

Opening Plenary Minutes

Semi-Annual General Meeting · Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario
Thursday, January 19 to Sunday, January 22, 2017 - Toronto, Ontario

CALL TO ORDER – Thursday, January 19, 2017

7:10 pm - Chairperson Rajean Hoilett called the 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting to order.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 1	Carleton University Students' Association	Proxy to Local 24
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Absent
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	Absent
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Proxy to Local 24
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 39	McMaster University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 41	Student Federation of the University of Ottawa	Absent
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Absent
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	Proxy to Local 98
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	Absent
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	Proxy to Local 88
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	Proxy to Local 88
Local 111	Laurentian Students' Union – Barrie	Proxy to Local 92
Local 112	Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal	Proxy to Local 88

Hoilett said that quorum had been reached.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

Hoilett said that the following seven proxies were received for this meeting:

Local 1 proxy to Local 24

Local 30 proxy to Local 24

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Local 56 proxy to Local 98

Local 104 proxy to Local 88

Local 110 proxy to Local 88

Local 111 proxy to Local 92

Local 112 proxy to Local 88

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

2017/01:001 MOTION

Local 97/Local 105

Be it resolved that Roxanne Dubois be ratified as the Speaker for the Opening Plenary of the 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that Roxanne Dubois be ratified as the Speaker for the Closing Plenary of the 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting.

4. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Hoilett provided welcoming remarks.

5. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Hoilett stated there are no new members to ratify.

6. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

2017/01:002 MOTION

Local 68/Local 78

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

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

2017/01:003 MOTION

Local 32/Local 98

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

CARRIED

8. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2017/01:004 MOTION

Local 88/Local 92

Be it resolved that the 2016 Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

9. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures

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

b. Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting

Anti-Harassment Advisor Awoo Abacore made a presentation on the Federation's harassment policy.

c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer

Hoilett 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

2017/01:005 MOTION

Local 78/Local 49

Be it resolved that Hossam Sleiman be appointed as Electoral Officer for the 2017 Semi-Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

Electoral Officer Hossam Sleiman outlined the positions for election and the election procedures for the meeting.

11. STRIKING OF PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees

2017/01:006 MOTION

Local 97/Local 109

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

2017/01:007 MOTION

Local 109/Local 68

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

CARRIED

12. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

a. Motions Submitted by Member Locals

2017/01:008 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas there is a lack of ethically sourced, healthy and sustainable food options on campuses; and

Whereas food prices on individual campuses continue to increase; and

Whereas the rising cost of education has a severe impact on food security for students; and

Whereas Aramark Canada is known to mistreat their workers and provide a low wage and few benefits; and

Whereas there are recorded incidents of racism in the workplace and workers being assaulted by Aramark Managers, which constitutes the severe mistreatment of food service workers by Aramark Canada; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario endorsed the *\$15 and Fairness* campaign supporting a living wage and a fair workplace; and

Whereas food service workers have been suspended without cause for participating in the campaign for *Real Food Real Jobs* and advocating for their rights; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario endorse the *Real Food Real Jobs* campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario release a statement of solidarity with Aramark food service workers; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario provide campaign materials in support of the *Real Food Real Jobs* campaign including but not limited to buttons, posters, and pamphlets; and

Be it further resolved that member locals who have Aramark cafeterias on their campuses be encouraged to endorse this campaign; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to publish letters directed to their administration demanding they take action on the injustice faced by Aramark food service workers.

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

2017/01:009 MOTION TO ADOPT OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the Federation adopted the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action in a previous Ontario General Meeting (OGM) and makes other attempts to ensure that Indigenous students know that they are welcome to General Meetings and feel well; and

Whereas the General Meetings can be a space of emotional and spiritual exhaustion for delegates, as much as it can be physical and mental; and

Whereas many racialized and Indigenous students carry the emotional burden of intergenerational grief and lived experiences of racism and colonialism and that they bring this trauma with them to the General Meetings; and

Whereas the Ontario General Meetings make space for smudging and welcome Elders to share their knowledge and teachings, and although these reflect great strides to decolonize Ontario General Meeting proceedings, more can be done to remove the inherent colonialism that is within the Federation as an organization established on Indigenous lands and without their approval or consent; and

Whereas many delegates, as Indigenous and non-Indigenous, recognize spirituality in all aspects of their lives and turn to in search of healing and guidance; and

Whereas the inclusion of ceremonial spaces reflect the need for healing, but also for legitimizing the proceedings of Ontario General Meetings for delegates who live their lives according to their spirituality; and

Whereas an effective means in decolonizing Ontario General Meeting proceedings includes ceremony for the duration of the Ontario General Meeting that is centred on the Indigenous teachings, protocol and ceremonies of the land on which the Ontario General Meeting takes place; and

Whereas Indigenous teachings, protocol and ceremonies make space for peoples of all faiths and languages to seek guidance in ways that reflect their own spiritual teachings and protocol; and

Whereas ceremonial helpers, or those tasked with ensuring that the needs of Elders and Indigenous Knowledge Holders are met and welcoming attendees to Ceremonial Spaces, have a lot of responsibility and that the commitment required would be a burden for a delegate of a member local; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following “Ceremonial Space and Ceremonial Space Coordinator” in the Operations Policy:

Ceremonial Space and Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator

The Executive Committee will provide a list of Elders, ceremonial helpers and Indigenous Knowledge Holders from local Indigenous communities and organizations with due notice prior to the Meeting for the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency and Commissioner to approve and appoint.

The Executive Committee will empower the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency and Commissioner to appoint a Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator, who is a ceremonial helper. The appointment will be decided one (1) month prior to the Meeting to provide time for the Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator to fulfill their responsibilities. The Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator will provide the proper support for any Elders and Indigenous Knowledge Holders who conduct ceremony, will be responsible for communicating logistical needs for the ceremonial space to the Federation, and will respond, according to the Indigenous protocols of the territory on which the meeting takes place and with consideration of other spiritual practices, to the needs of self-identified Aboriginal delegates or staff, or any other delegates and staff who request access to the Ceremonial Space for their spiritual or mental health well-being.

Because of the responsibilities listed above require quite a bit of commitment from one individual, it is best practice that the Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator is not also a delegate representing a member local.

The Ontario Chairperson, under the guidance of the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency and Commissioner, will formally request the presence of the Elders and/or Indigenous Knowledge Holders and the Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator who were appointed.

The Federation will ensure that food is provided for the Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator and Elders, especially in instances where they cannot leave the Ceremonial Space.

The Executive Committee, under the guidance of the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency and Commissioner, will provide sufficient remuneration to the Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator, Elders, and Indigenous Knowledge Holders who attend the meeting, especially where the costs of transportation, food and accommodations are concerned.

The Ceremonial Space will be available for delegates for the duration of the Meeting and will extend beyond that time. In the spirit of beginning and ending with Ceremony and

holding space for delegates and staff who need it for their well-being, the Federation will close the Ceremonial Space after all other meeting spaces have been taken down; and

Be it further resolved that this amendment be included after “Recognition of and Respect for Unceded Traditional Territories of Indigenous People.”

