

Opening Plenary Minutes

Annual General Meeting · Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario
Thursday, August 23 to Sunday, August 26, 2018 - Toronto, Ontario

CALL TO ORDER – Thursday, August 23, 2018

7:23 pm - Chairperson Nour Alideeb called the 2018 Annual General Meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS

Opening remarks and a land acknowledgement were provided by the national executive representative.

2. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

The Federation's Bylaws require that no less than one-half of the voting members of the Federation be present in person or by proxy at the general meeting for business to be conducted. A roll call of the voting members will be taken to determine attendance and to confirm quorum.

Local 1	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Proxy
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union	Absent
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Absent
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 41	Student Federation of the University of Ottawa	Absent
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	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Proxy
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	Absent
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Proxy
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Student Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 97	Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Union	Absent
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	Absent
Local 105	Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson	Present
Local 106	Organization of Part-Time University Students, University of Windsor	Present
Local 109	University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union	Present
Local 110	Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 112	Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal	Absent

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L'Association des étudiant-e-s de l'Université de Hearst*

Proxy

*Prospective Member

Alideeb said that quorum had been reached.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

A voting member that is unable to attend all or portions of a general meeting may appoint another voting member to act as its proxy for some or all the meeting, in accordance with Bylaw III. Any appointments will be announced at this time.

Alideeb said that the following proxies have been received for this meeting:

Local 20 proxy to Local 32, Local 88 proxy to Local 110, Prospective member proxy to Local 110, and Local 62 proxy to Local 54.

4. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

The Plenary Speaker will be ratified at this time.

2018/08:001 MOTION

Local 97/Local 92

Be it resolved that Anne-Marie Roy be ratified as the Speaker for the Opening Plenary of the 2018 Annual General Meeting; and

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

CARRIED

Anne-Marie provided welcoming remarks.

5. CHAIRPERSON WELCOMING REMARKS

Alideeb provided welcoming remarks.

6. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Applications for membership in the Federation will be ratified at this time.

2018/08:002 MOTION

Local 110/Local 85

Be it resolved that L'Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l'Université de Hearst be ratified as full members of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario.

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

The plenary will consider the plenary agenda prepared by the Executive Committee. Changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

N02 will be sent to Campaigns and Government Relations Sub Committee

N21 will be sent to Budget and Organizational Services and Developmental Sub Committee.

2018/08:003 MOTION

Local 30/Local 106

Be it resolved that the 2018 Annual General Meeting plenary agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2018:08:003 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 47/Local 68

Be it resolved that motion no:6 be recommended by the campaigns and government relations committee and budget committee and motion no:10 be recommended by the campaigns and government relations committee and the budget committee.

CARRIED

8. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

The plenary will consider the general meeting agenda. Changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

2018/08:004 MOTION

Local 68/Local 32

Be it resolved that the 2018 Annual General Meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSTAIN: LOCAL 47

9. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The plenary will consider the minutes of the previous general meeting.

2018/08:005 MOTION

Local 30/Local 71

Be it resolved that the 2018 Semi-Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

ABSTENTIONS: LOCAL 47 AND LOCAL 19

10. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures

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

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

Anti-Harassment and Support Worker Nila Zameni made a presentation on the Federation's harassment policy.

c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer

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

11. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

a. Ratification of Electoral Officer

The Electoral Officer will be ratified at this time.

2018/08:006 MOTION

Local 1/Local 85

Be it resolved that Greg Owens be appointed as Electoral Officer for the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

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b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

Electoral Officer Greg Owens outlined the positions for election and the election procedures for the meeting.

12. STRIKING OF PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees

2018/08:007 MOTION

Local 85/Local 92

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

The plenary will consider the plenary sub-committee agendas prepared by the Executive Committee. Any changes or additions to the agendas may be proposed at this time.

N02 previously labelled for OSD will be sent to CGR.

N21, previously labelled to Campaigns will be sent to OSD and Budget.

2018/08:008 MOTION

Local 105/Local 68

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

CARRIED

14. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

a. Motions Submitted by Member Locals

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

2018/08:009 MOTION TO OMNIBUS

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that the motion to omni-bus all motions at opening plenary be accepted.

CARRIED

2018/08:010 MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas language is constantly evolving and the language used in the “Recognition of and Respect for Unceded Traditional Territories of Indigenous People” is outdated; and

Whereas we should implicate and involve participants of meetings in honouring and respecting territories of the First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples during meetings and in shared spaces; and

Whereas the Federation has committed to uphold the rights and recognition of the original

people of the territories, not just in words but also in practice in all gatherings; therefore

Be it resolved the segment on Recognition of and Respect for Unceded Traditional Territories of Indigenous People within the General Meetings Operational Policy be read as:

Respect for and recognition of the rights and land of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples shall be demonstrated at all general meetings and Federation events. This will be done by acknowledging event spaces as being the traditional land of Indigenous communities and the need to respect, honour and maintain that land for future generations.

~~The following statement will be read aloud during the opening address at all general meetings and events with recognition of the tradition of territories on which the meeting is held:~~

~~"In recognition that there are original peoples who have experienced the ill-effects of our shared colonial past, we commit to principles of sustainability and protection of Mother Earth. We further commit to honouring and respecting the traditional territories of the First Nations in places we meet, work, learn and share space with."~~

Organizers must understand the experiences and ill-effects of the colonial past on original people through research and knowledge seeking, well in advance of the formal gatherings. Organizers will seek to create spaces and processes which will educate and prepare delegates and members attending meetings to be in solidarity and to display respect in honouring the traditional territories. These processes shall align with principles of sustainability mandates to protect Mother Earth.

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

2018/08:011 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:010 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:010 REFERRED

2018/08:012 MOTION

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas the results of the Provincial 2018 elections must be reflected in the Federation's Government Relations Strategy; and

Whereas students in Ontario pay the highest tuition fees in Canada, and therefore many students rely on public services; and

Whereas the decision making of the new premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, has resulted in public services cuts; and

Whereas the Premier has cancelled the Truth and Reconciliation curriculum revisions, ended the cooperation with Ottawa on resettlement of asylum seekers, and collapsed the Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Relations, amongst other actions; and

Whereas, it is important the Federation ensures that the premier is held accountable by students, grassroots organizations, and provincial public service organizations; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate creating a coalition with other provincial

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public service organizations to create media and action responses to Doug Ford's social service cuts, and attack on marginalized communities; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation revise our government relations strategy to reflect the results of the election and lobbying for a more just Ontario.

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

2018/08:013 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:013 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:012 REFERRED

2018/08:014 MOTION

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas United for Equity is a long standing campaign of the Federation that seeks to challenge and raise awareness of numerous systems of oppression and marginalization; and

Whereas United for Equity is aimed at challenging discrimination and identifying oppression on campus, but doesn't give information or explanation of the systems of power and oppression that inform the discrimination; and

Whereas there has been an increase in violent behaviour on campuses across Ontario towards certain groups or peoples, ranging from microaggressions to blatant oppression; and

Whereas the Federation has committed to an equity mandate that seeks to challenge systems of oppression, and this work is ongoing and constantly needs to be reviewed and revised to ensure we are actively fighting against systems of power and oppression; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation work with the Council of Constituency Representatives to provide an informational resource for students' unions to educate members on the systems of power that create oppression, in an effort to combat these systems on campus and in our communities; and

Be it further resolved that this material be under the United for Equity banner and be available to students' unions who would like to further educate the membership on what the systems are and how we can collectively work to dismantle them.

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

2018/08:015 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109 /Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:014 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:014 REFERRED

2018/08:016 MOTION
Local 105/Local 110

Whereas member locals are equity based organizations that often lack the equity training for full-time and part-time staff, executives, and volunteers; and

Whereas anti-oppression training is imperative to building equity based policies, practices, and workplaces; and

Whereas community partners and facilitators are often low-income marginalized people who are already facing underemployment, and deserve adequate payment for their work; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation encourages member locals to seek paid external facilitation for anti-oppression trainings; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation develop a list of community partners and facilitators for member locals to access.

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

2018/08:017 MOTION TO REFER
Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:016 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:016 REFERRED

2018/08:018 MOTION
Local 32/Local 110

Whereas the 42nd Parliament of Ontario convened on July 11, 2018; and

Whereas in the maiden statements of the government, Minister of Education Lisa Thompson indicated that among other changes the government would be repealing the 2015 Health and Physical Education (“Sex Ed”) Curriculum as of September 2018 to be replaced by the 1998 program until further consultations are held; and

Whereas the 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum included education on consent, navigating the internet era, LGBTQ+ identities and experiences, and healthy relationships and body image; and

Whereas it is extremely important for youth to be educated in a way that is reflective of today’s world, and that is evidence based and inclusive; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation draft a letter in support of maintaining the 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum and release a statement condemning the PC Government’s decision; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to release their own statements condemning the decision to repeal the 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum following the structure of the Federation letter.

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2018/08:019 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:018 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:018 REFERRED

2018/08:020 MOTION

Local 71/Local 110

Whereas in the 2017/2018 academic year, there was an increased amount of organized events on Ontario campuses welcoming known right wing extremists to speak on their views; and

Whereas a Premier supported by right wing extremists has recently been elected in Ontario; and

Whereas public discourse about marginalized groups can prove to be harmful and further the marginalization these communities face; and

Whereas the Federation strives to support, advocate and fight for marginalized students in Ontario; and

Whereas the Federation has expressed solidarity with campuses fighting white supremacist presences in the past year; and

Whereas the Federation by-laws state that freedom of speech excludes hate speech; and

Whereas the Federation opposes “the incitement of hatred and discrimination against any marginalized group based on” but not limited to their colour, race, religion, ethnic origin, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, sexual choice or other grounds covered by the Ontario Human Rights Code”; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation create a network of students who live in or near member local communities across the province and identify that they have the means to travel upon reasonable request to any campus events that promote hate speech; and

Be it further resolved that this network of students remain in constant communication via WhatsApp or a similar medium about event dates and locations; and

Be it further resolved that this network of students be able to meet to attend and protest these events; and

Be it further resolved that this network is not limited to Federation locals and can be extended to include and support allies on non-Federation campuses; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation release a statement condemning individual events that promote hate speech on Ontario campuses; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation designate \$1000.00 to a travel fund to support the solidarity actions of these students.

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

2018/08:021 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:020 be referred to the Campaigns and Government

Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:020 REFERRED

2018/08:022 MOTION

Local 71/Local 110

Whereas the name you are given at birth is often referred to as your legal name; and

Whereas many students do not use the name they were given at birth for a variety of reasons; and

Whereas many Trans students specifically do not identify with the name given at birth; and

Whereas the use of someone's name given at birth can be a form of outing, especially around their gender identity; and

Whereas using someone's legal name without their consent, or forcing them to use their legal name is a form of violence; and

Whereas the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) requires students to use their legal name on all documentation; and

Whereas students should not be put in a position to out themselves while accessing student loans and grants; therefore

Be It resolved that the Federation lobby the Ontario government to change its policies around the use of preferred names when applying for loans and grants; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the Ontario government asking for this policy change; and

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to look at their own policies around the use of chosen names on applications.

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

2018/08:023 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:022 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:022 REFERRED

2018/08:024 MOTION

Local 54/Local 110

Whereas the Ontario government announced the removal of the cap-and-trade program on July 4, 2018; and

Whereas Canada signed the Paris Agreement and committed to work towards renewable energy and the elimination of greenhouse gas production; and

Whereas student action groups such as Fossil Free Guelph work on similar endeavors against the fossil fuel industry, fossil fuel divestment and promotion of green energy projects; and

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Whereas in the 2018 Provincial election, voters in the riding of Guelph elected Ontario's first Green Party MPP, showing an interest in renewable alternatives to current industries; and

Whereas programs such as cap and trade were used to keep corporations accountable to their own contributions to climate change and rewarded companies that took steps to change their habits for the benefit of the environment; and

Whereas the new Ontario government recently cancelled the Prince Edward County wind project, a renewable energy project, thus makes a statement about the lack of commitment to renewable energy; and

Whereas the funds collected from the cap and trade program were to be used to fund other government operated social and infrastructure projects; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Minister of the Environment to condemn the removal of the cap and trade system, and urge the Ontario government to invest into renewable energy and initiatives; and

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to send similar letters on behalf of their membership to the Ministry of the Environment or their own MPPs; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation continue to support student groups in their actions against climate change.

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

2018/08:025 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:024 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:024 REFERRED

2018/08:026 MOTION

Local 54/Local 110

Whereas plastic pollution has been increasing significantly and has caused harm to our waterways, watersheds and the environment at large; and

Whereas students have been successful in banning plastic water bottles from our campuses; and

Whereas movements such as fossil fuel divestment have been supported in the past by the Federation; and

Whereas hundreds of cities, towns, states and countries have banned plastic bags; and

Whereas river, lake, and ocean life is choking on plastic; and

Whereas over 5 trillion plastic pieces weighing over 250,000 tons are floating in the oceans according to scientific studies; and

Whereas plankton is crucially important to life on this planet, and is being overtaken by plastic and are one of the most important organisms on this planet. They have the ability to utilise the sun's rays which means they are fundamental in the earth's global productivity and produce nearly 50% of the global oxygen as a by-product. Plankton form the base of the marine food web but they are being annihilated by plastic; and

Whereas “Researchers from the Algalita Marine Research Foundation tracking marine debris in the North Pacific found that plastic flotsam was more abundant than zooplankton, the tiny (often microscopic), marine animals...”; and

Whereas an enormous number of marine animals are killed by plastic; and

Whereas we must stop using fossil fuels to avert cataclysmic climate change; and

Whereas plastic bag production relies heavily on fossil fuels from production to disposal; and

Whereas only 7-15% of plastic bags make it to recyclers. Stewardship Ontario reported a 7.2% recovery rate for plastic film in 2013 while the City of Toronto said that 15.3% of plastic bags are recycled; and

Whereas the cost of cleanup and recycling will be passed on to students in the future; and

Whereas the plastic industry manufactures plastic products but doesn't take full responsibility for the waste production; and

Whereas efforts have been made to make single-use plastic straws accessible to people with accessibility concerns, while at the same time reduction of overall consumer plastic; and

Whereas Plastic Free Guelph has developed a strategy to provide free options to those who use single-use plastic bags due to factors such as income; and

Whereas eliminating corporations wide-spread use of single-use plastic puts the responsibility on businesses rather than the individual; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation sign on to support Plastic Free Guelph's lobby document; and

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to outreach to local groups that do work against single-use plastics; and

Be it further resolved that in the effort to make single-use plastics a thing of the past, participating members acknowledge the use of single-use plastics in specific cases and make provisions in their lobbying.

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

2018/08:027 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:026 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:026 REFERRED

2018/08:028 MOTION

Local 78/Local 110

Whereas anti-Muslim hate crimes and hate incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

Whereas political discourse is increasingly devolving towards xenophobia and anti-muslim racism; and

Whereas the student movement has always been at the forefront for fighting for social

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justice; and

Whereas the student movement needs to hold educational events and workshops to combat hate speech and racism on campuses; and

Whereas Hoda Katebi is a radical anti-capitalist and intersectional feminist community organizer, who has been challenging narratives that fuel anti-muslim racism; and

Whereas Local 78 is partnering with a number of community organizations to invite Hoda Katebi to speak at Carleton university; and

Be it resolved that the Federation help in promoting this event as part of its strategy to combat racism on campus; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation contribute \$500 to the event organizing committee; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to contribute to this event.

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

2018/08:029 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:028 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:028 REFERRED

2018/08:030 MOTION

Local 78/Local 110

Whereas there is continuous escalation of war efforts around the world by the United States aided by the Canadian government; and

Whereas the Canadian government sanctions and facilitates weapon sales used to murder and starve millions of Yemenis; and

Whereas the student movement needs to actively organize anti-imperialist forces in Canada into an effective movement which will confront the forces of militarism and war; and

Whereas the student movement needs to play a leading role in uniting and work with other community organizations against neo-colonialism and war; and

Whereas the student movement needs to work with all peace, progressive, and democratic forces in order to unify, broaden and strengthen the movement for peace; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation commit to sponsoring workshops, educational events and rallies throughout the coming academic year to educate and organize against war on our campuses; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation commits to researching, designing materials and launching an anti-war campaign for January 2019.

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

2018/08:031 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:030 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:030 REFERRED

2018/08:032 MOTION

Local 78/Local 110

Whereas the membership of the Federation understands that social justice and decolonization should not be synonyms or be equated to one another, and;

Whereas the membership also understands that signs of Indigeneity (such as cultural inclusion or tokenism) do not automatically equate “a step” towards decolonizing; and

Whereas the Federation recognizes that non-Indigenous struggles for liberation and dignity are forced to take place in a context of ongoing, structural dispossession that is Canada and its socio-legal system, thereby inadvertently reinforcing settler frameworks of liberal rights, liberal progress and false narratives of colonial sovereignty over Indigenous lands and territories; and

Whereas the Federation acknowledges the significance of Indigenous students’ efforts for decolonization in all of its forms, be it sovereign reclamation of land and waters, or re-establishment of legal orders and kinship systems, or cultural and language resurgence; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation will increase the number of workshops in all its symposiums, conferences, and general meetings on the meanings and practices of decolonization in its material and tangible forms, including but not limited to: critiques of modern treaty negotiations; methods of resistance from land protectors; reclamation of land and water, languages, and cultural and spiritual practices; fostering true nations-to-nation relationships; therefore

Be it further resolved that the Federation shift its language from colonialism as a past event to settler-colonialism - a current, complex structure of governance and occupation; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation will invite discussion on how colonialism and racism are distinct but connected, and how displaced people are often survivors of colonial violence in their own homelands.

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

2018/08:033 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:032 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:032 REFERRED

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2018/08:034 MOTION

Local 97/Local 110

Whereas the Greyhound bus company announced on July 10, 2018 that it would be cutting all services to northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia; and

Whereas in many of these regions, the Greyhound bus service is the only means of accessible city-to-city transportation; and

Whereas students, especially students in northern Ontario, often relied on Greyhound as an affordable form of transportation when travelling to their home communities; and

Whereas many remote and rural communities relied on the Greyhound bus service and have no viable transportation options with these cuts; and

Whereas many Indigenous communities are disproportionately impacted by this decision; and

Whereas a lack of safe and accessible transportation options has been a factor in putting Indigenous women, girls and Two Spirit people in dangerous situations; and

Whereas many advocates have come forward condemning the decision to end Greyhound bus service in so many remote communities; and

Whereas Kasper Transportation has indicated that they will increase their services from Thunder Bay to assist in the shortfall from the Greyhound cuts; therefore

Be It resolved that the Federation contact Kasper Transportation, the Thunder Bay transport company filling the Greyhound void, to set up ISIC and Student Saver discounts; and

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to promote and make available the schedules and pricing information for their members.

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

2018/08:035 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:034 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:034 REFERRED

2018/08:036 MOTION

Local 94/Local 110

Whereas the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science became a standalone ministry in 2013, thus being separated from the Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation; and

Whereas the ministry was in charge of administering important funds for research, strengthening research programs and fostering an innovation-driven economy; and

Whereas the new provincial government eliminated the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science thus putting the future of overall graduate studies and research at risk; and

Whereas historically, funds have disproportionately benefited research and projects

designed to pursue a commercialized research agenda, a practice that contributes to the corporatization of research and campuses in Ontario; and

Whereas curiosity-driven research is an important piece of innovative discovery and advancement, and should be equally prioritized in funding allocations, and

Whereas graduate students' mental health and academics suffer at the expense of trying to secure long term funding and afford post-secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to emphasize concern over the elimination of a standalone body that focuses on research, innovation and science; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation continue to pressure the government to allocate funding for curiosity-led research and increase investments in graduate studies in Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation reach out for potential coalition partners on this issue; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation support any initiatives by campus or community groups fighting back against the elimination of this ministry through promoting their work on social media and through membership advisories.

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

2018/08:037 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:036 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:036 REFERRED

2018/08:038 MOTION

Local 82/Local 110

Whereas food insecurity is a serious issue for post-secondary students in Canada; and

Whereas students at Algoma University are deprived of a healthy diet for the duration of their studies; and

Whereas students at Ontario post-secondary institutions are forced to pay increasingly high costs for food on their campuses; and

Whereas the Meal Exchange program runs various initiatives and campaigns for students throughout the year, with each targeting an area of the campus food system; and

Whereas Meal Exchange provides 9 student led initiatives to combat food insecurity; and

Whereas the National Food Summit is an annual conference that gathers students across Canada to network, gain food system training and to give us the opportunity to share our experiences and to perform direct action towards food insecurity on our campuses; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation allocate \$500 to the National Student Food Summit; and

Be it resolved that the Federation allocate an additional \$500 for transportation and accommodation for students to attend the National Student Food Summit; and

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Be it further resolved that the budget committee allocate \$500 funds for food insecurity initiatives.

