

Opening Plenary Minutes

Annual General Meeting · Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario
Thursday, August 15 to Sunday, August 18, 2019 - Toronto, Ontario

CALL TO ORDER – Thursday, August 15, 2019

Nagata called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

1. OPENING REMARKS AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Elder Winnie and Ceremonial Space Coordinator, Jamie Kearns opened the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 1	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Absent
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 49	University of Windsor Students' Alliance	Present
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Union	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 85	Saint Paul University Students' Association	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Absent
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Student Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 97	Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Union	Present
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union, University of Toronto	Present
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 105	Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson	Present
Local 106	Organization of Part-Time University Students, University of Windsor	Present
Local 109	University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union	Present
Local 110	Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 112	Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal	Proxy
Local 114	L'Association des étudiant-e-s de l'Université de Hearst	Present

Nagata announced that quorum has been met for the meeting to take place.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

Nagata announced Local 110 sent a proxy to Local 32 and Local 112 sent a proxy to Local 82 for the duration of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

4. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

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2019/08:001

MOTION

Local 54/Local 32

Be it resolved that Kayla Weiler be ratified as the Speaker for the Opening Plenary of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

2019/08:002

MOTION

Local 68/Local 97

Be it resolved that Gayle McFadden be ratified as the Speaker for the Closing Plenary of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

5. EXECUTIVE-AT-LARGE WELCOMING REMARKS

Nagata, Weiler and Jean-Baptiste provided welcoming remarks.

6. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

2019/08:003

MOTION

Local 106/Local 99

Be it resolved that the 2019 Annual General Meeting plenary agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

2019/08:004

MOTION

Local 62/Local 92

Be it resolved that the 2019 Annual General Meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

8. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2019/08:005

MOTION

Local 105/Local 97

Be it resolved that the 2019 Semi-Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

Abstention: Local 27

9. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures

Weiler provided a brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order.

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

Olson Crow, Anti-Harassment Advisor for the meeting introduced themselves and provided an outline of their duties as the Anti-Harassment Advisor.

c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer Felipe Nagata

Nagata provided an overview of his role as the Staff Relations Officer at the 2019 Ontario Annual General Meeting

10. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

a. Ratification of Electoral Officer

2019/08:006 MOTION
Local 32/Local 78

Be it resolved that Mary Asekome be ratified as the Electoral Officer for the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

Asekome announced the positions that candidates can run for at the 2019 Annual General Meeting. The positions are: Women's Constituency Group Commissioner, Two-Spirit/Queer Constituency Group Commissioner, Students with Disabilities Constituency Group Commissioner, Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Constituency Commissioner, International Students Constituency Group Commissioner, Racialized Students Constituency Group Commissioner, Mature Students Constituency Group Commissioner, Two-Spirit/Trans Spectrum Constituency Group Commissioner, Ontario Constituency Coordinator, Francophone and Bilingual Caucus Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, Northern Region Caucus Commissioner, Graduate Caucus Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson and the Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson.

11. STRIKING OF PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees

2019/08:007 MOTION TO ADOPT
Local 27/Local 105

Be it resolved that the following plenary 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

2019/08:008 MOTION TO ADOPT
Local 106/Local 71

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

CARRIED

12. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

2019/08:009 MOTION TO OMNIBUS

Local 68/Local 97

Be it resolved that all of motions submitted by the Ontario Executive Committee and member locals be sent to the recommended sub-committees.

CARRIED

2019/08:010

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 98/Local 93

Be it resolved that 2019/08:011 is removed from the omni-bus.

CARRIED

a. Motions referred from Ontario Executive Committee

2019/08:011

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Ontario Executive Committee/Local 68

Whereas one annual meeting means that Federation business must be conducted on a once a year basis rather than twice; and

Whereas the duration for an application for prospective membership, certification and decertification shall be ratified at a general meeting; and

Whereas the Federation will continue to maintain a National General Meeting and an Ontario General Meeting; and

Whereas both National and Ontario meetings can accept prospective membership, certification and decertification resolutions; and

Whereas the Federation will cease to have two National General meetings in any given year; and

Whereas the National General Meetings are also spaces used to discuss and pass various resolutions; and

Whereas in some cases the National General Meeting will vote on resolutions to be enacted on prospective membership, certification and decertification votes; therefore

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to Bylaw II - Membership.

Bylaw II – Membership

1.b. Membership Status – Prospective Membership

v. In the event that the majority of those voting on certification support full membership in the Federation, full membership will be granted at the subsequent Ontario general **meeting and national general meeting**, whichever comes first, at which point prospective membership shall cease;

viii. In the event that a prospective member local association fails to conduct a vote on certification as required by this Bylaw, the Federation shall have the option to either cancel or extend, by majority vote of a Ontario general meeting **and a national general meeting**, whichever comes first, the prospective membership of that member local association until a vote on certification is conducted. There shall be a two (2) year waiting period between the expiration of prospective membership status before a subsequent prospective membership application will be accepted, unless waived by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a Federation general meeting.

Bylaw II – Membership

3. Application for Full and Prospective Membership

There shall be a vote of the member local associations of the Federation at the next general meeting on the question of approving a recommendation of the Ontario Executive Committee and **the National Executive Committee, whichever comes first**, regarding an application for membership. A majority of at least two-thirds (2/3) shall be required to accept the application, at which point the next steps on membership will be enacted according to the Federation Bylaws.

Bylaw II: Membership

5. Procedure for Application for Decertification (confirm what it says in the national bylaws)

- a. For any decertification vote ratified at an **Ontario** semi-annual general meeting **and a National general meeting** of the Federation, **whichever comes first**. The decertification shall take effect on June 30, **at the end of the semester that the vote takes place** provided that all outstanding membership fees payable to such date shall have then been received by the Federation.

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

2019/08:012

MOTION TO RESCIND

Local 97/Local 82

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:011 be rescinded.

CARRIED

2019/08:011

RESCINDED

2019/08:013

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS AND OPERATIONS POLICY

Ontario Executive Committee/ Local 68

Whereas at the recent National General Meeting a resolution was adopted to have one annual general meeting between October and December; and

Whereas the Student Choice Initiative presents challenges for predictable revenue for students' unions as well as the Federation; and

Whereas the Corporations Act requires organizations to have a minimum of one annual general meeting a year; and

Whereas several labour unions across the province have a minimum of one annual meeting in any given year; therefore

Be it resolved that the Bylaws (III. 1.b, III. 3.a.i, III.4, VII. 3.a, VII. 6.c, VIII.1, VIII.6, VIII.7, VIII.8, XX.a and XX.c) and the Operations policies listed below that apply to the Annual General Meeting of the Federation be amended;

Bylaw III - Meetings of the Federation

1.Meetings

b. Semi-Annual General Meeting

The Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall be held in the months of November or January or February. The time and location of each meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Bylaw III - Meetings of the Federation

3. Miscellaneous

a. Notice

i. At least eight (8) weeks' notice of the Annual General Meeting and Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall be given to each member association.

Bylaw III - Meetings of the Federation

4. Quorum

Fifty percent (50%) plus one of the member associations shall constitute quorum for Annual and Semi-Annual General Meetings of the Federation, and forty percent (40%) of member associations shall constitute quorum of emergency meetings.

Bylaw VII – Executive Committee

3. Term of Office of the Executive Committee

The term of office for the positions on the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

a. The terms of office of the Ontario Chairperson, Ontario Component Representative on the National Executive, and the Ontario Treasurer shall be one (1) year commencing June 1 and expiring May 31. **May 1 and expiring April 30.**

Bylaw VII – Executive Committee

6. Remuneration of Executive Committee Members

Remuneration for positions on the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

c. All other positions shall receive such amounts as may be decided by a special resolution.

Bylaw VIII – Election of Executive Committee

1. Election of the Ontario Chairperson, Ontario National Executive Representative and the Ontario Treasurer shall be elected by secret ballot vote of the plenary at the Ontario Component Semi-Annual General Meeting.

Bylaw VIII – Election of Executive Committee

6. By-Elections for At-Large Positions

A by-election shall be held at each general meeting to fill all vacancies for at-large positions that are created should an at-large Executive Committee member fail to fulfil their term of office.

a. By-elections for the Ontario Chairperson, Ontario National Executive Representative and Ontario Treasurer shall be done by a secret ballot vote of the plenary at general meeting.

b. By-elections for the Ontario Constituency Coordinator shall be elected by a secret ballot vote of the Constituency Commission at a general meeting and ratified by the plenary of the Semi-Annual General Meeting.

c. By-elections for the Ontario Women's Commissioner shall be elected by a secret ballot vote of the Women's Constituency Group at a general meeting and ratified by the plenary of the Semi-Annual General Meeting.

d. The term of office for Executive Committee Members selected by member associations shall be as per the schedule set out in Bylaw 7.3 - Term of Office of the Executive Committee.

Bylaw VIII – Election of Executive Committee

7. Filling a Vacancy of an At-Large Member of the Executive Committee
- e. In the event that an at-large member of the Executive Committee resigns, is removed from office, is deemed to have vacated their position or is unable to complete their constitutional duties, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to appoint an individual member of the Executive Committee to fill the vacant position until an election or by-election is held. Said individual member shall not have a vote in their new capacity on the Executive Committee.

Bylaw XX – Auditors

- a. The voting members shall appoint the auditors of the Federation at each Semi Annual General Meeting of members, to audit the financial statements of the Federation for the current fiscal year.
- c. The audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year shall be presented to the voting members at each Semi-Annual General Meeting.

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Federation's Operations Policy:

CHAIRPERSON-ELECT

The Chairperson-elect shall be provided with an honorarium for the transition period that will be determined by the Budget Committee at the Semi-Annual General Meeting.

COUNCIL OF CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVE

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

FRANCOPHONE AND BILINGUAL CAUCUS

- a. Semi-Annual General Meetings (SAGM) The SAGM shall:
 - i. be held in conjunction with the Federation's Ontario Semi-Annual General Meeting.
 - ii. have as quorum at least fifty-one per cent (51%) of the full members of the Caucus.
 - iii. have the authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution and By-laws.

FRANCOPHONE AND BILINGUAL CAUCUS

- b. Notice

The Executive shall provide two (2) weeks' notice of the AGM and SAGM. The AGM and SAGM agenda shall include written Executive reports. Each member union or association shall be entitled to one vote at the AGM and SAGM. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote. The Executive will otherwise not have a vote.

FRANCOPHONE AND BILINGUAL CAUCUS

By-Laws

- b. Such bylaws enacted by the Caucus must be ratified at the next AGM

or SAGM by a simple majority vote of the members present to remain in force.

FRANCOPHONE AND BILINGUAL CAUCUS

Constitutional Amendments

- a. Only the AGM and SAGM shall have the authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution. Such amendments require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present.
- b. Amendments shall be presented in writing by the mover to the Deputy-Chairperson two (2) weeks prior to the AGM or SAGM for inclusion in the agenda to be distributed to the membership.

DELEGATE FEES

The Federation will assume the registration fees for one delegate from each member local union for each Annual and Semi-annual General Meeting, as described in Bylaw III.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Standing Committees

At each annual and semi-annual general meeting, the following committees shall be struck:

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

3. Committee Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for general meeting standing committees shall be as follows:

b. Budget Committee

The Budget Committee shall:

- ii. Review and recommend budget adjustments for the remainder of the fiscal year to the closing plenary of the semi-Annual general meeting;

b. Campaigns and Government Relations Committee

The Campaigns and Government Relations Committee shall:

- iii. At the Semi-Annual General Meeting, review the campaigns and government relations plan and recommend to the closing plenary possible changes to the plan for the remainder of the academic year; and

NORTHERN REGION CAUCUS

The Northern Region Caucus Commissioner shall:

- Be responsible for the minutes of the NRC at AGMs and SAGMs; and

NORTHERN REGION CONFERENCE

The NRC shall strive to host at least one conference a year between the annual general meetings.

NORTHERN REGION CAUCUS

Constitutional Amendments

- a. Only the AGM and SAGM NRC meetings shall have the authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution. Such amendments being enacted upon require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting.

- b. Amendments shall be presented in writing by the mover to the Northern Commissioner two (2) weeks prior to the AGM or SAGM for inclusion in the Agenda to be distributed to the NRC membership.

ONTARIO GRADUATE CAUCUS

- c. Semi-Annual General Meetings (SAGM) The SAGM shall:

- ~~i. Be held in conjunction with the Federation's Ontario Semi-Annual General Meeting and may begin prior to the opening plenary to allow for additional meeting time;~~
- ~~ii. Have as quorum one third (1/3) of the full members of the OGC; and~~
- iii. Have authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution and By-laws. The AGM and SAGM agenda shall include written executive reports. The Executive shall provide two (2) weeks' notice of the AGM and SAGM. Each member association shall be entitled to one vote at the AGM and SAGM. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote. The Executive will not have a vote. Caucus meetings may be held during the Federation's general meetings.

ONTARIO GRADUATE CAUCUS

Constitutional Amendments

- a. Only the AGM and SAGM shall have the authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution. Such amendments being enacted upon require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting.
- b. Amendments shall be presented in writing by the mover to the Vice-Chairperson two (2) weeks prior to the AGM or SAGM for inclusion in the Agenda to be distributed to the membership.

COUNCIL OF CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVE (CCR)

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

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

2019/08:014

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:013 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:013

REFERRED

2019/08:015

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Ontario Executive Committee/ Local 68

Whereas the Federation will have limited resources to plan and execute the Annual Skills Development symposium; and

Whereas the cost of a fully subsidized Symposium will not be feasible; and

Whereas the in the past the Symposium has been used to train and build student union representatives, staff and volunteers; therefore

Be it resolved that the following changed be made to the Operations Policy on Skills Development Symposium; and

Be it further resolved that this Operations Policy be in effect as of the Skills Development Symposium 2020.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

Fee

Each member local students' union shall be required to pay a fee of \$50 for each participant attending from that member local. The fee will subsidize the cost of the Symposium. Participation in the Symposium shall be fully subsidized by the Federation including all meals, materials and reasonable travel and accommodation costs. Each member local students' union shall register a maximum of fifteen (15) **ten (10) participants from their respective member local students' union, subject to the following conditions:**

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

2019/08:016

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:015 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:015

REFERRED

2019/08:017

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Ontario Executive Committee/ Local 68

Whereas the financial realities for the Federation's budget are uncertain and unclear; and

Whereas the Operations Policy on Finances outlines the minimum amount of funding for constituency groups lump sum of \$7,000; and

Whereas the Operations Policy on Finances outlines the minimum amount of guaranteed funding for caucuses as \$10,000; and

Whereas it is not prudent for the Federation to have financial obligations that it may not meet due to lack of limited resources; therefore

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Federation's Operations policy below.

CAUCUSES

d. Funding

A caucus shall have the right to automatically receive a minimum level of funding established by Operating Resolution.

CONSTITUENCY GROUP RIGHTS

c.Funding

A constituency group shall have the right to automatically receive a minimum level of funding established by Operating Resolution.

FINANCES

The Executive Committee shall receive honoraria, contingent upon completion of duties and guidelines. Executive Committee honoraria shall not be released until Plenary has accepted the report of the Executive

Committee.

ONTARIO GRADUATE CAUCUS

Executive

The Executive shall be comprised of the following:

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson

The honoraria allocated to these positions shall be determined as part of budgetary discussions and motions at the AGM or SAGM. It may, therefore, vary at the discretion of the membership. The members of the Executive shall be deemed not to represent any member association.

FRANCOPHONE AND BILINGUAL CAUCUS

Executive

The Executive of the Caucus shall be comprised of the following:

- Chairperson
- Deputy Chairperson

The honoraria allocated to these positions shall be determined as part of budgetary discussions and motions at the AGM or SAGM and may vary at the discretion of the membership. The members of the Executive shall be deemed not to represent any member association.

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

2019/08:18

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:017 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:017

REFERRED

2019/08:019

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Ontario Executive Committee/ Local 68

Whereas the annual general meetings will only happen once a year and sometimes the agenda will be packed; and

Whereas the Federation will not have the financial resources to always accommodate additional night stay for delegates after the completion of a meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy on General Meetings be amended to read:

GENERAL MEETINGS

Agenda

Should closing plenary at a general meeting meet later than 2:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m., accommodation must be provided for that night.

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

2019/08:20

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:019 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:019

REFERRED

b. Motions received from Member Locals

2019/08:021

MOTION

Local 78/Local 68

Whereas in the 1970s Consumer advocate Ralph Nader developed a student organizing model known as the “Public Interest Research Group” model; and

Whereas this model focuses on building community and student solidarity; and

Whereas PIRGs as a whole in Ontario are aligned with the goals of the student movement; and

Whereas over the last two years new PIRGs are being formed at Ontario’s colleges, in particular Mohawk College and George Brown College; and

Whereas this PIRG grouping, collectively known as the College PIRGs, were involved and supportive of mass mobilizations, community engagement and solidarity efforts around the Student Choice Initiative, and have proven to be an important support for students and the student movement; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation endorse the College PIRG initiative; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation provide a letter of support for the College PIRG initiative.

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

2019/08:022

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:021 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:021

REFERRED

2019/08:023

MOTION

Local 92/Local 68

Whereas the government of Quebec recently passed Bill 21, the bill banning all religious symbols at government spaces including courts, schools and other offices; and

Whereas this is the act of shame; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation condemns the bill and stands against the decision by supporting various groups affected by it like the Sikhs, Muslims and Jews; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation issues a public statement of standing with the communities and also supporting non-profit bodies and organizations working such as Canadian Civil Liberties Association, The World Sikh Organization and the National Council of Canadian Muslims.

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

2019/08:024

MOTION TO REFER

	Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:023 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.
	CARRIED
2019/08:023	REFERRED
2019/08:025	MOTION
	Local 68/Local 97
	Whereas Sudan has been under a military-led regime for 30 years; and
	Whereas civilians in Sudan are facing extreme rising poverty, increased prices and declining economy; and
	Whereas the Sudanese Government continues to implement policies designed to dehumanize its own people; and
	Whereas civilians in Sudan started and continue to hold peaceful protests to fight for a civilian-led government; and
	Whereas on April 11, 2019 Sudan's Defence Minister and former VP Awad Ibn Auf stated that Omar Albashir, Sudan's former President, is under arrest. Ibn Auf announced a two year transitional government and that he will head up the High Council of the Armed Forces. Less than 24 hours later, civilians were successful in impeaching Ibn Auf; and
	Whereas Sudan remains under a transitional military government led by Abdel Fattah Al- Burhan; and
	Whereas on June 3, 2019 peaceful sit-ins in front of the military headquarters in Khartoum were violently dispersed by the Janjaweed militias (Rapid Support Forces), Police Forces and National Security Forces. Live ammunition, tear gas, severe beating, rape and arrests were used to violently disperse the only guarantee to the revolution; and
	Whereas on June 30, 2019 Sudanese students in Ontario, along with the Sudanese Community, marched in Solidarity with Civilians in Sudan to continue the fight for their lives and for a civilian-led government; and
	Whereas internet connections have been disconnected by the military forces in Sudan in attempts to minimize international coverage; and
	Whereas Sudanese media fails to broadcasts the current situation in Sudan; and
	Whereas Sudanese students in Ontario do not feel supported by the Canadian government and/or Canadian organizations and institutions; therefore
	Be it resolved that the Federation supports the needs of Sudanese students in Ontario; and
	Be it further resolved that the Federation releases a statement in support of the Sudanese community and Sudanese students in the province condemning the actions of the Transitional Military Council (TMC), Janjaweed militias (Rapid Support Forces), Police Forces & National Security Forces and support a civilian-led government; and
	Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages its local members to support the Sudanese community and Sudanese students on their respective campuses by creating safer spaces for Sudanese students; and
	Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages its local members to release statements in support of the Sudanese community and Sudanese students on

their respective campuses.

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

2019/08:026

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:025 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:025

REFERRED

2019/08:027

MOTION

Local 71/Local 68

Whereas the Federation has both internally and externally faced criticisms in the past on their structure and their effectiveness in addressing various issues that affect students; and

Whereas the Student Choice Initiative directly aims to attack organizations such as the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation is going into uncertain financial hardships due to the Student Choice Initiative creating a need for the Federation to reconsider its structure in order to maintain its existence; and

Whereas current campaign strategies are not an efficient use of the Federation's resources as they do not effectively engage the wider membership; and

Be it resolved that the Federation strike a review of their outreach mechanisms primarily by striking a review of all campaigns and their effectiveness in bringing awareness and change; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation strike a formal working group and be open to dialogue about these concerns and criticisms; and

Be it further resolved that the above-mentioned working group draft a report to be submitted to the Ontario Executive Committee by 2 weeks prior to the deadline for motion submissions of the next Ontario General Meeting.

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

2019/08:028

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:027 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:027

REFERRED

2019/08:029

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS AND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 97/Local 68

Whereas the Student Choice initiative will likely result in a significant loss of funding for the Federation; and

Whereas this calls for fiscal restraint; and

Whereas the use of electronic means of communication is now ubiquitous and less costly than mailing paper documents; therefore,

Be it resolved that Bylaw XI, Section 7 be amended to read:

BYLAW XI – DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON

7. Meetings of the Federation

The Chairperson, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, shall be responsible for:

...

- b. Sending the agenda of general meetings to each member association by **email, fax or** pre-paid mail at least three (3) weeks before the time fixed for the holding of such a meeting;

Be it further resolved that the following section of the Operations Policy pertaining to the Executive Committee be amended to read:

The Executive Committee shall send **a package an email** to all incoming member local students' union executives, including but not limited to a congratulatory letter, calendar of upcoming events and general information about the Federation.

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

2019/08:030

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:029 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:029

REFERRED

2019/08:031

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 97/Local 68

Whereas the Student Choice initiative will likely result in a significant loss of funding for the Federation; and

Whereas this calls for fiscal restraint; and

Whereas current Federation Bylaws state that the Federation Chairperson shall attend activities at member locals as requested; and

Whereas current Federation Bylaws state that the CFS National Executive Representative shall attend the general meetings of other provincial components if requested; and

Whereas while this remains desirable it may no longer be fiscally feasible; and

Whereas even when attendance is fiscally possible, the Chairperson or National Executive Representative may have other commitments and wish to delegate this responsibility to another member of the executive or a staff person; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw XI, Section 9 be amended to read:

BYLAW XI – DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON

9. Communication with Member Local Associations

The Chairperson shall communicate with member local of the Federation on a regular basis and **may attend, or delegate an alternative to attend**, from time to time or as requested, activities occurring at member local associations.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw XII, Section 6 be amended to read:

BYLAW XII – DUTIES OF ONTARIO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVE

6. Communication with Other Provincial Components

b. The Ontario National Executive Representative ~~shall~~ **may** attend, ~~or delegate an alternative to attend~~, the general meetings of other provincial components of the Canadian Federation of Students, from time to time or if requested.

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

2019/08:032

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:031 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:031

REFERRED

2019/08:033

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 97/Local 68

Whereas the Student Choice initiative will likely result in a significant loss of funding for the Federation; and

Whereas this calls for fiscal restraint; and

Whereas the current Federation Operations Policy requires that the Federation hire one or more regional discount solicitors in the event that a member local fails to do so; and

Whereas this may no longer be fiscally feasible; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, Student Saver Discount Programme be amended to read:

In the event that a member local association fails to hire discount solicitors one month prior to the deadline for Studentsaver discount solicitation, one or more regional solicitors will may be hired in consultation with the Executive Committee Local Representatives to ensure that quality discounts are available to members in all regions of Ontario.

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

2019/08:034

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:033 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:033

REFERRED

2019/08:035

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 97/Local 68

Whereas the Student Choice initiative will likely result in a significant loss of funding for the Federation; and

Whereas this calls for fiscal restraint; and

Whereas the current Operations Policy allows for the distribution of campaign materials to Coalition Partners, High School Groups, and Potential Members only free of cost; and

Whereas some of these groups may be in a better position than the Federation to pay for these materials; and

Whereas if these groups are able to cover the costs of these materials, the Executive Committee should be empowered to accept such payment; therefore

Be it resolved that the following section of the Operations Policy on Campaigns and Materials, Distribution be amended to read:

Upon request of one of the following groups, Federation materials may be distributed to said groups free of cost, or at an amount determined by the Executive Committee:

- Coalition partners;
- High school student groups or councils; and
- Potential members

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

2019/08:036

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:035 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:035

REFERRED

2019/08:037

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 97/Local 68

Whereas the Student Choice initiative will likely result in a significant loss of funding for the CFS-Ontario; and

Whereas this calls for fiscal restraint; and

Whereas Federation fees have been deemed “non-essential” at the majority, if not all, post-secondary institutions, resulting in no guarantee of funding from members at those institutions; and

Whereas many, if not all, member locals have had at least a portion of their fees deemed “essential”, guaranteeing at least some level of funding; and

Whereas, Annual General Meetings are a significant cost for the Federation; and

Whereas the maximum charge for delegate fees has not increased for several years, while costs have risen; and

Whereas the gender parity rebate has also not increased for several years; therefore

Be it resolved that the pertinent section of the Operations Policy on General Meetings on the maximum amount for Delegate Fees be amended to read:

Delegate fees will not exceed \$400 **\$600** including meals, accommodation, the childcare fund and the accessibility fund.

Be it further resolved that the pertinent section of the Operations Policy on General Meetings on the gender parity rebate for Delegate Fees be amended to

read:

\$100.00 **\$200.00** will be subtracted from the delegate fees of a member school whose delegation achieves at least fifty percent (50%) representation by women and/or **two-spirit/trans spectrum students**.

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

2019/08:038

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:037 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:037

REFERRED

2019/08:039

MOTION

Local 97/Local 68

Whereas the Federation supports social and economic inclusion for those who are under- represented not only in post-secondary institutions but in our community's writ large; and

Whereas Legal Aid Ontario represents and supports Ontarians, including students, who are too poor to hire a lawyer in areas such as landlord and tenant disputes, workers' rights, criminal, family and prison law, cases involving mental health; and specialty clinics that focus on poverty, disability, HIV, the elderly and Indigenous peoples; and

Whereas the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General's budget has initiated a 30% cut, or around \$133 million, to Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) funding, retroactive to April 1, 2019.

Annual reductions are expected to reach 44 per cent by 2021; and

Whereas Legal Aid Ontario is now prevented from doing refugee and immigration law with provincial funds and must rely solely on Federal fund; and

Whereas these cuts will directly harm low-income people and endanger the status of refugee and immigrant claims; and

Whereas there has been a groundswell of protest against progressively defunding LAO and there are warnings of dire consequences; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Federation issue a statement of solidarity with Legal Aid Ontario, its clinics and their allies who call on the Government of Ontario to reverse its funding cuts to Legal Aid Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Premier, the Attorney General, the opposition leaders, and relevant opposition critics calling on the Government to reverse the funding cuts; and

Be it further resolved member locals be encouraged to write similar letters; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation engages in appropriate social media support or other forms of solidarity with Legal Aid Ontario and its clinics to support their lobbying efforts and their efforts to maintain services despite the loss of essential funding; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to do the same.

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

2019/08:040 MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:039 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:039 REFERRED

2019/08:041 MOTION

Local 97/Local 68

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

Whereas several thousand recipients of Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) attend Ontario post-secondary institutions either full time or part time, and so many or most are members of the Federation; and

Whereas the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has proposed to change the definition of disability for ODSP eligibility requirements; and

Whereas the change in definition of disability will likely “align with Federal guidelines,” such as the much more restricted definition of the Federal Canadian Pension Plan Disability benefit (CPP-D); and

Whereas this definition would likely exclude those who would otherwise qualify for ODSP at their first application or potentially at medical reviews; and

Whereas, those who are disqualified will have to revert to Ontario Works (OW) which provides 37% less income, strict rules regarding employment and uncertain supports for people with disabilities thus sinking poor people with disabilities deeper into poverty; and

Whereas many social service providers, doctors and nurses and allies of disabled people in Ontario have strongly protested this change in definition; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation issue a statement of support for those organizations lobbying to reverse the Ministry’s plan to change the definition of disability to a more restricted sense; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Premier, the Attorney General, the opposition leaders, and relevant opposition critics calling on the Government to maintain the current definition of disability for ODSP eligibility; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation support these aforementioned lobbying campaigns by reposting social media announcements and, if practical, offering in-kind support (such as photocopying or meeting spaces) to selected groups that advocate against the new ODSP definition of disability.

Be it further resolved that member locals, especially those with students on social assistance, be encouraged to do the same.

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

2019/08:042 MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:041 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:041 REFERRED

2019/08:043 MOTION

Local 97/Local 68

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

Whereas several thousand recipients of Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) attend Ontario post-secondary institutions either full time or part time, and so many or most are members of the Federation; and

Whereas the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has sensibly proposed to increase the earnings exemption for ODSP recipients from \$200 per month to \$6000 per year, which will allow those recipients earning between \$200 and \$500 per month to keep more of their earnings; and

Whereas earnings beyond \$6000 per year will see the matching value of ODSP benefits reduced by 75%, instead of the present rate of 50%. So for every extra \$1 earned, individuals will lose 75 cents of their ODSP benefit, and net 25 cents of earnings, which will create disincentives to work beyond \$6000 per year; and

Whereas the proposed change in disability definition may exclude recipients who earn beyond a certain amount, despite these revised ODSP earnings directives; and

Whereas Ontario Works recipients will be able to earn up to \$300 per month (instead of \$200 per month) without affecting their benefits, while for earnings above \$300, OW benefits will be withdrawn at a rate of 75 per cent, instead of the current rate of 50 per cent. So for every extra \$1 earned, individuals lose 75 cents of their OW amount, and net 25 cents on their earnings, thus creating a disincentive to work beyond the \$300 monthly exemption; and

Whereas many social service providers, advocates and allies of disabled people in Ontario support the proposed earnings exemptions but call for ODSP and OW claw backs to remain at 50% or less; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation issue a statement of support for those organizations lobbying to keep ODSP and OW recipient's earnings claw back to 50% or less; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Premier, the Attorney General, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the opposition leaders, and relevant opposition critics calling on the Government to maintain or reduce the current claw-back rate of 50%; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation support these lobbying campaigns by reposting social media announcements and, if practical, offering in-kind support (such as photocopying or meeting spaces) to selected groups that advocate against the 75% social assistance claw back; and

Be it further resolved that member locals, especially those with students on social assistance, be encouraged to do the same.

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

2019/08:044

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:043 be referred to the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:043

REFERRED

2019/08:045

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 97/Local 68

Whereas the Federation recently established a Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus as a Designated Caucus; and

Whereas the other three Designated Caucuses of the Federation, specifically Ontario Graduate Caucus, Northern Region Caucus, and Francophone and Bilingual Caucus have specific Operating Policies in addition to the general Operations Policy on Caucuses; and

Whereas it is desirable that a specific Operating Policy also be adopted for the new Part- Time and Continuing Education Caucus; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Operations Policy be adopted:

PART-TIME AND CONTINUING EDUCATION CAUCUS

Title

The caucus shall be known as the Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus (PTCEC), or Caucus des étudiantes et étudiants à temps partiel et de la formation professionnelle (CEETFPF) hereinafter called the Caucus.

Aims

The aims and purposes of the Caucus shall be:

- To promote the interests of its member part-time and continuing education constituencies to the provincial government and all other external authorities whose jurisdiction affects part-time and continuing education student affairs; and
- To act as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas between Ontario part-time and continuing education member associations.

Membership

a. Member Associations

Membership shall be available to all part-time and/or continuing education full member local associations and associate members of the Federation. Each full member local or associate member can have no more than one vote at Caucus meetings. Where more than one organization on any campus desires to be a member of Caucus, the bylaws of the Federation shall be followed.

i. Full Members

All part-time and continuing education students' unions and associations who pay full annual fees, as determined by the Federation are subsequently full members of the Caucus.

ii. Associate Members

All part-time and continuing education students' unions or associations who are prospective members of the Federation.

b. Student Members

Any person who is a Federation dues paying student member of a Caucus full member local shall be deemed a student member of the Caucus.

Any person who is a member of a Caucus Associate member student

association shall be deemed a student member of the Caucus

Rights and Privileges

Student members of the Caucus shall have the right to attend, speak and participate in Caucus meetings. Only full member local associations may move, second or vote on motions.

Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson

The duties of the Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson shall include:

- i. Representing the Caucus as a non-voting member of the Ontario Executive Committee;
- ii. Presenting a brief report at each Caucus meeting on activities of the Caucus since the previous meeting;
- iii. Coordinating and chairing Caucus meetings;
- iv. Liaising with relevant persons within the Federation such as the Executive Committee of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario and Federation staff;
- v. Lobbying and public relations on behalf of the Caucus;
- vi. Facilitating Caucus campaigns;
- vii. Maintaining good communications with members of the caucus; and
- viii. Other duties as requested from time to time by the Caucus.

Elections

- a. The Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson shall be elected at a Caucus Meeting to be held during the Annual General Meeting of CFS Ontario and shall take office at the close of the AGM.
- b. Voting shall be conducted by full member local associations. Each member full member local association is entitled to one vote.
- c. The Chief Returning Officer shall be elected prior to the elections at the AGM.
- d. In the event that the Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson resigns during their term, the Caucus may elect a new Chairperson. Two (2) weeks' written notice shall be given of a vacancy in the position and of intention to elect a new Chairperson.

Removal from Office

The Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson may be subject to impeachment proceedings only on receipt of a petition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Caucus. An impeachment hearing shall be held at the first meeting of the Caucus following receipt of the petition. Any executive member shall be impeached on a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all voting members of the Caucus following the impeachment hearing.

By-Laws

The Caucus may enact Bylaws to expand on, but not to contradict, the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

- a. Bylaws (and subsequent bylaw amendments) must be served with seven (7) days' notice and approved by simple majority vote of Caucus members present.
- b. Such bylaws enacted by the Caucus must be ratified at the next AGM

by a simple majority vote of the members present to remain in force.

Constitutional Amendments

- a. Only the AGM meetings shall have the authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution. Such amendments being enacted upon require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting.
- b. Amendments shall be presented in writing by the mover to the Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson two (2) weeks prior to the AGM for inclusion in the Agenda to be distributed to the Caucus membership.
- c. The Caucus refers to the Federation's Bylaws for all other policy and procedure.

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

2019/08:046

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:45 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:045

REFERRED

2019/08:047

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 98/Local 68

Whereas the Ontario Government's Student Choice Initiative (SCI) and cuts to education threaten the financial survival of the Federation by allowing individual students to opt-out of Federation funding; and

Whereas the SCI makes it more difficult for member locals to identify their total number of their student members and accurate, up-to-date lists of their current student members; and

Whereas adding a minimum number of petition signatures and voting quorum as additional options would help maintain stability and avoid costly lawsuits that would detract from the Federation's efforts to mobilize student resistance to the SCI; and

Whereas the Federation's Bylaw II, Section 1. a) vii states that "The students collectively belonging to a member local association have the right to have their interests represented collectively in the Federation through their member local association, but, for greater certainty, are not members of the Federation and accordingly will not have voting rights at Federation general meetings," which asks the question why a local member association, as the representative of their students and a member of the Federation, cannot trigger a referendum to decertify via a vote of their board of directors; and

Whereas becoming a prospective member of the Federation requires a vote of the local member association's board of directors as outlined in Bylaw II, Section 1. b) i. instead of a petition; and

Whereas providing an option for a local member association's Board of Directors vote in addition to a petition option to decertify would save both the Federation and local member associations money in administration and staffing costs to certify petition signatures, which could be especially beneficial given the SCI; and

Whereas General Meetings are the best way for local member associations to interact with their members in determining whether their student members want to

decertify; and

Whereas physical paper petitions are inaccessible to a variety of student demographics, including but not limited to students with disabilities, students who commute to campus, students in co-operative education programs, exchange students, students on exchange, and students enrolled solely in online courses; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw II be amended to read:

BYLAW II – MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership General Description – There is one (1) category of member of the Federation: local student associations representing individual students who have been admitted as members by the Federation (the “member local association”). Membership entails membership in the chartering organization, Canadian Federation of Students.
 - a. Membership Status – Full Membership
 - i. A local students’ association in Ontario is eligible to apply for full membership only if its members have approved full membership in a referendum held within the preceding nine (9) months. The referendum must have included approval of a membership fee totalling the Canadian Federation of Students fee, the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario fee, and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services fee
 - ii. The official wording for a referendum to join the Federation shall include only the following: - “Do you wish to become a member of the Canadian Federation of Students?”
 - iii. Full membership status becomes effective at such time as it is approved by: - The plenary of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario; or - The plenary of the Canadian Federation of Students.
 - iv. The Federation’s full membership fee for each member local association comprised exclusively of full-time students, or of both full and part-time students, shall be no less than \$2.50 per semester, or \$5.00 per academic year, per local association individual member, pro-rated as per the practice of the member local association with regard to the levying of its local association fee. The Federation’s full membership fee for each member local association comprised exclusively of part-time students, shall be no less than \$1.25 per semester, per local association individual member, pro-rated as per the practice of the member local association with regard to the levying of its local association fee.
 - v. Beginning in 1996, the Federation’s membership fee shall increase on August 1 each year by the rate of increase in the national Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar year.
 - vi. **Students collectively belonging to a member local association will have the authority to initiate, by petition signed by either fifteen per cent (15%) of the students or four-thousand (4000) students, whichever is less, and served to the Federation’s Executive Committee, a vote on decertification as described in this Bylaw,**

and that also entails a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students, subject to compliance with the Bylaws of the national chartering organization.

- vii. The member local association will additionally have the authority to initiate a vote on decertification as described in this Bylaw, and that also entails a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students, subject to compliance with the Bylaws of the national chartering organization. The member local association may choose to initiate a vote on decertification in three ways, through a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote at the member local association's Board of Directors, through a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of those present at a general meeting of the member local association, or through a simple majority of those who vote in a referendum compliant with the Bylaws and regulations of the member local association.**
- viii. The students collectively belonging to a member local association have the right to have their interests represented collectively in the Federation through their member local association, but, for greater certainty, are not members of the Federation and accordingly will not have voting rights at Federation general meetings.**

b. Membership Status – Prospective Membership

- i. A local students' association in Ontario is eligible to apply for prospective membership if it has passed a motion of its executive, council or equivalent representative body to apply for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.
- ii. Prospective membership status becomes effective at such time as it is approved by: Bylaw II – Membership Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario

The plenary of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario; or - The plenary of the Canadian Federation of Students.

- iii. The prospective membership fee for local associations is five percent (5%) of the Federation's full membership fee notwithstanding that the fee may be reduced or waived by a majority vote at an Ontario general meeting or the Executive Committee.
- iv. A prospective member association must hold a vote on certification in the Federation, in accordance with Section 3 of this Bylaw, within twelve (12) months following its acceptance as a prospective member unless an extension is granted by the Executive Committee of the Federation;
- v. In the event that the majority of those voting on certification support full membership in the Federation, full membership will be granted at the subsequent Ontario general meeting, at which point prospective membership shall cease;
- vi. In the event that the majority of those voting on certification oppose full membership in the Federation, prospective membership will immediately cease;
- vii. In the event that the vote on certification fails to achieve quorum,

prospective membership will be automatically extended and another vote on certification will be held within the subsequent six (6) months in accordance with Section 3 of this Bylaw; and

- viii. In the event that a prospective member local association fails to conduct a vote on certification as required by this Bylaw, the Federation shall have the option to either cancel or extend, by majority vote of a Ontario general meeting, the prospective membership until a vote on certification is conducted. There shall be a two (2) year waiting period between the expiration of prospective membership status before a subsequent prospective membership application will be accepted, unless waived by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a Federation general meeting.
- ix. A prospective member local association shall have full voting rights at general meetings and shall have the same access to Federation resources and materials.
- 2. Vote to Certify Students belonging to a prospective member local association may vote on becoming full members of the Federation, subject to the following rules and procedures:
 - a. Notice of a vote to become full members must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than one (1) month prior to the start of the voting.
 - b. Campaigning
 - i. Campaigning shall take place for no less than one (1) week and no greater than two (2) weeks preceding the vote during which time classes are in session, and on each and every day on which voting is to occur.
 - ii. Students and representatives of the member local association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of other Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.
 - iii. Campaign materials shall not be misleading, defamatory or false. The Chief Returning Officer shall be the sole arbiter of whether materials are misleading, defamatory or false.
 - c. Voting
 - i. Voting must be conducted by paper ballot and cannot be conducted in any other manner. Voting must take place at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the prospective member association or by mail-out ballot;
 - ii. There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting;
 - iii. In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting; and
 - iv. It shall be the responsibility of the member local association to obtain and provide to the Federation, no later than seven (7) days in advance of the vote, a list of all of the students eligible to participate in the vote.

If the member local associations is unable to obtain or provide such a list, voting shall be conducted through a double envelope system, whereby the ballot is placed in an unmarked envelope, which is placed in a second envelope, on which the voter writes their full name and student identification number. After voting ends the envelopes will be compared to a list of the students who are eligible to participate in the vote. Duplicate ballots and ballots cast by ineligible voters shall be discarded. Once the validity of the votes has been verified, the outer envelopes will then be separated from the unmarked inner envelopes and tabulated.

d. Quorum

In the event of a referendum conducted through paper ballot at polling stations, quorum for the vote shall be ten percent (10%) of the students of the local association, or four-thousand (4000) students of the local association, whichever is lower.

In the event of a vote conducted at a general meeting of the member association, quorum for the vote shall be that of the local member association, with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the votes required for a decision to certify.

e. Chief Returning Officer

For each vote to certify, a Chief Returning Officer shall be appointed in accordance with the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students. The Chief Returning

Officer shall oversee the referendum and be responsible for:

- i. Establishing the notice requirement for the referendum in accordance with the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students;
- ii. Establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 5.b of this Bylaw;
- iii. Approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 5.b of this Bylaw and removing campaign materials that have not been approved;
- iv. Deciding the number and location of polling stations;
- v. Setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 5.e of this Bylaw;
- vi. Overseeing all aspects of the voting;
- vii. Counting the ballots following the vote; and
- viii. Establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

f. Appeals

For each vote to certify, an Appeals Committee shall be appointed to adjudicate any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the Chief Returning Officer in accordance with the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students.

3. Application for Full and Prospective Membership

- a. Within sixty (60) days of receipt by the Executive Committee of the Federation of an application in writing for full and prospective membership, the Executive Committee shall consider the application

and make a recommendation to the member local associations of the Federation regarding the application.

- b. There shall be a vote of the member local associations of the Federation at the next general meeting on the question of approving a recommendation of the Ontario Executive Committee regarding an application for membership. A majority of at least two-thirds (2/3) shall be required to accept the application.

4. Vote to Decertify

A member local association may vote on whether to decertify in two ways, subject to the following rules and procedures:

a. Petition

- i. A petition calling for a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students– Ontario, that has been circulated, collected and submitted by individuals belonging to the member local association in question, and that is signed by a notary public, must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than six (6) months prior to the vote;
- ii. 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;
- iii. There shall be no more than two (2) votes on decertification in any three-month period. In the event that there are more than two (2) valid petitions calling for a vote on decertification during any three-month period, the Executive Committee shall: - Consider the petitions in the order in which they are received; and - Schedule alternate voting dates for the third and subsequent petitions that call for a vote on decertification within any three-month period.
- iv. The petition shall be worded as follows: “We the undersigned petition the Executive Committee of the Canadian Federation of Students– Ontario to conduct a vote on decertification from the Canadian Federation of Students–Ontario;”
- v. The original, unaltered petition must be delivered in its entirety. Petitions received that are not original copies, have been altered in any manner, or have been received by any means other than registered mail are not valid;
- vi. The petition must not contain any words or images, with the exception of those required by Bylaw II, Section 5.a., and those required indicating which fields a signatory must complete;
- vii. In order to be valid, a name on a petition must be reasonably legible, include the proper full name, be accompanied by a valid and corresponding student identification number and a unique signature;
- viii. The Executive Committee will have the sole authority to determine whether the petition described in Bylaw 2, Section 5.a. is in order; Bylaw II – Membership Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario
- ix. An individual member may request that her name be removed from a

petition. If the Executive Committee receives such a request in writing before the conclusion of the verification process of the petition, the name must be struck from the petition. The name shall not be included in the total number of names on the petition; and

- x. Failure to adhere to the petition provisions in Article 5 (a) shall invalidate the results of the vote.
- b. **Vote of the Local Member Association Board of Directors**
 - i. **A decision calling for a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario, that has been approved by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the local member association's Board of Directors, with a letter signed by legal counsel that witnessed the vote must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than six (6) months prior to the vote;**
 - ii. **The letter and decision must include either the decision to hold the vote at a general meeting, or 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;**
 - iii. **There shall be no more than two (2) votes on decertification in any three- month period. In the event that there are more than two (2) valid letters calling for a vote on decertification during any three-month period, the Executive Committee shall:**
 - **Consider the letters in the order in which they are received; and**
 - **Schedule alternate voting dates for the third and subsequent letters that call for a vote on decertification within any three-month period.**
 - iv. **The motion to vote on decertification at a local member association must include the wording as follows: "Be it resolved that the request from the Executive Committee of the Canadian Federation of Students- Ontario to conduct a vote on decertification from the Canadian Federation of Students- Ontario;"**
 - v. **The original, unaltered letter must be delivered in its entirety. Letters that are not original copies, have been altered in any manner, or have been received by any means other than registered mail are not valid.**
 - vi. **In order to be valid, the letter must contain an original signature from legal counsel and a representative of the local member association;**
 - vii. **The Executive Committee will have the sole authority to determine whether the petition described in Bylaw 2, Section 5.a. Is in order;**
 - viii. **Failure to adhere to the to the provisions in Article 5(a) shall invalidate the results of the vote.**
- c. **Campaigning shall take place for no less than one (1) week and no**

greater than two (2) weeks preceding the vote during which time classes are in session, and on each and every day on which voting is to occur; and

- i. Students and representatives of the member local association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of other Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.
- ii. Campaign materials shall not be misleading, defamatory or false. The Chief Returning Officer shall be the sole arbiter of whether materials are misleading, defamatory or false.

d. Voting

- i. Voting must be conducted by paper ballot and cannot be conducted in any other manner. Voting must take place at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the member association or by mail-out ballot.
- ii. In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting.
- iii. It shall be the responsibility of the member local association to obtain and provide to the Federation, no later than seven (7) days in advance of the vote, a list of all of the students eligible to participate in the vote. If the member local association is unable to obtain or provide such a list, voting shall be conducted through a double envelope system, whereby the ballot is placed in an unmarked envelope, which is placed in a second envelope, on which the voter writes their full name and student identification number. After voting ends, the envelopes will be compared to a list of the students who are eligible to participate in the vote. Duplicate ballots and ballots cast by ineligible voters shall be discarded. Once the validity of the votes has been verified, the outer envelopes will then be separated from the unmarked inner envelopes and tabulated.

e. Quorum

In the event of a referendum conducted through paper ballot at polling stations, quorum for the vote shall be ten percent (10%) of the students of the local association, or four-thousand (4000) students of the local association, whichever is lower.

In the event of a vote conducted at a general meeting of the member association, quorum for the vote shall be that of the local member association, with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the votes required for a decision to certify.

f. Chief Returning Officer

For each vote to decertify, a Chief Returning Officer shall be appointed in accordance with the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students. The Chief Returning Officer shall oversee the referendum and be responsible for:

- i. Establishing the notice requirement for the referendum in accordance with the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students;

- ii. Establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 5.b of this Bylaw.

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

2019/08:048

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:047 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:047

REFERRED

2019/08:049

MOTION TO AMEND ISSUES POLICY

Local 98/Local 68

Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are a valuable resource to spread the word about Federation victories, initiatives, and calls to action; and

Whereas the Ontario Government's Student Choice Initiative, cuts to education, and significant detrimental changes to OHIP+ require the Federation to mobilize student resistance and campaign for positive policy change; and

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

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

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

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

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

Be it resolved that the Issues Policies on Media be amended as follows:

MEDIA

Preamble

Independent student organizations on campus are vital to the creation of a vibrant community. Having a space where students can self-organize and create news is a necessary part of this community. The campus press allows for students to tell their own stories, challenge the decisions made by institutional decision-making structures, expose injustices on campus and inform the general student body about events organized on campus. The campus press can also empower students to become storytellers or journalists, and tell stories about their own communities that may be left out of the mainstream press. Student publications should be autonomous and offer a student-centered perspective that tends to be absent from university or college publications produced by administration

Policy

The Federation supports:

- Editorial autonomy of student publications;
- The fair remittance of student levies passed democratically that guarantee funding for student newspapers; and
- The Canadian University Press and their Statement of Principle.
- **Recognized student-led campus publications attending and reporting on General Meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students, including both the Opening and Closing Plenary, and all committee meetings, and excluding caucuses and constituency group meetings.**

The Federation opposes:

- Campus journalism that contravenes the Ontario Human Rights Code and/or contravenes the civil liberties/human rights policy of the Federation;
- Publications that are established and controlled by the campus administrations as an affront to independent newspapers on campus; and
- Interference in the collection or remittance of student levies for student media outlets by institutional administrations
- **Student Unions who infringe on the autonomy and integrity of recognized student-led campus publications**

It is recommended that this motion be considered by the Policy Review Development Committee.

2019/08:050

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:049 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:049

REFERRED

2019/08:051

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 98/Local 68

Whereas the effective dissemination of knowledge is vital to student empowerment; and

Whereas the current situation regarding the Ontario Government's cuts to education and significant detrimental changes to OHIP+ requires the Federation to mobilize student resistance; and

Whereas the Ontario Government's Student Choice Initiative makes communicating the relevance of the Federation vital to the Federation's existence; and

Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are a valuable resource to spread the word about Federation victories, initiatives, and calls to action; and

Whereas alienating recognized student-led campus publications may result in coverage that lacks sufficient perspectives and presents a less accurate depiction of events; and

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

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

Whereas restricting access to relevant information about the Federation's

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

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy on General Meetings on Media be amended to read:

GENERAL MEETINGS

Media

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

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

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

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

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

2019/08:052

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:051 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:051

REFERRED

2019/08:053

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 98/Local 68

Whereas the Federation has a need and responsibility to further communicate with its member locals and their members; and

Whereas recording discussion of items within the minute's leads to further transparency; and

Whereas recording discussion of items within the minutes leads to better institutional memory as to why decisions were made; and

Whereas a better institutional memory helps prevent unnecessary repetition and allows long-term progress to be made instead of stagnation; and

Whereas avoiding repetition saves the Federation time and money that could be

directed to advancing vital student causes; and

Whereas records of discussion are beneficial for those who could not attend meetings; and

Whereas the Federation has previously included records of discussions in their minutes; and

Whereas records of discussion help legitimize the Federation as a democratic body of student representation, which would help in the campaign to resist the Ontario Government's Student Choice Initiative and cuts to education and significant detrimental changes to OHIP+; and

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy be amended to add a section on Publication and Archiving of Minutes:

Publication and Archiving of Minutes

Minutes of each General Meeting's Open Plenary, Closing Plenary, and meetings of Committees of the Federation will be archived internally and posted on the Federation's website no later than sixty (60) days after the conclusion of said General Meeting.

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

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

2019/08:054

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:053 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:053

REFERRED

2019/08:055

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 98/Local 68

Whereas students from low-income families and/or backgrounds face significant barriers to education and in society as a whole; and

Whereas poverty is a global issue that needs to be alleviated; and Whereas the effects of poverty are intergenerational; and

Whereas the current Ontario Government is putting low-income students at risk through actions like cutting education funding, grants, and grace periods for paying back OSAP loans, as well as significant detrimental changes to OHIP+; and

Whereas low-income students have much to offer the Ontario student movement; and Whereas student poverty restricts the potential of the Ontario student movement; and

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy on Constituency Group be amended to read:

CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

Current Constituency Groups

The current Constituency Groups are:

- Women's Constituency Group
- Two-Spirit/Queer Constituency Group
- Students with Disabilities Constituency Group
- Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Constituency
- International Students Constituency Group
- Racialized Students Constituency Group
- Mature Students Constituency Group
- **Low Income Students Constituency Group**
- Two-Spirit/Trans Spectrum Constituency Group

Constituency Groups Rights Terms of Reference

h. The Low-Income Students Constituency Group

i. Name

The organization shall be known as the **Low-Income Students Constituency Group**.

ii. Objectives

The objectives of the Constituency Group shall be:

- To accept the principles and purposes of the Federation;
- To promote communication and co-operation between low-income student groups in postsecondary education institutions across Ontario;
- To promote communication and co-operation between low-income student groups in postsecondary education institutions across Ontario;
- To act as an agent of social change as defined by low-income students who are present at a General Meeting of the Federation;
- To provide a forum for low-income student issues and concerns;
- To represent low-income student issues and concerns within the Federation;
- To facilitate communication between low-income students, and other student groups; and
- To play a role in the recruitment of eventual low-income student membership.

iii. Membership

Membership of the constituency group shall include all students that define themselves as low-income students including, but not limited to, those students who have been out of school for three or more years, students with dependents and/or students over the age of twenty-three (23) who are delegates at general meetings of the Federation. This membership shall participate and vote at all meetings of the Federation. This membership shall participate and vote at all meetings of the Constituency Group. Subject to

ratification by the Constituency Group, this Constituency Group may also include students who are nondelegate representatives of member or non- member associations.

iv. Rights and Privileges of Members

Members of the Constituency Group have the following rights and privileges:

- **To attend any meeting of this Constituency Group and to speak to any matter or motion that may arise. The remaining rights and privileges of members, including but not limited to the right to elect a Commissioner and the right to vote at a Constituency Group meeting shall be determined by the Constituency Group.**
- v. Meetings of the constituency group may take place at any general meeting of the Federation at which members of the Constituency are present. Meetings of the Constituency Group shall be announced by word of mouth and/or by print.**
- vi. The Low-Income Students Constituency Group Commissioner shall be elected by and from the membership of the Low-Income Students Constituency Group at the Annual General Meeting. The term of office of the Low-Income Students Constituency Group Commissioner shall commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected and shall expire at the close of the subsequent Annual General Meeting.**

vii. Duties of the Commissioner

The duties of the commissioner shall be:

- **To act as the spokesperson of the Low-Income Students Constituency Group on issues of concern to the Constituency Group;**
- **To implement campaigns as determined by the Constituency Group; and**
- **To communicate with the Federation's Ontario office, the Executive Committee, the constituency group commissioners, participants at General Meetings, and member associations on issues of the Constituency Group.**

h. Council of Constituency Representatives (CCR)

i. The Council

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

ii. Composition

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

- a. Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Commissioner**
- b. Ontario Disability Students Constituency Commissioner**
- c. Ontario International Students Constituency Commissioner**

- **Ontario Low-Income Students Constituency Commissioner**
- Ontario Mature Students Constituency Commissioner
- Ontario Two-Spirit/Queer Students Constituency Commissioner
- Ontario Two-Spirit/Trans Students Constituency Commissioner
- Ontario Racialized Constituency Commissioner
- Ontario Women's Constituency Commissioner
- Ontario Constituency Coordinator

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

- Ontario Chairperson
- Ontario National Executive Representative
- Ontario Treasurer

iii. Number of votes Each council representative shall have one (1) vote.

iv. Terms of Office of the Council

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

v. Meeting of the Council

a. Frequency of Meetings

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

b. Quorum

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

c. Notice of Meeting

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

d. Calling a Meeting

The Council meeting shall be formally scheduled by:

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

vi. Election of the Constituency Council Representatives

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

ratification of the results.

vii. Filling a vacancy of a Council Representative

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

viii. Eligibility

a. A nominee for a position as a Council Representative must be a member of the Federation.

b. A nominee for the position must be a delegate at the Ontario Component General Meeting at which the position is being filled.

c. A nominee for the position must be nominated by at least two delegates from which constituency group they are running to get elected from.

ix. Voting Procedure

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

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

x. Remuneration of Council Representatives

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

xi. Code of Ethics

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

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

2019/08:056

MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:055 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:055

REFERRED

2019/08:057

MOTION

Ontario Executive Committee/Local 68

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

Be it resolved that Grant Thornton be reappointed as the Federations' auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

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

2019/08:058 MOTION TO REFER

Be it resolved that motion 2019/08:057 be referred to the Budget Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:057 REFERRED

13. PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee provided a presentation detailing the work of the Federation undertaken since the previous General Meeting.

2019/08:059 MOTION TO ACCEPT

Local 78/Local 105

Be it resolved that the Ontario Executive Report be accepted.

CARRIED

14. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Lai provided logistical announcements.

16. RECESS

2019/08:060 MOTION TO RECESS

Local 68/Local 32

Be it resolved that the meeting is recessed until 9:00 am on Sunday August 18, 2019.

CARRIED

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CALL TO ORDER – Sunday August 18, 2019

Weiler called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Elder Winnie and Ceremonial Space Coordinator, Jaime Kearns provided closing remarks.

Closing Plenary Speaker, Gayle McFadden introduced herself.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 1	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Absent
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Union	Present
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Student Union	Present
Local 27	Queen's University Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 48	University of Windsor Graduate Students' Society	Absent
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	Present
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	Absent
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 93	Glendon College Student Union	Present
Local 94	University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 97	Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto	Present
Local 98	University of Toronto Students' Union	Present
Local 99	Scarborough Campus Students' Union at the University of Toronto	Present
Local 102	Brock University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 105	Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson	Present
Local 106	Organization of Part-Time University Students, University of Windsor	Present
Local 109	University of Toronto at Mississauga Students' Union	Present
Local 110	Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association	Proxy
Local 112	Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège Boréal	Proxy
Local 114	L'Association des étudiant-e-s de l'Université de Hearst	Absent

McFadden announced that quorum has been met to continue the meeting.

2. BUSINESS TABLED FROM OPENING PLENARY

There was no business tabled from opening plenary.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

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Jean-Baptiste presented the Budget Committee report for consideration by the plenary.

2019/08:061 MOTION

Local 32/Local 25

Be it resolved that the 2019-2020 budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2019/08:057 MOTION

Local 105/Local 71

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

Be it resolved that Grant Thornton be reappointed as the Federations' auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Weiler presented the Organizational and Services Development Committee report for consideration by the plenary.

2019/08:062 MOTION TO OMNIBUS

Local 97/Local 106

Be it resolved that motions referred to the Organizational and Services Development be carried with the exception of 2019/08:047, 2019/08:051, 2019/08:053, and 2019/08:055, 2019/08:037 which will be further discussed.

CARRIED

2019/08:047 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 105/Local 106

Whereas the Ontario Government's Student Choice Initiative (SCI) and cuts to education threaten the financial survival of the Federation by allowing individual students to opt-out of Federation funding; and

Whereas the SCI makes it more difficult for member locals to identify their total number of their student members and accurate, up-to-date lists of their current student members; and

Whereas adding a minimum number of petition signatures and voting quorum as additional options would help maintain stability and avoid costly lawsuits that would detract from the Federation's efforts to mobilize student resistance to the SCI; and

Whereas the Federation's Bylaw II, Section 1. a) vii states that "The students collectively belonging to a member local association have the right to have their interests represented collectively in the Federation through their member local association, but, for greater certainty, are not members of the Federation and accordingly will not have voting rights at Federation general meetings," which asks the question why a local member association, as the representative of their students and a member of the Federation, cannot trigger a referendum to decertify via a vote of their board of directors; and

Whereas becoming a prospective member of the Federation requires a vote of the local member association's board of directors as outlined in

Bylaw II, Section 1. b) i. instead of a petition; and

Whereas providing an option for a local member association's Board of Directors vote in addition to a petition option to decertify would save both the Federation and local member associations money in administration and staffing costs to certify petition signatures, which could be especially beneficial given the SCI; and

Whereas General Meetings are the best way for local member associations to interact with their members in determining whether their student members want to decertify; and

Whereas physical paper petitions are inaccessible to a variety of student demographics, including but not limited to students with disabilities, students who commute to campus, students in co-operative education programs, exchange students, students on exchange, and students enrolled solely in online courses; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw II be amended to read:

BYLAW II – MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership General Description – There is one (1) category of member of the Federation: local student associations representing individual students who have been admitted as members by the Federation (the "member local association"). Membership entails membership in the chartering organization, Canadian Federation of Students.

a. Membership Status – Full Membership

i. A local students' association in Ontario is eligible to apply for full membership only if its members have approved full membership in a referendum held within the preceding nine (9) months. The referendum must have included approval of a membership fee totalling the Canadian Federation of Students fee, the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario fee, and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services fee.

ii. The official wording for a referendum to join the Federation shall include only the following: - "Do you wish to become a member of the Canadian Federation of Students?"

iii. Full membership status becomes effective at such time as it is approved by: - The plenary of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario; or - The plenary of the Canadian Federation of Students.

iv. The Federation's full membership fee for each member local association comprised exclusively of full-time students, or of both full and part-time students, shall be no less than \$2.50 per semester, or \$5.00 per academic year, per local association individual member, pro-rated as per the practice of the member local association with regard to the levying of its local association fee. The Federation's full membership fee for each member local association comprised exclusively of part-time students, shall be no less than \$1.25 per semester, per local association individual member, pro-rated as per the practice of the member local association with regard to the levying of its local association fee.

v. Beginning in 1996, the Federation's membership fee shall increase on August 1 each year by the rate of increase in the national Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar year.

vi. Students collectively belonging to a member local association will have the authority to initiate, by petition signed by either fifteen per cent (15%) of the students or four-thousand (4,000) students, whichever is less, and served to the Federation's Executive Committee, a vote on decertification as described in this Bylaw, and that also entails a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students, subject to compliance with the Bylaws of the national chartering organization.

vii. The member local association will additionally have the authority to initiate a vote on decertification as described in this Bylaw, and that also entails a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students, subject to compliance with the Bylaws of the national chartering organization. The member local association may choose to initiate a vote on decertification in three ways, through a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote at the member local association's Board of Directors, through a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of those present at a general meeting of the member local association, or through a simple majority of those who vote in a referendum compliant with the Bylaws and regulations of the member local association.

viii. The students collectively belonging to a member local association have the right to have their interests represented collectively in the Federation through their member local association, but, for greater certainty, are not members of the Federation and accordingly will not have voting rights at Federation general meetings.

b. Membership Status – Prospective Membership

i. A local students' association in Ontario is eligible to apply for prospective membership if it has passed a motion of its executive, council or equivalent representative body to apply for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.

ii. Prospective membership status becomes effective at such time as it is approved by: Bylaw II – Membership Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario - The plenary of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario; or - The plenary of the Canadian Federation of Students.

iii. The prospective membership fee for local associations is five percent (5%) of the Federation's full membership fee notwithstanding that the fee may be reduced or waived by a majority vote at an Ontario general meeting or the Executive Committee.

iv. A prospective member association must hold a vote on certification in the Federation, in accordance with Section 3 of this Bylaw, within twelve (12) months following its acceptance as a prospective member unless an extension is granted by the Executive Committee of the Federation;

v. In the event that the majority of those voting on certification support full membership in the Federation, full membership will be granted at the subsequent Ontario general meeting, at which point prospective membership shall cease;

vi. In the event that the majority of those voting on certification oppose full membership in the Federation, prospective membership will immediately cease;

vii. In the event that the vote on certification fails to achieve quorum, prospective membership will be automatically extended and another vote on certification will be held within the subsequent six (6) months in accordance with Section 3 of this Bylaw; and

viii. In the event that a prospective member local association fails to conduct a vote on certification as required by this Bylaw, the Federation shall have the option to either cancel or extend, by majority vote of a Ontario general meeting, the prospective membership until a vote on certification is conducted. There shall be a two (2) year waiting period between the expiration of prospective membership status before a subsequent prospective membership application will be accepted, unless waived by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a Federation general meeting.

ix. A prospective member local association shall have full voting rights at general meetings and shall have the same access to Federation resources and materials.

2. Vote to Certify Students belonging to a prospective member local association may vote on becoming full members of the Federation, subject to the following rules and procedures:

a. Notice of a vote to become full members must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than one (1) month prior to the start of the voting.

b. Campaigning

i. Campaigning shall take place for no less than one (1) week and no greater than two (2) weeks preceding the vote during which time classes are in session, and on each and every day on which voting is to occur.

ii. Students and representatives of the member local association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of other Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.

iii. Campaign materials shall not be misleading, defamatory or false. The Chief Returning Officer shall be the sole arbiter of whether materials are misleading, defamatory or false.

c. Voting

i. Voting must be conducted by paper ballot and cannot be conducted in any other manner. Voting must take place at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the prospective member association or by mail-out ballot;

ii. There shall be no less than sixteen (16) hours of polling over no less than two (2) days, except in the case of voting being conducted at a general meeting;

iii. In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting; and

iv. It shall be the responsibility of the member local association to obtain and provide to the Federation, no later than seven (7) days in advance of the vote, a list of all of the students eligible to participate in the vote. If the member local associations is unable to obtain or provide such a list, voting shall be conducted through a double envelope system, whereby the ballot is placed in an unmarked envelope, which is placed in a second envelope, on which the voter writes their full name and student identification number. After voting ends the envelopes will be compared to a list of the students who are eligible to participate in the vote. Duplicate ballots and ballots cast by ineligible voters shall be discarded. Once the validity of the votes has been verified, the outer envelopes will then be separated from the unmarked inner envelopes and tabulated.

d. Quorum

In the event of a referendum conducted through paper ballot at polling stations, quorum for the vote shall be ten percent (10%) of the students of the local association, or four-thousand (4,000) students of the local association, whichever is lower.

In the event of a vote conducted at a general meeting of the member association, quorum for the vote shall be that of the local member association, with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the votes required for a decision to certify.

e. Chief Returning Officer

For each vote to certify, a Chief Returning Officer shall be appointed in accordance with the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students. The Chief Returning

Officer shall oversee the referendum and be responsible for:

i. Establishing the notice requirement for the referendum in accordance with the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students;

ii. Establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 5.b of this Bylaw;

iii. Approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 5.b of this Bylaw

and removing campaign materials that have not been approved;

iv. Deciding the number and location of polling stations;

v. Setting the hours of voting in accordance with Section 5.e of this Bylaw;

- vi. Overseeing all aspects of the voting;
- vii. Counting the ballots following the vote; and
- viii. Establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

f. Appeals

For each vote to certify, an Appeals Committee shall be appointed to adjudicate any appeals of the referendum results or rulings by the Chief Returning Officer in accordance with the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students.

3. Application for Full and Prospective Membership

- a. Within sixty (60) days of receipt by the Executive Committee of the Federation of an application in writing for full and prospective membership, the Executive Committee shall consider the application and make a recommendation to the member local associations of the Federation regarding the application.
- b. There shall be a vote of the member local associations of the Federation at the next general meeting on the question of approving a recommendation of the Ontario Executive Committee regarding an application for membership. A majority of at least two-thirds (2/3) shall be required to accept the application.

4. Vote to Decertify

A member local association may vote on whether to decertify in two ways, subject to the following rules and procedures:

a. Petition

- i. A petition calling for a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students– Ontario, that has been circulated, collected and submitted by individuals belonging to the member local association in question, and that is signed by a notary public, must be delivered by registered mail to the head office of the Federation not less than six (6) months prior to the vote;
- ii. 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;
- iii. There shall be no more than two (2) votes on decertification in any three-month period. In the event that there are more than two (2) valid petitions calling for a vote on decertification during any three-month period, the Executive Committee shall: - Consider the petitions in the order in which they are received; and - Schedule alternate voting dates for the third and subsequent petitions that call for a vote on decertification within any three-month period.
- iv. The petition shall be worded as follows: “We the undersigned petition the Executive Committee of the Canadian Federation of

Students–Ontario to conduct a vote on decertification from the Canadian Federation of Students–Ontario;”

v. The original, unaltered petition must be delivered in its entirety. Petitions received that are not original copies, have been altered in any manner, or have been received by any means other than registered mail are not valid;

vi. The petition must not contain any words or images, with the exception of those required by Bylaw II, Section 5.a., and those required indicating which fields a signatory must complete;

vii. In order to be valid, a name on a petition must be reasonably legible, include the proper full name, be accompanied by a valid and corresponding student identification number and a unique signature;

viii. The Executive Committee will have the sole authority to determine whether the petition described in Bylaw 2, Section 5.a. is in order; Bylaw II – Membership Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario

ix. An individual member may request that her name be removed from a petition. If the Executive Committee receives such a request in writing before the conclusion of the verification process of the petition, the name must be struck from the petition. The name shall not be included in the total number of names on the petition; and

x. Failure to adhere to the petition provisions in Article 5 (a) shall invalidate the results of the vote.

b. Vote of the Local Member Association Board of Directors

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

ii. The letter and decision must include either the decision to hold the vote at a general meeting, or 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;

iii. There shall be no more than two (2) votes on decertification in any three-month period. In the event that there are more than two (2) valid letters calling for a vote on decertification during any three-month period, the Executive Committee shall:

- Consider the letters in the order in which they are received; and

- Schedule alternate voting dates for the third and subsequent letters that call for a vote on decertification

within any three-month period.

iv. The motion to vote on decertification at a local member association must include the wording as follows: “Be it resolved that the _____ request from the Executive Committee of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario to conduct a vote on decertification from the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario;”

v. The original, unaltered letter must be delivered in its entirety. Letters that are not original copies, have been altered in any manner, or have been received by any means other than registered mail are not valid.

vi. In order to be valid, the letter must contain an original signature from legal counsel and a representative of the local member association;

vii. The Executive Committee will have the sole authority to determine whether the petition described in Bylaw 2, Section 5.a. Is in order;

viii. Failure to adhere to the to the provisions in Article 5(a) shall invalidate the results of the vote.

c. Campaigning

i. Campaigning shall take place for no less than one (1) week and no greater than two (2) weeks preceding the vote during which time classes are in session, and on each and every day on which voting is to occur; and

ii. Students and representatives of the member local association, representatives of the Federation and representatives of other Federation member local associations shall be permitted to participate in the campaign.

iii. Campaign materials shall not be misleading, defamatory or false. The Chief Returning Officer shall be the sole arbiter of whether materials are misleading, defamatory or false.

d. Voting

i. Voting must be conducted by paper ballot and cannot be conducted in any other manner. Voting must take place at voting stations or, subject to the agreement of the Federation, at a general meeting of the member association or by mail-out ballot.

ii. In the event that polling is conducted at a general meeting, representatives of the Federation and Federation member local associations shall be extended full speaking rights in the meeting.

iii. It shall be the responsibility of the member local association to obtain and provide to the Federation, no later than seven (7) days in advance of the vote, a list of all of the students eligible to participate in the vote. If the member local association is unable to obtain or provide such a list, voting shall be conducted through a double envelope system, whereby the ballot is placed in an unmarked envelope, which is placed in a second envelope, on

which the voter writes their full name and student identification number. After voting ends, the envelopes will be compared to a list of the students who are eligible to participate in the vote. Duplicate ballots and ballots cast by ineligible voters shall be discarded. Once the validity of the votes has been verified, the outer envelopes will then be separated from the unmarked inner envelopes and tabulated.

e. Quorum

In the event of a referendum conducted through paper ballot at polling stations, quorum for the vote shall be ten percent (10%) of the students of the local association, or four-thousand (4,000) students of the local association, whichever is lower.

In the event of a vote conducted at a general meeting of the member association, quorum for the vote shall be that of the local member association, with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the votes required for a decision to certify.

f. Chief Returning Officer

For each vote to decertify, a Chief Returning Officer shall be appointed in accordance with the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students. The Chief Returning Officer shall oversee the referendum and be responsible for:

- i. Establishing the notice requirement for the referendum in accordance with the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students;
- ii. Establishing the campaign period in accordance with Section 5.b of this Bylaw.

2019/08:063

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 98/Local 27

Be it resolved that the following points be amended to read:

vi. Students collectively belonging to a member local association will have the authority to initiate, by petition signed by either fifteen per cent (15%) of the students or four thousand (4000) five thousand (5000) students, whichever is less, and served to the Federation's Executive Committee, a vote on decertification as described in this Bylaw, and that also entails a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students, subject to compliance with the Bylaws of the national chartering organization.

vii. The member local association will additionally have the authority to initiate a vote on decertification as described in this Bylaw, and that also entails a vote on decertification in the Canadian Federation of Students, subject to compliance with the Bylaws of the national chartering organization. The member local association may choose to initiate a vote on decertification in two ways, through a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote at the member local association's

Board of Directors, through a ¾ majority of those present at a general meeting of the member local association, or through a simple majority of those who vote in a referendum compliant with the Bylaws and regulations of the member local association.

DEFEATED

2019/08:047

DEFEATED

2019/08:051

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 98/Local 97

Whereas the effective dissemination of knowledge is vital to student empowerment; and

Whereas the current situation regarding the Ontario Government's cuts to education and significant detrimental changes to OHIP+ requires the Federation to mobilize student resistance; and

Whereas the Ontario Government's Student Choice Initiative makes communicating the relevance of the Federation vital to the Federation's existence; and

Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are a valuable resource to spread the word about Federation victories, initiatives, and calls to action; and

Whereas alienating recognized student-led campus publications may result in coverage that lacks sufficient perspectives and presents a less accurate depiction of events; and

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

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

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

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy on General Meetings on Media be amended to read:

GENERAL MEETINGS

Media

The Federation shall allow one English and one French representative from the Ontario Bureau of the Canadian University Press **and recognized student-led campus publications** to attend and observe

General Meetings upon agreement to the following conditions:

- Media shall be allowed to observe plenary sessions and workshops, but shall not have speaking rights during such sessions;

- **Media shall be allowed to cover plenary sessions,**

workshops, and committees of the Federation in any manner with the exception of audio or video recordings; and

- Media shall not be permitted to cover meetings of caucuses and constituency groups;

- Media shall be allowed to interview willing delegates in a way that does not distract from delegate participation.

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

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

2019/08:064 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 68/Local 93

- Media shall be allowed to cover plenary sessions **and** workshops, and committees of the Federation in any manner with the exception of audio or video recordings; and

CARRIED

2019/08:065 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 78/Local 93

- Media shall be allowed to cover plenary sessions **and** workshops, and committees of the Federation in any manner with the exception of audio or video recordings; and

CARRIED

2019/08:066 MOTION TO RECESS
Local 1/Local 62

Be it resolved that the plenary recessed for 15 minutes.

CARRIED

Plenary recessed at 11:42 a.m.

Plenary rejoined at 12:03 p.m.

2019/08:067 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 85/Local 93

Outside of plenary sessions to create moments that are exclusively reserved to the media where we can mention issues that are beneficial for the greater audience and our cause.

DEFEATED

2019/08:051 CARRIED

2019/08:053 MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY
Local 98/Local 27

Whereas the Federation has a need and responsibility to further communicate with its member locals and their members; and

Whereas recording discussion of items within the minute's leads to

further transparency; and

Whereas recording discussion of items within the minute's leads to better institutional memory as to why decisions were made; and

Whereas a better institutional memory helps prevent unnecessary repetition and allows long-term progress to be made instead of stagnation; and

Whereas avoiding repetition saves the Federation time and money that could be directed to advancing vital student causes; and

Whereas records of discussion are beneficial for those who could not attend meetings; and

Whereas the Federation has previously included records of discussions in their minutes; and

Whereas records of discussion help legitimize the Federation as a democratic body of student representation, which would help in the campaign to resist the Ontario Government's Student Choice Initiative and cuts to education and significant detrimental changes to OHIP+; and

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy be amended to add a section on Publication and Archiving of Minutes:

Publication and Archiving of Minutes

Minutes of each General Meeting's Open Plenary, Closing Plenary, and meetings of Committees of the Federation will be archived internally and posted on the Federation's website no later than sixty (60) days after the conclusion of said General Meeting.

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

2019/08:068

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 97/Local 49

Be it resolved that Publication and Archiving of Minutes be amended to read:

Publication and Archiving of Minutes

Minutes of each General Meeting's Open Plenary, Closing Plenary, and meetings of Committees of the Federation will be archived internally and posted on the Federation's website no later than sixty (60) days after the conclusion of said General Meeting General Meeting at which the minutes were approved.

CARRIED

2019/08:069

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 27/Local 47

Minutes of each General Meeting's Open Plenary, Closing Plenary, and meetings of Committees of the Federation will be archived internally and posted on the Federation's website no later than (60) days thirty (30) days after the conclusion of General Meeting at which the minutes were approved.

CARRIED

2019/08:070

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 78/Local 82

Minutes of each General Meeting's Open Plenary and Closing Plenary, and meetings of Committees of the Federation will be archived internally and posted on the Federation's website no later than thirty (30) days after the conclusion of General Meeting at which the minutes were approved.

CARRIED

2019/08:053

CARRIED

2019/08:055

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 98/Local 105

Whereas students from low-income families and/or backgrounds face significant barriers to education and in society as a whole; and

Whereas poverty is a global issue that needs to be alleviated; and

Whereas the effects of poverty are intergenerational; and

Whereas the current Ontario Government is putting low-income students at risk through actions like cutting education funding, grants, and grace periods for paying back OSAP loans, as well as significant detrimental changes to OHIP+; and

Whereas low-income students have much to offer the Ontario student movement; and

Whereas student poverty restricts the potential of the Ontario student movement; and

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy on Constituency Group be amended to read:

CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

Current Constituency Groups

The current Constituency Groups are:

- Women's Constituency Group
- Two-Spirit/Queer Constituency Group
- Students with Disabilities Constituency Group
- Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Constituency
- International Students Constituency Group
- Racialized Students Constituency Group
- Mature Students Constituency Group
- **Low Income Students Constituency Group**
- Two-Spirit/Trans Spectrum Constituency Group

Constituency Groups Rights

Terms of Reference

h. The Low-Income Students Constituency Group

i. Name

The organization shall be known as the Low-Income Students Constituency Group.

ii. Objectives

The objectives of the Constituency Group shall be:

- To accept the principles and purposes of the Federation;**
- To promote communication and co-operation between low-income student groups in postsecondary education institutions across Ontario;**
- To promote communication and co-operation between low-income student groups in postsecondary education institutions across Ontario;**
- To act as an agent of social change as defined by low-income students who are present at a General Meeting of the Federation;**
- To provide a forum for low-income student issues and concerns;**
- To represent low-income student issues and concerns within the Federation;**
- To facilitate communication between low-income students, and other student groups; and**
- To play a role in the recruitment of eventual low-income student membership.**

iii. Membership

Membership of the constituency group shall include all students that define themselves as low-income students including, but not limited to, those students who have been out of school for three or more years, students with dependents and/or students over the age of twenty-three (23) who are delegates at general meetings of the Federation. This membership shall participate and vote at all meetings of the Federation. This membership shall participate and vote at all meetings of the Constituency Group. Subject to ratification by the Constituency Group, this Constituency Group may also include students who are nondelegate representatives of member or non-member associations.

iv. Rights and Privileges of Members

Members of the Constituency Group have the following rights and privileges:

- To attend any meeting of this Constituency Group and to speak to any matter or motion that may arise. The remaining rights and privileges of members, including but not limited to the right to elect a Commissioner and the right to vote at a Constituency Group meeting shall be determined by the Constituency Group.**

v. Meetings of the constituency group may take place at any general meeting of the Federation at which members of the Constituency are present. Meetings of the Constituency Group shall be announced by word of mouth and/or by print.

vi. The Low-Income Students Constituency Group Commissioner shall be elected by and from the membership of the Low-Income Students Constituency Group at the Annual General Meeting. The term of office of the Low-Income Students Constituency Group Commissioner shall commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected and shall expire at the close of the subsequent Annual General Meeting.

vii. Duties of the Commissioner

The duties of the commissioner shall be:

- To act as the spokesperson of the Low-Income Students Constituency Group on issues of concern to the Constituency Group;
- To implement campaigns as determined by the Constituency Group; and
- To communicate with the Federation's Ontario office, the Executive Committee, the constituency group commissioners, participants at General Meetings, and member associations on issues of the Constituency Group.

h. Council of Constituency Representatives (CCR)

i. The Council

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

ii. Composition

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

- Ontario Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Commissioner
- Ontario Disability Students Constituency Commissioner
- Ontario International Students Constituency Commissioner
- **Ontario Low-Income Students Constituency Commissioner**
- Ontario Mature Students Constituency Commissioner
- Ontario Two-Spirit/Queer Students Constituency Commissioner
- Ontario Two-Spirit/Trans Students Constituency Commissioner
- Ontario Racialized Constituency Commissioner
- Ontario Women's Constituency Commissioner
- Ontario Constituency Coordinator

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

- Ontario Chairperson
- Ontario National Executive Representative
- Ontario Treasurer

iii. Number of votes Each council representative shall have one (1) vote.

iv. Terms of Office of the Council

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

v. Meeting of the Council

a. Frequency of Meetings

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

b. Quorum

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

c. Notice of Meeting

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

d. Calling a Meeting

The Council meeting shall be formally scheduled by:

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

vi. Election of the Constituency Council Representatives

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

vii. Filling a vacancy of a Council Representative

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

viii. Eligibility

- a. A nominee for a position as a Council Representative must be a

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member of the Federation.

b. A nominee for the position must be a delegate at the Ontario Component General Meeting at which the position is being filled.

c. A nominee for the position must be nominated by at least two delegates from which constituency group they are running to get elected from.

ix. Voting Procedure

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

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

x. Remuneration of Council Representatives

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

xi. Code of Ethics

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

2019/08:055 DEFEATED

Plenary recessed at 1:03 p.m.

Plenary rejoined at 2:03 p.m.

2019/08:037 MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 106/ Local 30

Whereas the Student Choice initiative will likely result in a significant loss of funding for the CFS-Ontario; and

Whereas this calls for fiscal restraint; and

Whereas Federation fees have been deemed "non-essential" at the majority, if not all, post-secondary institutions, resulting in no guarantee of funding from members at those institutions; and

Whereas many, if not all, member locals have had at least a portion of their fees deemed "essential", guaranteeing at least some level of funding; and

Whereas, Annual General Meetings are a significant cost for the Federation; and

Whereas the maximum charge for delegate fees has not increased for several years, while costs have risen; and

Whereas the gender parity rebate has also not increased for several

years; therefore

Be it resolved that the pertinent section of the Operations Policy on General Meetings on the maximum amount for Delegate Fees be amended to read:

Delegate fees will not exceed \$400 **\$600** including meals, accommodation, the childcare fund and the accessibility fund.

Be it further resolved that the pertinent section of the Operations Policy on General Meetings on the gender parity rebate for Delegate Fees be amended to read:

\$100.00 **\$200.00** will be subtracted from the delegate fees of a member school whose delegation achieves at least fifty percent (50%) representation by women and/or **two-spirit/trans spectrum students**.

2019/08:071

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 27/Local 98

Delegate fees will not exceed **\$400** including meals, accommodation, the childcare fund and the accessibility fund.

CARRIED

2019/08:072

MOTION TO REFER

Local 68/Local 54

Motion to refer to the Ontario Executive Committee.

CARRIED

2019/08:037

REFERRED

2019/08:013

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS AND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 105/Local 93

Whereas at the recent National General Meeting a resolution was adopted to have one annual general meeting between October and December; and

Whereas the Student Choice Initiative presents challenges for predictable revenue for students' unions as well as the Federation; and

Whereas the Corporations Act requires organizations to have a minimum of one annual general meeting a year; and

Whereas several labour unions across the province have a minimum of one annual meeting in any given year; therefore

Be it resolved that the Bylaws (III. 1.b, III. 3.a.i, III.4, VII. 3.a, VII. 6.c, VIII.1, VIII.6, VIII.7, VIII.8, XX.a and XX.c) and the Operations policies listed below that apply to the Annual General Meeting of the Federation be amended;

Bylaw III - Meetings of the Federation

1.Meetings

b. Semi-Annual General Meeting

The Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall be held in the months of November or January or February. The

time and location of each meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Bylaw III - Meetings of the Federation

3. Miscellaneous

a. Notice

i. At least eight (8) weeks' notice of the Annual General Meeting and Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall be given to each member association.

Bylaw III - Meetings of the Federation

4. Quorum

Fifty percent (50%) plus one of the member associations shall constitute quorum for Annual and Semi-Annual General Meetings of the Federation, and forty percent (40%) of member associations shall constitute quorum of emergency meetings.

Bylaw VII – Executive Committee

3. Term of Office of the Executive Committee

The term of office for the positions on the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

a. The terms of office of the Ontario Chairperson, Ontario Component Representative on the National Executive, and the Ontario Treasurer shall be one (1) year commencing June 1 and expiring May 31. **May 1 and expiring April 30.**

Bylaw VII – Executive Committee

6. Remuneration of Executive Committee Members

Remuneration for positions on the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

c. All other positions shall receive such amounts as may be decided by a special resolution.

Bylaw VIII – Election of Executive Committee

1. Election of the Ontario Chairperson, Ontario National Executive Representative and the Ontario Treasurer shall be elected by secret ballot vote of the plenary at the Ontario Component Semi-Annual General Meeting.

Bylaw VIII – Election of Executive Committee

6. By-Elections for At-Large Positions

A by-election shall be held at each general meeting to fill all vacancies for at-large positions that are created should an at-large Executive Committee member fail to fulfil their term of office.

- a. By-elections for the Ontario Chairperson, Ontario National Executive Representative and Ontario Treasurer shall be done by a secret ballot vote of the plenary at general meeting.
- b. By-elections for the Ontario Constituency Coordinator shall be elected by a secret ballot vote of the Constituency Commission at a general meeting and ratified by the plenary of the Semi-Annual General Meeting.
- c. By-elections for the Ontario Women's Commissioner shall be elected by a secret ballot vote of the Women's Constituency

Group at a general meeting and ratified by the plenary of the Semi-Annual General Meeting.

- d. The term of office for Executive Committee Members selected by member associations shall be as per the schedule set out in Bylaw 7.3 - Term of Office of the Executive Committee.

Bylaw VIII – Election of Executive Committee

7. Filling a Vacancy of an At-Large Member of the Executive Committee

In the event that an at-large member of the Executive Committee resigns, is removed from office, is deemed to have vacated their position or is unable to complete their constitutional duties, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to appoint an individual member of the Executive Committee to fill the vacant position until an election or by-election is held. Said individual member shall not have a vote in their new capacity on the Executive Committee.

Bylaw XX – Auditors

- a. The voting members shall appoint the auditors of the Federation at each Semi Annual General Meeting of members, to audit the financial statements of the Federation for the current fiscal year.
- c. The audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year shall be presented to the voting members at each Semi-Annual General Meeting.

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Federation's Operations Policy:

CHAIRPERSON-ELECT

The Chairperson-elect shall be provided with an honorarium for the transition period that will be determined by the Budget Committee at the Semi-Annual General Meeting.

COUNCIL OF CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVE

viii. Filing a vacancy of a Council Representative

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

FRANCOPHONE AND BILINGUAL CAUCUS

a. Semi-Annual General Meetings (SAGM)

The SAGM shall:

- i. be held in conjunction with the Federation's Ontario Semi-Annual General Meeting.
- ii. have as quorum at least fifty-one per cent (51%) of the full members of the Caucus.
- iii. have the authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution and By-laws.

FRANCOPHONE AND BILINGUAL CAUCUS

b. Notice

The Executive shall provide two (2) weeks' notice of the AGM and SAGM. The AGM and SAGM agenda shall include written Executive reports. Each member union or association shall be entitled to one vote at the AGM and SAGM. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote. The Executive will otherwise not have a vote.

FRANCOPHONE AND BILINGUAL CAUCUS

By-Laws

b. Such bylaws enacted by the Caucus must be ratified at the next AGM or SAGM by a simple majority vote of the members present to remain in force.

FRANCOPHONE AND BILINGUAL CAUCUS

Constitutional Amendments

- a. Only the AGM and SAGM shall have the authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution. Such amendments require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present.
- b. Amendments shall be presented in writing by the mover to the Deputy-Chairperson two (2) weeks prior to the AGM or SAGM for inclusion in the agenda to be distributed to the membership.

DELEGATE FEES

The Federation will assume the registration fees for one delegate from each member local union for each Annual and Semi-annual General Meeting, as described in Bylaw III.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Standing Committees

At each annual and semi-annual general meeting, the following committees shall be struck:

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

3. Committee Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for general meeting standing committees shall be as follows:

a. Budget Committee

The Budget Committee shall:

- ii. Review and recommend budget adjustments for the remainder of the fiscal year to the closing plenary of the semi-Annual general meeting;

b. Campaigns and Government Relations Committee

The Campaigns and Government Relations Committee shall:

- iii. At the Semi-Annual General Meeting, review the campaigns and government relations plan and recommend to the closing

plenary possible changes to the plan for the remainder of the academic year; and

NORTHERN REGION CAUCUS

The Northern Region Caucus Commissioner shall:

- Be responsible for the minutes of the NRC at AGMs and SAGMs; and

NORTHERN REGION CONFERENCE

The NRC shall strive to host at least one conference a year between the annual general meetings.

NORTHERN REGION CAUCUS

Constitutional Amendments

- a. Only the AGM and SAGM NRC meetings shall have the authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution. Such amendments being enacted upon require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting.
- b. Amendments shall be presented in writing by the mover to the Northern Commissioner two (2) weeks prior to the AGM or SAGM for inclusion in the Agenda to be distributed to the NRC membership.

ONTARIO GRADUATE CAUCUS

c. Semi-Annual General Meetings (SAGM)

The SAGM shall:

- i. Be held in conjunction with the Federation's Ontario Semi-Annual General Meeting and may begin prior to the opening plenary to allow for additional meeting time;
- ii. Have as quorum one third (1/3) of the full members of the OGC; and
- iii. Have authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution and By-laws.

The AGM and SAGM agenda shall include written executive reports. The Executive shall provide two (2) weeks' notice of the AGM and SAGM. Each member association shall be entitled to one vote at the AGM and SAGM. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote. The Executive will not have a vote. Caucus meetings may be held during the Federation's general meetings.

ONTARIO GRADUATE CAUCUS

Constitutional Amendments

- a. Only the AGM and SAGM shall have the authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution. Such amendments being enacted upon require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting.
- b. Amendments shall be presented in writing by the mover to the Vice-Chairperson two (2) weeks prior to the AGM or SAGM for inclusion in the Agenda to be distributed to the membership.

COUNCIL OF CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVE (CCR)

- i. Council of Constituency Representative (CCR)

vii. Filling a vacancy of a Council Representative

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

2019/08:073

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 97/Local 68

FRANCOPHONE AND BILINGUAL CAUCUS

Executive

The Executive of the caucus shall be comprised of the following:

- Chairperson
- Deputy Chairperson

The honoraria allocated to these positions shall be determined as part of budgetary discussions and motions at the AGM or SAGM and may vary at the discretion of the membership. The members of the executive shall be deemed to not represent any member association.

2019/08:074

CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 97/Local 68

ONTARIO GRADUATE CAUCUS

Executive

The Executive of the caucus shall be comprised of the following:

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson

The Honoraria allocated to the positions shall be determined as part of the budgetary as part of the budgetary discussions at the AGM or SAGM. It may, therefore, vary at the discretion of the membership. The members of the Executive shall be deemed to not represent any member local association.

CARRIED

2019/08:013

CARRIED

2019/08:015

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 97/Local 49

Whereas the Federation will have limited resources to plan and execute the Annual Skills Development symposium; and

Whereas the cost of a fully subsidized Symposium will not be feasible; and

Whereas the in the past the Symposium has been used to train and build student union representatives, staff and volunteers; therefore

Be it resolved that the following changed be made to the Operations Policy on Skills Development Symposium; and

Be it further resolved that this Operations Policy be in effect as of the Skills Development Symposium 2020.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

Fee

Each member local students' union shall be required to pay a fee of \$50 for each participant attending from that member local. The deposit will subsidize the cost of the Symposium. Participation in the Symposium shall be fully subsidized by the Federation including all meals, materials and reasonable travel and accommodation costs. Each member local students' union shall register a maximum of fifteen (15) **ten (10) participants from their respective member local students' union, subject to the following conditions:**

2019/08:075

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 98/Local 1

Fee

Each member local students' union shall be required to pay a fee of \$50 for each participant attending from that member local. The fee will subsidize the cost of the Symposium. Participation in the Symposium shall be fully subsidized by the Federation including all meals, materials and reasonable travel and accommodation costs. Each member local students' union shall register a maximum of fifteen (15) **ten (10) participants from their respective member local students' union, subject to the following conditions:**

CARRIED

2019/08:076

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 105/Local 27

Each member local students' union shall be eligible for one (1) subsidized participant and be required to pay a fee of \$50 for each additional participant, attending from that member local.

CARRIED

2019/08:077

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 97/Local 109

Member local students' union wishing to register more than fifteen (15) ten (10) participants shall be permitted to do so at the discretion of the Executive Committee; however, there shall be no subsidy offered for additional participants.

CARRIED

2019/08:015

CARRIED

2019/08:017

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 97/Local 109

Whereas the financial realities for the Federation's budget are uncertain and unclear; and

Whereas the Operations Policy on Finances outlines the minimum amount of guaranteed funding for constituency groups lump sum of \$7,000; and

Whereas the Operations Policy on Finances outlines the minimum amount of guaranteed funding for caucuses as \$10,000; and

Whereas it is not prudent for the Federation to have financial obligations that it may not meet due to lack of limited resources; therefore

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Federation's Operations policy below.

CAUCUSES

d. Funding

A caucus shall have the right to automatically receive a minimum level of funding established by Operating Resolution.

CONSTITUENCY GROUP RIGHTS

c. Funding

A constituency group shall have the right to automatically receive a minimum level of funding established by Operating Resolution.

FINANCES

The Executive Committee shall receive honoraria, contingent upon completion of duties and guidelines. Executive Committee honoraria shall not be released until Plenary has accepted the report of the Executive Committee.

ONTARIO GRADUATE CAUCUS

Executive

The Executive shall be comprised of the following:

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson

The honoraria allocated to these positions shall be determined as part of budgetary discussions and motions at the AGM or SAGM. It may, therefore, vary at the discretion of the membership. The members of the Executive shall be deemed not to represent any member association.

FRANCOPHONE AND BILINGUAL CAUCUS

Executive

The Executive of the Caucus shall be comprised of the following:

- Chairperson
- Deputy Chairperson

The honoraria allocated to these positions shall be determined as part of budgetary discussions and motions at the AGM or SAGM and may vary at the discretion of the membership. The members of the Executive shall be deemed not to represent any member association.

2019/08:017

CARRIED

2019/08:019

MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 92/Local 97

Whereas the annual general meetings will only happen once a year and sometimes the agenda will be packed; and

Whereas the Federation will not the financial resources to always accommodate additional night stay for delegates after the completion of a meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy on General Meetings be amended to read:

GENERAL MEETINGS

Agenda

Should closing plenary at a general meeting meet later than 2:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m., accommodation must be provided for that night.

2019/08:078

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 98/Local 97

Should closing plenary at a general meeting meet later than 2:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m., accommodation must be provided for that night.
accommodations for delegates who feel that they are unable to travel home that day, must be provided for that night.

2019/08:019

CARRIED

2019/08:029

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS AND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 106/Local 32

Whereas the Student Choice initiative will likely result in a significant loss of funding for the Federation; and

Whereas this calls for fiscal restraint; and

Whereas the use of electronic means of communication is now ubiquitous and less costly than mailing paper documents; therefore,

Be it resolved that Bylaw XI, Section 7 be amended to read:

BYLAW XI – DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON

7. Meetings of the Federation

The Chairperson, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, shall be responsible for:

...

b. Sending the agenda of general meetings to each member association by ~~email, fax or~~ pre-paid mail at least three (3) weeks before the time fixed for the holding of such a meeting;

Be it further resolved that the following section of the Operations Policy pertaining to the Executive Committee be amended to read:

The Executive Committee shall send **a package an email** to all incoming member local students' union executives, including but not limited to a congratulatory letter, calendar of upcoming events and general information about the Federation.

2019/08:029

CARRIED

2019/08:031

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 99/Local 49

Whereas the Student Choice initiative will likely result in a significant loss of funding for the Federation; and

Whereas this calls for fiscal restraint; and

Whereas current Federation Bylaws state that the Federation Chairperson shall attend activities at member locals as requested; and

Whereas current Federation Bylaws state that the CFS National Executive Representative shall attend the general meetings of other provincial components if requested; and

Whereas while this remains desirable it may no longer be fiscally feasible; and

Whereas even when attendance is fiscally possible, the Chairperson or National Executive Representative may have other commitments and wish to delegate this responsibility to another member of the executive or a staff person; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw XI, Section 9 be amended to read:

BYLAW XI – DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON

9. Communication with Member Local Associations

The Chairperson shall communicate with member locals of the Federation on a regular basis and ~~may~~ attend, ~~or delegate an alternative to attend~~, from time to time or as requested, activities occurring at member local associations.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw XII, Section 6 be amended to read:

BYLAW XII – DUTIES OF ONTARIO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVE

6. Communication with Other Provincial Components

b. The Ontario National Executive Representative ~~shall~~ ~~may~~ attend, ~~or delegate an alternative to attend~~, the general meetings of other provincial components of the Canadian Federation of Students, from time to time or if requested.

2019/08:079 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 98/Local 68

BYLAW XI – DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON

9. Communication with Member Local Associations

The Chairperson shall communicate with member locals of the Federation on a regular basis and ~~shall~~ ~~may~~ attend, ~~or delegate an alternative individual to attend as discussed with the member local~~, from time to time or as requested, activities occurring at member local associations.

BYLAW XII – DUTIES OF ONTARIO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVE

6. Communication with Other Provincial Components

b. The Ontario National Executive Representative ~~shall~~ ~~may~~ attend, ~~or delegate an alternative to attend as discussed with the relevant provincial component~~, the general meetings of other provincial components of the Canadian Federation of Students, from time to time or if requested.

CARRIED

2019/08:080 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 30/Local 27

BYLAW XI – DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON

9. Communication with Member Local Associations

The Chairperson shall communicate with member locals of the Federation on a regular basis and **shall may shall** attend or **delegate an alternative individual to attend as discussed with the member local**, from time to time or as requested, activities occurring at member local associations.

CARRIED

2019/08:081 **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 49/Local 98

BYLAW XII – DUTIES OF ONTARIO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVE

6. Communication with Other Provincial Components

b. The Ontario National Executive Representative **shall may shall** **where feasible** attend or **delegate an alternative to attend as discussed with the relevant provincial component**, the general meetings of other provincial components of the Canadian Federation of Students, from time to time or if requested.

BYLAW XI – DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON

9. Communication with Member Local Associations

The Chairperson shall communicate with member locals of the Federation on a regular basis and **shall may shall** where feasible attend or **delegate an alternative individual to attend as discussed with the member local**, from time to time or as requested, activities occurring at member local associations.

CARRIED

2019/08:031 **CARRIED**

2019/08:033 **MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY**
Local 71/Local 49

Whereas the Student Choice initiative will likely result in a significant loss of funding for the Federation; and

Whereas this calls for fiscal restraint; and

Whereas the current Federation Operations Policy requires that the Federation hire one or more regional discount solicitors in the event that a member local fails to do so; and

Whereas this may no longer be fiscally feasible; therefore

Be it resolved that the Operations Policy, Student Saver Discount Programme be amended to read:

In the event that a member local association fails to hire discount solicitors one month prior to the deadline for Studentsaver discount solicitation, one or more regional solicitors will **may** be hired in consultation with the Executive Committee Local Representatives to ensure that quality discounts are available to members in all regions of Ontario.

CARRIED

2019/08:033 **CARRIED**

2019/08:035 MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 99/ Local 109

Whereas the Student Choice initiative will likely result in a significant loss of funding for the Federation; and

Whereas this calls for fiscal restraint; and

Whereas the current Operations Policy allows for the distribution of campaign materials to Coalition Partners, High School Groups, and Potential Members only free of cost; and

Whereas some of these groups may be in a better position than the Federation to pay for these materials; and

Whereas if these groups are able to cover the costs of these materials, the Executive Committee should be empowered to accept such payment; therefore

Be it resolved that the following section of the Operations Policy on Campaigns and Materials, Distribution be amended to read:

Upon request of one of the following groups, Federation materials may be distributed to said groups free of cost, **or** at an amount determined by the Executive Committee:

- Coalition partners;
- High school student groups or councils; and
- Potential members

2019/08:035 CARRIED

2019/08:045 MOTION TO AMEND OPERATIONS POLICY

Local 99/Local 105

Whereas the Federation recently established a Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus as a Designated Caucus; and

Whereas the other three Designated Caucuses of the Federation, specifically Ontario Graduate Caucus, Northern Region Caucus, and Francophone and Bilingual Caucus have specific Operating Policies in addition to the general Operations Policy on Caucuses; and

Whereas it is desirable that a specific Operating Policy also be adopted for the new Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Operations Policy be adopted:

PART-TIME AND CONTINUING EDUCATION CAUCUS

Title

The caucus shall be known as the Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus (PTCEC), or Caucus des étudiantes et étudiants à temps partiel et de la formation professionnelle (CEETFPF) hereinafter called the Caucus.

Aims

The aims and purposes of the Caucus shall be:

- To promote the interests of its member part-time and continuing education constituencies to the provincial government and all other

external authorities whose jurisdiction affects part-time and continuing education student affairs; and

- To act as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas between Ontario part-time and continuing education member associations.

Membership

a. Member Associations

Membership shall be available to all part-time and/or continuing education full member local associations and associate members of the Federation. Each full member local or associate member can have no more than one vote at Caucus meetings. Where more than one organization on any campus desires to be a member of Caucus, the bylaws of the Federation shall be followed.

i. Full Members

All part-time and continuing education students' unions and associations who pay full annual fees, as determined by the Federation are subsequently full members of the Caucus.

ii. Associate Members

All part-time and continuing education students' unions or associations who are prospective members of the Federation.

b. Student Members

Any person who is a Federation dues paying student member of a Caucus full member local shall be deemed a student member of the Caucus.

Any person who is a member of a Caucus Associate member student association shall be deemed a student member of the Caucus

Rights and Privileges

Student members of the Caucus shall have the right to attend, speak and participate in Caucus meetings. Only full member local associations may move, second or vote on motions.

Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson

The duties of the Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson shall include:

- i. Representing the Caucus as a non-voting member of the Ontario Executive Committee;
- ii. Presenting a brief report at each Caucus meeting on activities of the Caucus since the previous meeting;
- iii. Coordinating and chairing Caucus meetings;
- iv. Liaising with relevant persons within the Federation such as the Executive Committee of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario and Federation staff;
- iv. Lobbying and public relations on behalf of the Caucus;
- v. Facilitating Caucus campaigns;
- vi. Maintaining good communications with members of the caucus; and
- vii. Other duties as requested from time to time by the Caucus.

Elections

- a. The Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson shall be

elected at a Caucus Meeting to be held during the Annual General Meeting of CFS Ontario and shall take office at the close of the AGM.

b. Voting shall be conducted by full member local associations. Each member full member local association is entitled to one vote.

c. The Chief Returning Officer shall be elected prior to the elections at the AGM.

d. In the event that the Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson resigns during their term, the Caucus may elect a new Chairperson. Two (2) weeks' written notice shall be given of a vacancy in the position and of intention to elect a new Chairperson.

Removal from Office

The Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson may be subject to impeachment proceedings only on receipt of a petition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Caucus. An impeachment hearing shall be held at the first meeting of the Caucus following receipt of the petition. Any executive member shall be impeached on a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all voting members of the Caucus following the impeachment hearing.

By-Laws

The Caucus may enact Bylaws to expand on, but not to contradict, the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

a. Bylaws (and subsequent bylaw amendments) must be served with seven (7) days' notice and approved by simple majority vote of Caucus members present.

b. Such bylaws enacted by the Caucus must be ratified at the next AGM by a simple majority vote of the members present to remain in force.

Constitutional Amendments

a. Only the AGM meetings shall have the authority to amend the Articles of the Constitution. Such amendments being enacted upon require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting.

b. Amendments shall be presented in writing by the mover to the Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson two (2) weeks prior to the AGM for inclusion in the Agenda to be distributed to the Caucus membership.

c. The Caucus refers to the Federation's Bylaws for all other policy and procedure.

2019/08:045
2019/08:082

CARRIED MOTION

Local 68/Local 78

Be it resolved the Organizational and Services Development Committee Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Nagata presented the Campaigns and Government Relations report for consideration by the plenary.

- 2019/08:083 MOTION**
Local 97/Local 54
Be it resolved that the 2019 Campaigns Guide be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2019/08:084 MOTION TO OMNIBUS**
Local 68/Local 24
Be it resolved that the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee motions be amended as recommended.
CARRIED
- 2019/08:021 MOTION**
Local 78/Local 32
Whereas in the 1970s Consumer advocate Ralph Nader developed a student organizing model known as the “Public Interest Research Group” model; and
Whereas this model focuses on building community and student solidarity; and
Whereas PIRGs as a whole in Ontario are aligned with the goals of the student movement; and
Whereas over the last two years new PIRGs are being formed at Ontario’s colleges, in particular Mohawk College and George Brown College; and
Whereas this PIRG grouping, collectively known as the College PIRGs, were involved and supportive of mass mobilizations, community engagement and solidarity efforts around the Student Choice Initiative, and have proven to be an important support for students and the student movement; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation endorse the College PIRG initiative; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation provide a letter of support for the College PIRG initiative.
- 2019/08:021 CARRIED**
- 2019/08:023 MOTION**
Local 92/Local 71
Whereas the government of Quebec recently passed Bill 21, the bill banning all religious symbols at government spaces including courts, schools and other offices; and
Whereas this is the act of shame; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation condemns the bill and stands against the decision by supporting various groups affected by it like the Sikhs, Muslims and Jews; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation issues a public statement of standing with the communities and also supporting non-profit bodies and organizations working such as Canadian Civil Liberties Association, The World Sikh Organisation and the National Council of Canadian Muslims.

CARRIED

2019/08:025

MOTION

Local 68/Local 109

Whereas Sudan has been under a military-led regime for 30 years; and

Whereas civilians in Sudan are facing extreme rising poverty, increased prices and declining economy; and

Whereas the Sudanese Government continues to implement policies designed to dehumanize its own people; and

Whereas civilians in Sudan started and continue to hold peaceful protests to fight for a civilian-led government; and

Whereas on April 11, 2019 Sudan's Defence Minister and former VP Awad Ibn Auf stated that Omar Albashir, Sudan's former President, is under arrest. Ibn Auf announced a two year transitional government and that he will head up the High Council of the Armed Forces. Less than 24 hours later, civilians were successful in impeaching Ibn Auf; and

Whereas Sudan remains under a transitional military government led by Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan; and

Whereas on June 3, 2019 peaceful sit-ins in front of the military headquarters in Khartoum were violently dispersed by the Janjaweed militias (Rapid Support Forces), Police Forces and National Security Forces. Live ammunition, tear gas, severe beating, rape and arrests were used to violently disperse the only guarantee to the revolution; and

Whereas on June 30, 2019 Sudanese students in Ontario, along with the Sudanese Community, marched in Solidarity with Civilians in Sudan to continue the fight for their lives and for a civilian-led government; and

Whereas internet connections have been disconnected by the military forces in Sudan in attempts to minimize international coverage; and

Whereas Sudanese media fails to broadcast the current situation in Sudan; and

Whereas Sudanese students in Ontario do not feel supported by the Canadian government and/or Canadian organizations and institutions; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation supports the needs of Sudanese students in Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation releases a statement in support of the Sudanese community and Sudanese students in the province condemning the actions of the Transitional Military Council (TMC), Janjaweed militias (Rapid Support Forces), Police Forces & National Security Forces and support a civilian-led government; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages its local members to support the Sudanese community and Sudanese students on their respective campuses by creating safer spaces for Sudanese students; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourages its local members to release statements in support of the Sudanese community and Sudanese students on their respective campuses.

2019/08:085

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 68/Local 49

Be it further resolved that the Federation releases a statement in support of the Sudanese community and Sudanese students in the province condemning the actions of the Transitional Military Council (TMC), Janjaweed militias (Rapid Support Forces), Police Forces & National Security Forces and support a **fully** civilian-led government

CARRIED

2019/08:025

CARRIED

2019/08:027

MOTION

Local 71/Local 68

Whereas the Federation has both internally and externally faced criticisms in the past on their structure and their effectiveness in addressing various issues that affect students; and

Whereas the Student Choice Initiative directly aims to attack organizations such as the Federation; and

Whereas the Federation is going into uncertain financial hardships due to the Student Choice Initiative creating a need for the Federation to reconsider its structure in order to maintain its existence; and

Whereas current campaign strategies are not an efficient use of the Federation's resources as they do not effectively engage the wider membership; and

Be it resolved that the Federation strike a review of their outreach mechanisms primarily by striking a review of all campaigns and their effectiveness in bringing awareness and change; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation strike a formal working group and be open to dialogue about these concerns and criticisms; and

Be it further resolved that the above-mentioned working group draft a report to be submitted to the Ontario Executive Committee by 2 weeks prior to the deadline for motion submissions of the next Ontario General Meeting.

2019/08:086

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 71/Local 78

Be it resolved that the Federation strike a review of their outreach mechanisms **by consulting locals, coalition and community partners to enhance outreach strategies for Federation Campaigns.**

CARRIED

2019/08:087

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 109/Local 54

Be it resolved that the second and third be it resolved clauses are struck.

CARRIED

2019/08:088

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 71/Local 109

Be it resolved that the second be it further resolved clause read:

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Be it further resolved that the Federation include such feedback and strategies in the *We The Students* Organizing Toolkit to help individual locals with outreach strategies in order to mobilize the larger membership.

CARRIED

2019/08:027

CARRIED

2019/08:039

MOTION

Local 97/Local 82

Whereas the Federation supports social and economic inclusion for those who are under-represented not only in post-secondary institutions but in our community's writ large; and

Whereas Legal Aid Ontario represents and supports Ontarians, including students, who are too poor to hire a lawyer in areas such as landlord and tenant disputes, workers' rights, criminal, family and prison law, cases involving mental health; and specialty clinics that focus on poverty, disability, HIV, the elderly and Indigenous peoples; and

Whereas the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General's budget has initiated a 30% cut, or around \$133 million, to Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) funding, retroactive to April 1, 2019. Annual reductions are expected to reach 44 per cent by 2021; and

Whereas Legal Aid Ontario is now prevented from doing refugee and immigration law with provincial funds and must rely solely on Federal fund; and

Whereas these cuts will directly harm low-income people and endanger the status of refugee and immigrant claims; and

Whereas there has been a groundswell of protest against progressively defunding LAO and there are warnings of dire consequences; therefore,

Be it resolved that the Federation issue a statement of solidarity with Legal Aid Ontario, its clinics and their allies who call on the Government of Ontario to reverse its funding cuts to Legal Aid Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Premier, the Attorney General, the opposition leaders, and relevant opposition critics calling on the Government to reverse the funding cuts; and

Be it further resolved member locals be encouraged to write similar letters; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation engages in appropriate social media support or other forms of solidarity with Legal Aid Ontario and its clinics to support their lobbying efforts and their efforts to maintain services despite the loss of essential funding; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to do the same.

2019/08:039

CARRIED

2019/08:041

MOTION

Local 97/Local 109

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

Whereas several thousand recipients of Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) attend Ontario post-secondary institutions either full time or part time, and so many or most are members of the Federation; and

Whereas the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has proposed to change the definition of disability for ODSP eligibility requirements; and

Whereas the change in definition of disability will likely “align with Federal guidelines,” such as the much more restricted definition of the Federal Canadian Pension Plan Disability benefit (CPP-D); and

Whereas this definition would likely exclude those who would otherwise qualify for ODSP at their first application or potentially at medical reviews; and

Whereas, those who are disqualified will have to revert to Ontario Works (OW) which provides 37% less income, strict rules regarding employment and uncertain supports for people with disabilities thus sinking poor people with disabilities deeper into poverty; and

Whereas many social service providers, doctors and nurses and allies of disabled people in Ontario have strongly protested this change in definition; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation issue a statement of support for those organizations lobbying to reverse the Ministry’s plan to change the definition of disability to a more restricted sense; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Premier, the Attorney General, the opposition leaders, and relevant opposition critics calling on the Government to maintain the current definition of disability for ODSP eligibility; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation support these aforementioned lobbying campaigns by reposting social media announcements and, if practical, offering in-kind support (such as photocopying or meeting spaces) to selected groups that advocate against the new ODSP definition of disability.

Be it further resolved that member locals, especially those with students on social assistance, be encouraged to do the same.

2019/08:089

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 97/ Local 109

Be it resolved that the second clause reads:

Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Premier, **the Attorney General, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services**, the opposition leaders, and relevant opposition critics calling on the Government to maintain the current definition of disability for ODSP eligibility; and

CARRIED

2019/08:041

CARRIED

2019/08:043

MOTION

Local 97/Local 92

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

Whereas several thousand recipients of Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) attend Ontario post-secondary institutions either full time or part time, and so many or most are members of the Federation; and

Whereas the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has sensibly proposed to increase the earnings exemption for ODSP recipients from \$200 per month to \$6000 per year, which will allow those recipients earning between \$200 and \$500 per month to keep more of their earnings; and

Whereas earnings beyond \$6000 per year will see the matching value of ODSP benefits reduced by 75%, instead of the present rate of 50%. So for every extra \$1 earned, individuals will lose 75 cents of their ODSP benefit, and net 25 cents of earnings, which will create disincentives to work beyond \$6000 per year; and

Whereas the proposed change in disability definition may exclude recipients who earn beyond a certain amount, despite these revised ODSP earnings directives; and

Whereas Ontario Works recipients will be able to earn up to \$300 per month (instead of \$200 per month) without affecting their benefits, while for earnings above \$300, OW benefits will be withdrawn at a rate of 75 per cent, instead of the current rate of 50 per cent. So for every extra \$1 earned, individuals lose 75 cents of their OW amount, and net 25 cents on their earnings, thus creating a disincentive to work beyond the \$300 monthly exemption; and

Whereas many social service providers, advocates and allies of disabled people in Ontario support the proposed earnings exemptions but call for ODSP and OW claw backs to remain at 50% or less; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation issue a statement of support for those organizations lobbying to keep ODSP and OW recipient's earnings claw back to 50% or less; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation write a letter to the Premier, the Attorney General, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the opposition leaders, and relevant opposition critics calling on the Government to maintain or reduce the current claw-back rate of 50%; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation support these lobbying campaigns by reposting social media announcements and, if practical, offering in-kind support (such as photocopying or meeting spaces) to selected groups that advocate against the 75% social assistance claw back; and

Be it further resolved that member locals, especially those with students on social assistance, be encouraged to do the same.

2019/08:043

CARRIED

2019/08:090

MOTION

Local 82/Local 49

Be it resolved that the Campaigns and Government Relations Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATION OF THE POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Palermo presented the Policy Review and Development Committee report for consideration by the plenary.

2019/08:091 MOTION TO OMNI-BUS
Local 98/Local 106

Be it resolved that the Policy Review and Development Committee Report be amended as recommended.

CARRIED

2019/08:049 MOTION TO AMEND ISSUES POLICY
Local 98/Local 32

Whereas recognized student-led campus publications are a valuable resource to spread the word about Federation victories, initiatives, and calls to action; and

Whereas the Ontario Government's Student Choice Initiative, cuts to education, and significant detrimental changes to OHIP+ require the Federation to mobilize student resistance and campaign for positive policy change; and

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

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

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

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

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

Be it resolved that the Issues Policies on Media be amended as follows:

MEDIA

Preamble

Independent student organizations on campus are vital to the creation of a vibrant community. Having a space where students can self-organize and create news is a necessary part of this community. The campus press allows for students to tell their own stories, challenge the decisions made by institutional decision-making structures, expose injustices on campus and inform the general student body about events organized on

campus. The campus press can also empower students to become storytellers or journalists and tell stories about their own communities that may be left out of the mainstream press. Student publications should be autonomous and offer a student-centered perspective that tends to be absent from university or college publications produced by administration

Policy

The Federation supports:

- Editorial autonomy of student publications;
- The fair remittance of student levies passed democratically that guarantee funding for student newspapers; and
- The Canadian University Press and their Statement of Principle.

- Recognized student-led campus publications attending and reporting on General Meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students, including both the Opening and Closing Plenary, and all committee meetings, and excluding caucuses and constituency group meetings.

The Federation opposes:

- Campus journalism that contravenes the Ontario Human Rights Code and/or contravenes the civil liberties/human rights policy of the Federation;
- Publications that are established and controlled by the campus administrations as an affront to independent newspapers on campus; and
- Interference in the collection or remittance of student levies for student media outlets by institutional administrations
- Student Unions who infringe on the autonomy and integrity of recognized student-led campus publications**

2019/08:092

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 92/Local 97

Be it resolved that the last point in the Media Issues Policy under The Federation opposes be amended to read:

The obstruction on the autonomy and integrity of recognized student-led campus publications.

CARRIED

2019/08:093

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 98/Local 99

Be it resolved the last point in the Media Issues Policy under The Federation supports be amended to read:

Recognized student-led campus publications attending and reporting on General Meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students, including both the Opening and Closing Plenary, and excluding committees, caucuses and constituency group meetings.

CARRIED

2019/08:041

CARRIED

2019/08:094

MOTION TO ACCEPT

Local 68/Local 92

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

CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Asekome, the Electoral Officer presented the electoral report for consideration by the plenary.

2019/08:095

MOTION

Local 68/Local 20

Be it resolved that Josh Pogue be elected as the Northern Caucus Commissioner;

Be it resolved that Susan Froom be elected as the Part-Time and Continuing Education Caucus Chairperson. ; and

Be it resolved that Jina Kum be elected as the Ontario Graduate Caucus Chairperson; and

Be it resolved that Sébastien Lalonde be elected as the Francophone and Bilingual Caucus Chairperson; and

Be it resolved that Jaime Kearns be elected as the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Constituency Commissioner; and

Be it resolved that Miguel Cabral be elected as the Mature Students Constituency Commissioner; and

Be it resolved that Rachel Murray be elected as the Students with Disabilities Constituency Commissioner; and

Be it resolved that Azinwi Kien Saningong be elected as the Racialized Students Constituency Commissioner; and

Be it resolved that Paula Clark be elected as the Two-Spirit/Queer Students Constituency Commissioner; and

Be it resolved that Farhan Yousaf be elected as the International Students Constituency Commissioner; and

Be it resolved that Jasmine Hawamdeh be elected as the Women's Commissioner; and

Be it resolved that Pauline Danquah be elected as the Constituency Commissioner.

CARRIED

2019/08:096

MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS

Local 32/Local 68

Be it resolved that the ballots from the Federations elections be destroyed.

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

2019:08:E01

MOTION

Local 99/Local 49

Whereas Azad Kashmir (Pakistani administered Kashmir) as well as Jammu & Kashmir (Indian administered Kashmir) are officially designated as internationally disputed territories between India and Pakistan;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council Resolution 47 mandates a plebiscite to allow the Kashmiri population the freedom of self-determination;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council Resolution 47 mandates that no country may unilaterally alter the territorial boundaries of the disputed territories;

Whereas Jammu & Kashmir held a special status in the Constitution of India under Article 370 since 1948, allowing Jammu & Kashmir the special status of a virtually autonomous region;

Whereas on August 5, 2019, Article 370 was abrogated, revoking the autonomous status of Jammu & Kashmir;

Whereas the abrogation took place after thousands of additional troops were sent to Jammu & Kashmir, a region already recognized as one of the most highly militarized zones in the world;

Whereas the abrogation took place after local political leaders including past Premiers and activists were placed into house arrest and a region-wide media blackout imposed;

Be it resolved that in line with the United Nations Resolution 47, the Federation shall affirm its support for the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination in an open letter;

Be it resolved that the Federation shall issue a letter to the Embassy of India, condemning the human rights violations having taken place within Jammu & Kashmir in light of this episode as well as the violations of the United Nations Resolution 47

Be it resolved that the Federation shall issue an open letter to the House of Commons and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to make clear and public their stance on the abrogation of Article 370 and the right of the Kashmiri population to self-determination;

Be it further resolved that in all of the aforementioned letters, the Federation shall highlight and condemn human rights violations such as Kashmiris being shot, blinded, sexually assaulted, illegally detained, along with condemning the ban on media in Kashmir.

2019/08:097

MOTION TO AMEND

Local 68/Local 99

Be it resolved that in line with the United Nations Resolution 47, the Federation shall affirm its support for the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination in an open letter **and condemn the actions of the Indian government in abrogating Article 370.**

CARRIED

2019/08:E01

CARRIED

9. EXECUTIVE-AT-LARGE CLOSING REMARKS

Nagata, Weiler and Jean-Baptist provided closing remarks and thanked all locals for attending the General Meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

2019/08:098

MOTION

Local 68/Local 82

Be it resolved that the 2019 August Annual Ontario General Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED