

Opening Plenary Minutes

Annual General Meeting · Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario
Thursday, August 17 to Sunday, August 20, 2017 - Toronto, Ontario

CALL TO ORDER – Thursday, August 17, 2017

7:36 pm - Chairperson Nour Alideeb called the 2017 Annual General Meeting to order.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 1	Carleton University Students' Association	Absent
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Absent
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 39	McMaster University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 41	Student Federation of the University of Ottawa	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Union	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Student Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 97	Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Union	Present
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union, University of Toronto	Present
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 104	Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-Time Students	Present
Local 105	Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson	Present
Local 106	Organization of Part-Time University Students, University of Windsor	Present
Local 109	University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union	Present
Local 110	Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 111	Laurentian Students' Union – Barrie	Absent
Local 112	Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal	Proxy to Local 110

Alideeb said that quorum had been reached.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

Alideeb said that L112 had submitted a proxy to L110 for this meeting.

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

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2017/08:001 MOTION

Local 88/Local 105

Be it resolved that Anne-Marie Roy be ratified as the Speaker for the Opening Plenary of the 2017 Annual General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that Anne-Marie Roy be ratified as the Speaker for the Closing Plenary of the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

4. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Alideeb provided welcoming remarks.

5. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Roy stated there are no new members to ratify.

6. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

2017/08:002 MOTION

Local 68/Local 20

Be it resolved that the 2017 Annual General Meeting plenary agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

2017/08:003 MOTION

Local 30/Local 84

Be it resolved that the 2017 Annual General Meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

8. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2017/08:004 MOTION

Local 88/Local 92

Be it resolved that the 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED (ABSTENTIONS: LOCAL 25, LOCAL 84, LOCAL 85)

9. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures

Roy reviewed plenary procedures and her role as Speaker. She said that the meeting would follow Robert's Rules of Order.

b. Support and Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting

Anti-Harassment and Support Worker Chrys Saget Richard made a presentation on the Federation's harassment policy.

c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer

Alideeb introduced the staff of the Federation and made a presentation on the collective agreement between the Federation and its employees, members of CUPE 1281.

10. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

a. Ratification of Electoral Officer

2017/08:005 MOTION

Local 110/Local 88

Be it resolved that Nicole Picton be appointed as Electoral Officer for the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

Electoral Officer Nicole Picton outlined the positions for election and the election procedures for the meeting.

11. STRIKING OF PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees

2017/08:006 MOTION

Local 109/Local 71

Be it resolved that the following sub-committees be struck:

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

CARRIED

b. Adoption of Committee Agendas

2016/08:007 MOTION

Local 41/Local 97

Be it resolved that the agendas for the plenary sub-committees be adopted.

CARRIED

12. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

a. Motion Submitted by the Council of Constituency Representatives

The following motion was submitted by the Constituency Commissioner Representatives with notice and shall be considered at the meeting.

2017/08:008 MOTION

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas at each Annual General Meeting each constituency groups elects a representative; and

Whereas the bulk of the constituency representatives workloads takes place during General Meetings twice a year; and

Whereas there is a variety of constituency work that can and should be done outside of General meeting spaces; and

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Whereas during the Annual General Meeting a constituency coordinator is elected to liaise between each of the constituency groups and sits on the Executive Committee; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following composition for a Council of Constituency Representatives within its bylaw; and

Be it further resolved that the Council of Constituency meets a minimum of two times throughout the term to provide updates on the work of the constituency as well as, discuss the ways that the needs of the constituency are reflected within the campaign and advocacy work of the Federation.

Council of Constituency Representatives (CCR)

1. The Council

The Ontario Council of Constituency Representatives shall be known as the Council.

2. Composition

The Council shall be comprised of representative from each constituency group of the Federation. Each constituency group will have one (1) representative per constituency:

- a. Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Commissioner
- b. Ontario Disability Students Constituency Commissioner
- c. Ontario International Students Constituency Commissioner
- d. Ontario Part-Time and Mature Students Constituency Commissioner
- e. Ontario Queer and Trans Students Constituency Commissioner
- f. Ontario Racialized Constituency Commissioner
- g. Ontario Women's Constituency Commissioner
- h. Ontario Constituency Coordinator

The Council shall also be comprised of the following non-voting members:

- a. Ontario Chairperson
- b. Ontario National Executive Representative
- c. Ontario Treasurer

3. Number of votes

Each council representative shall have one (1) vote.

4. Terms of Office of the Council

The term of the office for the positions on the Council shall commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected and shall expire at the close of the subsequent Annual General Meeting.

5. Meeting of the Council

a. Frequency of Meetings

The Council shall meet at least twice (2) times between regularly scheduled general meetings of the Federation.

b. Quorum

At least fifty-one per cent (51%), but never less than 5 of the voting positions on the Council that are currently filled shall constitute quorum

for the transaction of business. Non-voting positions on the Executive Committee shall not count towards quorum.

c. Notice of Meeting

Formal notice of all Council meetings shall be communicated to each member of the Council no less than ten (10) days before the meeting is to take place. Meetings of the Council shall be held without notice, if all the Council representatives are present, or if those who are absent waive notice, or signify their consent in writing to the meeting being held in their absence.

d. Calling a Meeting

The Council meeting shall be formally scheduled by:

- i. The Council of Constituency Representatives;
- ii. The Ontario Constituency Coordinator, at the discretion in writing of three (3) voting members of the Council.

6. Election of the Constituency Council Representatives

The election of each member of the Council shall happen at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation and those positions will start upon the ratification of the results.

7. Filling a vacancy of a Council Representative

In the event that a Council Representative resigns or is removed from office the position will be deemed vacant. A by-election may happen at the Semi- Annual meeting if this vacancy happened before that meeting.

8. Eligibility

- a. A nominee for a position as a Council Representative must be a member of the Federation.
- b. A nominee for the position must be a delegate at the Ontario Component General Meeting at which the position is being filled.
- c. A nominee for the position must be nominated by at least two delegates from which constituency group they are running to get elected from.

9. Voting Procedure

- a. Election for each council representative position shall be conducted within each constituency group.
- b. If no candidate receives a clear majority on the first ballot. There shall be successive ballots and the candidate(s) with the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated from the next ballot until one (1) candidate has a clear majority. Clear majority is fifty percent plus one.

10. Remuneration of Council Representatives

Upon completion of office each Council Representative shall receive a remuneration of \$500 on condition that they have demonstrated their participation in a majority of in person meetings, conference calls and other council events. This remuneration does not replace any remuneration a representative receives from sitting on the Ontario Executive.

11. Code of Ethics

Council representatives shall be required to sign the declaration of commitment to the Federation's Code of Ethics in order to be voting members of the Council.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

2017/08:009 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:008 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:008 REFERRED

b. Motions Submitted by Member Locals

The following motions were served by member locals with notice and shall be considered at the meeting.

2017/08:010 MOTION
Local 32/Local 110

Whereas the Federation has stood for improved access to mental wellness services and resources; and

And whereas the Federation has taken a stance on the importance of supporting mental wellness; therefore

Be it resolved the Federation strive to offer a mental wellness focused workshop at all Ontario general meetings; and

Be it further resolved the Federation strive to offer an external mental wellness training at the Ontario Skills Development Symposium.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

2017/08:011 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:010 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:010 REFERRED

2017/08:012 MOTION
Local 104/Local 110

Whereas to meet the criteria for approval of existing funding for students with disabilities, such as the Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities, the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities, and the Ontario Bursary for Students with Disabilities, students must often pay costly assessment fees up front, and endure a complicated, and time-consuming application process, which pose effective barriers to post-secondary education enrolment; and

Whereas these difficulties may exacerbate the discomfort, ill-health, and stress

experienced by many students with disabilities; and

Whereas application processes are made more difficult to navigate for part-time students with disabilities; and

Whereas part-time students with disabilities may not be eligible for funding because they may be following a part-time or reduced course-load due to, or in part due to their disabilities; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation conduct an investigation into the Federal and Provincial funding available for students with disabilities with an emphasis on the frameworks for funding students with disabilities on a part-time or reduced course-load; and

Be it further resolved that this investigation aim to discover and identify the bureaucratic "red tape" (e.g.: instances of duplication of collection of information); the costs (or potential costs) students with disabilities must shoulder to meet criteria (e.g.: cost of specialist assessment); the number of steps, appointments and amount of personal time required to meet criteria; and who should qualify but does not quite meet the criteria and why (e.g.: who is slipping through the cracks?); and

Be it further resolved that the Federation prepare a report on the findings so that members of the Federation can discuss solutions and lobby government on behalf of part-time students with disabilities; and

Be it further resolved that an update on the findings be reviewed and discussed at the Executive Committee meeting in October 2017 and the final report presented to members at the Semi-Annual General meeting in January 2018.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:013 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:012 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:012 REFERRED

2017/08:014 MOTION
Local 104/Local 110

Whereas member locals representing part-time and/or continuing education students ensure that their respective institutions collect Federation fees from their members based upon a pro-rate of Federation fees for full-time students; and

Whereas each part-time and/or continuing education association may have a different method and rationale for calculating the pro-rate for their members based upon institutional constraints, course credit values, or other criteria, which result in differences in the amounts collected per course or per member; and

Whereas there may be times when member locals lose continuity due to turnover of personnel and board members, and therefore, the institutional memory needed to ensure the pro-rate is properly calculated; and

Whereas in the event of a miscalculation on the part of member locals, it may not be possible to levy or reimburse individual members once the fees have been collected from them for a given term, and may result in undue costs or time consumption for member

locals; and

Whereas each February the Federation provides a letter with the breakdown of the fees and a per semester dollar amount for full-time students for the following school year; and

Whereas the Federation does not provide a similar breakdown for member locals representing part-time and/or continuing education students; and

Whereas there are only four member locals representing part-time and/or continuing education students; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation provide each member local representing part-time and/or continuing education students with a yearly breakdown of the fees to charge their respective members, including the rationale for the charge and the dollar amount per semester beginning February 2018; and

Be it further resolved that in the event of a miscalculation of fees on the part of any member local (part-time, continuing education, or full-time), the Federation will provide timely communication, and work together with the affected local to determine an appropriate solution or course of action.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

2017/08:015 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:014 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:014 REFERRED

2017/08:016 MOTION

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas Culture Camp Forever is a camp that is teaching Indigenous people Traditional Knowledge and teaching the Ojibwe language. It is free to anyone who would like to attend. They are teaching people how to live off the land and building cottages for people who plan to occupy Crown land. The camp is located by Elliott Lake in Ontario; and

Whereas this is a grassroots initiative to resist Canada 150 and that Indigenous water protectors such as Isaac Murdoch, Christie Belcourt and others have organized. There is Elders of various communities as well as language and knowledge keepers that are volunteering their time and knowledge to strengthen our Indigenous youth and bring culture/language back into their lives. The camp is mainly using the Anishnaabe language to run the camp; and

Whereas the Culture Camp is running purely off of donations and will not be requesting nor accepting government funding; and

Whereas Culture Camp Forever has made a request to have food items donated to the camp to feed the residents that will be participating in building a traditional community. They have asked for large bags of rice and porridge; and

Whereas the donation could be used to buy snacks for children and elders such as granola bars, various snacks and juice boxes; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation donate \$500 to purchase various food items to send to the camp; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation purchase these items for the camp or grocery cards rather than sending a cheque; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send donations as well.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:017 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:016 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:016 REFERRED

2017/08:018 MOTION

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas women and trans folks are at the forefront of various social movements, such as Idle No More and Black Lives Matter, and leaders at many student unions across the province; and

Whereas women and trans people are disproportionately impacted by sexual violence; and

Whereas according to the Federation Issues Policy women and trans students face multiple barriers, such as misogyny and transphobia, in their roles as both students and leaders within our society; and

Whereas intersecting identities multiply the forms and the extent of barriers faced by women and trans folks; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation incorporate sexual violence prevention, education, and intervention training in the Skills Symposium programming; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation incorporate sexual violence awareness into all future general meetings.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:019 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:018 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:018 REFERRED

2017/08:020 MOTION

Local 84/Local 110

Whereas a provincial election will be held in Ontario in 2018; and

Whereas the Federation recognizes that “Election campaigns are important opportunities to raise public awareness about issues important to youth and students, capture the attention of the media, and to galvanize public support”; and

Whereas non-partisan ‘get-out-the-vote’ campaigns are important to encourage students to vote, but they are not sufficient to ensure that Federation policy recommendations are advanced; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation organizes an all-candidates fora in spring 2018 on issues in post-secondary education with the leaders of the major political parties (Liberal, Progressive Conservative, NDP, and Green), and encourage member locals to host similar fora for their local races; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation prepare and distribute a survey in spring 2018 on student issues to the leaders of the major political parties, and make their responses public.

The survey questions include but are not limited to:

- Do you support free, universal post-secondary education for every student in Ontario?
- What will you do to address the crisis of student debt in Ontario?
- What will you do to address the crisis of precarious work that youth in Ontario face?
- What steps will you take to specifically address high youth unemployment and underemployment among young workers to ensure access to jobs in a variety of fields?
- What measures would you support to address sexual and gender-based violence on college and university campuses?

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send a copy of the same survey to candidates in their local ridings and to make members aware of their responses.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:021 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:020 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:020 REFERRED

2017/08:021 MOTION
Local 84/Local 110

Whereas the *Fight for \$15 and Fairness* campaign has been organizing across the province in workplaces, on campuses, and in community spaces, to demand government action to raise the provincial minimum wage to \$15/hour, and to improve employment standards; and

Whereas the campaign previously won indexation legislation in 2014 to ensure that workers receive wage adjustments each year on October 1 to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index; and

Whereas the campaign has elevated the voices of students and workers and has won victories such as Unite Here Local 75's successful strike in Spring 2017 for a \$15/hour starting wage and full health and dental coverage for part-time and full-time workers; and

Whereas on June 1, 2017, the Ontario government tabled The Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017 (Bill 148) which proposes an increase to the adult general minimum wage to \$15/hour within 18 months, equal pay for equal work between full-time, part-time, casual and temporary workers, extension of job-protected, emergency leave to all workplaces, two paid (out of ten) emergency leave days, three weeks of paid vacation (after five years of service), and easier access to unionization; and

Whereas the Bill, if adopted, will increase the hourly wages of 1.5 million workers currently earning less than \$15/hour which would provide substantial benefits in the lives of students and workers; and

Whereas corporate lobbyists are working against the victories of the *\$15 and Fairness* campaign, and are preparing to launch a major fear-mongering campaign in Fall 2017 through mass media; and

Whereas the *Fight for \$15 and Fairness* will need resources in order to push back against the corporate onslaught and to prevent the best aspects of Bill 148 from being rolled-back; and

Whereas the Federation endorsed the *\$15 and Fairness* campaign and continues to support Ontarians working for low wages in precarious jobs without employment benefits, workplace protection or the right to form and keep a union; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation mobilize to strengthen Bill 148 and support removing the sub-minimum wage rates for students under 18 and liquor servers that would remain unchanged in the Bill as it is currently written, and support the review of minimum wage exemptions in the Ministry of Labour's promised Fall 2017 review; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation support the campaign's recommendation to revoke amendment s.3(5)2 in Bill 148 which adds an exclusion from ESA protections for an individual who performs work under a private career college registered under the Private Career Colleges Act, 2005; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation donate \$2000 to support the efforts of the *\$15 and Fairness* campaign and create a social media campaign that would help members understand the economic and social benefits of increasing the provincial minimum wage to \$15/hour; and

Be it further resolved that each Federation local be encouraged to donate at least \$500 from their campaigns budgets to support a *\$15 and Fairness* Campus Assembly, a gathering of student organizers on September 15, 2017, in Toronto, and that each local be encouraged to send at least one or two members to the Assembly.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:022 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:021 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:021 REFERRED

2017/08:023 MOTION

Local 54/Local 110

Whereas Ontario universities and colleges are now required by the Ontario Government via Bill 132 to have or update their Sexual Violence Policies. Since many student unions/federations/associations are incorporated separately from their associated institution, the employees and executive officers of the union/federation/associations may not be covered by the institution's policy; and

Whereas student unions/federations/associations employ full-time staff and part-time staff that are not covered by the institution's policy and/or their associated workers unions' policy; and

Whereas there has been recent changes to the Canadian Criminal Code regarding the practices of how to respond to and handle sexual violence cases; and

Whereas within the Federation policies, the section entitled "Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women on Campus" supports policies, practices and education that are proactive in addressing sexual violence on campuses; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals of the Federation are to each develop an internal sexual violence policy to include full-time staff, part-time staff, and elected positions; and

Be it resolved that each Federation member local is encouraged to review their completed sexual violence policy every five years; and

Be it further resolved it is suggested that each Federation member local create a working group consisting of all affected parties at their organization to assist in the creation of their sexual violence policy; and

Be it further resolved that any member local with a standing internal sexual violence policy is recommended to undergo a full review of said policy alongside recent federal and provincial recommendations and requirements; and

Be it further resolved that each Federation member local is recommended to have a sexual violence policy developed by the August 2018 Federation AGM; and

Be it further resolved that all Federation member locals are encouraged to provide progress report at January 2018 Ontario Semi-AGM and final report at August 2018 AGM, upon completion.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

2017/08:024 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:023 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:023 REFERRED

2017/08:025 MOTION

Local 54/Local 110

Whereas Ontario universities and colleges are now required by the Ontario Government via Bill 132 to have or update their Sexual Violence Policies. The Canadian Federation of Students, Ontario is a federation of student unions/federations/associations from varying universities and colleges that collectively work in unison on behalf of students and does not currently have a sexual violence policy for its members; and

Whereas the Federation employs full-time staff and is in direct contact with students from member locals that are not covered by a Federation sexual violence policy; and

Whereas the Federation hosts meetings and spaces where various member locals interact. The Federation needs to have its own sexual violence policy for such spaces under its jurisdiction; and

Whereas the Federation sexual violence policy would be used in cases where the parties involved are from different member locals, who are attending Federation hosted meetings and spaces, who would therefore be covered by this Federation sexual violence policy, instead of being covered by their own local union/federation/association sexual violence policy that could create difficulty in reaching a conclusion for the Federation; and

Whereas within the Federation policies, the section entitled “Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women on Campus” supports policies, practices and education that are proactive in addressing sexual violence on campuses; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation develop an internal sexual violence policy to include full-time staff, part-time staff, elected positions, and member local delegates attending any of their meeting/events; and

Be it resolved that the Federation is recommended to review their completed sexual violence policy every five years; and

Be it further resolved that it be suggested that the Federation creates a working group consisting of representatives of affected parties at their organization to assist in the creation of their sexual violence policy; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation is encouraged to have a sexual violence policy developed by the August 2018 Federation AGM; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation is encouraged to provide a progress report at January 2018 Ontario Semi-AGM and a final report at August 2018 AGM, upon completion.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

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2017/08:026 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:025 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:025 REFERRED

2017/08:027 MOTION

Local 99/Local 110

Whereas Soleiman Faqiri was an inmate living with mental health issues, and was brutally murdered by prison guards in his cell in the "most complained about jail" at Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay on December 15, 2016; and

Whereas Soleiman Faiqiri was a visible Muslim individual living with schizophrenia under government care; and

Whereas the family was concerned about Soleiman Faqiri's care through Central East Correctional Centre before his death, requesting a mental health assessment three days before he was murdered; and

Whereas Soleiman Faqiri's family is concerned that the mental health assessment would demonstrate the correctional service's lack of responsiveness to comply with Correctional Service Canada Mental Health Strategy; and

Whereas the Coroner's report was supposed to be released six to eight weeks after Faqiri's murder, but six months later, the report has yet to be released; and

Whereas without the coroner's report, Faqiri's lawyers are not able to access any files or video recordings of Soleiman Faqiri in the prison system; and

Whereas a campaign called '*Justice For Soli*' was launched in efforts to seek justice for Soleiman Faqiri and his family; and

Whereas the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services refused to make a statement on Soleiman Faqiri's arrest and murder; and

Whereas Soleiman Faqiri's death was due to a lack of education and training of officials with mental illness awareness; and

Whereas the Federation has a long-standing commitment to challenging systems of oppression, including the *Anti-Islamophobia* campaign and "*Challenge Ableism*," under the *United for Equity* campaign; and

Whereas the brutal murder of Soleiman Faqiri is clearly an instance of Islamophobic death and a hate crime against differently abled people; and

Whereas Islamophobia, ableism, and all other forms of discrimination affect students across the province; and

Whereas as student representatives, it is our responsibility to collectively challenge these systems of oppression; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation endorses the *Justice For Soli* campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation support the campaign by writing a letter to Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (and/or other relevant bodies), and that this letter condemn the actions of Central East Correctional

Centre, demand the release of Soleiman Faqiri's mental health assessment and the coroner's report, and call for a review of relevant mental health training procedures through correctional services across the province; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters to their local MP, demanding a release of Soleiman Faqiri's mental health assessment, the coroner's report, and for a revision of relevant mental health strategies and training procedures through correctional services; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation connect with the organizers of *the Justice For Soli* campaign to seek ways of further supporting.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:028 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:027 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:027 REFERRED

2017/08:029 MOTION
Local 24/Local 110

Whereas students' unions, student groups and student organizers at Ryerson University, York University, the University of Toronto and George Brown College have hosted the Reclaiming Our Bodies & Minds (ROBAM) Conference in Toronto for the past three years; and

Whereas the ROBAM Conference is focused on workshops, speakers and discussions around disability, accessibility and mental wellness; and

Whereas the Federation endorsed and assisted in sending students to the ROBAM Conference in March 2017; and

Whereas the ROBAM Conference is scheduled for March 2-4, 2018 in Toronto; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Federation endorse and encourage attendance to the 2018 ROBAM Conference; and

Be it resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to budget funds to send delegates to the 2018 Conference; and

Be it resolved that the Federation allocate \$1000.00 to assist in member locals sending delegates outside Toronto to the 2018 Conference; and

Be it resolved that the Federation assist in organizing the 2018 Conference through organizing conference calls, assisting with logistics and programming, and other opportunities that may arise during organizing.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:030 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:029 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:029 REFERRED

2017/08:031 MOTION

Local 24/Local 110

Whereas anti-choice demonstrators have targeted campus communities to hold graphic and misinformed signage; and

Whereas students and faculty at Ryerson University have responded to anti-choicers by counter-protesting, blocking signage with reaffirming statements and resources; and

Whereas students have organized decompression spaces during and following anti-choice protests; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation work with community organizers to create template materials, signage and resources to distribute to assist organizers in counter protesting; and

Be it resolved that the Federation work with community organizers to create a guide and checklist for organizers to create safer and equitable debrief spaces and safety tips; and

Be it resolved that the Federation work with community organizers to develop a response guide to anti-choice organizers; and

Be it resolved that the Federation write letters of support for campus organizers who are challenging the presence of anti-choice rhetoric on campus; and

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters of support.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:032 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:031 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:031 REFERRED

2017/08:033 MOTION

Local 24/Local 110

Whereas the Ryerson Racialised and Indigenous Women's Symposium was founded by the Centre for Women & Trans People and the Racialised Students' Collective at Local 24 and Local 105; and

Whereas the Ryerson Racialised and Indigenous Women's Symposium is focused on workshops, panels, and speakers and discussions around intersectional feminism and movements organised by racialised and indigenous women; and

Whereas the Federation endorses the need for representation of Indigenous and Racialised students on their campus's; and

Whereas the Ryerson Racialised and Indigenous Women's Symposium is scheduled for January 26 -27 at Ryerson University in Toronto; and

Whereas the Ryerson Racialised and Indigenous Women's Symposium will be open to students across Ontario; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to budget funds to send delegates to the 2018 Racialised and Indigenous Women's Symposium; and

Be it resolved that the Federation assist in organizing the 2018 Symposium through organizing conference calls, assisting with logistics and programming, and other opportunities that may arise during organizing.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:034 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:033 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:033 REFERRED

2017/08:035 MOTION

Local 97/Local 82

Whereas the Operations Policy on Caucuses state that caucuses "shall be comprised of Federation member local associations with a common interest or concern"; and

Whereas the distinct experience of part-time students is recognized within the Part-time and Mature Constituency Group; and

Whereas the government of Ontario administers education differently for part-time students as compared to their full-time counterparts such as exemplified in the structure of tuition fees and administration of financial aid programs; and

Whereas there are five part-time member locals in Ontario that represent solely part-time students; and

Whereas the Part-time and Mature Constituency group is under-attended and the creation of a caucus could encourage greater participation and support for the Federation's advocacy on behalf of part-time students; therefore

Be it resolved that the Part-time and Mature Constituency be re-structured as a caucus in accordance with Bylaw IV and the Operational Policy on Caucuses.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

2017/08:036 MOTION TO REFER

Local 97/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:035 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:035 REFERRED

2017/08:037 MOTION

Local 109/Local 110

Whereas International students pay very high tuition fees; and

Whereas Immigration has been an issue for international students; and

Whereas international students go through academic situations; and

Whereas a number of international students go through varying circumstances that affect their status in Canada; and

Whereas many international students face problems going home when on academic probation due to dangerous circumstances; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate more support for international students seeking support for academic suspension/ probation.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:0038 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:037 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:037 REFERRED

2017/08:039 MOTION

Local 109/Local 110

Whereas International Students partake in protests and actions as members of society; and

Whereas international students live in fear of being deported for taking part in “civil disobedience”; and

Whereas international students should be able to take part in such actions; and

Whereas international students have a right to legal support in instances where they could be deported; and

Whereas immigration policies are strict in dealing with international students; and

Where as new immigrants and permanent residents face similar realities; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate putting together a guide/ toolkit for new immigrants, permanent residents, who wish to take part in protests and actions; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation look into putting together a list of legal aid clinics and lawyers for international students to take advantage of in situations where they might be vulnerable at protests.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:040 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:039 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:039 REFERRED

2017/08:041 MOTION

Local 109/Local 110

Whereas mental health continues to be an issue facing students on every campus; and

Whereas mental health services within our institutions receive minimal funding; and

Whereas the Ontario government announced increased funding for mental health services at Universities in May of 2017; and

Whereas students still have inadequate access to Mental health practitioners; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation work with member locals to review the mental health facilities at institutions across Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that a report be presented with action plans to present to institutions as well as the Ontario government regarding mental health services.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:042 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:041 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:041 REFERRED

2017/08:043 MOTION

Local 109/Local 110

Whereas anti-blackness is an issue that affects a number of students on all campuses; and

Whereas working against anti-blackness is different from working against anti-racism; and

Whereas there doesn't currently exist a campaign against anti-blackness; and

Whereas a lot of work is currently being done on various campaigns challenging anti-blackness; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation work with member locals to develop materials to challenge anti-blackness on campuses; and

Be it resolved that the Federation work and consult with the Black Liberation Collective's groups in creating this campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to roll out this campaign throughout the year.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:044 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:043 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:043 REFERRED

2017/08:045 MOTION
Local 106/Local 110

Whereas part-time students face significant barriers to their education, such as inadequate access to financial aid, lack of access to campus housing, lack of evening course availability and childcare availability and other barriers associated with studying as mature students; and

Whereas the needs and concerns of part-time students therefore often remain unique; and

Whereas it is critical that the part-time student unions in Ontario connect and exchange common experiences and strategies to maximize information and resources on key part-time issues; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation undertake a campaign on access to childcare on campus; and

Be it further resolved that the unique needs and barriers facing part-time and mature students, such as exclusions to financial aid programs - including the Ontario Student Grant - due to family and/or part-time status, lack of access to childcare, lack of availability of evening courses and institutional services, be centered in the Fight the Fees campaign; and

Be it further resolved that a workshop on the unique challenges faced by part-time & mature students be offered at the January 2018 General Meeting with an opportunity for part-time student unions to provide input on the content of the workshop.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2017/08:046 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:045 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2017/08:045 REFERRED

13. OTHER BUSINESS

2017/08:047 EMERGENCY MOTION

Local 106/Local 93

Whereas safe, affordable and accessible Public Transportation is a key issue for students across Ontario; and

Whereas the privatization of public services adversely affects accessibility of services by vulnerable populations, including students; and

Whereas the City of Hamilton is getting a new Light Rail Transit system from Eastgate Mall to McMaster University; and

Whereas the City of Hamilton passed a resolution asking Metrolinx to allow the publicly owned transit authority Hamilton Street Railway to operate the LRT; and

Whereas the HSR is a unionized workplace represented by the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 107; and

Whereas the student movement has longstanding principles of supporting the labour movement; and

Whereas efforts need to be made to encourage the Province and Metrolinx to support the recommendation of the city to give Hamilton Street Railway; and

Whereas the ATU launched the “*Keep Transit Public*” Campaign; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation endorse the *Keep Transit Public* campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Office of the Premier, the Office of the Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure Ontario and Metrolinx encouraging these bodies to support publicly owned, publicly run transit and specifically supporting HSR running the Hamilton LRT; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to Hamilton’s city council and ATU Local 107 congratulating them on the decision and supporting their efforts in supporting publicly owned, publicly run transit.

2017/08:048 MOTION TO REFER

Local 110/Local 88

Be it resolved that motion 2017/08:047 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

14. RECESS

2017/08:049 MOTION

Local 88/Local 92

Be it resolved that plenary recess until 10:00 a.m. Sunday, August 20, 2017.

CARRIED

9:18 p.m. – The meeting recessed.

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1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 1	Carleton University Students' Association	Absent
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Proxy to Local 104
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 39	McMaster University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 41	Student Federation of the University of Ottawa	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Union	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Student Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 97	Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Union	Present
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union, University of Toronto	Present
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 104	Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-Time Students	Present
Local 105	Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson	Present
Local 106	Organization of Part-Time University Students, University of Windsor	Present
Local 109	University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union	Present
Local 110	Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 111	Laurentian Students' Union – Barrie	Absent
Local 112	Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal	Proxy to Local 110

Roy said that quorum had been reached.

2. RATIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

2017/08:050 MOTION

Local 94/Local 93

Be it resolved that the University of Hearst be ratified as prospective member of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario.

CARRIED

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3. PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee presented a report detailing the work of the Federation undertaken since the previous General Meeting.

2017/08:051 MOTION

Local 94/Local 68

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee reported be accepted.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson Nour Alideeb on behalf of the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee presented its report for consideration by the plenary.

2017/08:012 MOTION

Local 104/Local 110

Whereas to meet the criteria for approval of existing funding for students with disabilities, such as the Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities, the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities, and the Ontario Bursary for Students with Disabilities, students must often pay costly assessment fees up front, and endure a complicated, and time-consuming application process, which pose effective barriers to post-secondary education enrolment; and

Whereas these difficulties may exacerbate the discomfort, ill-health, and stress experienced by many students with disabilities; and

Whereas application processes are made more difficult to navigate for part-time students with disabilities; and

Whereas part-time students with disabilities may not be eligible for funding because they may be following a part-time or reduced course-load due to, or in part due to their disabilities; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation conduct an investigation into the Federal and Provincial funding available for students with disabilities with an emphasis on the frameworks for funding students with disabilities on a part-time or reduced course-load; and

Be it further resolved that this investigation aim to discover and identify the bureaucratic "red tape" (e.g.: instances of duplication of collection of information); the costs (or potential costs) students with disabilities must shoulder to meet criteria (e.g.: cost of specialist assessment); the number of steps, appointments and amount of personal time required to meet criteria; and who should qualify but does not quite meet the criteria and why (e.g.: who is slipping through the cracks?); and

Be it further resolved that the Federation prepare a report on the findings so that members of the Federation can discuss solutions and lobby government on behalf of part-time students with disabilities; and

Be it further resolved that an update on the findings be reviewed and discussed at the Executive Committee meeting in October 2017 and the final report presented to members at the Semi-Annual General meeting in January 2018.

2017/08:052 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 98/Local 105

Be it resolved that the words “or full-time” be added after “part-time” throughout.

DEFEATED (Abstentions noted: Local 48, Local 82)

2017/08:053 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 94

Be it resolved that the Federation conduct an investigation into the Federal and Provincial funding available for all students with disabilities with an emphasis on the frameworks for funding students with disabilities on a part-time or reduced course-load; and

Be it further resolved that this investigation aim to discover and identify the bureaucratic "red tape" (e.g.: instances of duplication of collection of information); the costs (or potential costs) students with disabilities must shoulder to meet criteria (e.g.: cost of specialist assessment); the number of steps, appointments and amount of personal time required to meet criteria; and who should qualify but does not quite meet the criteria and why (e.g.: who is slipping through the cracks?); and

Be it further resolved that the Federation prepare a report on the findings so that members of the Federation can discuss solutions and lobby government on behalf of all students with disabilities; and

Be it further resolved that an update on the findings be reviewed and discussed at the Executive Committee meeting in October 2017 and the final report presented to members at the Semi-Annual General meeting in January 2018.

CARRIED

2017/08:012 CARRIED

2017/08:016 MOTION

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas Culture Camp Forever is a camp that is teaching Indigenous people Traditional Knowledge and teaching the Ojibwe language. It is free to anyone who would like to attend. They are teaching people how to live off the land and building cottages for people who plan to occupy Crown land. The camp is located by Elliott Lake in Ontario; and

Whereas this is a grassroots initiative to resist Canada 150 and that Indigenous water protectors such as Isaac Murdoch, Christie Belcourt and others have organized. There is Elders of various communities as well as language and knowledge keepers that are volunteering their time and knowledge to strengthen our Indigenous youth and bring culture/language back into their lives. The camp is mainly using the Anishnaabe language to run the camp; and

Whereas the Culture Camp is running purely off of donations and will not be requesting nor accepting government funding; and

Whereas Culture Camp Forever has made a request to have food items donated to the camp to feed the residents that will be participating in building a traditional community. They have asked for large bags of rice and porridge; and

Whereas the donation could be used to buy snacks for children and elders such as granola bars, various snacks and juice boxes; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation donate \$500 to purchase various food items to send to the camp; and

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Be it further resolved that the Federation purchase these items for the camp or grocery cards rather than sending a cheque; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send donations as well.

2017/08:054 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 105/Local 19

Be it resolved that the first clause be added to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation donate \$2000 for various items to send to the camp, which includes; building supplies and groceries.

CARRIED

2017/08:055 MOTION TO DELETE

Local 105/Local 19

Be it resolved that the second clause be struck.

CARRIED

2017/08:016 CARRIED

2017/08:018 MOTION

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas women and trans folks are at the forefront of various social movements, such as Idle No More and Black Lives Matter, and leaders at many student unions across the province; and

Whereas women and trans people are disproportionately impacted by sexual violence; and

Whereas according to the Federation Issues Policy women and trans students face multiple barriers, such as misogyny and transphobia, in their roles as both students and leaders within our society; and

Whereas intersecting identities multiply the forms and the extent of barriers faced by women and trans folks; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation incorporate sexual violence prevention, education, and intervention training in the Skills Symposium programming; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation incorporate sexual violence awareness into all future general meetings.

2017/08:056 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 71

Be it resolved that the following clause be added:

Be it further resolved that this training be developed and presented by racialized and Indigenous trans individuals; and

CARRIED

2017/08:057 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 71

Be it resolved that the following clause be added:

Be it further resolved that proper remuneration be provided to the individuals responsible for developing and presenting these trainings.

CARRIED

2017/08:018 CARRIED

2017/08:020 MOTION

Local 84/Local 110

Whereas a provincial election will be held in Ontario in 2018; and

Whereas the Federation recognizes that “Election campaigns are important opportunities to raise public awareness about issues important to youth and students, capture the attention of the media, and to galvanize public support”; and

Whereas non-partisan ‘get-out-the-vote’ campaigns are important to encourage students to vote, but they are not sufficient to ensure that Federation policy recommendations are advanced; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation organizes an all-candidates fora in spring 2018 on issues in post-secondary education with the leaders of the major political parties (Liberal, Progressive Conservative, NDP, and Green), and encourage member locals to host similar fora for their local races; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation prepare and distribute a survey in spring 2018 on student issues to the leaders of the major political parties, and make their responses public.

The survey questions include but are not limited to:

- Do you support free, universal post-secondary education for every student in Ontario?
- What will you do to address the crisis of student debt in Ontario?
- What will you do to address the crisis of precarious work that youth in Ontario face?
- What steps will you take to specifically address high youth unemployment and underemployment among young workers to ensure access to jobs in a variety of fields?
- What measures would you support to address sexual and gender-based violence on college and university campuses?

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send a copy of the same survey to candidates in their local ridings and to make members aware of their responses.

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2017/08:058 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 47/Local 99

Amend to add a clause that reads:

Be it further resolved that the constituency groups be consulted before the survey is sent out.

CARRIED

2017/08:059 MOTION TO AMEND

Amend to add a question for the survey that reads:

“Do you support re-extending OHIP to International students?”

CARRIED

2017/08:020 CARRIED

2017/08:021 MOTION

Local 84/Local 110

Whereas the Fight for \$15 and Fairness campaign has been organizing across the province in workplaces, on campuses, and in community spaces, to demand government action to raise the provincial minimum wage to \$15/hour, and to improve employment standards; and

Whereas the campaign previously won indexation legislation in 2014 to ensure that workers receive wage adjustments each year on October 1 to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index; and

Whereas the campaign has elevated the voices of students and workers and has won victories such as Unite Here Local 75’s successful strike in Spring 2017 for a \$15/hour starting wage and full health and dental coverage for part-time and full-time workers; and

Whereas on June 1, 2017, the Ontario government tabled The Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017 (Bill 148) which proposes an increase to the adult general minimum wage to \$15/hour within 18 months, equal pay for equal work between full-time, part-time, casual and temporary workers, extension of job-protected, emergency leave to all workplaces, two paid (out of ten) emergency leave days, three weeks of paid vacation (after five years of service), and easier access to unionization; and

Whereas the Bill, if adopted, will increase the hourly wages of 1.5 million workers currently earning less than \$15/hour which would provide substantial benefits in the lives of students and workers; and

Whereas corporate lobbyists are working against the victories of the \$15 and Fairness campaign, and are preparing to launch a major fear-mongering campaign in Fall 2017 through mass media; and

Whereas the Fight for \$15 and Fairness will need resources in order to push back against the corporate onslaught and to prevent the best aspects of Bill 148 from being rolled-back; and

Whereas the Federation endorsed the \$15 and Fairness campaign and continues to support Ontarians working for low wages in precarious jobs without employment benefits, workplace protection or the right to form and keep a union; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation mobilize to strengthen Bill 148 and support removing the sub-minimum wage rates for students under 18 and liquor servers that would remain

unchanged in the Bill as it is currently written, and support the review of minimum wage exemptions in the Ministry of Labour's promised Fall 2017 review; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation support the campaign's recommendation to revoke amendment s.3(5)2 in Bill 148 which adds an exclusion from ESA protections for an individual who performs work under a private career college registered under the Private Career Colleges Act, 2005; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation donate \$2000 to support the efforts of the \$15 and Fairness campaign and create a social media campaign that would help members understand the economic and social benefits of increasing the provincial minimum wage to \$15/hour; and

Be it further resolved that each Federation local be encouraged to donate at least \$500 from their campaigns budgets to support a \$15 and Fairness Campus Assembly, a gathering of student organizers on September 15, 2017, in Toronto, and that each local be encouraged to send at least one or two members to the Assembly.

2017/08:021 CARRIED

2017/08:027 MOTION

Local 99/Local 110

Whereas Soleiman Faqiri was an inmate living with mental health issues, and was brutally murdered by prison guards in his cell in the "most complained about jail" at Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay on December 15, 2016; and

Whereas Soleiman Faiqiri was a visible Muslim individual living with schizophrenia under government care; and

Whereas the family was concerned about Soleiman Faqiri's care through Central East Correctional Centre before his death, requesting a mental health assessment three days before he was murdered; and

Whereas Soleiman Faqiri's family is concerned that the mental health assessment would demonstrate the correctional service's lack of responsiveness to comply with Correctional Service Canada Mental Health Strategy; and

Whereas the Coroner's report was supposed to be released six to eight weeks after Faqiri's murder, but six months later, the report has yet to be released; and

Whereas without the coroner's report, Faqiri's lawyers are not able to access any files or video recordings of Soleiman Faqiri in the prison system; and

Whereas a campaign called 'Justice For Soli' was launched in efforts to seek justice for Soleiman Faqiri and his family; and

Whereas the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services refused to make a statement on Soleiman Faqiri's arrest and murder; and

Whereas Soleiman Faqiri's death was due to a lack of education and training of officials with mental illness awareness; and

Whereas the Federation has a long-standing commitment to challenging systems of oppression, including the Anti-Islamophobia campaign and "Challenge Ableism," under the United for Equity campaign; and

Whereas the brutal murder of Soleiman Faqiri is clearly an instance of Islamophobic death and a hate crime against differently abled people; and

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Whereas Islamophobia, ableism, and all other forms of discrimination affect students across the province; and

Whereas as student representatives, it is our responsibility to collectively challenge these systems of oppression; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation endorses the Justice For Soli campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation support the campaign by writing a letter to Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (and/or other relevant bodies), and that this letter condemn the actions of Central East Correctional Centre, demand the release of Soleiman Faqiri's mental health assessment and the coroner's report, and call for a review of relevant mental health training procedures through correctional services across the province; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters to their local MP, demanding a release of Soleiman Faqiri's mental health assessment, the coroner's report, and for a revision of relevant mental health strategies and training procedures through correctional services; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation connect with the organizers of the Justice For Soli campaign to seek ways of further supporting.

2017/08:060 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 24

Be it resolved that the second clause be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation support the campaign by writing a letter to Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (and/or other relevant bodies), and that this letter condemn the actions of Central East Correctional Centre, demand that the names/identification of the guards involved with the murder of Soleiman Faqiri be made public and that these guards face appropriate legal consequences for their actions.

CARRIED

2017/08:061 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 24

Be it resolved that the third clause be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters to their local MPPs, condemning the actions of the Centre, demand that the names/identification of the guards be made public, and that those involved face appropriate consequences, call for a revision of relevant mental health strategies and training procedures through correctional services.

CARRIED

2017/08:062 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 24

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

Be it further resolved that the Federation seek letters of endorsement and support from coalition partners, the labour movement and social and environmental justice organizations for the Justice For Soli campaign.

CARRIED

2017/08:063 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following clause be added:

Be it further resolved the Federation support the campaign by lobbying Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional (and/or other relevant bodies) to call for a review of relevant mental health training procedures through correctional services across the province.

CARRIED

2017/08:027 CARRIED

2017/08:029 MOTION

Local 24/Local 110

Whereas students' unions, student groups and student organizers at Ryerson University, York University, the University of Toronto and George Brown College have hosted the Reclaiming Our Bodies & Minds (ROBAM) Conference in Toronto for the past three years; and

Whereas the ROBAM Conference is focused on workshops, speakers and discussions around disability, accessibility and mental wellness; and

Whereas the Federation endorsed and assisted in sending students to the ROBAM Conference in March 2017; and

Whereas the ROBAM Conference is scheduled for March 2-4, 2018 in Toronto; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Federation endorse and encourage attendance to the 2018 ROBAM Conference; and

Be it resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to budget funds to send delegates to the 2018 Conference; and

Be it resolved that the Federation allocate \$1000 to assist in member locals sending delegates outside Toronto to the 2018 Conference; and

Be it resolved that the Federation assist in organizing the 2018 Conference through organizing conference calls, assisting with logistics and programming, and other opportunities that may arise during organizing.

2017/08:064 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 106

Be it resolved that the third clause be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation allocate \$1500 to assist in member locals sending delegates outside Toronto to the 2018 Conference.

CARRIED

2017/08:029 CARRIED

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2017/08:031 MOTION

Local 24/Local 110

Whereas anti-choice demonstrators have targeted campus communities to hold graphic and misinformed signage; and

Whereas students and faculty at Ryerson University have responded to anti-choicers by counter-protesting, blocking signage with reaffirming statements and resources; and

Whereas students have organized decompression spaces during and following anti-choice protests; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation work with community organizers to create template materials, signage and resources to distribute to assist organizers in counter protesting; and

Be it resolved that the Federation work with community organizers to create a guide and checklist for organizers to create safer and equitable debrief spaces and safety tips; and

Be it resolved that the Federation work with community organizers to develop a response guide to anti-choice organizers; and

Be it resolved that the Federation write letters of support for campus organizers who are challenging the presence of anti-choice rhetoric on campus; and

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters of support.

2017/08:031 CARRIED

2017/08:033 MOTION

Local 24/Local 110

Whereas the Ryerson Racialised and Indigenous Women's Symposium was founded by the Centre for Women & Trans People and the Racialised Students' Collective at Local 24 and Local 105; and

Whereas the Ryerson Racialised and Indigenous Women's Symposium is focused on workshops, panels, and speakers and discussions around intersectional feminism and movements organised by racialised and indigenous women; and

Whereas the Federation endorses the need for representation of Indigenous and Racialised students on their campus's; and

Whereas the Ryerson Racialised and Indigenous Women's Symposium is scheduled for January 26 -27 at Ryerson University in Toronto; and

Whereas the Ryerson Racialised and Indigenous Women's Symposium will be open to students across Ontario; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to budget funds to send delegates to the 2018 Racialised and Indigenous Women's Symposium; and

Be it resolved that the Federation assist in organizing the 2018 Symposium through organizing conference calls, assisting with logistics and programming, and other opportunities that may arise during organizing.

2017/08:065 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 71

Be it resolved that the following clause be added:

Be it further resolved that the Federation allocate \$2000 to assist in member locals by sending delegates outside of Toronto to the 2018 conference.

CARRIED

2017/08:033 CARRIED

2017/08:037 MOTION

Local 109/Local 110

Whereas International students pay very high tuition fees; and

Whereas Immigration has been an issue for international students; and

Whereas international students go through academic situations; and

Whereas a number of international students go through varying circumstances that affect their status in Canada; and

Whereas many international students face problems going home when on academic probation due to dangerous circumstances; and

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate more support for international students seeking support for academic suspension/ probation.

2017/08:066 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 47/Local 109

Be it resolved that the following clause be added:

Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate how to provide support for international graduate students facing challenges including time to completion and conflicts with supervisors.

CARRIED

2017/08:067 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 47/Local 109

Be it resolved that the following clause be added:

Be it further resolved that in its investigations, the Federation consider the following courses of action:

- Create manual or toolkit in multiple languages to help international students know their rights; and

- Work with member locals to make legal advisors available to international students free of charge; and

- Lobby the Council of Ontario Universities and Colleges Ontario to provide better support for international students during probation and suspension.

CARRIED

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2017/08:068 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 94

Be it resolved that the following clause be added:

Be it further resolved that member locals encourage their institutions and decision makers to adopt anti-racist and anti-oppressive frameworks when taking on international student cases of academic petitions and appeals.

CARRIED

2017/08:037 CARRIED

2017/08:039 MOTION

Local 109/Local 110

Whereas International Students partake in protests and actions as members of society;
and

Whereas international students live in fear of being deported for taking part in “civil disobedience”; and

Whereas international students should be able to take part in such actions; and

Whereas international students have a right to legal support in instances where they could be deported; and

Whereas immigration policies are strict in dealing with international students; and

Where as new immigrants and permanent residents face similar realities; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate putting together a guide/ toolkit for new immigrants, permanent residents, who wish to take part in protests and actions; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation look into putting together a list of legal aid clinics and lawyers for international students to take advantage of in situations where they might be vulnerable at protests.

2017/08:069 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 47/Local 94

Be it resolved that the following be added as the second clause:

Be it further resolved that the guide or toolkit contain information about the legal rights of international students and permanent residents.

CARRIED

2017/08:070 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 47/Local 94

Be it resolved that the following be added as the third clause:

Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate the possibility of having legal advisors available on site at Federation organized protests.

CARRIED

2017/08:071 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 47/Local 94

Be it resolved that the following be added as the fourth clause:

Be it further resolved that the Federation look into putting together a list of legal aid clinics and lawyers for international students to take advantage of in situations where they might be vulnerable at protests.

CARRIED

2017/08:039 CARRIED

2017/08:041 MOTION

Local 109/Local 110

Whereas mental health continues to be an issue facing students on every campus; and

Whereas mental health services within our institutions receive minimal funding; and

Whereas the Ontario government announced increased funding for mental health services at Universities in May of 2017; and

Whereas students still have inadequate access to Mental health practitioners; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation work with member locals to review the mental health facilities at institutions across Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that a report be presented with action plans to present to institutions as well as the Ontario government regarding mental health services.

2017/08:072 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 109/Local 24

Be it resolved that the following clause be added:

Be it further resolved that the report include results on how the money given by the government is being spent on mental health services.

CARRIED

2017/08:073 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 109

Be it resolved that the following be added after the first clause:

Be it further resolved that mental health resources be evaluated through an intersectional lens.

CARRIED

2017/08:074 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 82/Local 24

Be it further resolved that the report include a section specific for students seeking post-secondary education in Northern Ontario and presented to relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations.

CARRIED

2017/08:041 CARRIED

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2017/08:043 MOTION

Local 109/Local 110

Whereas anti-blackness is an issue that affects a number of students on all campuses;
and

Whereas working against anti-blackness is different from working against anti-racism; and

Whereas there doesn't currently exist a campaign against anti-blackness; and

Whereas a lot of work is currently being done on various campaigns challenging anti-blackness; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation work with member locals to develop materials to challenge anti-blackness on campuses; and

Be it resolved that the Federation work and consult with the Black Liberation Collective's groups in creating this campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to roll out this campaign throughout the year.

2017/08:075 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 109/Local 94

Be it resolved that the second clause be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation work and consult with black identified groups including but not limited to Black Lives Matter – Toronto and Black Liberation Collectives in creating this campaign.

CARRIED

2017/08:043 CARRIED

2017/08:045 MOTION

Local 106/Local 110

Whereas part-time students face significant barriers to their education, such as inadequate access to financial aid, lack of access to campus housing, lack of evening course availability and childcare availability and other barriers associated with studying as mature students; and

Whereas the needs and concerns of part-time students therefore often remain unique; and

Whereas it is critical that the part-time student unions in Ontario connect and exchange common experiences and strategies to maximize information and resources on key part-time issues; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation undertake a campaign on access to childcare on campus; and

Be it further resolved that the unique needs and barriers facing part-time and mature students, such as exclusions to financial aid programs - including the Ontario Student Grant - due to family and/or part-time status, lack of access to childcare, lack of availability of evening courses and institutional services, be centered in the Fight the Fees campaign; and

Be it further resolved that a workshop on the unique challenges faced by part-time & mature students be offered at the January 2018 General Meeting with an opportunity for part-time student unions to provide input on the content of the workshop.

2017/08:076 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 109/Local 94

Be it resolved that the third clause be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that a workshop on the unique challenges faced by part-time and mature students be offered at the January 2018 Semi-Annual General Meeting with an opportunity for student unions representing part-time students to provide input on the content of the workshop.

CARRIED

2017/08:077 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 106/Local 94

Be it resolved that the following clause be added:

Be it further resolved that the Federation conduct research on the ideal model for childcare and access to education for parents.

CARRIED

2017/08:045 CARRIED

2017/08:047 EMERGENCY MOTION

Local 106/Local 93

Whereas safe, affordable and accessible Public Transportation is a key issue for students across Ontario; and

Whereas the privatization of public services adversely affects accessibility of services by vulnerable populations, including students; and

Whereas the City of Hamilton is getting a new Light Rail Transit system from Eastgate Mall to McMaster University; and

Whereas the City of Hamilton passed a resolution asking Metrolinx to allow the publicly owned transit authority Hamilton Street Railway to operate the LRT; and

Whereas the HSR is a unionized workplace represented by the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 107; and

Whereas the student movement has longstanding principles of supporting the labour movement; and

Whereas efforts need to be made to encourage the Province and Metrolinx to support the recommendation of the city to give Hamilton Street Railway; and

Whereas the ATU launched the “Keep Transit Public” Campaign, therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation endorse the Keep Transit Public campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Office of the Premier, the Office of the Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure Ontario and Metrolinx encouraging these bodies to support publicly owned, publicly run transit and specifically supporting HSR running the Hamilton LRT; and

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Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to Hamilton's city council and ATU Local 107 congratulating them on the decision and supporting their efforts in supporting publicly owned, publicly run transit.

2017/08:047 CARRIED

3. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

2017/08:078 MOTION

Local 88/Local 32

Be it resolved that the campaigns guide be adopted.

CARRIED

4. RECEIPT OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

2017/08:079 MOTION

Local 84/Local 71

Be it resolved that the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee report be accepted.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Trina James on behalf of the Budget Committee presented its report for consideration by the plenary.

2017/08:080 MOTION

Local 68/Local 20

Be it resolved that the 2017-2018 budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2017/08:081 MOTION

Local 110/Local 92

Whereas an auditor needs to be appointed each year in accordance with the Federation's bylaws; and

Be it resolved that Grant Thornton be reappointed as the Federations' auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

CARRIED

6. RECEIPT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

2017/08:082 MOTION

Local 94/Local 32

Be it resolved that the Budget Committee report be accepted.

CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

National Executive Representative Sami Pritchard on behalf of the Organizational and Services Development Committee presented its report for consideration by the plenary.

2017/08:008 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas at each Annual General Meeting each constituency groups elects a representative; and

Whereas the bulk of the constituency representatives workloads takes place during General Meetings twice a year; and

Whereas there is a variety of constituency work that can and should be done outside of General meeting spaces; and

Whereas during the Annual General Meeting a constituency coordinator is elected to liaise between each of the constituency groups and sits on the Executive Committee; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following composition for a Council of Constituency Representatives within its bylaw; and

Be it further resolved that the Council of Constituency meets a minimum of two times throughout the term to provide updates on the work of the constituency as well as, discuss the ways that the needs of the constituency are reflected within the campaign and advocacy work of the Federation

Council of Constituency Representatives (CCR)

1. The Council

The Ontario Council of Constituency Representatives shall be known as the Council.

2. Composition

The Council shall be comprised of representative from each constituency group of the Federation. Each constituency group will have one (1) representative per constituency:

- a. Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Commissioner
- b. Ontario Disability Students Constituency Commissioner
- c. Ontario International Students Constituency Commissioner
- d. Mature Students Constituency Commissioner
- e. Ontario Queer and Trans Students Constituency Commissioner
- f. Ontario Racialized Constituency Commissioner
- g. Ontario Women's Constituency Commissioner
- h. Ontario Constituency Coordinator

The Council shall also be comprised of the following non-voting members:

- a. Ontario Chairperson
- b. Ontario National Executive Representative
- c. Ontario Treasurer

3. Number of votes

Each council representative shall have one (1) vote.

4. Terms of Office of the Council

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The term of the office for the positions on the Council shall commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected and shall expire at the close of the subsequent Annual General Meeting.

5. Meeting of the Council

a. Frequency of Meetings

The Council shall meet at least twice (2) times between regularly scheduled general meetings of the Federation.

b. Quorum

At least fifty-one per cent (51%), but never less than 5 of the voting positions on the Council that are currently filled shall constitute quorum for the transaction of business. Non-voting positions on the Executive Committee shall not count towards quorum.

c. Notice of Meeting

Formal notice of all Council meetings shall be communicated to each member of the Council no less than ten (10) days before the meeting is to take place. Meetings of the Council shall be held without notice, if all the Council representatives are present, or if those who are absent waive notice, or signify their consent in writing to the meeting being held in their absence.

d. Calling a Meeting

The Council meeting shall be formally scheduled by:

- i. The Council of Constituency Representatives;
- ii. The Ontario Constituency Coordinator, at the discretion in writing of three (3) voting members of the Council.

6. Election of the Constituency Council Representatives

The election of each member of the Council shall happen at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation and those positions will start upon the ratification of the results.

7. Filling a vacancy of a Council Representative

In the event that a Council Representative resigns or is removed from office the position will be deemed vacant. A by-election may happen at the Semi-Annual meeting if this vacancy happened before that meeting.

8. Eligibility

- a. A nominee for a position as a Council Representative must be a member of the Federation.
- b. A nominee for the position must be a delegate at the Ontario Component General Meeting at which the position is being filled.
- c. A nominee for the position must be nominated by at least two delegates from which constituency group they are running to get elected from.

9. Voting Procedure

- a. Election for each council representative position shall be conducted within each constituency group.

- b. If no candidate receives a clear majority on the first ballot. There shall be successive ballots and the candidate(s) with the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated from the next ballot until one (1) candidate has a clear majority. Clear majority is fifty percent plus one.

10. Remuneration of Council Representatives

Upon completion of office each Council Representative shall receive a remuneration of \$500 on condition that they have demonstrated their participation in a majority of in person meetings, conference calls and other council events. This remuneration does not replace any remuneration a representative receives from sitting on the Ontario Executive.

11. Code of Ethics

Council representatives shall be required to sign the declaration of commitment to the Federation's Code of Ethics in order to be voting members of the Council.

2017/08:008 CARRIED

2017/08:010 MOTION

Local 32/ Local 110

Whereas the Federation has stood for improved access to mental wellness services and resources; and

And whereas the Federation has taken a stance on the importance of supporting mental wellness; therefore

Be it resolved the Federation strive to offer a mental wellness focused workshop at all Ontario general meetings; and

Be it further resolved the Federation strive to offer an external mental wellness training at the Ontario Skills Development Symposium.

2017/08:083 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 109/ Local 68

Add a clause to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation offer resources for mental wellness training that member locals can conduct on their campuses.

CARRIED

2017/08:084 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 71/ Local 97

Add a clause to read:

Be it further resolved that both the workshop and training be developing in consultation with the Circle of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students Constituency Commissioner.

CARRIED

2017/08:010 CARRIED

2017/08:014 MOTION

Local 104/ Local 110

Whereas member locals representing part-time and/or continuing education students

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ensure that their respective institutions collect Federation fees from their members based upon a pro-rate of Federation fees for full-time students; and

Whereas each part-time and/or continuing education association may have a different method and rationale for calculating the pro-rate for their members based upon institutional constraints, course credit values, or other criteria, which result in differences in the amounts collected per course or per member; and

Whereas there may be times when member locals lose continuity due to turnover of personnel and board members, and therefore, the institutional memory needed to ensure the pro-rate is properly calculated; and

Whereas in the event of a miscalculation on the part of member locals, it may not be possible to levy or reimburse individual members once the fees have been collected from them for a given term, and may result in undue costs or time consumption for member locals; and

Whereas each February the Federation provides a letter with the breakdown of the fees and a per semester dollar amount for full-time students for the following school year; and

Whereas the Federation does not provide a similar breakdown for member locals representing part-time and/or continuing education students; and

Whereas there are only four member locals representing part-time and/or continuing education students; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation provide each member local representing part-time and/or continuing education students with a yearly breakdown of the fees to charge their respective members, including the rationale for the charge and the dollar amount per semester beginning February 2018; and

Be it further resolved that in the event of a miscalculation of fees on the part of any member local (part-time, continuing education, or full-time), the Federation will provide timely communication, and work together with the affected local to determine an appropriate solution or course of action.

2017/08:014 CARRIED

2017/08:023 MOTION

Local 54/ Local 110

Whereas Ontario universities and colleges are now required by the Ontario Government via Bill 132 to have or update their Sexual Violence Policies. Since many student unions/federations/associations are incorporated separately from their associated institution, the employees and executive officers of the union/federation/associations may not be covered by the institution's policy; and

Whereas student unions/federations/associations employ full-time staff and part-time staff that are not covered by the institution's policy and/or their associated workers unions' policy; and

Whereas there has been recent changes to the Canadian Criminal Code regarding the practices of how to respond to and handle sexual violence cases; and

Whereas within the Federation policies, the section entitled "Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women on Campus" supports policies, practices and education that are proactive in addressing sexual violence on campuses; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals of the Federation are to each develop an internal sexual

violence policy to include full-time staff, part-time staff, and elected positions; and

Be it resolved that each Federation member local is encouraged to review their completed sexual violence policy every five years; and

Be it further resolved it is suggested that each Federation member local create a working group consisting of all affected parties at their organization to assist in the creation of their sexual violence policy; and

Be it further resolved that any member local with a standing internal sexual violence policy is recommended to undergo a full review of said policy alongside recent federal and provincial recommendations and requirements; and

Be it further resolved that each Federation member local is recommended to have a sexual violence policy developed by the August 2018 Federation AGM; and

Be it further resolved that all Federation member locals are encouraged to provide progress report at January 2018 Ontario Semi-AGM and final report at August 2018 AGM, upon completion.

2017/08:085 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 97/ Local 98

Amend the first clause to read:

Be it resolved that member locals of the Federation are encouraged to develop an internal sexual violence policy to include but not limited to full-time staff, part-time staff, and elected positions.

CARRIED

2017/08:086 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 109/ Local 99

Amend the second clause to read:

Be it resolved that each Federation member local is encouraged to review their completed sexual violence policy every three years.

CARRIED

2017/08:087 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 71

Amend the third clause to read:

Be it further resolved that each Federation member local create a working group consisting of all affected parties which include but not limited to equity centres, student survivors and staff at their organization to assist in the creation of their sexual violence policy.

CARRIED

2017/08:088 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 109

Amend the fourth clause to read:

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to have a sexual violence policy developed by the August 2018 Federation AGM.

CARRIED

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2017/08:089 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 109

Amend the fifth clause to read:

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to have a sexual violence policy developed by the August 2018 Federation AGM.

CARRIED

2017/08:090 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 97/Local 104

Amend to add the following clause:

Be it further resolved the Federation offer a workshop on the development of sexual violence and harassment policies to be presented at a General Meeting no later than August 2018.

CARRIED

2017/08:091 MOTION TO AMEND AN AMENDMENT

Local 97/Local 92

Amend to add the following clause:

Be it further resolved the Federation offer a workshop on the development of sexual violence and harassment policies to be presented at a General Meeting or CFS Skills workshop no later than August 2018.

CARRIED

2017/08:092 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 71

Amend to add the following clause:

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to make their offices safer spaces for survivors and to strive to create adequate accommodations for individuals dealing with trauma.

CARRIED

2017/08:023 CARRIED

2017/08:025 MOTION

Local 54/Local 110

Whereas Ontario universities and colleges are now required by the Ontario Government via Bill 132 to have or update their Sexual Violence Policies. The Canadian Federation of Students, Ontario is a federation of student unions/federations/associations from varying universities and colleges that collectively work in unison on behalf of students and does not currently have a sexual violence policy for its members; and

Whereas the Federation employs full-time staff and is in direct contact with students from member locals that are not covered by a Federation sexual violence policy; and

Whereas the Federation hosts meetings and spaces where various member locals interact. The Federation needs to have its own sexual violence policy for such spaces under its jurisdiction; and

Whereas the Federation sexual violence policy would be used in cases where the parties

involved are from different member locals, who are attending Federation hosted meetings and spaces, who would therefore be covered by this Federation sexual violence policy, instead of being covered by their own local union/federation/association sexual violence policy that could create difficulty in reaching a conclusion for the Federation; and

Whereas within the Federation policies, the section entitled “Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women on Campus” supports policies, practices and education that are proactive in addressing sexual violence on campuses; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation develop an internal sexual violence policy to include full-time staff, part-time staff, elected positions, and member local delegates attending any of their meeting/events; and

Be it resolved that the Federation is recommended to review their completed sexual violence policy every five years; and

Be it further resolved that it be suggested that the Federation creates a working group consisting of representatives of affected parties at their organization to assist in the creation of their sexual violence policy; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation is encouraged to have a sexual violence policy developed by the August 2018 Federation AGM; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation is encouraged to provide progress report at January 2018 Ontario Semi-AGM and a final report at August 2018 AGM, upon completion.

2017/08:093 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 98

Amend the first clause to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation develop an internal sexual violence policy including but not limited to elected positions, member local delegates, provincial committee members and other individuals attending any of these meeting/events.

CARRIED

2017/08:094 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 32/Local 97

Amend to the second clause to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation is recommended to review their completed sexual violence policy every three years.

CARRIED

2017/08:095 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/ Local 106

Amend the third clause to read:

Be it further resolved that it be suggested that the Federation creates a working group to assist in the creation of their sexual violence policy.

CARRIED

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2017/08:096 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 24

Amend to add a clause that reads:

Be it further resolved that the Federation work with survivors of sexual assault to create safer spaces for meetings and events.

CARRIED

2017/08:025 CARRIED

2017/08:035 MOTION

Local 97/Local 82

Whereas the Operations Policy on Caucuses state that caucuses “shall be comprised of Federation member local associations with a common interest or concern”; and

Whereas the distinct experience of part-time students is recognized within the Part-time and Mature Constituency Group; and

Whereas the government of Ontario administers education differently for part-time students as compared to their full-time counterparts such as exemplified in the structure of tuition fees and administration of financial aid programs; and

Whereas there are five part-time member locals in Ontario that represent solely part-time students; and

Whereas the Part-time and Mature Constituency group is under-attended and the creation of a caucus could encourage greater participation and support for the Federation’s advocacy on behalf of part-time students; therefore

Be it resolved that the Part-time and Mature Constituency be re-structured as a caucus in accordance with Bylaw IV and the Operational Policy on Caucuses.

2017/08:097 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 97/ Local 24

Be it resolved that the Part-time and Mature Student’s constituency group be restructured such that it continues as the Mature Students’ Constituency Group; and

Be it further resolved that a new Part Time and Continuing Education Caucus be established; and

Be it further resolved that the caucuses section of the operations policy be amended to include Part Time and Continuing Education Caucus in the list of designated caucuses; and

Be it further resolved that Article g of the constituency groups section of the operational policy be amended such that the name of the Part Time and Mature students constituency group be changed to Mature Students’ Constituency Group; and

Be it further resolved that all references to part time students be removed from Article g of the constituency groups section of the operational policy.

CARRIED

2017/08:035 CARRIED

8. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

2017/08:098 MOTION

Local 94/Local 106

Be it resolved that the Organizational and Services Development report be accepted.

CARRIED

9. PRESENTATION OF THE POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

2017/08:099 MOTION

Local 94/Local 196

Be it resolved that the Policy Review and Development Committee report be accepted.

CARRIED

10. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Electoral Officer Nicole Picton presented the Electoral Report.

2017/08:100 MOTION

Local 47/Local 110

Be it resolved that be ratified as the Rawan Habib Constituency Coordinator for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/08:101 MOTION

Local 47/Local 110

Be it resolved that be ratified as the Cassandra Fullwood Women's Commissioner for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/08:102 MOTION

Local 47/Local 110

Be it resolved that Shanese Steele be ratified as the Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Constituency Commissioner for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/08:103 MOTION

Local 47/Local 110

Be it resolved that be ratified as the Brienne Berry-Crossfield Ontario Graduate Caucus Chairperson for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/08:104 MOTION

Local 47/Local 110

Be it resolved that Farhan Yousaf be ratified as the Northern Region Caucus Chairperson for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

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2017/08:105 MOTION

Local 47/Local 110

Be it resolved that Marie Bernice be ratified as the Francophone and Bilingual Caucus Chairperson for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/08:106 MOTION

Local 47/Local 110

Be it resolved that Theresa Rost be ratified as the Mature and Part-Time Students Constituency Commissioner for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/08:107 MOTION

Local 47/Local 110

Be it resolved that be Adrian Smith ratified as the Students with Disabilities Constituency Commissioner for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/08:108 MOTION

Local 47/Local 110

Be it resolved that Susanne Nyaga be ratified as the Racialized Students Constituency Commissioner for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/08:109 MOTION

Local 47/Local 110

Be it resolved that Mary Asekome be ratified as the International Students Constituency Commissioner for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/08:110 MOTION

Local 47/Local 110

Be it resolved that be ratified as the Lindsey Kelly Queer and Trans Students Constituency Commissioner for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

2017/08:111 MOTION

Local 71/Local 82

Whereas indigenous community members have been camping outside of INAC Toronto to demand response youth suicide/murder crisis with Indigenous youth; and

Whereas Carolyn Bennet has made no attempt respond or take concrete action to address this issue; therefore

Be it resolved that the Ontario Executive of the Canadian federation of Students attend and support the action at INAC; and

Be it further resolved that CFS Ontario release a public statement on all social media and write a letter to Carolyn Bennet and stakeholders demanding that immediate action is taken to address the suicide/murder crisis of indigenous youth; and

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to do the same; and

Be it further resolved that member locals tweet at Carolyn Bennet : “ @carolyn_bennett your silence is violence. Justice for Indigenous youth suicide/ murder crisis #INACToronto”.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

2017/08:112 MOTION

Local 78/Local 88

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED