Malia Bouattia, President-elect of the National Union of Students (UK).

5. ADOPTION OF THE PLENARY AGENDAS

2016/06:003 MOTION

Local 99/Local 110

Be it resolved that the agendas for the opening and closing plenaries of the 69th semi-annual national general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

2016/06:004 MOTION

Local 109/Local 7

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 69th semi-annual national general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2016/06:005 MOTION

Local 71/Local 105

Be it resolved that the minutes of the 34th annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) be adopted.

CARRIED

8. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures

A brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order was provided, which is the system of meeting rules and procedures that are employed by for plenary sessions, plenary sub-committee meetings and caucus meetings, as well as additional rules and procedures established by standing resolution.

b. Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting

Anti-harassment Advisors Jessica Thyriar and Quinn Blue provided a brief orientation to the Federation's harassment policy and procedures, as detailed in the policy manual, for the meeting. Delegates were encouraged to familiarise themselves with the policy and to be sensitive to how their actions could affect other delegates.

c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer

National Treasurer Anna Dubinski, who serves as the Federation's Staff Relations Officer, gave a brief presentation about the collective agreement between the Federation and its employees as it pertains to the rights and responsibilities of Federation employees at national general meetings. She noted that the employees of the Federation had the right to attend and participate in all meetings of the employer with the exception of those meetings that included discussions of discipline, discharge and negotiations. She said that the staff often have directly relevant experience and provide context for a number of the issues that delegates would be discussing over the course of the meeting.

9. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

2016/06:006 MOTION

Local 98/Local 104

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Be it resolved that the results of the Local 107 referendum, to de-certify, be accepted.

CARRIED

10. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

Arte said that the National Executive had elected a nominations committee and invited the committee's representative, Freyelle Mehari, to provide an overview of the election schedule and procedures. Mehari announced that the following positions would be elected at this meeting: Colleges and Institutes Representative, Students with Disabilities Representative, Racialized Students' Representative, Women's Representative, Francophone Students' Representative, Saskatchewan Chairperson, Saskatchewan National Executive Representative, Saskatchewan Treasurer, and two (2) Appeals Committee members.

11. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AND FORUM AGENDAS

Arte explained that, in accordance with Standing Resolution 1, Section 1, the following plenary sub-committees and forum were automatically struck:

- Budget Committee;
- Campaigns and Government Relations Forum;
- Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
- Policy Review and Development Committee.

2016/06:007 MOTION

Local 35/Local 78

Be it resolved that the draft agendas for the sub-committees, forum, constituency groups and caucuses be adopted.

CARRIED

12. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

a. New Motions Served with Notice

2016/06:008 MOTION

Local 105/Local 41

Whereas the Federation strives to be an anti-oppressive organization; and

Whereas Islamophobia is rooted in xenophobia and racism; and

Whereas several laws, including Bill C-24, Bill C-51, and Bill S-7 specifically target Muslims; and

Whereas specifically Muslim women that wear hijab and niqab were targeted during the 2015 Federal Election; and

Whereas Muslims that are from other marginalized groups face disproportionate harassment and discrimination; therefore

Be it resolved that a national campaign be developed that fights against Islamophobia; and

Be it further resolved that this campaign take an intersectional approach, taking into account different marginalized identities; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation collaborate with community groups and other provinces that have developed anti-racism and anti-Islamophobia campaigns.

2016/06:009 MOTION TO REFER

Local 41/Local 49

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/06:008 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum for review and consideration.

CARRIED

2016/06:008 REFERRED

2016/06:010 MOTION

Local 105/Local 41

Whereas training and development is an important part of building a strong student movement; and

Whereas the Federation has a long history of creating spaces to train and develop students; and

Whereas a commitment to expanding training and skills development will support the advancement of the Federation's campaigns and services goals; and

Whereas these workshops could be organized online to supplement and build upon workshops already organized by the Federation, such as Skills Symposiums; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation organize a variety of skills building workshops at no cost to members.

2016/06:011 MOTION TO REFER

Local 41/Local 49

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/06:010 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee for review and consideration.

CARRIED

2016/06:010 REFERRED

2016/06:012 MOTION

Local 101/ Local 41

Whereas many provincial and federal immigration programs oriented to international students and recent alumni have been discontinued in the past years; and

Whereas international students have a high potential to integrate into Canadian society smoothly and without extra cost to the government; and

Whereas international students make up approximately 11% of post-secondary student population in Canada, with some institutions having a population of 40% of international students; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students does not have a standing policy on supporting immigration of international students; and

Be it resolved that the following policy on the issue of immigration of international students be adopted:

Immigration of International students

Preamble

The federation believes that international students are an integral part of modern education system in Canada and should be welcomed by provincial and federal governments. International students are most likely to integrate into Canadian culture as they possess an official language skills and knowledge of Canadian realities by the time they graduate. Their integration does not cause extra cost to the government (such as language classes and settlement services).

International students bring both resources and knowledge to Canada, therefore, community benefits from their input right after they enter the country.

Additionally, they are at optimum age (in 20s and 30s) with low risk related to medical expenses and with many years ahead to work in Canada.

Policy

The Federation Supports:

Creating immigration programs oriented to international students/recent alumni of Canadian Universities by both federal and provincial governments.

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Revitalizing the former federal and provincial programs oriented to international students and recent alumni (such as PhD program).

Prioritizing immigration of international students over accepting new immigrants from other countries.

Recognizing post-doctoral, teaching assistantship, research assistantship, and other work related to academia as valid work experience in immigration application.

Focusing more on the value of international students' work and study experience in decision-making process in immigration policy-making (e.g. giving more points).

The Federation opposes:

Cuts of government immigration programs related to international students.

Creating barriers to immigration conditions for international students or recent alumni by government.

Requiring a permanent job offer in order to apply for permanent residency.

2016/06:013

MOTION TO REFER

Local 41/Local 49

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/06:012 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee for review and consideration.

CARRIED

2016/06:012

REFERRED

2016/06:014

MOTION

Local 67/Local 41

Where as there are no regulations in Canada on how international students differential fees are set; and

Whereas international students often pay 2 or 3 times more in tuition fees than their domestic counterparts; and

Whereas international students contribute over \$9 billion to the Canadian economy annually; and

Whereas Canada lags behind other peer nations in its ability to attract and sustain international students; and

Whereas international student face challenges in accessing provincial health services across Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation create a campaign calling on provincial governments to regulate and reduce international student differential fees; and

Be it further resolved that this campaign call on provincial governments to cover international students under existing provincial health coverage, similar to all Canadian residents and citizens, upon their arrival in Canada.

2016/06:015

MOTION TO REFER

Local 41/Local 49

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/06:014 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum for review and consideration.

CARRIED

2016/06:014

REFERRED

2016/06:016

MOTION

Local 68/Local 41

Whereas access to menstrual products is crucial to the wellbeing of people who have periods; and

Whereas barriers to accessing menstrual products include the cost of menstrual care, and the lack of physical availability of free menstrual products in public places, especially bathrooms; and

Whereas providing resources and services to ensure that the diverse needs of students and community members are met is an important part of delivering high quality access to post-secondary education; and

Whereas free sexual health products have been identified as an important service to be provided on post-secondary campuses across the country; and

Whereas menstrual care is part of healthcare and should be treated as such; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students investigates the inclusion of menstrual care products in the Sexual Health Products Bulk Purchasing Program.

2016/06:017

MOTION TO REFER

Local 41/Local 49

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/06:017 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development for review and consideration.

CARRIED

2016/06:016

REFERRED

2016/06:018

MOTION

Local 8/Local 41

Whereas *The Leap Manifesto: A Call for a Canada Based on Caring for the Earth and One Another* is a plan for how Canada can transition off fossil fuels; and

Whereas The Leap Manifesto was crafted in partnership with leaders from Canada's labour, Indigenous rights, social and food justice, environmental, and faith-based movements and endorsed by over 200 organizations and 39,000 signatories across the country; and

Whereas The Leap Manifesto was launched in September 2015 and endorsed by the federal and Quebec Green Party and Québec Solidaire and emphasizes that both political and economic equality are part of a just society, and that incremental changes are no longer viable to reach these goals; and

Whereas the federal New Democratic Party debated principles of The Leap Manifesto in April of 2016; and

Whereas *The Leap Manifesto* is not a party platform nor a comprehensive blueprint, but is instead a roadmap to create a massive number of jobs in low-carbon sectors and the next renewable economy; and

Whereas The Leap Manifesto proposes supporting displaced fossil fuel industry workers through training and employment opportunities in the growing renewable energy sector; and

Whereas *The Leap Manifesto* calls for, among other things:

- Moving away from fossil fuels so that Canada gets 100 per cent of its electricity from renewable resources within 20 years and is entirely weaned off fossil fuels by 2050;
- No new infrastructure projects aimed at increasing extraction of non-renewable resources, including pipelines;
- An end to all trade deals "that interfere with our attempts to rebuild local economies, regulate corporations and stop damaging extractive projects";
- Expand low-carbon sectors of the economy, such as caregiving, teaching, social work, the arts and public-interest media;
- End fossil fuel subsidies, impose financial transaction taxes, increase resource royalties, hike taxes on corporations and the wealthy, introduce a progressive carbon tax, and cut military spending.

Be it resolved that the Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students sign onto *The Leap Manifesto* on behalf of the Canadian Federation of Students; and

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Be it further resolved that member local students' unions be encouraged to sign onto *The Leap Manifesto* on behalf of their members.

2016/06:019 MOTION TO REFER

Local 41/Local 49

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/06:018 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum for review and consideration.

CARRIED

2016/06:018 REFERRED

2016/06:020 MOTION

Local 36/Local 41

Whereas the 2016 Newfoundland and Labrador provincial budget contained cuts to many public services including post-secondary education; and

Whereas there was a cut to the needs-based grants program and provincial student loans were re-introduced; and

Whereas Memorial University's operating budget was slashed, putting the province's long-standing tuition freeze in jeopardy; therefore

Be it resolved that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's cuts to post-secondary education be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation send a letter to the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador condemning cuts to post-secondary education; and

Be it further resolved that member local students' unions be encouraged to send similar letters.

2016/06:021 MOTION TO REFER

Local 41/Local 49

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/06:020 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum for review and consideration.

CARRIED

2016/06:020 REFERRED

2016/06:022 MOTION

Local 36/Local 41

Whereas an austerity budget in Newfoundland and Labrador threatens students' access to and quality of post-secondary education; and

Whereas direct action taken by students across Canada has drawn attention to the national crisis in post-secondary education; and

Whereas tuition fees continue to rise in most provinces across Canada, shutting many people out of our post-secondary institutions and saddling others with massive student debt; and

Whereas chronic underfunding of our post-secondary institutions has resulted in sub-standard infrastructure on campuses across the country; and

Whereas both federal and provincial governments have a responsibility to fund post-secondary education, and tuition fees are the symptom, not the cure, of chronic underfunding of Canada's universities and colleges; and

Whereas the last National Day of Action was in February 2012; and

Whereas mass membership mobilization can be an effective tool for engaging members and influencing public policy; therefore

Be it resolved that a National Day of Action be held in fall 2016.

2016/06:023 MOTION TO REFER

Local 41/Local 49

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/06:022 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum for review and consideration.

CARRIED

2016/06:022 REFERRED

13. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

The National Executive presented a report to the plenary detailing the work of the Federation undertaken since the previous national general meeting.

2016/06:024 MOTION
Local 11/Local 94

Be it resolved that the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students be accepted as a prospective member local of the Federation.

CARRIED

2016/06:025 MOTION
Local 88/Local 37

Be it resolved that the report of the National Executive be accepted.

CARRIED

14. OTHER BUSINESS

2016/06:026 EMERGENCY MOTION
Local 109/Local 97

Whereas the University of Toronto administration has created a policy called the “Policy on Open, Accessible, Democratic, Autonomous Student Organizations”; and

Whereas this policy results from the undemocratic process known as the “Student Society Summit” held by the University of Toronto administration in 2013 and 2014; and

Whereas the “Student Society Summit” excluded many student unions, clubs, and equity services groups; and

Whereas this policy is a response to activism of student unions on campus on issues of access to education and discrimination on campus; and

Whereas this follows a similar attempt in 2008 to undermine student union autonomy in response to student activism; and

Whereas the policy seeks to interfere in the internal affairs and democratic processes of student unions and societies at the University of Toronto including through the creation of an external appeals body that fundamentally undermines our autonomy; and

Whereas this policy encourages student groups to break their own bylaws by allowing non-members to make decisions affecting their governance, elections, and other internal affairs; and

Whereas the University of Toronto administration is threatening to withhold membership dues if student unions do not sign onto this policy; and

Whereas this policy was approved at the University Affairs Board on May 25, 2016; and

Whereas the Governing Council of the University of Toronto will be voting to adopt this policy later this month on June 23, 2016; and

Whereas approval of this policy could set precedent for institutions and student unions across the country; and

Whereas autonomy of the students’ union is fundamental to the work of the students’ union including the services and political advocacy offered to our members; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive write a letter to the President of the University of Toronto, Meric Gertler, and the members of Governing Council condemning the policy; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters condemning the policy; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation lobby Members of Parliament to create legislation protecting student union autonomy; and

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Be it further resolved that the Federation provide resources for member locals such as research, lobby documents, campaign materials or otherwise that would highlight the purpose and importance of student union autonomy.

2016/06:027 MOTION TO REFER

Local 32/Local 69

Be it resolved that the motion be referred to Campaigns Forum.

CARRIED

2016/06:026 REFERRED

2016/06:028 EMERGENCY MOTION

Local 92/Local 100

Whereas education is a human right that should be free and inclusive to all, regardless of an individual's political views, religion, nationality, gender, race, sexual orientation, ethnicity, beliefs, health status, disabilities, socioeconomic background, or any other characteristics; and

Whereas students have a right to be represented by, and organize within, autonomous students' unions; and

Whereas knowledge and education are public goods that benefit the whole of society, and the public has a right to access post-secondary institutions and the research conducted within them; and

Whereas these rights face global threats, including the commodification of our post-secondary education system, a neglect for quality, a lack of accessibility, and an attack on students' fundamental human rights; and

Whereas increased international communication has created renewed opportunity for universal cooperation in the defence of students' rights, public post-secondary education, and access for all; and

Whereas in May 2016, students from South America, North America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific drafted the Bergen Declaration to increase international cooperation between student organisations and to create a global voice to defend these principles; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopts the Bergen Declaration.

2016/06:029 MOTION TO REFER

Local 7/Local 20

Be it resolved that the motion be referred to Campaigns Forum.

CARRIED

2016/06:028 REFERRED

2016/06:030 EMERGENCY MOTION

Local 7/Local 109

Whereas the Racialised and Indigenous Student Experience (RISE) Summit that took place from March 19th to 21st 2016 was successful in beginning the first national student discussion on combatting racism and colonialism; and

Whereas racialized and indigenous peoples continuously face macro- and microaggressions in academic, community and professional settings; and

Whereas colonialism and racism are complex systems of oppression that are ongoing and violent; and

Whereas anti-oppression workshops, though useful, are not definitive solutions to combat discrimination within our membership; and

Whereas executive positions at member locals are on a yearly basis and a movement to challenge these complex systems of oppressions needs to be revisited frequently in order to be sustainable; and

Whereas racialised and indigenous communities, including students, have been continuously mobilizing on campaign initiatives that combat systemic and institutionalized racism and colonialism and state-sanctioned violence, most recently through campaigns

such as Occupy INAC, Idle No More, Black Lives Matter Tent City, and other student-run initiatives; and

Whereas RISE Summit was instrumental in bringing racialised and indigenous student voices together without the interference of whiteness and additionally collaborating to create a national decolonial and anti-racist vision; and

Whereas allyship from non-racialized and Indigenous students can be effective, it can also be violent in supressing racialized and Indigenous voices and resurfacing trauma and creating an unsafe space for these heavy conversations; and

Whereas racialized and indigenous students faced barriers at member locals in applying to the Summit in 2016, including insufficient funding from member locals, and applications that were assessed by white member local executives, and

Whereas there is decolonization and anti-racism needed within our collective communities without the interference of white voices.

Be it resolved that the Federation host another national Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience (RISE) summit between Friday, March 17th to Sunday, March 19th 2017, the weekend before March 21st, 2017, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; and

Be it further resolved that RISE be hosted as a space only for Racialized and Indigenous students; and

Be it further resolved that a RISE Committee be struck, with the membership of the National Racialised Student Representative, the National Aboriginal Student Representative, the National Aboriginal Caucus Chair and the provincial equivalents of these positions; and

Be it further resolved that the provincial components be encouraged to democratically elect representatives to this committee, where these positions do not already exist in the provincial executive or remain vacant; and

Be it further resolved that this Committee be co-chaired by the National Racialised Student Representative and National Aboriginal Student Representative; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to develop democratic processes lead by racialised and indigenous students on their campuses in forming their member local delegation to RISE; and

Be it further resolved that member local executives actively seek funding opportunities to facilitate larger delegations from their member local; and

Be it further resolved that the Summit take place annually; and

Be it further resolved that this Committee become a standing committee within the Federation to facilitate this discussion each year; and

Be it further resolved that the RISE Committee actively research the possibility of hosting the summit in different locations each year in order to inform the movement of contextual and historical experiences of racism and colonialism as they vary across Canada.

RULED OUT OF ORDER BY CHAIR (not an emergency motion)

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Logistical and procedural announcements were made.

16. RECESS

2016/06:031 MOTION
Local 99/Local 34

Be it resolved that plenary recess until Closing Plenary.

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17:42 the meeting recessed until 14:15 on Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

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Local	84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local	37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local	96	University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local	103	University of Manitoba Students' Union	Present
Local	38	Association Étudiante de l'Université de Saint-Boniface	Present
Local	08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local	90	First Nations University of Canada Students' Association	Present
Local	09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local	101	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local	17	University of Saskatchewan Students' Union	Absent
Local	42	Alberta College of Art and Design Students' Association	Absent
Local	21	University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local	03	University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan	Present
Local	73	Vancouver Community College Students' Union	Absent
Local	18	Douglas Students' Union	Absent
Local	33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local	26	Kwantlen Student Association	Present
Local	61	Vancouver Island University Students' Union	Present
Local	13	College of New Caledonia Students' Union	Absent
Local	72	North Island Students' Union	Absent
Local	66	Northwest Community College Students' Union	Absent
Local	53	Okanagan College Students' Union	Absent
Local	86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Absent
Local	04	Selkirk College Students' Union	Absent
Local	15	Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	Absent
Local	75	Camosun College Student Society	Present

Arte declared that a quorum had been reached.

2. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Manitoba Representative Michael Barkman presented the Budget Committee Report.

2016/06:032 MOTION

Local 78/Local 71

Be it resolved that the 2016-17 budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATION OF CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM REPORT

National Deputy Chairperson Anne-Marie Roy highlighted sections of the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum Report.

a. Proposal to develop a campaign that fights Islamophobia

2016/06:008 MOTION

Local 105/Local 41

Whereas the Federation strives to be an anti-oppressive organization; and

Whereas Islamophobia is rooted in xenophobia and racism; and

Whereas several laws, including Bill C-24, Bill C-51, and Bill S-7 specifically target Muslims; and

Whereas specifically Muslim women that wear hijab and niqab were targeted during the 2015 Federal Election; and

Whereas Muslims that are from other marginalized groups face disproportionate harassment and discrimination; therefore

Be it resolved that a national campaign be developed that fights against Islamophobia; and

Be it further resolved that this campaign take an intersectional approach, taking into account different marginalized identities; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation collaborate with community groups and other provinces that have developed anti-racism and anti-Islamophobia campaigns.

CARRIED

b. Proposal to develop a campaign to reduce international student fees

2016/06:014 MOTION

Local 67/Local 41

Where as there are no regulations in Canada on how international students differential fees are set; and

Whereas international students often pay 2 or 3 times more in tuition fees than their domestic counterparts; and

Whereas international students contribute over \$9 billion to the Canadian economy annually; and

Whereas Canada lags behind other peer nations in its ability to attract and sustain international students; and

Whereas international students face challenges in accessing provincial health services across Canada; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation create a campaign calling on provincial governments to regulate and reduce international student differential fees; and

Be it further resolved that this campaign call on provincial governments to cover international students under existing provincial health coverage, similar to all Canadian residents and citizens, upon their arrival in Canada.

2016/06:033 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 36/Local 98

Be it further resolved that this campaign call on provincial governments to cover international students under existing provincial health coverage, equal to all Canadian residents and citizens, upon their arrival in Canada.

CARRIED

2016/06:034 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 36/Local 41

Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate the possibility of filing a human rights complaint and identify the most suitable province for a human rights complaint over differential tuition fees.

CARRIED

2016/06:035 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 97/Local 105

Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate the possibility of a Charter challenge over the issue of differential fees for international students.

CARRIED

2016/06:036 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 41/Local 68

Be it further resolved that the National Executive present an in-progress report at the November general meeting.

CARRIED

2016/06:014 CARRIED AS AMENDED

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c. Proposal to sign The Leap Manifesto

2016/06:018

MOTION

Local 8/Local 41

Whereas The Leap Manifesto: A Call for a Canada Based on Caring for the Earth and One Another is a plan for how Canada can transition off fossil fuels; and

Whereas The Leap Manifesto was crafted in partnership with leaders from Canada's labour, Indigenous rights, social and food justice, environmental, and faith-based movements and endorsed by over 200 organizations and 39,000 signatories across the country; and

Whereas The Leap Manifesto was launched in September 2015 and endorsed by the federal and Quebec Green Party and Québec Solidaire and emphasizes that both political and economic equality are part of a just society, and that incremental changes are no longer viable to reach these goals;

Whereas the federal New Democratic Party debated principles of The Leap Manifesto in April of 2016;

Whereas *The Leap Manifesto* is not a party platform nor a comprehensive blueprint, but is instead a roadmap to create a massive number of jobs in low-carbon sectors and the next renewable economy; and

Whereas The Leap Manifesto proposes supporting displaced fossil fuel industry workers through training and employment opportunities in the growing renewable energy sector; and

Whereas The Leap Manifesto calls for, among other things:

Moving away from fossil fuels so that Canada gets 100 per cent of its electricity from renewable resources within 20 years and is entirely weaned off fossil fuels by 2050;

- No new infrastructure projects aimed at increasing extraction of non-renewable resources, including pipelines;
- An end to all trade deals "that interfere with our attempts to rebuild local economies, regulate corporations and stop damaging extractive projects";
- Expand low-carbon sectors of the economy, such as caregiving, teaching, social work, the arts and public-interest media;
- End fossil fuel subsidies, impose financial transaction taxes, increase resource royalties, hike taxes on corporations and the wealthy, introduce a progressive carbon tax, and cut military spending.

Be it resolved that the Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students sign onto The Leap Manifesto on behalf of the Canadian Federation of Students; and

Be it further resolved that member local students' unions be encouraged to sign onto The Leap Manifesto on behalf of their members.

2016/06:036

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 32/Local 37

Be it further resolved that member local students' unions be encouraged to host town hall meetings where students, residents and community partners can gather to democratically define what a genuine Leap to the next economy means for their communities.

CARRIED

2016/06:037

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 8/Local 99

Be it further resolved that member local students' unions be encouraged to host town hall meetings where students, residents and community partners can gather to democratically define what a genuine Leap to the next economy means for their communities and that member local students' unions be encouraged to invite their local Members of Parliament to participate in these consultations.

CARRIED

2016/06:038 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 32/Local 37

Be it further resolved that member local students' unions be encouraged to host town hall meetings and/or other events where students, residents and community partners can gather to democratically define what a genuine Leap to the next economy means for their communities and that member local students' unions be encouraged to invite their local Members of Parliament to participate in these consultations.

CARRIED

2016/06:018 CARRIED AS AMENDED

d. Proposal to oppose government cuts in Newfoundland & Labrador

2016/06:020 MOTION
Local 36/Local 41

Whereas the 2016 Newfoundland and Labrador provincial budget contained cuts to many public services including post-secondary education; and

Whereas there was a cut to the needs-based grants program and provincial student loans were re-introduced; and

Whereas Memorial University's operating budget was slashed, putting the province's long-standing tuition freeze in jeopardy; therefore

Be it resolved that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's cuts to post-secondary education be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation send a letter to the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador condemning cuts to post-secondary education; and

Be it further resolved that member local students' unions be encouraged to send similar letters.

2016/06:039 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 54/Local 109

Be it further resolved that member local students' unions be encouraged to send similar letters and take other actions in solidarity.

CARRIED

2016/06:020 CARRIED AS AMENDED

e. Proposal to organize a national day of action

2016/06:022 MOTION
Local 36/Local 41

Whereas an austerity budget in Newfoundland and Labrador threatens students' access to and quality of post-secondary education; and

Whereas direct action taken by students across Canada has drawn attention to the national crisis in post-secondary education; and

Whereas tuition fees continue to rise in most provinces across Canada, shutting many people out of our post-secondary institutions and saddling others with massive student debt; and

Whereas chronic underfunding of our post-secondary institutions has resulted in sub-standard infrastructure on campuses across the country; and

Whereas both federal and provincial governments have a responsibility to fund post-secondary education, and tuition fees are the symptom, not the cure, of chronic underfunding of Canada's universities and colleges; and

Whereas the last National Day of Action was in February 2012; and

Whereas mass membership mobilization can be an effective tool for engaging members and influencing public policy; therefore

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Be it resolved that a National Day of Action be held in fall 2016.

2016/06:039 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 36/Local 8

Be it further resolved that the day of action be held on November 2, 2016.

CARRIED

2016/06:040 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 109/Local 46

Be it further resolved that monthly conference calls be hosted for all member locals to participate in provincial/regional updates leading up to the national day of action in 2016.

CARRIED

2016/06:041 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 35/Local 103

Be it resolved that a national day of action be held on November 2, 2016, and in the fall of 2017.

DEFEATED

2016/06:042 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 78/Local 106

Be it further resolved that the National Executive immediately coordinate with provincial components, caucuses, and constituency groups to develop clear demands, strategies, materials and organizing resources of support, to ensure a successful national day of action that recognizes the provincial and intersectional realities of our membership.

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to immediately form campus, community, and regional coalitions to share organizing capacity, skills, and resources to support a successful national day of action.

CARRIED

2016/06:043 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 105/Local 32

Be it further resolved that the November general meeting be focussed on evaluation and assessment of the fall 2016 day of action by organizing intersectional participatory workshops on free education and future action.

CARRIED

2016/06:044 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 8/Local 97

Be it further resolved that the goals of the national day of action be to achieve: education for all; elimination of tuition fees; eliminating the cap on the PSSSP program; and, alleviating student debt.

CARRIED

2016/06:045 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 69/Local 109

Be it resolved that amendment 2016/06:044 be replaced with:

Be it further resolved that the main demand for the campaign be accessible education, which encompasses the following: education for all; elimination of tuition fees; eliminating the cap on the PSSSP program; and, alleviating student debt.

CARRIED

2016/06:022 CARRIED AS AMENDED

f. Proposal to protect students' union autonomy

2016/06:026

MOTION

Local 109/Local 97

Whereas the University of Toronto Administration has created a policy called the Policy on Open, Accessible Democratic Autonomous Student Organizations; and

Whereas this Policy results from an undemocratic process known as the Student Society Summit held by the University of Toronto Administration in 2013-2014; and

Whereas the Student Society Summit excluded many student unions, clubs, and equity service groups; and

Whereas this Policy is a response to the activism of student unions on campus on issues of access to education and discrimination on campus; and

Whereas this follows a similar attempt in 2008 to undermine student union autonomy in response to student activism; and

Whereas, the Policy seeks to interfere in the internal affairs and democratic processes of student unions and societies at the University of Toronto, including through the creation an external appeals body that fundamentally undermines their autonomy; and

Whereas this Policy encourages student groups to break their own bylaws by allowing non-members to make decisions affecting the governance, elections and other internal affairs; and

Whereas the University of Toronto Administration is threatening to withhold membership dues if student unions do not sign onto the Policy; and

Whereas this Policy was approved at the University Affairs Board on May 25, 2016; and

Whereas the Governing Council of the University of Toronto will be voting to adopt this Policy on June 23, 2016; and

Whereas approval of this Policy could set precedent for institutions and student unions across the country; and

Whereas autonomy for student unions is fundamental to the work of the students' union including the services and political advocacy offered to our members; and

Be it resolved that the National Executive write a letter to the President of the University of Toronto, Meric Gertler, and the members of Governing Council condemning the Policy; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters condemning the Policy; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation lobby members of parliament to create legislation protecting student union autonomy; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation provide resources for member locals, such as research, lobby documents, campaign materials or otherwise, that would highlight the purpose and importance of student union autonomy.

2016/06:045

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 8/Local37

The committee recommends that the third clause of the motion (2016/06:026) be amended as follows:

Be it further resolved that the Federation lobby Members of Parliament, as well as Members of provincial legislatures to create legislation protecting student union autonomy; and

CARRIED

2016/06:046

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 11/Local 7

The committee recommends that the motion (2016/16:026) be amended as follows:

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Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to participate in a coordinated solidarity action on June 23.

CARRIED

2016/06:026 CARRIED AS AMENDED

g. Proposal to endorse the Bergen Declaration

2016/05:028 MOTION

Local 92/Local 100

Whereas education is a human right that should be free and inclusive to all, regardless of an individual's political views, religion, nationality, gender, race, sexual orientation, ethnicity, beliefs, health status, disabilities, socioeconomic background, or any other characteristics; and

Whereas students have a right to be represented by, and organize within, autonomous students' unions; and

Whereas knowledge and education are public goods that benefit the whole of society, and the public has a right to access post-secondary institutions and the research conducted within them; and

Whereas these rights face global threats, including the commodification of our post-secondary education system, a neglect for quality, a lack of accessibility, and an attack on students fundamental human rights; and

Whereas increased international communication has renewed opportunities for universal cooperation in the defence of students' rights, public post-secondary education, and access for all; and

Whereas in May 2016, students from South America, North America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific drafted the Bergen Declaration to increase international cooperation between student organizations and to create a global voice to defend these principles; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopts the Bergen Declaration.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION OF POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

National Graduate Caucus Chairperson Christina Muehlberger highlighted sections of the Policy Review and Development Committee Report.

g. Proposal to adopt policy on Immigration of International Students

2016/06:012 MOTION

Local 101/Local 44

Whereas many provincial and federal immigration programs oriented to international students and recent alumni have been discontinued in the past years; and

Whereas international students have a high potential to integrate into Canadian society smoothly and without extra cost to the government; and

Whereas international students make up approximately 11% of post-secondary student population in Canada, with some institutions having a population of 40% of international students; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students does not have a standing policy on supporting the immigration of international students; therefore

Be it resolved that the following policy on the issue of immigration of international students be adopted:

Immigration of International students

Preamble

The federation believes that international students are an integral part of modern education system in Canada and should be welcomed by provincial and federal governments. International students are most likely to integrate into Canadian culture as they possess an official language skills and knowledge of Canadian

realities by the time they graduate. Their integration does not cause extra cost to the government (such as language classes and settlement services).

International students bring both resources and knowledge to Canada, therefore, community benefits from their input right after they enter the country.

Additionally, they are at optimum age (in 20s and 30s) with low risk related to medical expenses and with many years ahead to work in Canada.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- Creating immigration programs oriented to international students/recent alumni of Canadian Universities by both federal and provincial governments.
- Revitalizing the former federal and provincial programs oriented to international students and recent alumni (such as PhD program).
- Prioritizing immigration of international students over accepting new immigrants from other countries.
- Recognizing post-doctoral, teaching assistantship, research assistantship, and other work related to academia as valid work experience in immigration application.
- Focusing more on the value of international students' work and study experience in decision-making process in immigration policy-making (e.g. giving more points).

The Federation opposes:

- Cuts of government immigration programs related to international students.
- Creating barriers to immigration conditions for international students or recent alumni by government.
- Requiring a permanent job offer in order to apply for permanent residency.

2016/06:047**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 105/Local 109

Be it resolved that Motion 2016/06:047 be amended to read:

Immigration of International Students**Preamble**

The Federation believes that international students are an integral part of modern secondary and post-secondary education systems in Canada and should be welcomed by provincial and federal governments. International students bring both resources and knowledge to Canada, therefore, Indigenous and settler communities benefit from their input right after they enter the country. By the time international students graduate, they are likely to easily integrate into society as they are already proficient in at least one of the official languages and have knowledge of politics, environment, culture and the realities of daily life in Canada. Their integration does not cause extra cost to the government (such as language classes and settlement services).

International students bring both resources and knowledge to Canada, therefore, community benefits from their input right after they enter the country.

Policy

The Federation supports the establishment of public policies that:

- Create immigration programs oriented to international students/recent alumni of Canadian universities, colleges and institutes by both federal and provincial governments that encourage the immigration of international students.
- Revitalize the former federal and provincial programs oriented to international students and recent alumni such as the Federal Skilled Worker Program- PhD Stream.
- Recognize post-doctoral, teaching assistantship, research assistantship, and other work related to academia as valid work experience in immigration application.
- Focus more on the value of international students' work and study experience in decision-making process in immigration policy-making (e. g. giving more points).

The Federation opposes:

- Cuts to government immigration programs related to international students.

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- Government policies that prevent international students or recent alumni to apply for permanent resident such as permanent job offer, years of experience, country of origin and length of stay prior to application.

CARRIED

2016/06:012 CARRIED AS AMENDED

5. PRESENTATION OF ORGANISATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Nova Scotia Representative Michaela Sam and Newfoundland and Labrador Representative Travis Perry highlighted sections of the Organisational and Services Development Report.

a. Proposal to organize skills building workshops

2016/06:010 MOTION

Local 105/Local 41

Whereas training and development is an important part of building a strong student movement; and
Whereas the Federation has a long history of creating spaces to train and develop students; and
Whereas a commitment to expanding training and skills development will support the advancement of the Federation's campaigns and services goals; and

Whereas these workshops could be organized online to supplement and build upon workshops already organized by the Federation, such as Skills Symposiums; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation organize a variety of skills building workshops at no cost to members.

2016/06:048 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 37/Local 97

The committee recommends that clause be revised to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation organize a variety of online skills building workshops at no cost to members to further build upon workshops already organised by the Federation.

CARRIED

2016/06:49 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 69

The committee recommends that the following clauses be added:

Be it further resolved that some of these sessions include interactive anti-oppression workshops on how to create accessible and inclusive programming, and

Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate the availability of online platforms to share these sessions.

CARRIED

2016/06:50 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 20/Local 97

The committee recommends that the following clause be added:

Be it further resolved that the Federation consult the national representatives of its constituency groups and caucuses in order to ensure that the diverse needs of its membership are taken into consideration.

CARRIED

2016/06:010 CARRIED AS AMENDED

b. Proposal to investigate inclusion of menstrual care products in the Bulk Purchasing Program

2016/06:016 MOTION

Local 68/Local 41

Whereas access to menstrual products is crucial to the wellbeing of people who have periods; and
Whereas barriers to accessing menstrual products include the cost of menstrual care, and the lack of physical availability of free menstrual products in public places, especially bathrooms; and

Whereas providing resources and services to ensure that the diverse needs of students and community members are met is an important part of delivering high quality access to post-secondary education; and

Whereas free sexual health products have been identified as an important service to be provided on post-secondary campuses across the country; and

Whereas menstrual care is part of healthcare and should be treated as such; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students investigates the inclusion of menstrual care products in the Sexual Health Products Bulk Purchasing Program.

2016/06:051 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 105/Local 35

The committee recommends that the clause be revised to read:

Be it further resolved that the investigation also explore a variety of menstrual care products including but not limited to tampons, pads, sanitary wipes, and silicone-free menstrual cups in different sizes.

CARRIED

2016/06:052 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 8/Local 41

The committee recommends that the following clause be added:

Be it further resolved that a progress report about the investigation be ready by the November 2016 general meeting.

CARRIED

2016/06:053 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 7/Local 35

The committee recommends that the following clause be revised to read:

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students investigates the inclusion of menstrual care products in the Sexual Health Products Bulk Purchasing Program with priority being given to environmentally conscious products.

CARRIED

2016/06:016 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2016/06:054 MOTION

Local 38/Local 94

Be it resolved that the report of the Organisational and Services Development Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chief Returning Officer Freyelle Mehari announced that the following individuals were elected to the national executive board for the 2016-2017 term.

2016/06:055 MOTION

Local 7/Local 35

Be it resolved that Chasity Delorme's election as Aboriginal Students' Representative be ratified.

CARRIED

2016/06:056 MOTION

Local 7/Local 35

Be it resolved that Jenelle Davies' election as British-Columbia Representative be ratified.

CARRIED

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- 2016/06:057** **MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Bridget Cameron's election as College and Institutes Students' Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:058** **MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Francesco Caruso's election as Francophone Students' Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:059** **MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Carissa Taylor's election as Graduate Students' Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:060** **MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Michael Barkaman's election as Manitoba Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:061** **MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Alex Noel's election as Newfoundland and Labrador Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:062** **MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Britney Dixon's election as New Brunswick Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:063** **MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Charlotte Kiddell's election as Nova Scotia Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:064** **MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Gayle McFadden's election as Ontario Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:065** **MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Mary McPhee's election as Prince Edward Island Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:066** **MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Alexandria Williams' election as Racialized Students' Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:067** **MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Heather O'Watch's election as Saskatchewan Representative be ratified.
CARRIED

- 2016/06:068 MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Robert Leamon's election as Students With Disabilities Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:069 MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Jade Peek's election as Women's Representative be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:070 MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Sarah Langer's election on the Appeals Committee be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:071 MOTION**
Local 7/Local 35
Be it resolved that Francis Pineda's election on the Appeals Committee be ratified.
CARRIED
- 2016/06:073 MOTION**
Local 48/Local 105
Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed.
CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY CAUCUSES AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

Oral reports were provided on behalf of the National Graduate Caucus, Aboriginal Students' Caucus, Women's Constituency Group, Small University Associations Caucus, Large University Associations Caucus, Colleges and Institutes Caucus, Queer Constituency Group, Part-time and Mature Students' Constituency Group, International Students' Constituency Group, Francophone Students Constituency Group, Students With Disabilities Constituency Group, and the Racialized Students Constituency Group.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The Following Motion was served with notice to the November 2016 national general meeting.

MOTION

Local 7/Local 109

Whereas the Racialised and Indigenous Student Experience (RISE) Summit that took place from March 19th to 21st 2016 was successful in beginning the first national student discussion on combatting racism and colonialism; and

Whereas racialized and indigenous peoples continuously face macro- and microaggressions in academic, community and professional settings; and

Whereas colonialism and racism are complex systems of oppression that are ongoing and violent; and

Whereas anti-oppression workshops, though useful, are not definitive solutions to combat discrimination within our membership; and

Whereas executive positions at member locals are on a yearly basis and a movement to challenge these complex systems of oppressions needs to be revisited frequently in order to be sustainable; and

Whereas racialised and indigenous communities, including students, have been continuously mobilizing on campaign initiatives that combat systemic and institutionalized racism and colonialism and state-sanctioned violence, most recently through campaigns such as Occupy INAC, Idle No More, Black Lives Matter Tent City, and other student-run initiatives; and

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Whereas RISE Summit was instrumental in bringing racialised and indigenous student voices together without the interference of whiteness and additionally collaborating to create a national decolonial and anti-racist vision; and

Whereas allyship from non-racialized and Indigenous students can be effective, it can also be violent in suppressing racialized and Indigenous voices and resurfacing trauma and creating an unsafe space for these heavy conversations; and

Whereas racialized and indigenous students faced barriers at member locals in applying to the Summit in 2016, including insufficient funding from member locals, and applications that were assessed by white member local executives, and

Whereas there is decolonization and anti-racism needed within our collective communities without the interference of white voices.

Be it resolved that the Federation host another national Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience (RISE) summit between Friday, March 17th to Sunday, March 19th 2017, the weekend before March 21st, 2017, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; and

Be it further resolved that RISE be hosted as a space only for Racialized and Indigenous students; and

Be it further resolved that a RISE Committee be struck, with the membership of the National Racialised Student Representative, the National Aboriginal Student Representative, the National Aboriginal Caucus Chair and the provincial equivalents of these positions; and

Be it further resolved that the provincial components be encouraged to democratically elect representatives to this committee, where these positions do not already exist in the provincial executive or remain vacant; and

Be it further resolved that this Committee be co-chaired by the National Racialised Student Representative and National Aboriginal Student Representative; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to develop democratic processes lead by racialised and indigenous students on their campuses in forming their member local delegation to RISE; and

Be it further resolved that member local executives actively seek funding opportunities to facilitate larger delegations from their member local; and

Be it further resolved that the Summit take place annually; and

Be it further resolved that this Committee become a standing committee within the Federation to facilitate this discussion each year; and

Be it further resolved that the RISE Committee actively research the possibility of hosting the summit in different locations each year in order to inform the movement of contextual and historical experiences of racism and colonialism as they vary across Canada.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dubinski made a number of logistical announcements.

10. ADJOURNMENT

2016/06:074 MOTION

Local 19/Local 111

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

18:57 the meeting adjourned.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Local 3

University of British Columbia Students Union- Okanagan

Kimberly Rutledge

Local 26

Kwantlen Student Association

Alex McGowan

Local 33

Emily Carr Students' Union

Jenelle Davies

Local 61

Vancouver Island University Students' Union

Phoebe Lo Patigdas

Michael Olson

Local 66

Northwest Community College Students' Union

Madelie Keller-Macleod

Local 75

Camosun College Student Society

Michael Glover

Michel Turcotte

SASKATCHEWAN

Local 9

University of Regina Students' Union

Jermain McKenzie

Shawn Wiskar

Local 90

First Nations University of Canada Student Association

Tahnee Dubois

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