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

2017/01:010 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas Indigenous students in Ontario had their first gathering in June 2016, which was successful in bringing attendees together to learn, exchange and share; and

Whereas, though successful in its mandate, the Ontario Aboriginal Gathering in June 2016 was very emotional for attendees; and

Whereas learning about colonization and colonialism can be a huge emotional burden for Indigenous students and there are not enough opportunities for healing; and

Whereas the context of Indigenous resurgence and colonialism differ in each community across Ontario and there is simply so much to learn between Indigenous communities about decolonization and Indigenous resurgence; and

Whereas Indigenous protocols and teachings indicate the importance of connecting to the local Indigenous communities when organizing events, which includes, but is not limited to, requesting land acknowledgements, opening prayers and ceremonial helpers of the community; inviting community members; and creating space for them to share their history, lived experiences, and contemporary struggles; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation host an annual Ontario Aboriginal Gathering with the guidance of the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency Chair and the Constituency Group; and

Be it further resolved that the annual Ontario Aboriginal Gathering include opportunities for healing through ceremony, which includes, but is not limited to, sweat lodge ceremonies, sacred fires, sunrise ceremonies, full moon ceremonies and pipe ceremonies, and that these healing opportunities are organized under the guidance of the Chair and Constituency and in a way that respects the local Indigenous community and their wish for certain ceremonies to be or not be hosted in their communities; and

Be it further resolved that the location of the annual Ontario Aboriginal Gathering occur in and around different Indigenous communities near member locals with due notice and respectful protocol of the community and guidance of the Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Student Constituency Group; and

Be it further resolved that the annual Ontario Aboriginal Gathering be hosted each year in the month of June to correspond with National Aboriginal History Month within Ontario and National Aboriginal Day in Canada; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation seek Elders, ceremonial helpers and knowledge holders from the local Indigenous community with due notice, active consultation, sufficient remuneration and proper protocol in organizing the Gathering, in order to centre their voices without creating undue emotional hardship.

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

2017/01:011 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the term “Aboriginal” is a government imposed term that has caused division within Indigenous communities/nations; and

Whereas the term “Aboriginal” is no longer used by the federal government to name First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities/nations; and

Whereas members of the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency are responsible for any name change to the constituency; and

Whereas “Indigenous” is also an umbrella term used to identify First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people; and

Whereas there are many students who self-identify as Indigenous from other communities around the world, but who are not members of First Nations, Métis or Inuit communities/nations; therefore

Be it resolved that the Ontario Aboriginal constituency be renamed the Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Constituency; and

Be it further resolved that all areas of the Ontario Federation’s governing documents that refer to “Aboriginal” be changed to First Nations, Métis and Inuit.

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

2017/01:012 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas there is a need to improve and expand the work on our campuses to support membership engagement, volunteer recruitment and retention; and

Whereas, our mission as students’ unions is to better the lives and to represent the best interests of students; and

Whereas, it is crucial to focus on skills-based workshops for our members and volunteers to keep them involved and engaged; and

Whereas locals who deliver professional development skills series for members, class representatives and volunteers have success with students staying involved in the long term; and

Whereas it is important to give members and volunteers the tools, resources and education that can boost their skills and abilities to give back to their communities and be socially and politically engaged; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation create a resource for member locals to host their own skills workshops.

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

2017/01:013 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas there has been a growing increase of xenophobia, discrimination against immigrants and refugees; and

Whereas many Syrian refugees in Canada have experienced anti-refugee sentiments; and

Whereas there is a need to change the picture portrayed in the Canadian society about refugees and in particular dismantling stereotypes that refugees are terrorists and bring a culture of violence with them; and

Whereas there is a lack of work that tackles this issue on our campuses and there is a need to shed light and raise awareness about xenophobia against immigrants and refugees; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation creates educational material to challenge xenophobia and discrimination against immigrants and refugees on and off-campus; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to include xenophobia, discrimination against immigrants and refugees in their campaigns work and find ways to engage these populations and support them on their campuses.

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

2017/01:014 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) was enacted eleven years ago to make Ontario accessible by 2025, by setting five accessibility standards; and

Whereas accessibility advocates have been lobbying for an accessibility standard on education to be added; and

Whereas on December 5, 2016 during a session of the legislature, the Premier said such a standard would be created; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation do a consultation with member locals to identify the main accessibility barriers that students attending post-secondary education are facing and to present it as part of the Federation's participation in the process.

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

2017/01:015 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas Indigenous and non-Indigenous water protectors stand in peaceful solidarity to stop the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline that intends to pass through Indigenous sacred lands and water ways of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Reservation in North Dakota; and

Whereas the National Aboriginal Caucus's *Where's the Justice* campaign pillar three mandates that the Canadian Federation of Students advocate for land and water rights; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students passed a motion for encouraging provincial components to support Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and

Whereas the sacred camp site is currently well into the frigid temperatures and is in desperate need for winter shelter and camping gear to sustain the colder months; and

Whereas water protectors are planning to hold this sacred site until their lands and water rights are no longer being violated; therefore

Be resolved that the Federation stand in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe via letters of support, encouraging member locals to create motions that encourage support

during local rallies, donations of money, food, volunteers and supplies to the Sacred Stone camp; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation donate \$2000.00 to the Sacred Stone camp.

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

2017/01:016 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas post-secondary institutions are chronically underfunded and impose exorbitant ancillary fees; and

Whereas the ancillary fees students pay are made to impose more fees on top of tuition fees; and

Whereas the Federation continues to fight for accessible education and combat fees that take advantage of students; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation conducts research into registrar fees across the province and compile a report for member locals to reference and use in lobbying efforts to eliminate registrar fees.

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

2017/01:017 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the Federation began the Ethical Purchasing Program years ago for orientation materials; and

Whereas the Federation saw success with unions accessing this vital service of ethically-made products for member locals to access and distribute; and

Whereas member locals have seen a decline in service quality since the service has expanded nationally; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate the feasibility of creating a local, province specific, ethical purchasing network for member locals to access in Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that this investigation conclude and a report be given at the January 2018 Semi-Annual General Meeting.

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

2017/01:018 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the Ontario Government passed a motion to condemn the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction (BDS) campaign despite the human rights abuses of the Israeli Government and the illegal apartheid rule over Palestinians in the occupied territories and in Gaza as per UN resolution 242; and

Whereas the Ontario government has failed to recognize the human rights abuses and atrocities committed by the apartheid state of Israel; and

Whereas the Federation has endorsed the BDS movement and worked with member locals to publicly condemn the recent announcement of the Ontario Government; and

Whereas the Federation is committed to social justice values and advocacy as has been seen throughout its various campaigns; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation connects and works with local Students for Palestinian Human Rights, Students Against Israeli Apartheid, and Students for Justice in Palestine on BDS organizing to help further their campaign efforts province-wide; and

Be it further that the Federation coordinate with existing Palestinian activist groups to create materials about what the BDS campaign seeks to accomplish and ways in which students and community members can further the BDS campaign to continue opposing the illegal occupation of the Palestinian territories; and

Be it further resolved that research be conducted and materials be developed that educate members of corporations that invest into and profit off of Israel's illegal occupation over the Palestinian territories; and

Be it further resolved that an amount of \$2000.00 be allocated to a BDS conference with the goal of emboldening and training BDS activists province-wide, which will be organized by Palestinian activist groups in the year of 2017.

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

2017/01:019 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas, all general members have the right to access Federation services and campaigns; and

Whereas, attending and engaging in general meetings are a critical part of skills development, learning and developing services and campaigns of the Federation; and

Whereas, bringing multiple delegates to general meetings can be financially restricting and inaccessible; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation develop local commissions for general members to get involved in the development and execution of Federation campaigns, services and events; and

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee assist member locals in hosting monthly commission meetings; and

Be it further resolved that provincial executive representatives bring forward resolutions from their on campus commission meetings to the Executive Committee meetings and or General meetings; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation host a commissioner appreciation at the end of each semester.

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

2017/01:020 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas our campuses have been instituted to adopt sexual assault policies; and

Whereas students unions' from time to time will hire and employ students and other workers; and

Whereas in some cases the student unions also have service centers and hire student staff and other employees to run these facilities; and

Whereas the Ontario Employment Standards Act (ESA) provides guidelines to govern all workplaces in Ontario; and

Whereas Bill 26 is currently amending the ESA to provide ten days of paid leave to any employee or an employee's child who has experience domestic violence or sexual violence; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation supports Bill 26; and

Be it further resolved that member locals support the passing of Bill 26; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to use this Bill as a minimum requirement for their student union employees, whether the Bill passes or not.

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

2017/01:021 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Be it resolved that the Federation expand the *United for Equity* campaign to include "Classism"; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation expanding the *United for Equity* campaign to include "Ageism".

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

2017/01:022 MOTION

Local 49/Local 109

Whereas there are various materials or services member locals could utilize but that may be too expensive buying alone; and

Whereas the mass buying power of multiple member locals could be utilized to cost save on items; and

Whereas there are various sizes and purchasing powers of member locals that could benefit from teaming up on certain services; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate creating bulk/mass purchasing program for items such as but not limited to button makers, photo booths and printers; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate and envision a system of cost sharing services such but not limited to as graphic design, legal advice and guest speakers; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation will ask member locals what types of items or services they could envision being used in this cost sharing model before initiating the search.

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

2017/01:023 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the Federation refers to "Open Access" as "a way of making material available on the Internet for anyone to read and use free of charge. Under an Open Access model,

users have the ability to access, copy and redistribute original works at no additional cost and creators are still able to require attribution to mitigate commercial use”; and

Whereas the cost of tuition continues to increase and contribute to income inequality among students; and

Whereas the costs of course materials is not reasonably supported by institutional systems (including OSAP, income tax credits, “textbook” grants/bursaries); and

Whereas the demand for free education aligns equally well with the demand for free open access; therefore

Be it resolved that the *Open Access* campaign be expanded to explore ways to incorporate free access to course materials including but not limited to course readings, textbooks, journals and software; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation conduct research on the structural and policy barriers to Open Access and knowledge exchange as they relate to post-secondary education, academia and society; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation work with provincial and community organizations already advocating for this cause; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation consult with the National Graduate Caucus to discuss and survey the benefits of open access for graduate students; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation present a draft report of the key issues, findings, and possible new directions for the Open Access campaign at the Semi-Annual General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that a final report be distributed in time for the National Graduate Caucus; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby their administrations and work with their libraries to adopt open access policies at their institution.

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

2017/01:024 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas students across the province of Ontario utilize various methods of public transportation as their main mode of transportation; and

Whereas Presto is an electronic payment system being implemented across local transit in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) and Ottawa; and

Whereas each transit agency sets their own fares and Presto terms; and

Whereas the Presto system is being utilized by Brampton Transit, Burlington Transit, Durham Region Transit, GO Transit, Oakville Transit, Hamilton Street Railway (HSR), MiWay, OC Transpo, Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), UP Express and York Region Transit/Viva (YRT/Viva); and

Whereas there is currently no mobile app, so the only way to top up the Presto card or check the balance is to log into the Presto website, which is not compatible for use with mobile devices; and

Whereas users of the Presto system find the website difficult to understand and navigate due to terminology used, such as “period pass” instead of “monthly pass” and “e-purse” instead of “balance”; and

Whereas Presto cards need to be tapped on a Presto card reader to activate them, which causes problems since users cannot be sure their card is loaded with money and working until they are on the bus/subway/streetcar, resulting in them being kicked off the transit unless they have backup fare if their card or the card reader is malfunctioning; and

Whereas the Presto fare system is being phased in across the TTC in stages, a process that is expected to be completed by the middle of 2017; and

Whereas post-secondary discounts for the Presto system are only currently available for MiWay and GO Transit only; and

Whereas numerous errors, glitches and technological issues have been reported regarding issues with card readers, reloading machines and other aspects of the Presto system, often resulting in users being kicked off of public transit, left to find alternative payment methods or finding alternative transportation methods; and

Whereas member locals, colleges and universities are currently working individually with local public transit to determine payment systems until Presto is fully implemented; and

Whereas the Federation has a larger circle of contacts, making it easier to communicate with larger organizations, such as the transit companies of the GTHA and Ottawa; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation creates a committee to communicate on behalf of member locals, colleges and universities regarding the change of payment system; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation will explore discount options to extend beyond GO Transit and MiWay; and

Be it further resolved that the committee will consist of a minimum of one delegate from each member local, one faculty member from each educational institution and a representative from each transportation organization.

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

2017/01:025 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the National Day of Action on November 2nd, 2016 highlighted the need for a national vision for Free Education in Canada; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario collected over 40,000 petition signatures for the elimination of tuition fees, loans, and student debt; and

Whereas the Ontario government is currently in the process of consultations around a new tuition fee framework; and

Whereas the Fight The Fees campaign addresses the many barriers of post-secondary education and has as its goals fully-funded and liberatory post-secondary education; and

Whereas the National Day of Action on November 2nd, 2016 served as a public launch for the Fight The Fees campaign, and

Whereas ongoing membership engagement in the campaign for free education is critical to its success; and

Whereas mass mobilization is effective in raising public awareness on post-secondary education issues; therefore

Be it resolved that a Provincial Fight The Fees Day of Action be held in Winter 2018; and

Be it further resolved that the Constituency Commission, Constituency Groups and Caucuses host discussions to shape the Fight The Fees campaign at the August 2017 Ontario General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that there be a report-back on the Fight the Fees campaign efforts and that the date of the Winter 2018 Day of Action be chosen at the August 2017 Ontario General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation and member locals be encouraged to organize actions in Fall 2017 on campuses and in the community to build momentum leading up to the Winter 2018 Provincial Day of Action.

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

2017/01:026 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the constating documents of the Federation should use gender-neutral language throughout; and

Whereas neither he/him pronouns nor she/her pronouns are gender-neutral, as they are not inclusive of non-binary individuals; therefore

Be it resolved that the Bylaws be amended such that they/them pronouns are used throughout; and

Be it further resolved that the Policies also be so amended.

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

2017/01:027 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the Bylaws of the Federation are enacted in the name of “the students of Canada”; and

Whereas the student movement is, and must remain, a movement led by students and their elected representatives; and

Whereas it is therefore inappropriate for non-students to represent students at General Meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1.10 be amended to read:

Delegate

A “delegate” shall refer to a representative of a member local association who is an individual member of the association in question.

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

2017/01:028 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas, at the most recent National General Meeting, the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students were amended to lower the threshold for decertification petitions from 20% to 15%; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario should, in the interest of procedural uniformity, do the same; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw II.1.a.vi be amended to read:

Students collectively belonging to a member local association will have the sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than fifteen per cent (15%) of the students and served to the Federation's Executive Committee, a vote on decertification as described in this Bylaw, and that also entails a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students, subject to compliance with the Bylaws of the national chartering organization.

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

2017/01:029 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas a recent decision of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice suggested that the rules governing voting in certification referenda and decertification referenda are "out of step with the times"; and

Whereas the same decision noted that "in this era of electronic communication and distance learning, voting by paper ballot at a voting station seems antiquated and impractical"; and

Whereas the decision further noted that "it would be easy to envision any number of situations ... in [which] it could be argued that the requirements prescribed by the Bylaws [of the Federation] lead to hardship or unfairness" for some students; and

Whereas the decision was, despite this criticism, ultimately favourable to the Federation; and

Whereas students are unable to attend voting booths for a variety of accessibility reasons; and

Whereas paper ballots alone do not meet the accessibility needs of eligible voters; and

Whereas mail-in ballots place an onerous burden on voters unable to utilize the postal system for a variety of reasons; and

Whereas, in light of this decision, the Federation should permit the use of electronic voting in conjunction with the continued use of paper ballots; therefore

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

Voting must be conducted both electronically and by paper ballot, such that a voter may vote either on their personal electronic device or at a polling station. Electronic voting must be administered by a third party chosen by the Chief Returning Officer. Subject to an agreement between the Federation and the member local association, voting may also take place at a general meeting of the local student association or by mail-out ballot.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II.4.c.i be amended to read:

Voting must be conducted both electronically and by paper ballot, such that a voter may vote either on their personal electronic device or at a polling station. Electronic voting must be administered by a third party chosen by the Chief Returning Officer. Subject to an agreement between the Federation and the member local association, voting may also take place at a general meeting of the local student association or by mail-out ballot.

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

2017/01:030 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the Federation is a large organization with a geographically dispersed membership; and

Whereas the members of the Federation are therefore only able to meet twice per year; and

Whereas general meetings provide members with an opportunity to interact directly with their elected leaders; and

Whereas the ability to ask questions of one's elected leaders in a formal, public setting is an important element of accountability; therefore

Be it resolved that the "Miscellaneous" section of the General Meetings Policy be amended to include:

The opening plenary of each general meeting shall include thirty (30) minutes in which members may ask questions of the at-large members of the Executive Committee.

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

2017/01:031 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas Carleton Neuroscience graduate students were notified on November 11, 2016, that labs in the Life Sciences Research Building must be vacated by March 1, 2017, in order to meet timelines for the ARISE building project, which is tied to federal and provincial monies and;

Whereas the Department of Neuroscience is a fast-growing department with over 550 undergraduate students, 49 graduate students, and faculty that have been very successful in acquiring external research funding, and;

Whereas research programs will be effectively displaced for a minimum of seven months, and;

Whereas the proposed interim location at University of Ottawa is inadequate to meet current research needs, including no provision for wet lab space, and;

Whereas presently no sufficiently detailed project plan has been provided to faculty, staff and students in Neuroscience, and;

Whereas many senior undergraduate and graduate students will be unable to complete current research projects, or will have their completion delayed by up to a year, and;

Whereas this delay may require another year's enrolment, thereby incurring additional unexpected tuition fees and living expenses;

Whereas faculty and graduate students risk losing grant funding if Carleton University fails to fulfill its obligation to provide appropriate facilities to conduct research, and;

Whereas labs in the Life Sciences Research Building contain specialized and very expensive equipment which requires months of lead-time to book specialists to dismantle, pack and move and then recalibrate and configure for set-up, and;

Whereas requiring two moves of animal subjects in a short period of time may cause undue stress on animals and could be in violation of animal care ethics, and;

Whereas the Graduate Students' Association alongside concerned Neuroscience students and post-docs have started the #SaveCUNeuro campaign to address this eviction, and;

Whereas in our student movement an attack against one is an attack against all;

Be it resolved Federation oppose the eviction of the Carleton University Department of Neuroscience until a comprehensive plan for a single move is developed in consultation with faculty, staff and students.

Be it further resolved that the Federation support the petition calling on the Federal and Provincial Governments to relax the ARISE project deadline to save valuable research and student resources;

Be it further resolved that the Federation write letters to Carleton President Dr. Roseann Runte, VP Finance and Administration Michel Piché, Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs Dr. Matthias Neufang, VP Research (Interim) Dr. Rafik A. Goubran, Dean of Science Malcolm Butler, MP for Ottawa Centre Catherine McKenna, MPP for Ottawa Centre Yasir Naqvi, and Provincial Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development Deb Matthews, opposing the neuroscience move.

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the petition and to write similar letters.

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

13. PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2017/01:032 MOTION

Local 78/Local 85

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee report be accepted.

Chairperson Rajean Hoillett, National Executive Representative Gayle McFadden and Treasurer Sami Pritchard presented the report of the Executive Committee.

CARRIED

14. OTHER BUSINESS

Hoillett and Wu made provided logistical announcements.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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16. RECESS

2017/01:033 MOTION

Local 41/Local 24

Be it resolved that plenary recess until 10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 22, 2017.

CARRIED

10:09 p.m. – The meeting recessed.

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CALL TO ORDER – Sunday, January 22, 2017

11:48 am - Plenary Speaker Roxanne Dubois called the Closing Plenary to order.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 1	Carleton University Students' Association	Proxy to Local 24
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	Absent
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Proxy to Local 24
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 39	McMaster University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 41	Student Federation of the University of Ottawa	Proxy
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	Proxy to Local 98
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	Absent
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	Proxy to Local 88
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	Proxy to Local 88
Local 111	Laurentian Students' Union – Barrie	Proxy to Local 92
Local 112	Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal	Proxy to Local 88

Dubois said that quorum had been reached.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Sami Pritchard presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

2017/01:034 MOTION

Local 78/Local 94

Be it resolved that the June 30, 2015 audited financial statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS: Local 54

2017/01:035 MOTION

Local 78/Local 94

Be it resolved that the June 30, 2016 audited financial statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS: Local 54

2017/01:036 MOTION

Local 78/Local 94

Be it resolved that the 2016-2017 budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

NOTED ABSTENTIONS: Local 54

3. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson Rajean Hoilett presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

2017/01:037 MOTION

Local 68/Local 78

Whereas there is a lack of ethically sourced, healthy and sustainable food options on campuses; and

Whereas food prices on individual campuses continue to increase; and

Whereas the rising cost of education has a severe impact on food security for students; and

Whereas Aramark Canada is known to mistreat their workers and provide a low wage and few benefits; and

Whereas there are recorded incidents of racism in the workplace and workers being assaulted by Aramark Managers, which constitutes the severe mistreatment of food service workers by Aramark Canada; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario endorsed the *\$15 and Fairness* campaign supporting a living wage and a fair workplace; and

Whereas food service workers have been suspended without cause for participating in the campaign for *Real Food Real Jobs* and advocating for their rights; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario endorse the *Real Food Real Jobs* campaign; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario release a statement of solidarity with Aramark food service workers; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario provide campaign materials in support of the *Real Food Real Jobs* campaign including but not limited to buttons, posters, and pamphlets; and

Be it further resolved that member locals who have Aramark cafeterias on their campuses be encouraged to endorse this campaign; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to publish letters directed to their administration demanding they take action on the injustice faced by Aramark food service workers.

2017/01:038 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 105/Local 32

Be it resolved that a clause be added to read:

Be it further resolved that the Real Food Real Jobs campaign, the Federation and member locals lobby post secondary education institutions to assess and provide for the dietary needs of all students at the next contractual negotiations.

CARRIED

2017/01:039 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 84/Local 78

Be it resolved that a clause be added to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation support Unite Here Local 75 by writing letters of solidarity in the event of a strike or lock out.

CARRIED

2017/01:040 MOTION

Local 105/ Local 109

Whereas there has been a growing increase of xenophobia, discrimination against immigrants and refugees; and

Whereas many Syrian refugees in Canada have experienced anti-refugee sentiments; and

Whereas there is a need to change the picture portrayed in the Canadian society about refugees and in particular dismantling stereotypes that refugees are terrorists and bring a culture of violence with them; and

Whereas there is a lack of work that tackles this issue on our campuses and there is a need to shed light and raise awareness about xenophobia against immigrants and refugees; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation creates educational material to challenge xenophobia and discrimination against immigrants and refugees on and off-campus; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to include xenophobia, discrimination against immigrants and refugees in their campaigns work and find ways to engage these populations and support them on their campuses.

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2017/01:041 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 105/Local 92

Be it further resolved that the Federation includes challenge xenophobia into the United for Equity campaign.

CARRIED

2017/01:042 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 105/Local 71

Be it resolved that a clause be added to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation consults with the constituency groups to have their input in developing campaign materials.

CARRIED

2017/01:043 MOTION

Local 105/ Local 109

Whereas the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) was enacted eleven years ago to make Ontario accessible by 2025, by setting five accessibility standards; and

Whereas accessibility advocates have been lobbying for an accessibility standard on education to be added; and

Whereas on December 5, 2016 during a session of the legislature, the Premier said such a standard would be created; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation do a consultation with member locals to identify the main accessibility barriers that students attending post-secondary education are facing and to present it as part of the Federation's participation in the process.

CARRIED

2017/01:044 MOTION

Local 105/Local 109

Whereas Indigenous and non-Indigenous water protectors stand in peaceful solidarity to stop the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline that intends to pass through Indigenous sacred lands and water ways of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Reservation in North Dakota; and

Whereas the National Aboriginal Caucus's *Where's the Justice* campaign pillar three mandates that the Canadian Federation of Students advocate for land and water rights; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students passed a motion for encouraging provincial components to support Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and

Whereas the sacred camp site is currently well into the frigid temperatures and is in desperate need for winter shelter and camping gear to sustain the colder months; and

Whereas water protectors are planning to hold this sacred site until their lands and water rights are no longer being violated; therefore

Be resolved that the Federation stand in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe via letters of support, encouraging member locals to create motions that encourage support during local rallies, donations of money, food, volunteers and supplies to the Sacred Stone camp; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation donate \$2000.00 to the Sacred Stone camp.

CARRIED

2017/01:045 MOTION

Local 109/ Local 92

Whereas post-secondary institutions are chronically underfunded and impose exorbitant ancillary fees; and

Whereas the ancillary fees students pay are made to impose more fees on top of tuition fees; and

Whereas the Federation continues to fight for accessible education and combat fees that take advantage of students; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation conduct research into registrar fees across the province and compile a report for member locals to reference and use in lobbying efforts to eliminate registrar fees.

CARRIED

2017/01:046 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the Ontario Government passed a motion to condemn the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction (BDS) campaign despite the human rights abuses of the Israeli Government and the illegal apartheid rule over Palestinians in the occupied territories and in Gaza as per UN resolution 242; and

Whereas the Ontario government has failed to recognize the human rights abuses and atrocities committed by the apartheid state of Israel; and

Whereas the Federation has endorsed the BDS movement and worked with member locals to publicly condemn the recent announcement of the Ontario Government; and

Whereas the Federation is committed to social justice values and advocacy as has been seen throughout its various campaigns; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation connects and works with local Students for Palestinian Human Rights, Students Against Israeli Apartheid, and Students for Justice in Palestine on BDS organizing to help further their campaign efforts province-wide; and

Be it further that the Federation coordinate with existing Palestinian activist groups to create materials about what the BDS campaign seeks to accomplish and ways in which students and community members can further the BDS campaign to continue opposing the illegal occupation of the Palestinian territories; and

Be it further resolved that research be conducted and materials be developed that educate members of corporations that invest into and profit off of Israel's illegal occupation over the Palestinian territories; and

Be it further resolved that an amount of \$2000.00 be allocated to a BDS conference with the goal of emboldening and training BDS activists province-wide, which will be organized by Palestinian activist groups in the year of 2017.

CARRIED

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2017/01:047 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas our campuses have been instituted to adopt sexual assault policies; and

Whereas students unions' from time to time will hire and employ students and other workers; and

Whereas in some cases the student unions also have service centers and hire student staff and other employees to run these facilities; and

Whereas the Ontario Employment Standards Act (ESA) provides guidelines to govern all workplaces in Ontario; and

Whereas Bill 26 is currently amending the ESA to provide ten days of paid leave to any employee or an employee's child who has experience domestic violence or sexual violence; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation supports Bill 26; and

Be it further resolved that member locals support the passing of Bill 26; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to use this Bill as a minimum requirement for their student union employees, whether the Bill passes or not.

CARRIED

2017/01:048 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 109

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

Be it further resolved member locals lobby their administration to update their respective sexual violence policies in accordance with Bill 26.

CARRIED

2017/01:049 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 109

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

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged the passing of Bill 26;

CARRIED

2017/01:050 MOTION

Local 49/Local 92

Be it resolved that the Federation expand the *United for Equity* campaign to include "Classism"; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation expanding the *United for Equity* campaign to include "Ageism".

2017/01:051 MOTION TO REFER TO CCR

Local 109/Local 71

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: LOCAL 98

2017/01:052 MOTION

Local 19/Local 106

Whereas the Federation refers to “Open Access” as “a way of making material available on the Internet for anyone to read and use free of charge. Under an Open Access model, users have the ability to access, copy and redistribute original works at no additional cost and creators are still able to require attribution to mitigate commercial use”; and

Whereas the cost of tuition continues to increase and contribute to income inequality among students; and

Whereas the costs of course materials is not reasonably supported by institutional systems (including OSAP, income tax credits, “textbook” grants/bursaries); and

Whereas the demand for free education aligns equally well with the demand for free open access; therefore

Be it resolved that the *Open Access* campaign be expanded to explore ways to incorporate free access to course materials including but not limited to course readings, textbooks, journals and software; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation conduct research on the structural and policy barriers to Open Access and knowledge exchange as they relate to post-secondary education, academia and society; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation work with provincial and community organizations already advocating for this cause; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation consult with the National Graduate Caucus to discuss and survey the benefits of open access for graduate students; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation present a draft report of the key issues, findings, and possible new directions for the Open Access campaign at the Semi-Annual General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that a final report be distributed in time for the National Graduate Caucus; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby their administrations and work with their libraries to adopt open access policies at their institution.

2017/01:053 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 109

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

Be it further resolved that the Federation work with provincial and community organizations already advocating for this cause (such as eCampus Ontario); and

CARRIED

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2017/01:054 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 109

Be it resolved that a final clause be added to read:

Be it further resolved that the benefits of Open Access on the racialized student population be specifically addressed in the report

CARRIED

2017/01:055 CARRIED

2017/01:056 MOTION

Local 92/Local 109

Whereas students across the province of Ontario utilize various methods of public transportation as their main mode of transportation; and

Whereas Presto is an electronic payment system being implemented across local transit in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) and Ottawa; and

Whereas each transit agency sets their own fares and Presto terms; and

Whereas the Presto system is being utilized by Brampton Transit, Burlington Transit, Durham Region Transit, GO Transit, Oakville Transit, Hamilton Street Railway (HSR), MiWay, OC Transpo, Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), UP Express and York Region Transit/Viva (YRT/Viva); and

Whereas there is currently no mobile app, so the only way to top up the Presto card or check the balance is to log into the Presto website, which is not compatible for use with mobile devices; and

Whereas users of the Presto system find the website difficult to understand and navigate due to terminology used, such as “period pass” instead of “monthly pass” and “e-purse” instead of “balance”; and

Whereas Presto cards need to be tapped on a Presto card reader to activate them, which causes problems since users cannot be sure their card is loaded with money and working until they are on the bus/subway/streetcar, resulting in them being kicked off the transit unless they have backup fare if their card or the card reader is malfunctioning; and

Whereas the Presto fare system is being phased in across the TTC in stages, a process that is expected to be completed by the middle of 2017; and

Whereas post-secondary discounts for the Presto system are only currently available for MiWay and GO Transit only; and

Whereas numerous errors, glitches and technological issues have been reported regarding issues with card readers, reloading machines and other aspects of the Presto system, often resulting in users being kicked off of public transit, left to find alternative payment methods or finding alternative transportation methods; and

Whereas member locals, colleges and universities are currently working individually with local public transit to determine payment systems until Presto is fully implemented; and

Whereas the Federation has a larger circle of contacts, making it easier to communicate with larger organizations, such as the transit companies of the GTHA and Ottawa; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation creates a committee to communicate on behalf of member locals, colleges and universities regarding the change of payment system; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation will explore discount options to extend beyond GO Transit and MiWay; and

Be it further resolved that the committee will consist of a minimum of one delegate from each member local, one faculty member from each educational institution and a representative from each transportation organization.

2017/01:057 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 109

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

Be it further resolved that a working group be struck with major stakeholders to advocate on behalf of member locals

2017/01:058 CARRIED

2017/01:059 MOTION

Local 97/Local 109

Whereas the National Day of Action on November 2nd, 2016 highlighted the need for a national vision for Free Education in Canada; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario collected over 40,000 petition signatures for the elimination of tuition fees, loans, and student debt; and

Whereas the Ontario government is currently in the process of consultations around a new tuition fee framework; and

Whereas the Fight the Fees campaign addresses the many barriers of post-secondary education and has as its goals fully-funded and liberatory post-secondary education; and

Whereas the National Day of Action on November 2nd, 2016 served as a public launch for the *Fight the Fees* campaign, and

Whereas ongoing membership engagement in the campaign for free education is critical to its success; and

Whereas mass mobilization is effective in raising public awareness on post-secondary education issues; therefore

Be it resolved that a Provincial *Fight the Fees* Day of Action be held in Winter 2018; and

Be it further resolved that the Constituency Commission, Constituency Groups and Caucuses host discussions to shape the *Fight the Fees* campaign at the August 2017 Ontario General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that there be a report-back on the *Fight the Fees* campaign efforts and that the date of the Winter 2018 Day of Action be chosen at the August 2017 Ontario General Meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation and member locals be encouraged to organize actions in Fall 2017 on campuses and in the community to build momentum leading up to the Winter 2018 Provincial Day of Action.

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2017/01:060 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 109

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

Be it resolved that a Provincial *Fight the Fees* Day of Action be held prior to the 2018 provincial election.

CARRIED

2017/01:061 CARRIED

2017/01:062 MOTION

Local 78/Local 109

Whereas Carleton Neuroscience graduate students were notified on November 11, 2016, that labs in the Life Sciences Research Building must be vacated by March 1, 2017, in order to meet timelines for the ARISE building project, which is tied to federal and provincial monies and;

Whereas the Department of Neuroscience is a fast-growing department with over 550 undergraduate students, 49 graduate students, and faculty that have been very successful in acquiring external research funding, and;

Whereas research programs will be effectively displaced for a minimum of seven months, and;

Whereas the proposed interim location at University of Ottawa is inadequate to meet current research needs, including no provision for wet lab space, and;

Whereas presently no sufficiently detailed project plan has been provided to faculty, staff and students in Neuroscience, and;

Whereas many senior undergraduate and graduate students will be unable to complete current research projects, or will have their completion delayed by up to a year, and;

Whereas this delay may require another year's enrolment, thereby incurring additional unexpected tuition fees and living expenses;

Whereas faculty and graduate students risk losing grant funding if Carleton University fails to fulfill its obligation to provide appropriate facilities to conduct research, and;

Whereas labs in the Life Sciences Research Building contain specialized and very expensive equipment which requires months of lead-time to book specialists to dismantle, pack and move and then recalibrate and configure for set-up, and;

Whereas requiring two moves of animal subjects in a short period of time may cause undue stress on animals and could be in violation of animal care ethics, and;

Whereas the Graduate Students' Association alongside concerned Neuroscience students and post-docs have started the #SaveCUNeuro campaign to address this eviction, and;

Whereas in our student movement an attack against one is an attack against all;

Be it resolved that the Federation oppose the eviction of the Carleton University Department of Neuroscience until a comprehensive plan for a single move is developed in consultation with faculty, staff and students.

Be it further resolved that the Federation support the petition calling on the Federal and Provincial Governments to relax the ARISE project deadline to save valuable research and student resources;

Be it further resolved that the Federation write letters to Carleton President Dr. Roseann Runte, VP Finance and Administration Michel Piché, Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs Dr. Matthias Neufang, VP Research (Interim) Dr. Rafik A. Goubran, Dean of Science Malcolm Butler, MP for Ottawa Centre Catherine McKenna, MPP for Ottawa Centre Yasir Naqvi, and Provincial Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development Deb Matthews, opposing the neuroscience move.

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the petition and to write similar letters.

2017/01:063 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 99/Local 109

Be it resolved that a clause be added to read:

Be it further resolved the Federation's letter demand accommodations and compensation in the event the move goes forward as planned. Accommodations should include adequate lab and other space to avoid the compromise of data and ensure consistency with high standards of animal care ethics, and reimbursement of any tuition payments associated with degree extension, among other demands made in consultation with Carleton neuroscience students and their students' unions.

CARRIED

2017/01:064 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 99/Local 109

Be it resolved that the Campaigns Guide be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2017/01:065 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 41/Local 32

Be it resolved that the Campaigns and Government Relations Report be received.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

National Executive Representative Gayle McFadden presented the report on behalf of the Committee.

2017/01:066 MOTION TO 3 IN FAVOUR FOR 3 AGAINST
Local 68/Local 99

CARRIED

2017/01:067 MOTION TO 3 MINUTES
Local 109/Local 85

CARRIED

2017/01:068 MOTION TO ADOPT OPERATIONS POLICY
Local 71/Local 109

Whereas the Federation adopted the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action in a previous Ontario General Meeting (OGM) and makes other attempts to ensure that Indigenous students know that they are welcome to General Meetings and feel well; and

Whereas the General Meetings can be a space of emotional and spiritual exhaustion for delegates, as much as it can be physical and mental; and

Whereas many racialized and Indigenous students carry the emotional burden of intergenerational grief and lived experiences of racism and colonialism and that they bring this trauma with them to the General Meetings; and

Whereas the Ontario General Meetings make space for smudging and welcome Elders to share their knowledge and teachings, and although these reflect great strides to decolonize Ontario General Meeting proceedings, more can be done to remove the inherent colonialism that is within the Federation as an organization established on Indigenous lands and without their approval or consent; and

Whereas many delegates, as Indigenous and non-Indigenous, recognize spirituality in all aspects of their lives and turn to in search of healing and guidance; and

Whereas the inclusion of ceremonial spaces reflect the need for healing, but also for legitimizing the proceedings of Ontario General Meetings for delegates who live their lives according to their spirituality; and

Whereas an effective means in decolonizing Ontario General Meeting proceedings includes ceremony for the duration of the Ontario General Meeting that is centred on the Indigenous teachings, protocol and ceremonies of the land on which the Ontario General Meeting takes place; and

Whereas Indigenous teachings, protocol and ceremonies make space for peoples of all faiths and languages to seek guidance in ways that reflect their own spiritual teachings and protocol; and

Whereas ceremonial helpers, or those tasked with ensuring that the needs of Elders and Indigenous Knowledge Holders are met and welcoming attendees to Ceremonial Spaces, have a lot of responsibility and that the commitment required would be a burden for a delegate of a member local; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation adopt the following “Ceremonial Space and Ceremonial Space Coordinator” in the Operations Policy:

Ceremonial Space and Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator

The Executive Committee will provide a list of Elders, ceremonial helpers and Indigenous Knowledge Holders from local Indigenous communities and organizations with due notice prior to the Meeting for Ontario Aboriginal Constituency and Commissioner to approve and appoint.

The Executive Committee will empower the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency and Commissioner to appoint a Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator, who is a ceremonial helper. The appointment will be decided one (1) month prior to the Meeting to provide time for the Ceremonial Space Coordinator to fulfill their responsibilities. The Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator will provide the proper support for any Elders and Indigenous Knowledge Holders who conduct ceremony, will be responsible for communicating logistical needs for the ceremonial space to Federation, and will respond, according to the Indigenous protocols of the territory on which the meeting takes place and with consideration of other spiritual practices, to the needs of self-identified Aboriginal delegates or staff, or any other delegates and staff who request access to the Ceremonial Space for their spiritual or mental health well-being.

Because of the responsibilities listed above require quite a bit of commitment from one individual, it is best practice that the Ceremonial Space Coordinator is not also a delegate representing a member local.

The Ontario Chairperson, under the guidance of the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency and Commissioner, will formally request the presence of the Elders and/or Indigenous Knowledge Holders and the Ceremonial Space Coordinator who were appointed.

The Federation will ensure that food is provided for the Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator and Elders, especially in instances where they cannot leave the Ceremonial Space.

The Executive Committee, under the guidance of the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency and Commissioner, will provide sufficient remuneration to the Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator, Elders, and Indigenous Knowledge Holders who attend the meeting, especially where the costs of transportation, food and accommodations are concerned.

The Ceremonial Space will be available for delegates for the duration of the Meeting and will extend beyond that time. In the spirit of beginning and ending with Ceremony and holding space for delegates and staff who need it for their well-being, the Federation will close the Ceremonial Space after all other meeting spaces have been taken down; and

Be it further resolved that this amendment be included after “Recognition of and Respect for Unceded Traditional Territories of Indigenous People.”

2017/01:069 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 71/Local 88

Be it further resolved that the first clause, second paragraph be amended to read:

The Executive Committee will empower the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency and Commissioner to appoint a Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator, who is a ceremonial helper. The appointment will be decided one (1) month prior to the Meeting to provide time for the Ceremonial Space Coordinator to fulfill their responsibilities. The Ceremonial Space Co-ordinator will provide the proper support for any Elders and Indigenous Knowledge Holders who conduct ceremony, will be responsible for communicating logistical needs for the ceremonial space to Federation, and will respond, according to the Indigenous protocols of the territory on which the meeting takes place and with consideration of other spiritual practices, to the needs of self-identified Aboriginal delegates or staff, or any other delegates and staff who request access to the Ceremonial Space for their spiritual or mental health well-being.

The Executive Committee will consult with the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency and Aboriginal Students' Commissioner in developing appointment criteria, which can include Issues Policy, such as Aboriginal Student Issues, Bilingualism, International Issues, Queer and Trans Student Issues, Persons with Disabilities, Racism, and Women's Issues. In developing criteria, the Executive Committee seeks only to resource the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency and Aboriginal Students' Commissioner, as well as to ensure that the appointed Co-ordinator is in line with the Federation's Anti-Oppression and Anti-Harrasment standards, and is understanding of and welcoming to the diverse members that comprise the Federation.

CARRIED

2017/01:070 MOTION

Local 71/Local 109

Whereas Indigenous students in Ontario had their first gathering in June 2016, which was successful in bringing attendees together to learn, exchange and share; and

Whereas, though successful in its mandate, the Ontario Aboriginal Gathering in June 2016 was very emotional for attendees; and

Whereas learning about colonization and colonialism can be a huge emotional burden for Indigenous students and there are not enough opportunities for healing; and

Whereas the context of Indigenous resurgence and colonialism differ in each community across Ontario and there is simply so much to learn between Indigenous communities about decolonization and Indigenous resurgence; and

Whereas Indigenous protocols and teachings indicate the importance of connecting to the local Indigenous communities when organizing events, which includes, but is not limited to, requesting land acknowledgements, opening prayers and ceremonial helpers of the community; inviting community members; and creating space for them to share their history, lived experiences, and contemporary struggles; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation host an annual Ontario Aboriginal Gathering with the guidance of the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency Chair and the Constituency Group; and

Be it further resolved that the annual Ontario Aboriginal Gathering include opportunities for healing through ceremony, which includes, but is not limited to, sweat lodge ceremonies, sacred fires, sunrise ceremonies, full moon ceremonies and pipe ceremonies, and that these healing opportunities are organized under the guidance of the Chair and Constituency and in a way that respects the local Indigenous community and their wish for certain ceremonies to be or not be hosted in their communities; and

Be it further resolved that the location of the annual Ontario Aboriginal Gathering occur in and around different Indigenous communities near member locals with due notice and respectful protocol of the community and guidance of the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency Group; and

Be it further resolved that the annual Ontario Aboriginal Gathering be hosted each year in the month of June to correspond with National Aboriginal History Month within Ontario and National Aboriginal Day in Canada; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation seek Elders, ceremonial helpers, knowledge holders and youth representatives from the local Indigenous communities, who may not be in the surrounding geographical area, but need to be included in the annual Ontario Aboriginal Gathering, in order to ensure that all perspectives are presented. May this be done with due notice, active consultation, sufficient remuneration, and proper protocol in organizing the Gathering, in order to center their voices without creating undue emotional hardship. (replace with the original text)

2017/01:071 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 32/Local 85

Be it further resolved that the Federation seek Elders, ceremonial helpers, knowledge holders and youth representatives from the local Indigenous communities, who may not be in the surrounding geographical area, but need to be included in the annual Ontario Aboriginal Gathering, in order to ensure that all perspectives are presented. May this be done with due notice, active consultation, sufficient remuneration, and proper protocol in organizing the Gathering, in order to center their voices without creating undue emotional hardship.

CARRIED

2017/01:073 MOTION

Local 105/Local 109

Whereas the term “Aboriginal” is a government imposed term that has caused division within Indigenous communities/nations; and

Whereas the term “Aboriginal” is no longer used by the federal government to name First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities/nations; and

Whereas members of the Ontario Aboriginal Constituency are responsible for any name change to the constituency; and

Whereas “Indigenous” is also an umbrella term used to identify First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people; and

Whereas there are many students who self-identify as Indigenous from other communities around the world, but who are not members of First Nations, Métis or Inuit communities/nations; therefore

Be it resolved that the Ontario Aboriginal constituency be renamed the Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Constituency; and

Be it further resolved that all areas of the Ontario Federation’s governing documents that refer to “Aboriginal” be changed to First Nations, Métis and Inuit.

CARRIED

2017/01:074 MOTION

Local 105/Local 106

Whereas there is a need to improve and expand the work on our campuses to support membership engagement, volunteer recruitment and retention; and

Whereas, our mission as students’ unions is to better the lives and to represent the best interests of students; and

Whereas, it is crucial to focus on skills-based workshops for our members and volunteers to keep them involved and engaged; and

Whereas locals who deliver professional development skills series for members, class representatives and volunteers have success with students staying involved in the long term; and

Whereas it is important to give members and volunteers the tools, resources and education that can boost their skills and abilities to give back to their communities and be socially and politically engaged; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation create a resource for member locals to host their own skills workshops.

CARRIED

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2017/01:075 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 78/Local 85

Be it resolved that motion 2017/01:013 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation create resources that include skills workshops, knowledge, presentations and logistical information, consultation and forums for member locals to host their own skills workshops.

CARRIED

2017/01:076 CARRIED

2017/01:077 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas the Federation began the Ethical Purchasing Program years ago for Orientation materials; and

Whereas the Federation saw success with unions accessing this vital service of ethically-made products for member locals to access and distribute; and

Whereas member locals have seen a decline in service quality since the service has expanded nationally; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate the feasibility of creating a local, province specific, ethical purchasing network for member locals to access in Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that this investigation conclude and a report be given at the January 2018 Semi-Annual General Meeting.

2017/01:078 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 109/Local 32

Be it resolved that the first clause of motion 2017/01:018 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate the feasibility of creating a co-run bulk purchasing network for member locals to access with responsibility of both the Ontario and National Offices.

CARRIED

2017/01:079 CARRIED

2017/01:080 MOTION

Local 109/Local 92

Whereas, all general members have the right to access Federation services and campaigns; and

Whereas, attending and engaging in general meetings are a critical part of skills development, learning and developing services and campaigns of the Federation; and

Whereas, bringing multiple delegates to general meetings can be financially restricting and inaccessible; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation develop local commissions for general members to get involved in the development and execution of Federation campaigns, services and events; and

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee assist member locals in hosting monthly commission meetings; and

Be it further resolved that provincial executive representatives bring forward resolutions from their on campus commission meetings to the Executive Committee meetings and or General meetings; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation host a commissioner appreciation at the end of each semester.

2017/01:081 MOTION

Local 49/Local 109

Whereas there are various materials or services member locals could utilize but that may be too expensive buying alone; and

Whereas the mass buying power of multiple member locals could be utilized to cost save on items; and

Whereas there are various sizes and purchasing powers of member locals that could benefit from teaming up on certain services; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate creating bulk/mass purchasing program for items such as but not limited to button makers, photo booths and printers; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation investigate and envision a system of cost sharing services such but not limited to as graphic design, legal advice and guest speakers; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation will ask member locals what types of items or services they could envision being used in this cost sharing model before initiating the search.

2017/01:082 MOTION

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas the constating documents of the Federation should use gender-neutral language throughout; and

Whereas neither he/him pronouns nor she/her pronouns are gender-neutral, as they are not inclusive of non-binary individuals; therefore

Be it resolved that the Bylaws be amended such that they/them pronouns are used throughout; and

Be it further resolved that the Policies also be so amended.

2017/01:083 MOTION AT AMEND

Local 98/Local 32

Be it further resolved that the clause be amended to include:

Be it further that the policy also be amended with consultation of trans and non-binary individuals

CARRIED

2017/01:084 MOTION

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas the Bylaws of the Federation are enacted in the name of “the students of Canada”; and

Whereas the student movement is, and must remain, a movement led by students and their elected representatives; and

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Whereas it is therefore inappropriate for non-students to represent students at General Meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1.10 be amended to read:

Delegate

A “delegate” shall refer to a representative of a member local association who is an individual member of the association in question.

DEFEATED

NOTED AGAINST: Local 1, Local 24, Local 30, Local 92

2017/01:085 MOTION

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas, at the most recent National General Meeting, the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students were amended to lower the threshold for decertification petitions from 20% to 15%; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario should, in the interest of procedural uniformity, do the same; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw II.1.a.vi be amended to read:

Students collectively belonging to a member local association will have the sole authority to initiate, by petition signed by not less than fifteen per cent (15%) of the students and served to the Federation’s Executive Committee, a vote on decertification as described in this Bylaw, and that also entails a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students, subject to compliance with the Bylaws of the national chartering organization.

2017/01:086 MOTION

Local 98/Local 78

Whereas a recent decision of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice suggested that the rules governing voting in certification referenda and decertification referenda are “out of step with the times”; and

Whereas the same decision noted that “in this era of electronic communication and distance learning, voting by paper ballot at a voting station seems antiquated and impractical”; and

Whereas the decision further noted that “it would be easy to envision any number of situations ... in [which] it could be argued that the requirements prescribed by the Bylaws [of the Federation] lead to hardship or unfairness” for some students; and

Whereas the decision was, despite this criticism, ultimately favourable to the Federation; and

Whereas, in light of this decision, the Federation should permit the use of electronic voting in conjunction with the continued use of paper ballots; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw II.2.c.i be amended to read:

Voting must be conducted both electronically and by paper ballot, such that a voter may vote either on their personal electronic device or at a polling station. Electronic voting must be administered by a third party chosen by the Chief Returning Officer. Subject to an agreement between the Federation and the

member local association, voting may also take place at a general meeting of the local student association or by mail-out ballot.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II.4.c.i be amended to read:

Voting must be conducted both electronically and by paper ballot, such that a voter may vote either on their personal electronic device or at a polling station. Electronic voting must be administered by a third party chosen by the Chief Returning Officer. Subject to an agreement between the Federation and the member local association, voting may also take place at a general meeting of the local student association or by mail-out ballot.

2017/01:087 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 98/Local 20

Be it further resolve that it be amended to read:

Be it resolved that Bylaw II.2.c.i be amended to read:

Voting may, at the discretion of the individual local beconducted both electronically and by paper ballot, such that a voter may vote either on their personal electronic device or at a polling station. Electronic voting must be administered by a third party chosen by the Chief Returning Officer. Subject to an agreement between the Federation and the member local association, voting may also take place at a general meeting of the local student association or by mail-out ballot.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II.4.c.i be amended to read:

Voting may, at the discretion of the individual local be conducted both electronically and by paper ballot, such that a voter may vote either on their personal electronic device or at a polling station. Electronic voting must be administered by a third party chosen by the Chief Returning Officer. Subject to an agreement between the Federation and the member local association, voting may also take place at a general meeting of the local student association or by mail-out ballot.

DEFEATED

2017/01: 088 MOTION TO REFER TO ONTARIO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SAGM 2018)

Local 78/Local 109

CARRIED

NOTED AGAINST: Local 98, Local 56, Local 1, Local 24, Local 92, Local 20, Local 54, Local 25, Local 30, Local 111, Local 30, Local 47

2017/01: 089 MOTION TO REFER TO ONTARIO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL OF CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVE (SAGM 2018)

Local 32/Local 71

CARRIED

2017/01: 090 MOTION

Local 98/Local 109

Whereas the Federation is a large organization with a geographically dispersed membership; and

Whereas the members of the Federation are therefore only able to meet twice per year;
and

Whereas general meetings provide members with an opportunity to interact directly with
their elected leaders; and

Whereas the ability to ask questions of one's elected leaders in a formal, public setting is
an important element of accountability; therefore

Be it resolved that the "Miscellaneous" section of the General Meetings Policy be
amended to include:

The opening plenary of each general meeting shall include thirty (30) minutes in
which members may ask questions of the at-large members of the Executive
Committee.

CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Electoral Officer Hossam Sleiman presented the Electoral Report.

2017/01:091 MOTION

Local 109/Local 106

Be it resolved that Nour Alideeb be ratified as Chairperson for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/01:092 MOTION

Local 109/Local 106

Be it resolved that Sami Pritchard be ratified as National Executive Representative for the
2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/01:093 MOTION

Local 109/Local 106

Be it resolved that Trina James be ratified as the Treasurer for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED

2017/01:094 MOTION

Local 71/Local 97

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

CARRIED

2017/01:095 MOTION

Local 109/Local 106

Be it resolved that the report of the Chief Returning Officer be accepted.

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

2017/01:096 EMERGENCY MOTION

Local 84/Local 85

Whereas the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), a national organization representing 70,000 university and college employees across the country, has begun a partial lockout of the 29 members of their national staff, members of COPE 225;

Whereas CAUT initiated this lockout as a punitive response to members of COPE 225 exercising their legal right to engage in job action, including a partial withdrawal of services and rotating strikes;

Whereas the partial lockout is differential for each member of CAUT's staff, ranging from a 0% to an 80% reduction of work hours and pay, and disadvantages women and administrative staff disproportionately;

Whereas the impasse in negotiations is the employer's desire to restrict access to dedicated leave from work for reasons of serious family illness;

Be it resolved that the Federation send a letter to the CAUT management, calling on them to:

Immediately cease the partial lockout of its national staff, and;

Return to the bargaining table with the intent of reaching an agreement that protects the union's existing right to leave for serious family illness.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

2017/01:097 MOTION

Local 71/Local 82

Be it resolved that plenary adjourn.

CARRIED