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Budget Committee.

2018/08:039 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:038 be referred to the Budget Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:038 REFERRED

2018/08:040 MOTION

Local 97/Local 110

Whereas the opioid overdose epidemic (including drugs such as fentanyl, oxycodone and heroin) continues to rise. Opioid-related deaths in Ontario in 2017 increased by 52 per cent compared to 2016 (1,053 versus 694 opioid-related deaths) and in Toronto 2637 non-fatal and 162 fatal opioid overdoses were reported between August 2017 and June 2018. Provincial emergency visits in 2017 related to opioid overdoses rose 72 per cent from 2016; and

Whereas Naloxone has proven to save lives as a short-term antidote delivered by intramuscular injection or by nasal spray to a person experiencing an opioid overdose; and

Whereas Naloxone kits (intramuscular or intranasal delivery) are available for free to individuals from local pharmacies or for purchase to organizations from local public health authorities; and

Whereas university and college orientation weeks are a time when students are at risk of overdosing on opioids; and

Whereas these orientation weeks are opportune times to educate students on drug harm reduction; and

Whereas student organizations have expressed an interest in promoting drug harm reduction to their members and to have training in naloxone administration; and

Whereas there have been potential legal prohibitions for student unions to possess, promote or use naloxone kits which has disrupted and confused their campus harm reduction strategy; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate the legal implications for Federation locals to obtain, possess, promote and use naloxone kits as part of their drug harm reduction strategy; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation develop an advisory statement or guidelines for its locals based on such an investigation.

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

2018/08:041 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:040 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:040 REFERRED

2018/08:042 MOTION

Local 84/Local 110

Whereas the newly-elected Progressive Conservative (PC) government and Premier Doug Ford does not support the student movement, as evinced by their opposition to, or silence on, our key demands, such as lowering tuition fees, forgiving student debt, and to increasing provincial funding for our universities and colleges; and

Whereas Ford's only campaign promise on the subject of post-secondary education was a call for respecting "free speech" on campuses, which really means allowing conservatively-minded students the ability to express hateful views with impunity; and

Whereas Ford's call for \$6 billion in government 'savings' will necessarily mean cuts to post-secondary education, and also rollback recent victories by the Federation in the post-secondary sector; and

Whereas history has shown that lobbying to PC MPPs has been unable to move them to support the demands of the student movement, meaning that direct action is needed to address the crisis of rising tuition fees and student debt; and

Whereas the Ford government has already promised cuts, including cuts to education and programming aimed at reconciliation, a freezing to hires in public services, cancelling \$100 million to public school repairs, refusing to share the cost of resettling the wave of asylum seekers entering Canada, cancelling Ontario's cap-and-trade system, and more; and

Whereas the Federation's campaign Fairness for Students raised important issues for post-secondary students, but did not yield any significant response from any major political party; and

Whereas the Federation has publicly stated that we "greet the newly elected Progressive Conservative (PC) government of Doug Ford with mixed emotions", but has not clearly communicated that we oppose Ford and the PCs; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation write a public statement to stress the need to mobilize the student movement against the cuts that Ford and the PCs have made, and that they will likely make, in the post-secondary sector; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation conduct a working group, open to anyone but ideally composed of students from multiple campuses and of different lived experiences (low-income, Indigenous, racialized, disabled, LGBTQ2S+, younger/older, etc.), to find allies with sitting MPPs and community groups to ensure our demands are heard in and outside of parliament; and

Be it further resolved that the next Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation, in January 2019, include a workshop to evaluate the actions by the PC government and to strategize on organizing in opposition to them.

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

2018/08:043 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:042 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

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CARRIED

2018/08:042 REFERRED

2018/08:044 MOTION

Local 84/Local 110

Whereas a student strike is a proven method of combatting tuition fee increases, as evinced by Québec's successful Printemps Érablé (or "Maple Spring") in 2012, when, at its peak, 300,000 Québec students participated in the strike and managed to reverse province-wide tuition fee increases; and

Whereas the tool of a student strike is conspicuously absent from the Federations's methods of achieving the movement's demands (e.g., government lobbying, days of action, etc.); and

Whereas the workshops of the Federation's Semi-Annual General Meeting, as well as the annual Federation Skills Symposium, are excellent opportunities for us to learn new skills with which to advance the student movement; therefore

Be it resolved that the next Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation, in January 2019, and the next Federation Skills Symposium, each include a workshop on student strikes, and that the workshops have a balance between introducing the concept of a student strike, overviewing historical examples (with an emphasis on Canadian examples), and detailing methods for local and provincial implementation, with ample time for questions and answers; and

Be it further resolved that the workshops include speakers who were active members and organizers of participating student unions during the 2012 and/or 2015 Québec student strikes.

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

2018/08:045 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:044 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:044 REFERRED

2018/08:046 MOTION

Local 99/Local 110

Whereas on June 27, 2018, the University of Toronto voted to implement the Mandated Leave of Absence Policy; and

Whereas the policy has many potential serious implications, such as negative consequences for students with disabilities, including racialized and international students with disabilities at risk of being forcibly removed from their post-secondary institution; and

Whereas the current status of the Mandated Leave of Absence Policy threatens to introduce a new measure for racial profiling as it allows the University of Toronto administration to make decisions that will force students out of the university; and

Whereas this could set precedence for universities and colleges across the country to create similar policies; and

Whereas there exists a current mental health crisis in post-secondary education that must be addressed; and

Whereas there already exists a national campaign and a commitment from the Federation to advocate for mental health services on campus that are accessible, diverse, and intersectional; and

Whereas a review of mental health policies and a consensus of such policies in post-secondary institutions across the province does not exist; and

Whereas researchers in colleges and universities across Ontario have already begun developing research and recommendations for supporting students with mental health disabilities through reports like Recommendations for Documentation Standards and Guidelines for Post-Secondary Students with Mental Health Disabilities; and

Whereas a centralized reference report will be beneficial for students and student unions advocating for the implementation of equitable, accessible, and inclusive policies and means of support in regards to mental health; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation conduct research and develop a report and consensus on mental health policies currently implemented in post-secondary education institutions; and

Be it further resolved that a working group be created to assist with local research and create a progress report to be shared with all member locals; and

Be it further resolved that a list of recommendations including language and best practices be created for member locals to use when lobbying their local administrations.

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

2018/08:047 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:0XX be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:046 REFERRED

2018/08:048 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW

Local 1/Local 110

Whereas Bylaw II 4.a.ii. currently reads:

“The petition must include the exact dates of the proposed vote, provided that there shall be no fewer than two (2) and no greater than five (5) days of voting. No vote on decertification shall be scheduled between April 15 and September 15 or between December 15 and January 15;” and

Whereas the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students (National) do not allow petitions to contain specific dates for the proposed vote; and

Whereas to the greatest extent possible, the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario and the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students (National) should cooperate; and

Whereas under the current Bylaws, it is possible for a member local who has submitted petitions to both the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of

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Students-Ontario to receive two separate sets of dates for a referendum from each body;
and

Whereas holding separate referenda on separate dates for decertification from each
organization is unduly difficult on all parties; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw II 4.a.ii be struck; and

Be it further resolved a new Bylaw II 4.b be created and read as follows:

“b. Schedule

If the Executive Committee deems a petition valid, the Executive Committee, in
consultation with the member local student association, will schedule a vote. The
Executive Committee will endeavor to schedule the referendum between sixty
(60) days and ninety (90) days following its determination that the petition is in
order. The scheduling of the referendum shall be subject to the following
conditions:

There shall be no fewer than two (2) and no greater than (5) days of voting.

No vote on decertification shall be scheduled between April 15 and September 15
or between December 15 and January 15;

If a member local has submitted a valid petition to both the Canadian Federation
of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario, the Executive
Committee will work with the Canadian Federation of Students National Executive
to schedule the two decertification votes concurrently.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent Bylaws in in Bylaw II 4 be renumbered
accordingly.

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

2018/08:049 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:048 be referred to the Organizational and Services
Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:048 REFERRED

2018/08:050 MOTION

Local 41/Local 110

Whereas the Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience summit was created to
create an annual space for Racialized and Indigenous students to come together
and build an anti-racist and decolonial vision for the student movement; and

Whereas the oppressive systems are on a daily basis affecting our students at a more and
more alarming rate; and

Whereas it is important for the Federation to continue and strengthen its efforts to fight
systems such as racism and colonialism; and

Whereas RISE is an opportunity to do capacity building, resourcing and
uniting different Racialized and Indigenous groups to build solidarity on intersectional
issues that these communities face on their campuses and in society; and

Whereas the opportunity to build a long lasting annual, and ongoing, summit and space for Racialized and Indigenous students is missed in the biennial national RISE; and

Whereas there is an opportunity for provincial components to create their own RISE's to address more specific issues in provincial/regional areas and fill the void created by a biennial RISE; therefore

Be it resolved that the following standing resolution be adopted

Ontario Racialized & Indigenous Student Experience ("Ontario RISE") Summit

1. Name

The summit will be known as the Ontario Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience Summit, the Ontario RISE Summit

2. Terms of Reference of the Planning Committee

Deriving authority from the General Meeting and Members of the Federation, the Planning Committee will be the primary vehicle for organizing the biennial Ontario RISE Summit, making all broader decisions regarding the Summit, including agendas, speakers, location, fundraising and budget considerations

3. Objective of the summit

The objectives of the Summit are:

- To bring together racialized and indigenous student voices together and work to unify communities through learning and unlearning
- To be premier organizing hub for combatting racism and colonialism among students provincially through research, action and campaigns
- To lead to the annual development for a provincial vision towards decolonization and anti-racism centering the communities affected

4. Committee Membership

The planning committee shall consist of:

Co-chairs

Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Commissioner
Ontario Racialized Constituency Commissioner

General Membership

Any national representative that is equivalent to the above representatives

All racialized and/or indigenous representatives on the provincial or national level that are relevant to be voted upon by the committee

Community/Coalition/Outreach Partners

Community, Coalition, and Outreach partners may be invited by the committee at their discretion

5. Rights and Privileges of Members of the Planning Committee

All Members of the Committee are entitled to

- a. Attend meeting of the Planning Committee
- b. Vote at any committee meeting
- c. Seek support from the Federation's other structures in order to ensure the RISE Summit is a success

6. Meetings

Meetings of the Committee shall take place at least once a month, or as required by the committee

Meetings may take place through online conference calls, in person meetings, or other methods as required to ensure the work of the Committee is completed in a timely manner.

Notice periods for the meeting shall be at least (14) business days in advance to

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all members and partners of the committee via email.

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

2018/08:051 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:050 be referred to both the Budget and Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:050 REFERRED

2018/08:052 MOTION

Local 41/Local 110

Whereas the Federation strides to make its meeting spaces and student movement more inclusive and accessible; and

Whereas currently there are many elected student union representatives, staff and volunteers who are caregivers to young dependents and may not be able to leave those dependents behind when they attend meetings due to personal or financial reasons; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation host free and accessible child minding spaces at all their General and Semi-Annual General Meetings and that these minding spaces be supervised by staff chosen by the Ontario Provincial Office who have either life or educational experience working with children; and

Be it further resolved that there is food and programming provided within the childminding space at no extra cost and an agenda is provided for the child minding space prior to all meetings and this agenda is included in the first notice package along with a registration form; and

Be it further resolved that the child minding space opens at least 30 minutes before the first session/orientation of every day and closes 30 minutes after the last session/workshop of the evening.

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

2018/08:053 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:052 be referred to both the Budget and Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:052 REFERRED

2018/08:054 MOTION

Local 109/Local 110

Whereas Doug Ford and the “Progressive Conservative” Party of Ontario was elected with a majority government in the Ontario legislature in June 2018; and

Whereas the Conservative government announced the new Ministerial Cabinet of Ontario on June 29, 2018 while repealing many policies enacted by the previous government and

renaming many key Ministries that relate to post-secondary education students; and

Whereas the transformation of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities is unknown to its depth and purpose of work; and

Whereas the student movement in Ontario has seen significant victories in many regards for students across the country when it comes to flat-fee tuition protocols, combatting notorious online-only degrees, legislating sexual violence support at post-secondary institutions, and growth for international student grants and supports, developing funding supports for part-time students and more; and

Whereas the repeal of many policies and the announcement of freezing public sector jobs bodes detrimental to post-secondary student support; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation re-establish our relationship with the newly reformed Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation reaffirm our objectives with the Fairness for Students campaign, OHIP for International Students, opposing online-only education, ensuring Sexual Violence Prevention resources to campuses and more; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation ensure that the government lobbying strategy maintains the call for free-post secondary education for all regardless of status, race, religion, creed, sexual orientation, and gender.

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

2018/08:055 MOTION TO REFER

Local 109/Local 110

Be it resolved that motion 2018/01:054 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:054 REFERRED

13. PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

14. RECEIPT OF REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2018/08:056 MOTION

Local 105/Local 92

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee report be accepted.

CARRIED

15. OTHER BUSINESS

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Lai went over the plans for socials.

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16. RECESS

2018/08:057 MOTION

Local 106/Local 97

Be it resolved that plenary recess until 10:00 a.m. Sunday, August 26, 2018.

CARRIED

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1. CLOSING REMARKS FROM ELDER AND THE CEREMONIAL SPACE COORDINATOR

2. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

A roll call of the membership will be taken to determine attendance and to confirm that quorum is present.

Local 1	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Proxy
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Absent
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union	Absent
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Absent
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 41	Student Federation of the University of Ottawa	Absent
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	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Proxy
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	Absent
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union, University of Toronto	Present
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 104	Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-Time Students	Absent
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	Absent
Local 112	Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal	Absent
Local 114	L'Association des étudiant-e-s de l'Université de Hearst*	Proxy

3. BUSINESS TABLED FROM OPENING PLENARY

There was no business tabled from opening plenary.

4. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Mary Asekome on behalf of the Budget Committee presented its report for consideration by the plenary.

2018/08:058 MOTION

Local 32/Local 105

Be it resolved that the 2018-2019 budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2018/08:059 MOTION

Local 68/Local 99

Be it resolved that Grant Thornton be reappointed as the Federation's auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

CARRIED

2018/08:020 MOTION

Local 71/Local 110

Whereas in the 2017/2018 academic year, there was an increased amount of organized events on Ontario campuses welcoming known right wing extremists to speak on their views; and

Whereas a Premier supported by right wing extremists has recently been elected in Ontario; and

Whereas public discourse about marginalized groups can prove to be harmful and further the marginalization these communities face; and

Whereas the Federation strives to support, advocate and fight for marginalized students in Ontario; and

Whereas the Federation has expressed solidarity with campuses fighting white supremacist presences in the past year; and

Whereas the Federation by-laws state that freedom of speech excludes hate speech; and

Whereas the Federation opposes "the incitement of hatred and discrimination against any marginalized group based on" but not limited to their colour, race, religion, ethnic origin, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, sexual choice or other grounds covered by the Ontario Human Rights Code"; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation create a network of students who live in or near member local communities across the province and identify that they have the means to travel upon reasonable request to any campus events that promote hate speech; and

Be it further resolved that this network of students remain in constant communication via WhatsApp or a similar medium about event dates and locations; and

Be it further resolved that this network of students be able to meet to attend and protest these events; and

Be it further resolved that this network is not limited to Federation locals and can be extended to include and support allies on non-Federation campuses; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation release a statement condemning individual events that promote hate speech on Ontario campuses; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation designate \$1000.00 to a travel fund to support the solidarity actions of these students.

2018/08:060 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 105/Local 99

The sixth clause is amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation designate \$2500.00 to a travel fund to support the solidarity actions of these students.

CARRIED

2018/08:020 CARRIED

2018/08:028 MOTION

Local 78/Local 110

Whereas anti-Muslim hate crimes and hate incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

Whereas political discourse is increasingly devolving towards xenophobia and anti-muslim racism; and

Whereas the student movement has always been at the forefront for fighting for social justice; and

Whereas the student movement needs to hold educational events and workshops to combat hate speech and racism on campuses; and

Whereas Hoda Katebi is a radical anti-capitalist and intersectional feminist community organizer, who has been challenging narratives that fuel anti-muslim racism; and

Whereas Local 78 is partnering with a number of community organizations to invite Hoda Katebi to speak at Carleton University; and

Be it resolved that the Federation help in promoting this event as part of its strategy to combat racism on campus; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation contribute \$500 to the event organizing committee; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to contribute to this event.

CARRIED

2018/08:028 CARRIED

2018/08:038 MOTION

Local 82/Local 110

Whereas food insecurity is a serious issue for post-secondary students in Canada; and

Whereas students at Algoma University are deprived of a healthy diet for the duration of their studies; and

Whereas students at Ontario post-secondary institutions are forced to pay increasingly high costs for food on their campuses; and

Whereas the Meal Exchange program runs various initiatives and campaigns for students throughout the year, with each targeting an area of the campus food system; and

Whereas Meal Exchange provides 9 student led initiatives to combat food insecurity; and

Whereas the National Food Summit is an annual conference that gathers students across Canada to network, gain food system training and to give us the opportunity to share our experiences and to perform direct action towards food insecurity on our campuses; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation allocate \$500 to the National Student Food Summit; and

Be it resolved that the Federation allocate an additional \$500 for transportation and accommodation for students to attend the National Student Food Summit; and

Be it further resolved that the budget committee allocate \$500 funds for food insecurity initiatives.

2018/08:061 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 68/Local 71

The second clauses is amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation allocate an additional \$2000 for transportation and accommodation for students to attend the National Student Food Summit.

CARRIED

2018/08:038 CARRIED

2018/08:050 MOTION

Local 41/Local 110

Whereas the Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience summit was created to create an annual space for Racialized and Indigenous students to come together and build an anti-racist and decolonial vision for the student movement; and

Whereas the oppressive systems are on a daily basis affecting our students at a more and more alarming rate; and

Whereas it is important for the Federation to continue and strengthen its efforts to fight systems such as racism and colonialism; and

Whereas RISE is an opportunity to do capacity building, resourcing and uniting different Racialized and Indigenous groups to build solidarity on intersectional issues that these communities face on their campuses and in society; and

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Ontario Racialized Constituency Commissioner

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Community/Coalition/Outreach Partners

Community, Coalition, and Outreach partners may be invited by the committee at their discretion

5. Rights and Privileges of Members of the Planning Committee

All Members of the Committee are entitled to

- a. Attend meeting of the Planning Committee
- b. Vote at any committee meeting
- c. Seek support from the Federation's other structures in order to ensure the RISE Summit is a success

6. Meetings

Meetings of the Committee shall take place at least once a month, or as required by the committee

Meetings may take place through online conference calls, in person meetings, or other methods as required to ensure the work of the Committee is completed in a timely manner.

Notice periods for the meeting shall be at least (14) business days in advance to all members and partners of the committee via email.

2018/08:062 MOTION TO REFER

Local 105/Local 68

Be it resolved that this motion be referred to the Ontario Executive Committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:050 REFERRED

5. RECEIPT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

2018/08:063 MOTION

Local 68/Local 106

Be it resolved that the Budget Committee report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

2018/08:064 MOTION

Local 105/Local 68

Be it resolved that the Organizational and Services Development Report with the exception of N:20 and N:22 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2018:08:048 MOTION TO ADOPT

Local 1/Local 47

Whereas Bylaw II 4.a.ii. currently reads:

“The petition must include the exact dates of the proposed vote, provided that there shall be no fewer than two (2) and no greater than five (5) days of voting. No vote on decertification shall be scheduled between April 15 and September 15 or between December 15 and January 15;” and

Whereas the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students (National) do not allow petitions to contain specific dates for the proposed vote; and

Whereas to the greatest extent possible, the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario and the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students (National) should cooperate; and

Whereas under the current Bylaws, it is possible for a member local who has submitted petitions to both the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario to receive two separate sets of dates for a referendum from each body; and

Whereas holding separate referenda on separate dates for decertification from each organization is unduly difficult on all parties; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw II 4.a.ii be struck; and

Be it further resolved a new Bylaw II 4.b be created and read as follows:

“b. Schedule

If the Executive Committee deems a petition valid, the Executive Committee, in consultation with the member local student association, will schedule a vote. The Executive Committee will endeavor to schedule the referendum between sixty (60) days and ninety (90) days following its determination that the petition is in order. The scheduling of the referendum shall be subject to the following conditions:

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If a member local has submitted a valid petition to both the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario, the Executive Committee will work with the Canadian Federation of Students National Executive to schedule the two decertification votes concurrently.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent Bylaws in in Bylaw II 4 be renumbered accordingly.

2018/08:048 DEFEATED

2018/08:065 MOTION TO REFER TO THE ONTARIO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Local 109/Local 30

Be it resolved that motion 20 is referred to the Ontario Executive Committee.

2018/08:066 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 30

Be it resolved that the motion is referred to the Ontario Executive Committee and the Ontario Executive Committee provides a decision by the 2019 January Semi-Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

2018/08:065 CARRIED

2018/08:052 MOTION

Local 41/Local 110

Whereas the Federation strives to make its meeting spaces and student movement more inclusive and accessible; and

Whereas currently there are many elected student union representatives, staff and volunteers who are caregivers to young dependents and may not be able to leave those dependents behind when they attend meetings due to personal or financial reasons; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation host free and accessible child minding spaces at all their General and Semi-Annual General Meetings and that these minding spaces be supervised by staff chosen by the Ontario Provincial Office who have either life or educational experience working with children; and

Be it further resolved that there is food and programming provided within the childminding space at no extra cost and an agenda is provided for the child minding space prior to all meetings and this agenda is included in the first notice package along with a registration form; and

Be it further resolved that the child minding space opens at least 30 minutes before the first session/orientation of every day and closes 30 minutes after the last session/workshop of the evening.

2018:08/O53 MOTION TO DEFEAT

Local 30/Local 32

Be it resolved that motion 22 is defeated.

2018:08/O54 MOTION TO CHALLENGE THE CHAIR

Local 41/Local 30

Be it resolved that members are voting against the chair to extend speaking rights to unregistered delegates.

CARRIED

2018:08/O55 MOTION TO INCREASE SPEAKERS LIST

Local 41/Local 1

CARRIED

2018:08/O53 MOTION TO DEFEAT

Local 30/Local 32

Be it resolved that motion 22 is defeated.

DEFEATED

2018:08/O53 DEFEATED

2018:08:056 MOTION TO REFER

Local 71/ Local 30

Be it resolved that motion 0:52 is recommend to the Ontario Executive Committee.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

2018:08:057 MOTION

Local 30/Local 94

Be it resolved that the Campaigns and Government Relations report is adopted, with the exception of motions that were not recommended.

CARRIED

2018/08:034 MOTION

Local 97/Local 110

Whereas the Greyhound bus company announced on July 10, 2018 that it would be cutting all services to northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia; and

Whereas in many of these regions, the Greyhound bus service is the only means of accessible city-to-city transportation; and

Whereas students, especially students in northern Ontario, often relied on

Greyhound as an affordable form of transportation when travelling to their home communities; and

Whereas many remote and rural communities relied on the Greyhound bus service and have no viable transportation options with these cuts; and

Whereas many Indigenous communities are disproportionately impacted by this decision; and

Whereas a lack of safe and accessible transportation options has been a factor in putting Indigenous women, girls and Two Spirit people in dangerous situations; and

Whereas many advocates have come forward condemning the decision to end Greyhound bus service in so many remote communities; and

Whereas Kasper Transportation has indicated that they will increase their services from Thunder Bay to assist in the shortfall from the Greyhound cuts; therefore

Be It resolved that the Federation contact Kasper Transportation, the Thunder Bay transport company filling the Greyhound void, to set up ISIC and Student Saver discounts; and

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to promote and make available the schedules and pricing information for their members.

2018:08:058 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 32/Local 49

Be it further resolved that the Federation contact Ontario Northland to see how they will fill the gap in services and how they will improve services for students and communities in the North.

Be it further resolved that the Federation report back to the membership with a response from Kasper Transportation and Ontario Northland by October 2018.

CARRIED

2018:08:034 CARRIED

2018:08:036 MOTION

Local 94/Local 110

Whereas the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science became a standalone ministry in 2013, thus being separated from the Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation; and

Whereas the ministry was in charge of administering important funds for research, strengthening research programs and fostering an innovation-driven economy; and

Whereas the new provincial government eliminated the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science thus putting the future of overall graduate studies and research at risk; and

Whereas historically, funds have disproportionately benefited research and projects designed to pursue a commercialized research agenda, a practice that contributes to the corporatization of research and campuses in Ontario; and

Whereas curiosity-driven research is an important piece of innovative discovery and advancement, and should be equally prioritized in funding allocations, and

Whereas graduate students' mental health and academics suffer at the expense of trying to secure long term funding and afford post-secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to emphasize concern over the elimination of a standalone body that focuses on research, innovation and science; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation continue to pressure the government to allocate funding for curiosity-led research and increase investments in graduate studies in Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation reach out for potential coalition partners on this issue; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation support any initiatives by campus or community groups fighting back against the elimination of this ministry through promoting their work on social media and through membership advisories.

2018:08:059 MOTION TO ADOPT

Local 94/Local 68

2018:08:034 CARRIED

2018:08:040 MOTION

Local 97/Local 110

Whereas the opioid overdose epidemic (including drugs such as fentanyl, oxycodone and heroin) continues to rise. Opioid-related deaths in Ontario in 2017 increased by 52 per cent compared to 2016 (1,053 versus 694 opioid-related deaths) and in Toronto 2637

non-fatal and 162 fatal opioid overdoses were reported between August 2017 and June 2018. Provincial emergency visits in 2017 related to opioid overdoses rose 72 per cent from 2016; and

Whereas Naloxone has proven to save lives as a short-term antidote delivered by intramuscular injection or by nasal spray to a person experiencing an opioid overdose; and

Whereas Naloxone kits (intramuscular or intranasal delivery) are available for free to individuals from local pharmacies or for purchase to organizations from local public health authorities; and

Whereas university and college orientation weeks are a time when students are at risk of overdosing on opioids; and

Whereas these orientation weeks are opportune times to educate students on drug harm reduction; and

Whereas student organizations have expressed an interest in promoting drug harm reduction to their members and to have training in naloxone administration; and

Whereas there have been potential legal prohibitions for student unions to possess, promote or use naloxone kits which has disrupted and confused their campus harm reduction strategy; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate the legal implications for Federation locals to obtain, possess, promote and use naloxone kits as part of their drug harm reduction strategy; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation develop an advisory statement or guidelines for its locals based on such an investigation.

2018/08:060 **MOTION TO ADOPT**
Local 49/Local 105

CARRIED

2018/08:040 **CARRIED**

2018/08:042 **MOTION**
Local 84/Local 110

Whereas the newly-elected Progressive Conservative (PC) government and Premier Doug Ford does not support the student movement, as evinced by their opposition to, or silence on, our key demands, such as lowering tuition fees, forgiving student debt, and to increasing provincial funding for our universities and colleges; and

Whereas Ford's only campaign promise on the subject of post-secondary education was a call for respecting "free speech" on campuses, which really means allowing conservatively-minded students the ability to express hateful views with impunity; and

Whereas Ford's call for \$6 billion in government 'savings' will necessarily mean cuts to post-secondary education, and also rollback recent victories by the Federation in the post-secondary sector; and

Whereas history has shown that lobbying to PC MPPs has been unable to move them to support the demands of the student movement, meaning that direct action is needed to address the crisis of rising tuition fees and student debt; and

Whereas the Ford government has already promised cuts, including cuts to education and programming aimed at reconciliation, a freezing to hires in public services, cancelling \$100 million to public school repairs, refusing to share the cost of resettling the wave of

asylum seekers entering Canada, cancelling Ontario's cap-and-trade system, and more; and

Whereas the Federation's campaign Fairness for Students raised important issues for post-secondary students, but did not yield any significant response from any major political party; and

Whereas the Federation has publicly stated that we "greet the newly elected Progressive Conservative (PC) government of Doug Ford with mixed emotions", but has not clearly communicated that we oppose Ford and the PCs; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation write a public statement to stress the need to mobilize the student movement against the cuts that Ford and the PCs have made, and that they will likely make, in the post-secondary sector; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation conduct a working group, open to anyone but ideally composed of students from multiple campuses and of different lived experiences (low-income, Indigenous, racialized, disabled, LGBTQ2S+, younger/older, etc.), to find allies with sitting MPPs and community groups to ensure our demands are heard in and outside of parliament; and

Be it further resolved that the next Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation, in January 2019, include a workshop to evaluate the actions by the PC government and to strategize on organizing in opposition to them.

2018/08:061 MOTION TO ADOPT
Local 68/Local 71

CARRIED

2018/08:042 CARRIED

2018/08:044 MOTION
Local 84/Local 110

Whereas a student strike is a proven method of combatting tuition fee increases, as evinced by Québec's successful Printemps Érable (or "Maple Spring") in 2012, when, at its peak, 300,000 Québec students participated in the strike and managed to reverse province-wide tuition fee increases; and

Whereas the tool of a student strike is conspicuously absent from the Federation's methods of achieving the movement's demands (e.g., government lobbying, days of action, etc.); and

Whereas the workshops of the Federation's Semi-Annual General Meeting, as well as the annual Federation Skills Symposium, are excellent opportunities for us to learn new skills with which to advance the student movement; therefore

Be it resolved that the next Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation, in January 2019, and the next Federation Skills Symposium, each include a workshop on student strikes, and that the workshops have a balance between introducing the concept of a student strike, overviewing historical examples (with an emphasis on Canadian examples), and detailing methods for local and provincial implementation, with ample time for questions and answers; and

Be it further resolved that the workshops include speakers who were active members and organizers of participating student unions during the 2012 and/or 2015 Québec student strikes.

2018:08/062 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 47/Local 78

Be it further resolved that the workshops include speakers who were active members and organizers of recent TA Union and or Faculty union strikes.

DEFEATED

2018:08/062 DEFEATED

2018:08/063 MOTION TO ADOPT

Local 68/Local 54

CARRIED

2018:08:044 CARRIED

2018:08:046 MOTION

Local 99/Local 110

Whereas on June 27, 2018, the University of Toronto voted to implement the Mandated Leave of Absence Policy; and

Whereas the policy has many potential serious implications, such as negative consequences for students with disabilities, including racialized and international students with disabilities at risk of being forcibly removed from their post-secondary institution; and

Whereas the current status of the Mandated Leave of Absence Policy threatens to introduce a new measure for racial profiling as it allows the University of Toronto administration to make decisions that will force students out of the university; and

Whereas this could set precedence for universities and colleges across the country to create similar policies; and

Whereas there exists a current mental health crisis in post-secondary education that must be addressed; and

Whereas there already exists a national campaign and a commitment from the Federation to advocate for mental health services on campus that are accessible, diverse, and intersectional; and

Whereas a review of mental health policies and a consensus of such policies in post-secondary institutions across the province does not exist; and

Whereas researchers in colleges and universities across Ontario have already begun developing research and recommendations for supporting students with mental health disabilities through reports like Recommendations for Documentation Standards and Guidelines for Post-Secondary Students with Mental Health Disabilities; and

Whereas a centralized reference report will be beneficial for students and student unions advocating for the implementation of equitable, accessible, and inclusive policies and means of support in regards to mental health; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation conduct research and develop a report and consensus on mental health policies currently implemented in post-secondary education institutions; and

Be it further resolved that a working group be created to assist with local research and create a progress report to be shared with all member locals; and

Be it further resolved that a list of recommendations including language and best practices be created for member locals to use when lobbying their local administrations.

2018/08:064 MOTION TO ADOPT

Local 32/Local 94

2018/08:065 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 32/Local 105

Be it further resolved that a working group be created to assist with local research and create a progress report to be shared with all member locals and create a working group that is representative of students with all disabilities and includes key figures with knowledge in the mental health field (peer support) and Council of Constituencies.

CARRIED

2018/08:066 MOTION TO AMEND

Students with Disabilities Rep/Local 68

Be it resolved that the Federation conduct research and develop a report and consensus on mental health policies currently implemented in post-secondary education institutions ensuring that the consensus clearly recognizes and defines the differences in policy based on the geographical location and relative size of varying institutions.

CARRIED

2018/08:067 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 99/Local 32

Be it further resolved that the Federation assist member locals in lobbying the university to give due consideration to beneficial knowledges and practices regarding mental and overall health from diverse perspectives, such as Indigenous traditions on Turtle Island and elsewhere

CARRIED

2018/08:046 CARRIED

2018/08:054 MOTION

Local 109/Local 110

Whereas Doug Ford and the "Progressive Conservative" Party of Ontario was elected with a majority government in the Ontario legislature in June 2018; and

Whereas the Conservative government announced the new Ministerial Cabinet of Ontario on June 29, 2018 while repealing many policies enacted by the previous government and renaming many key Ministries that relate to post-secondary education students; and

Whereas the transformation of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities is unknown to its depth and purpose of work; and

Whereas the student movement in Ontario has seen significant victories in many regards for students across the country when it comes to flat-fee tuition protocols, combatting notorious online-only degrees, legislating sexual violence support at post-secondary institutions, and growth for international student grants and supports, developing funding supports for part-time students and more; and

Whereas the repeal of many policies and the announcement of freezing public sector jobs bodes detrimental to post-secondary student support; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation re-establish our relationship with the newly reformed Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation reaffirm our objectives with the Fairness for Students campaign, OHIP for International Students, opposing online-only education, ensuring Sexual Violence Prevention resources to campuses and more; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation ensure that the government lobbying strategy maintains the call for free-post secondary education for all regardless of status, race, religion, creed, sexual orientation, and gender.

2018/08:068 MOTION TO ADOPT

Local 109/Local 68

CARRIED

2018/08:054 CARRIED

2018/08:012 MOTION

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas the results of the Provincial 2018 elections must be reflected in the Federation's Government Relations Strategy; and

Whereas students in Ontario pay the highest tuition fees in Canada, and therefore many students rely on public services; and

Whereas the decision making of the new premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, has resulted in public services cuts; and

Whereas the Premier has cancelled the Truth and Reconciliation curriculum revisions, ended the cooperation with Ottawa on resettlement of asylum seekers, and collapsed the Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Relations, amongst other actions; and

Whereas, it is important the Federation ensures that the premier is held accountable by students, grassroots organizations, and provincial public service organizations; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation investigate creating a coalition with other provincial public service organizations to create media and action responses to Doug Ford's social service cuts, and attack on marginalized communities; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation revise our government relations strategy to reflect the results of the election and lobbying for a more just Ontario.

2018/08/069 MOTION TO ADOPT

Local 105/Local 54

CARRIED

2018/08:012 CARRIED

6. RECEIPT OF THE CAMPAIGN AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT

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

2018/2019 CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

2018/08:070 MOTION TO ADOPT 2018-2019 CAMPAIGNs GUIDE

Local 109/Local 32

Be it resolved that the Campaigns Guide for the 2018-2019 year be adopted.

CARRIED

2018/08:014 MOTION

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas United for Equity is a long-standing campaign of the Federation that seeks to challenge and raise awareness of numerous systems of oppression and marginalization; and

Whereas United for Equity is aimed at challenging discrimination and identifying oppression on campus, but doesn't give information or explanation of the systems of power and oppression that inform the discrimination; and

Whereas there has been an increase in violent behaviour on campuses across Ontario towards certain groups or peoples, ranging from microaggressions to blatant oppression; and

Whereas the Federation has committed to an equity mandate that seeks to challenge systems of oppression, and this work is ongoing and constantly needs to be reviewed and revised to ensure we are actively fighting against systems of power and oppression; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation work with the Council of Constituency Representatives to provide an informational resource for students' unions to educate members on the systems of power that create oppression, in an effort to combat these systems on campus and in our communities; and

Be it further resolved that this material be under the United for Equity banner and be available to students' unions who would like to further educate the membership on what the systems are and how we can collectively work to dismantle them.

CARRIED

2018/08:016 MOTION

Local 105/ Local 110

Whereas member locals are equity-based organizations that often lack the equity training for full-time and part-time staff, executives, and volunteers; and

Whereas anti-oppression training is imperative to building equity based policies, practices, and workplaces; and

Whereas community partners and facilitators are often low-income marginalized people who are already facing underemployment, and deserve adequate payment for their work; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation encourages member locals to seek paid external facilitation for anti-oppression trainings; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation develops a list of community partners and facilitators for member locals to access.

CARRIED

2018/08:018 MOTION

Local 32/Local 47

Whereas the 42nd Parliament of Ontario convened on July 11, 2018; and

Whereas in the maiden statements of the government, Minister of Education Lisa Thompson indicated that among other changes the government would be repealing the 2015 Health and Physical Education ("Sex Ed") Curriculum as of September 2018 to be replaced by the 1998 program until further consultations are held; and

Whereas the 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum included education on consent, navigating the internet era, LGBTQ+ identities and experiences, and healthy relationships and body image; and

Whereas it is extremely important for youth to be educated in a way that is reflective of today's world, and that is evidence based and inclusive; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation draft a letter in support of maintaining the 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum and release a statement condemning the PC Government's decision; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to release their own statements condemning the decision to repeal the 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum following the structure of the Federation letter.

2018/08:070 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 32/Local 71

The second clause be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to release their own statements condemning the decision to repeal the 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum following the structure of the Federation letter and share it with their Member of Provincial Parliament (MPPs).

CARRIED

2018/08:071 Motion to ADD clause

Local 32/Local 105

Add a clause to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation endeavour to support students specifically those in education programs as this ongoing conversation and these decisions will affect their roles as future educators.

CARRIED

2018/08:018 CARRIED

2018/08:020 MOTION

Local 71/Local 110

Whereas in the 2017/2018 academic year, there was an increased amount of organized events on Ontario campuses welcoming known right wing extremists to speak on their views; and

Whereas a Premier supported by right wing extremists has recently been elected in Ontario; and

Whereas public discourse about marginalized groups can prove to be harmful and further the marginalization these communities face; and

Whereas the Federation strives to support, advocate and fight for marginalized students in Ontario; and

Whereas the Federation has expressed solidarity with campuses fighting white supremacist presences in the past year; and

Whereas the Federation by-laws state that freedom of speech excludes hate speech; and

Whereas the Federation opposes "the incitement of hatred and discrimination against any marginalized group based on" but not limited to their colour, race, religion, ethnic origin,

ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, sexual choice or other grounds covered by the Ontario Human Rights Code”; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation create a network of students who live in or near member local communities across the province and identify that they have the means to travel upon reasonable request to any campus events that promote hate speech; and

Be it further resolved that this network of students remain in constant communication via WhatsApp or a similar medium about event dates and locations; and

Be it further resolved that this network of students be able to meet to attend and protest these events; and

Be it further resolved that this network is not limited to Federation locals and can be extended to include and support allies on non-Federation campuses; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation release a statement condemning individual events that promote hate speech on Ontario campuses; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation designate \$1000.00 to a travel fund to support the solidarity actions of these students.

2018/08:072 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 71/Local 47

The first clause is amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation pilot a project to create a network of students who live in or near member local communities across the province and identify that they have the means to travel upon reasonable request to any campus events that promote hate speech.

CARRIED

2018/08:073 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 99/Local 47

Add a clause to read:

Be it further resolved that smaller locals be prioritized for support by this network.

CARRIED

2018/08:074 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 32/Local 94

The second clause is amended to read:

Be it further resolved that this network of students remain in contact using any and all forms of communication about event dates and locations.

2018/08:075 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 32/Local 20

Add a clause to read:

Be it further that resolved this be referred to the Council of Constituency Representatives to develop support based on intersectional needs.

CARRIED

2018/08:020 CARRIED

2018/08:022 MOTION

Local 71/Local 110

Whereas the name you are given at birth is often referred to as your legal name; and

Whereas many students do not use the name they were given at birth for a variety of reasons; and

Whereas many Trans students specifically do not identify with the name given at birth; and

Whereas the use of someone's name given at birth can be a form of outing, especially around their gender identity; and

Whereas using someone's legal name without their consent, or forcing them to use their legal name is a form of violence; and

Whereas the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) requires students to use their legal name on all documentation; and

Whereas students should not be put in a position to out themselves while accessing student loans and grants; therefore

Be It resolved that the Federation lobby the Ontario government to change its policies around the use of preferred names when applying for loans and grants; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to the Ontario government asking for this policy change; and

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to look at their own policies around the use of chosen names on applications.

2018/08:076 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 97/Local 71

The first clause is amended to read:

Be It resolved that the Federation lobby the Ontario government and Federal government to change its policies around the use of preferred names when applying for loans and grants.

CARRIED

2018/08:022 CARRIED

2018/08:024 MOTION

Local 54/Local 110

Whereas the Ontario government announced the removal of the cap-and-trade program on July 4, 2018; and

Whereas Canada signed the Paris Agreement and committed to work towards renewable energy and the elimination of greenhouse gas production; and

Whereas student action groups such as Fossil Free Guelph work on similar endeavors against the fossil fuel industry, fossil fuel divestment and promotion of green energy projects; and

Whereas in the 2018 Provincial election, voters in the riding of Guelph elected Ontario's first Green Party MPP, showing an interest in renewable alternatives to current industries; and

Whereas programs such as cap and trade were used to keep corporations accountable to their own contributions to climate change and rewarded companies that took steps to change their habits for the benefit of the environment; and

Whereas the new Ontario government recently cancelled the Prince Edward County wind project, a renewable energy project, thus makes a statement about the lack of commitment to renewable energy; and

Whereas the funds collected from the cap and trade program were to be used to fund other government operated social and infrastructure projects; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Minister of the Environment to condemn the removal of the cap and trade system, and urge the Ontario government to invest into renewable energy and initiatives; and

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to send similar letters on behalf of their membership to the Ministry of the Environment or their own MPPs; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation continue to support student groups in their actions against climate change.

2018/08:077 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 94/Local 47

The first clause is amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Minister of the Environment to condemn the removal of the cap and trade system without proposing an alternative where environment benefits are scientifically proven and urge the Ontario government to invest into renewable energy and initiatives.

CARRIED

2018/08:078 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 19/Local 32

The last clause is amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation continue to support student groups in their actions against that aggravate climate change

CARRIED

2018/08:024 CARRIED

2018/08:026 MOTION
Local 54/Local 110

Whereas plastic pollution has been increasing significantly and has caused harm to our waterways, watersheds and the environment at large; and

Whereas students have been successful in banning plastic water bottles from our campuses; and

Whereas movements such as fossil fuel divestment have been supported in the past by the Federation; and

Whereas hundreds of cities, towns, states and countries have banned plastic bags; and

Whereas river, lake, and ocean life is choking on plastic; and

Whereas over 5 trillion plastic pieces weighing over 250,000 tons are floating in the oceans according to scientific studies; and

Whereas plankton is crucially important to life on this planet, and is being overtaken by plastic and are one of the most important organisms on this planet. They have the ability to utilise the sun's rays which means they are fundamental in the earth's global productivity and produce nearly 50% of the global oxygen as a by-product. Plankton form the base of the marine food web but they are being annihilated by plastic; and

Whereas "Researchers from the Algalita Marine Research Foundation tracking marine debris in the North Pacific found that plastic flotsam was more abundant than zooplankton, the tiny (often microscopic), marine animals..."; and

Whereas an enormous number of marine animals are killed by plastic; and

Whereas we must stop using fossil fuels to avert cataclysmic climate change; and

Whereas plastic bag production relies heavily on fossil fuels from production to disposal; and

Whereas only 7-15% of plastic bags make it to recyclers. Stewardship Ontario reported a 7.2% recovery rate for plastic film in 2013 while the City of Toronto said that 15.3% of plastic bags are recycled; and

Whereas the cost of cleanup and recycling will be passed on to students in the future; and

Whereas the plastic industry manufactures plastic products but doesn't take full responsibility for the waste production; and

Whereas efforts have been made to make single-use plastic straws accessible to people with accessibility concerns, while at the same time reduction of overall consumer plastic; and

Whereas Plastic Free Guelph has developed a strategy to provide free options to those who use single-use plastic bags due to factors such as income; and

Whereas eliminating corporations wide-spread use of single-use plastic puts the responsibility on businesses rather than the individual; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation sign on to support Plastic Free Guelph's lobby document; and

Be it further resolved that member locals are encouraged to outreach to local groups that do work against single-use plastics; and

Be it further resolved that in the effort to make single-use plastics a thing of the past, participating members acknowledge the use of single-use plastics in specific cases and make provisions in their lobbying.

DEFEATED

2018/08:026

DEFEATED

2018/08:028

MOTION

Local 78/Local 110

Whereas anti-Muslim hate crimes and hate incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

Whereas political discourse is increasingly devolving towards xenophobia and anti-muslim racism; and

Whereas the student movement has always been at the forefront for fighting for social justice; and

Whereas the student movement needs to hold educational events and workshops to combat hate speech and racism on campuses; and

Whereas Hoda Katebi is a radical anti-capitalist and intersectional feminist community organizer, who has been challenging narratives that fuel anti-muslim racism; and

Whereas Local 78 is partnering with a number of community organizations to invite Hoda Katebi to speak at Carleton University; and

Be it resolved that the Federation help in promoting this event as part of its strategy to combat racism on campus; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation contribute \$500 to the event organizing committee; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to contribute to this event.

2018/08:079 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 94/Local 32

The second clause is amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation contribute \$1,000 to the event organizing committee.

CARRIED

2018/08:028 CARRIED

2018/08:030 MOTION

Local 78/Local 110

Whereas there is continuous escalation of war efforts around the world by the United States aided by the Canadian government; and

Whereas the Canadian government sanctions and facilitates weapon sales used to murder and starve millions of Yemenis; and

Whereas the student movement needs to actively organize anti-imperialist forces in Canada into an effective movement which will confront the forces of militarism and war; and

Whereas the student movement needs to play a leading role in uniting and work with other community organizations against neo-colonialism and war; and

Whereas the student movement needs to work with all peace, progressive, and democratic forces in order to unify, broaden and strengthen the movement for peace; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation commit to sponsoring workshops, educational events and rallies throughout the coming academic year to educate and organize against war on our campuses; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation commits to researching, designing materials and launching an anti-war campaign for January 2019.

2018/08:080 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 97/Local 32

The last clause is amended to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation commits to researching, designing materials and launching an anti-war campaign for August 2019.

CARRIED

2018/08:030 CARRIED

2018/08:032 MOTION

Local 78/Local 110

Whereas the membership of the Federation understands that social justice and decolonization should not be synonyms or be equated to one another, and;

Whereas the membership also understands that signs of Indigeneity (such as cultural inclusion or tokenism) do not automatically equate “a step” towards decolonizing; and

Whereas the Federation recognizes that non-Indigenous struggles for liberation and dignity are forced to take place in a context of ongoing, structural dispossession that is Canada and its socio-legal system, thereby inadvertently reinforcing settler frameworks of liberal rights, liberal progress and false narratives of colonial sovereignty over Indigenous lands and territories; and

Whereas the Federation acknowledges the significance of Indigenous students’ efforts for decolonization in all of its forms, be it sovereign reclamation of land and waters, or re-establishment of legal orders and kinship systems, or cultural and language resurgence; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation will increase the number of workshops in all its symposiums, conferences, and general meetings on the meanings and practices of decolonization in its material and tangible forms, including but not limited to: critiques of modern treaty negotiations; methods of resistance from land protectors; reclamation of land and water, languages, and cultural and spiritual practices; fostering true nations-to-nation relationships; therefore

Be it further resolved that the Federation shift its language from colonialism as a past event to settler-colonialism - a current, complex structure of governance and occupation; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation will invite discussion on how colonialism and racism are distinct but connected, and how displaced people are often survivors of colonial violence in their own homelands.

2018/08:081 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 78/Local 49

The first clause is amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Federation will guarantee at least one mandatory workshop at the Ontario Skills and Development Symposium as well as increase the number of workshops in all its symposiums, conferences, and general meetings on the meanings and practices of decolonization in its material and tangible forms, including but not limited to: a keynote speaker to cover topics of critiques of modern treaty negotiations; methods of resistance from land protectors; reclamation of land and water, languages, and cultural and spiritual practices; fostering true nation-to-nation relationships.

CARRIED

2018/08:082 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 78/Local 71

Add a clause to read:

Be it further resolved that the Federation works closely with the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Constituency Group to establish and run these workshops.

CARRIED

2018/08:032 CARRIED

2018/08:010 MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 105/Local 110

Whereas language is constantly evolving and the language used in the "Recognition of and Respect for Unceded Traditional Territories of Indigenous People" is outdated; and

Whereas we should implicate and involve participants of meetings in honouring and respecting territories of the First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples during meetings and in shared spaces; and

Whereas the Federation has committed to uphold the rights and recognition of the original people of the territories, not just in words but also in practice in all gatherings; therefore

Be it resolved the segment on Recognition of and Respect for Unceded Traditional Territories of Indigenous People within the General Meetings Operational Policy be read as:

Respect for and recognition of the rights and land of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples shall be demonstrated at all general meetings and Federation events. This will be done by acknowledging event spaces as being the traditional land of Indigenous communities and the need to respect, honour and maintain that land for future generations.

~~The following statement will be read aloud during the opening address at all general meetings and events with recognition of the tradition of territories on which the meeting is held:~~

~~"In recognition that there are original peoples who have experienced the ill-effects of our shared colonial past, we commit to principles of sustainability and protection of Mother Earth. We further commit to honouring and respecting the traditional territories of the First Nations in places we meet, work, learn and share space with."~~

Organizers must understand the experiences and ill-effects of the colonial past on original people through research and knowledge seeking, well in advance of the formal gatherings. Organizers will seek to create spaces and processes which will educate and prepare delegates and members attending meetings to be in solidarity and to display respect in honouring the traditional territories. These processes shall align with principles of sustainability mandates to protect Mother Earth.

CARRIED

2018/08:010 CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION OF THE POLICY AND REVIEW DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Bursey provided a presentation for the policy and review development committee.

8. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Electoral Officer Greg Owens presented the Electoral Report. Owens announced Brandon Rheal Amyot the Trans Spectrum Space Coordinator.

2018/08:083 MOTION

Local 97/Local 106

Be it resolved that Rawan Habib (Local 68) be ratified as the Constituency Coordinator for the 2018-2019 term.

CARRIED

- 2018/08:084 MOTION**
Local 97/Local 106
Be it resolved that Pauline Danquah (Local 82) be ratified as the Women's Commissioner for the 2018-2019 term.
CARRIED
- 2018/08:085 MOTION**
Local 97/Local 106
Be it resolved that Ash Courchene (Local 78) be ratified as the Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Constituency Commissioner for the 2018-2019 term.
CARRIED
- 2018/08:086 MOTION**
Local 97/Local 106
Be it resolved that Glenda Anderson O'Connor (Local 102) be ratified as the Ontario Graduate Caucus Chairperson for the 2018-2019 term.
CARRIED
- 2018/08:087 MOTION**
Local 97/Local 106
Be it resolved that Fabrice Jean-Baptiste (Local 94) be ratified as the Ontario Graduate Caucus Deputy Chairperson for the 2018-2019 term.
CARRIED
- 2018/08:088 MOTION**
Local 97/Local 106
Be it resolved that Mia Bourque (Local 110) be ratified as the Northern Region Caucus Chairperson for the 2018-2019 term.
CARRIED
- 2018/08:089 MOTION**
Local 97/Local 106
Be it resolved that Melissa Mubmbo (Local 85) be ratified as the Francophone and Bilingual Caucus Deputy Chairperson for the 2018-2019 term.
CARRIED
- 2018/08:090 MOTION**
Local 97/Local 106
Be it resolved that Amanda Lin (Local 105) be ratified as the Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson for the 2018-2019 term.
CARRIED
- 2018/08:091 MOTION**
Local 97/Local 106
Be it resolved that Salman Faruqi (Local 24) be ratified as the Mature Students Constituency Commissioner for the 2018-2019 term.
CARRIED

2018/08:092 MOTION

Local 97/Local 106

Be it resolved that be Chantal Lemire (Local 47) ratified as the Students with Disabilities Constituency Commissioner for the 2018-2019 term.

CARRIED

2018/08:093 MOTION

Local 97/Local 106

Be it resolved that Faduma Wais (41) be ratified as the Racialized Students Constituency Commissioner for the 2018-2019 term.

CARRIED

2018/08:094 MOTION

Local 97/Local 106

Be it resolved that Lily Akogbosu (Local 1) be ratified as the International Students Constituency Commissioner for the 2018-2019 term.

CARRIED

2018/08:095 MOTION

Local 97/Local 106

Be it resolved that be ratified as the Felipe Nagata (Local 109) Queer and Trans Students Constituency Commissioner for the 2018-2019 term.

CARRIED

2018/08:096 MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS

Local 68/Local 32

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

2018/08:E01 MOTION

Local 32/Local 105

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario believes in the rights of all labourers, upholding human rights, challenging racism and colonialism, and creating more equitable access to healthcare and services; and

Whereas Black, Indigenous, and Racialized people are overrepresented in the prison system due to racist and colonial systems; and

Whereas prisoners are routinely exploited for labour, earning little to no wages for their work; and

Whereas prisoners often lack equitable access to quality health care, services, and supports; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation write a statement of support for prisoners striking at Burnside (Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility), Nova Scotia and in prisons across the United States and Canada; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation highlights in the statement its support of the prisoners' demands (including but not limited to better healthcare, increased investment in and greater focus on rehabilitation services and restorative justice, food security, and proper labour standards); and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to issue their own statements of support; and

Be it further resolved the Federation encourage the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Attorney General, the Minister of Indigenous Affairs, and the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services to engage in a dialogue with prisoners and those with lived experiences about improving the human rights and rehabilitative approaches present in Ontario's correctional services.

CARRIED

2018/08:E02 MOTION

Local 97/Local 99

Whereas on August 10, Ontario Health Minister Christine Elliot announced that the approval process for all new overdose prevention sites in the province is to be halted immediately including those previously approved for Thunder Bay, St. Catharines and Toronto, stating the province must conduct a review of harm-reduction practices and to determine if the sites "have merit."; and

Whereas overdose prevention sites are approved by the province and are temporary facilities set up to address an immediate need in a community, while safe injection sites are more permanent locations approved by the federal government after a more extensive application process; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has said that he is opposed to safe-injection and overdose prevention sites; and

Whereas Toronto's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Eileen de Villa issued a statement saying scientific literature and studies have concluded that both overdose-prevention and safe injection sites save lives; and

Whereas Nick Boyce, director of the Ontario HIV & Substance Use Training Program has stated "There is overwhelming evidence from experts and from other jurisdictions around the world that supervised consumption sites save lives and help people dealing with addiction connect with other types of support when they are ready"; and

Whereas over 1200 Ontarians died of preventable opioid overdoses in 2017; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Premier, the Minister of Health, as well as the leaders of the NDP, Liberal and Green Parties and their Health critics urging the province to immediately lift the moratorium on approving new overdose prevention sites and urging the province to increase support for overdose prevention, safe injection and other opioid use harm reduction initiatives; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation make a public statement to this effect; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters and make similar statements.

CARRIED

2018/08:E03 MOTION

Local 97/Local 109

Whereas the Federation supports social and economic inclusion for those who are underrepresented in post-secondary institutions; and

Whereas people on very low income and those with disabilities in Ontario have chronically been prevented from pursuing post-secondary education due to interdependent social, economic and bureaucratic barriers; and

Whereas despite the odds, 3314 recipients of the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) as of 2015-2016 received the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) funding for full-time studies in Ontario's publicly-funded post-secondary institutions; many or most of these students were Federation members; and

Whereas the number of ODSP recipients currently in post-secondary school full-time is likely close to, or more than 3314; and

Whereas there are an uncalculated number of ODSP recipients who are attending part-time post-secondary education, many or most of whom are also Federation members; and

Whereas the sudden and unexpected reversal of the province's commitment to implement further recommendations from the pre-established policy document "Roadmap for Change" for those on social assistance is creating great fear in recipients, will create increased financial hardship for them and put their plans for post-secondary education in jeopardy; and

Whereas several people in the Basic Income Pilot are attending post-secondary school or were in the process of enrolling; many or most of whom are thus Federation members; and

Whereas the Ford government chose to reverse their commitment to continue the Basic Income Pilot for its planned three-year assessment period, leaving the participants' plans such as post-secondary education in chaos; and

Whereas multiple studies concur that the more education people receive, the less they rely on social assistance as their employability improves, in keeping with the Ford government's goals for social assistance reform; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation issue a statement of support for those organizations lobbying to reverse the announced cancellation of improvements to ODSP and Ontario Works (OW) and a statement of support for advocates of the Basic Income Pilot; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation make an in-kind donation to the ODSP-Action Coalition to support their lobbying efforts.

2018/08:097 MOTION TO AMEND

Be it resolved that the Federation write a letter to the premiers office that the previous data be preserved.

CARRIED

2018/08:E04 MOTION

Local 30/Local 106

Whereas the provincial government, during Kathleen Wynne's term, committed explicitly to actions 62 and 63 of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)'s recommendations which called for the implementation of new curriculum content on Canada's history of colonialism; and

Whereas on July 6, 2018 at 4:00 pm, the afternoon call for motions for the AGM closed, the Ford government announced that the writing sessions July 9 through

July 12, 2018 and writing sessions July 17 through July 20, 2018 are canceled;
and

Whereas the aim of these writing sessions was to create First Nations, Métis, and Inuit curriculum content at the elementary and secondary levels including but not limited to social studies, history, geography, civics, and languages; and

Whereas July 10, 2018 the Federation released a statement on Facebook entitled "Fairness for Indigenous Students and Fairness for Students with Disabilities" addressing the government's decision to cancel these sessions; therefore

Be it resolved that, the Federation write a letter in conjunction with the Circle of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students to be sent directly to Premier Doug Ford and the Minister of Education, Lisa Thompson, outlining the Federation and the Circle's feelings on this matter - as stated in the Federation's statement posted to Facebook; and

Be it further resolved that, the Federation draft a letter template in conjunction with the Circle of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students for member locals to send to their local MPPs expressing their displeasure with the government's decision to cancel these sessions and encourage them to re-implement the writing sessions.

2018/08:098 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 78/Local 30

The Circle's demands the reinstatement of the writing sessions of the Indigenous curriculum.

CARRIED

2018/08:E04 CARRIED

2018/08:E05 MOTION
Local 30/Local 106

Whereas on July 6, 2018 at 4:00 pm, the afternoon call for nominations for the AGM closed, the Ford government announced that the curriculum writing sessions July 9 through July 12, 2018 and writing sessions July 17 through July 20, 2018 are canceled; and

Whereas the aim of one of these writing sessions included integrating American Sign Language (ASL) into the elementary curriculum; and

Whereas 4.74% of Ontario's population is deaf or hard of hearing; and

Whereas the government's choice to cut this session is in contradiction with the government mandate of complying with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA); and

Whereas July 10, 2018 the Federation released a statement on Facebook entitled "Fairness for Indigenous Students and Fairness for Students with Disabilities" addressing the government's decision to cancel these sessions; therefore

Be it resolved that, the Federation write a letter in conjunction with the Students with Disabilities constituency group to be sent directly to Premier Doug Ford and the Minister of Education, Lisa Thompson, outlining the Federation and the Students with Disabilities constituency group's feelings on this matter - as stated in the Federation's statement posted to Facebook; and

Be it further resolved that, the Federation draft a letter template in conjunction with the Students with Disabilities constituency group for member locals to send to their local MPPs expressing their displeasure with the government's decision to cancel these sessions and encourage them to re-implement the writing sessions.

CARRIED

2018/08:E06 MOTION

Local 68/Local 20

Whereas CUPE 3903 at York University was on strike for 143 days due to lack of administration efforts at fair bargaining; and

Whereas these five months impeded on the education of students at York University and are still now in the process of remediation; and

Whereas this enticed many student led actions against the administration in an effort to take action against an immovable administration; and

Whereas on March 22nd, a student group called ReclaimYU entered the senate chambers during a meeting of senate and thereafter occupied the chambers for over two months in an act of solidarity with CUPE 3093; and

Whereas these students took on the labour of combatting our increasing Neo-liberal institutions; and

Whereas albeit the unapologetic nature of an administration refusing to bargain in an attempt to put an end to the strike sent higher level administrators to the chambers in an effort to convince students to leave the chambers; and

Whereas high level administration at York University has now targeted these students by filing Incident Reports against those involved in these actions as a means to make an example of these students; and

Whereas these students would benefit from legal representation during the University's quasi-legal tribunal process and whereas most students are in financially precarious positions; and

Whereas the Federation supports student led activism and supports its sibling unions; and

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students assist in recommending legal representation that would be knowledgeable about post-secondary institutions and students freedoms, rights and responsibilities;

Be it resolved that the Federation donate up to \$1,000.00 to cover the cost of legal aid throughout the University's tribunal process.

2018/08:098 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 105/Local 106

Be it resolved that the Federation donate up to \$500.00 to cover the cost of legal aid throughout the University's tribunal process.

DEFEATED

2018/08:E06 CARRIED

2018/08:E07 MOTION

Local 41/Local 49

Whereas the Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience (RISE) Conference is meant to be a space to bring Racialized and Indigenous students together to discuss learn and unlearn whilst also building a united front on decolonial and anti-racist work for our student movement; and

Whereas there is no RISE currently scheduled for 2018 and it is still important as issues that these communities deal with are on the rise for us to continue to bring our students together and build capacity in this movement; and

Whereas the SFUO is opening a new centre and is committed to organizing a regional RISE that is as accessible to as many Racialised and Indigenous students as possible; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation support the SFUO RISE with a donation of 3000\$.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT