

AGENDA (draft)

Annual General Meeting

August 18 to 21, 2011 • Markham, Ontario

	Thursday (18)	Friday (19)	Saturday (20)	Sunday (21)		
8:00 am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	8:00 am	
8:30 am					8:30 am	
9:00 am		Meeting Constituency Commission	Meetings Constituency Groups	Meetings Member Local Delegations	9:00 am	
9:30 am					9:30 am	
10:00 am		Meeting Women's Constituency Group	Meeting Women's Constituency Group	Closing Plenary	10:00 am	
10:30 am					10:30 am	
11:00 am		Meetings Caucuses: Graduate / Northern	Workshop 3		11:00 am	
11:30 am					11:30 am	
12:00 pm					12:00 pm	
12:30 pm		Lunch			12:30 pm	
1:00 pm			Lunch	Lunch	1:00 pm	
1:30 pm		Workshop 1	NOMINATIONS CLOSE		1:30 pm	
2:00 pm			Meetings Plenary Sub-Committees	Closing Plenary (continued)	2:00 pm	
2:30 pm					2:30 pm	
3:00 pm	Registration	Break			3:00 pm	
3:30 pm		Workshop 2			3:30 pm	
4:00 pm					4:00 pm	
4:30 pm			Workshop 4		4:30 pm	
5:00 pm	Orientation Overview of General Meeting	Meetings Constituency Groups			5:00 pm	
5:30 pm					5:30 pm	
6:00 pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		6:00 pm	
6:30 pm					6:30 pm	
7:00 pm	Opening Plenary	Meetings Plenary Sub-Committees	Workshop 5		7:00 pm	
7:30 pm					7:30 pm	
8:00 pm						8:00 pm
8:30 pm				Meetings Caucuses: Graduate / Northern		8:30 pm
9:00 pm					9:00 pm	
9:30 pm	NOMINATIONS OPEN		Meeting Constituency Commission		9:30 pm	
10:00 pm	Social				10:00 pm	
10:30 pm		Social	Break		10:30 pm	
11:00 pm			Social		11:00 pm	

Opening Plenary Agenda

Annual General Meeting · Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario
Thursday, August 18 to Sunday, August 21, 2011 - Markham, Ontario

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

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

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

The Plenary Speaker will be ratified at this time.

4. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

5. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

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

6. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

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

7. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

8. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

- a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures**
- b. Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting**
- c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer**

9. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

a. Ratification of Electoral Officer

The Electoral Officer will be ratified at this time.

b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

The Electoral Officer will provide an overview of the election schedule and procedures.

10. STRIKING OF PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEES

a. Striking of Plenary Sub-Committees

Plenary will strike the following plenary sub-committees:

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

b. Adoption of Committee Agendas

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

11. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

a. Motions Submitted by Member Locals

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

2011/08: N01 MOTION

Local 110/

Whereas in October 2010, the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO) released a report that argued that there exists a need in Ontario's post-secondary education sector for greater differentiation between schools; and

Whereas differentiation would likely harm disciplines that don't have an obvious job-training component if they are not part of institutions' specialization agendas; and

Whereas differentiation would likely limit regional access to certain programs and thus will limit access for many low-income and rural students; and

Whereas this differentiation could be as extreme as creating teaching-only colleges or universities; and

Whereas the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities John Milloy announced that specialization priorities will drive the current negotiations for the government's Multi-Year Accountability Agreements; and

Whereas these negotiations will likely require college and university presidents to identify which disciplines and programs they will focus on in order to receive funding; and

Whereas these changes have the potential to drastically change Ontario's college and university sector; therefore

Be it resolved that policies that seek to narrow the program complement at a particular institution be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that policies that seek to polarize the teaching and research missions of post-secondary education institutions be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that coalition partners be sought to co-sign a letter of opposition to the program of specialization; and

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

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N02 MOTION

Local 110/

Whereas university and college presidents should represent the interests of students, staff and faculty to the governments of Ontario and Canada; and

Whereas using public resources from university or college budgets to demonstrate support for a particular political party is inappropriate; and

Whereas in June 2008, Brian Tamblyn, president of Georgian College, submitted an expense request to his college's budget department for a \$5,000 donation to the Liberal Party of Ontario for a fundraising dinner in Barrie; and

Whereas this was exposed by the New Democratic Party in May 2011 and condemned by premier Dalton McGuinty; and

Whereas Tamblyn has since paid Georgian College back for the donation; therefore

Be it resolved that donations made from the university and college budgets to political parties be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that member local representatives be encouraged to file freedom of information requests to investigate whether or not donations have been made by other institutions to other political parties.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N03 MOTION

Local 1/

Whereas the Federation has launched the Take It Over campaign to engage student and youth voters and make post-secondary education a key issue in October's provincial election; and

Whereas member locals use their websites as a primary outreach tool to inform members about the campaign work of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that a countdown clock for the Take It Over campaign be produced for member locals' websites; and

Be it further resolved that the countdown clock be added as a component of the website service.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N04 MOTION

Local 1/

Whereas member locals use Facebook as an outreach tool to inform members about the campaign work of the Federation; and

Whereas customizable Facebook template companies charge for the use of their templates; therefore

Be it resolved that a customizable Facebook page template be produced as a component of the website service.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Service Development Committee.

2011/08:N05 MOTION

Local 1/

Whereas the Federation's Ethical Purchasing Network: Sweatshop-Free and Sustainable Materials program has allowed locals to purchase ethically produced materials for orientation weeks and campaigns; and

Whereas it is the practice of many companies to sub-contract out the manufacturing of garments to sweatshops in an effort to get around their own corporate standards; and

Whereas many students, university and college administrators are misled by unethical companies with vague corporate sustainability promises and corporate codes of conduct; therefore

Be it resolved that a campaign aimed at educating students and other members of college and university communities about the importance of boycotting companies that use sweatshop labour be created; and

Be it further resolved that a campaign kit be distributed to member locals with information on how to lobby universities and colleges to affiliate with the Workers Rights Consortium.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N06 MOTION

Local 1/

Whereas many member locals held successful vote mobs across the country in the 2011 federal election; and

Whereas these vote mobs were a successful mobilization tool for members that received positive media attention and encouraged students to vote in the 2011 federal election; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to host vote mobs on campuses across Ontario as part of the Take It Over campaign; and

Be it further resolved that support be provided for member locals to host vote mobs.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N07 MOTION

Local 24/

Whereas in the recent policy paper, *Tuition Fee Policy Options for Ontario*, released on March 14, 2011 by the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO), proposals for Income Contingent Repayment (ICR) Loan Schemes were put forth; and

Whereas the purpose of ICR loan schemes, as stated openly by policy analysts and the Australian government, is to allow institutions to increase tuition fees to cover a greater portion of post-secondary education costs; and

Whereas under ICR loans schemes, borrowers repay their loans as a percentage of their incomes upon graduation, disproportionately affecting low-income students, those with larger loans and those people who earn less, because the interest will accumulate more quickly, forcing those students to pay more for their education than those who can pay up front; and

Whereas the introduction of ICR loan schemes in Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom in the 1990's was accompanied by higher tuition fees, higher debt loads, and extended repayment periods; and

Whereas Canadian students have consistently rejected ICR loan schemes, leading governments in Canada in the 1990's to temporarily retreat from overt attempts to introduce them while adjusting financial assistance programs such as the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) repayment to be geared to students' income; therefore

Be it resolved that opposition to the introduction of income contingent repayment loans schemes be reaffirmed; and

Be it further resolved that the provincial government be lobbied for reforms to the current Ontario Student Assistance Program, that will prevent it from further mimicking income contingent repayment loan schemes.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N08 MOTION

Local 24/

Whereas community centres, libraries, the transit system, sexual health clinics, garbage disposal, child care and community housing are all examples of vital public services that are often funded and administered by municipalities; and

Whereas comprehensive, publicly funded city services are essential in the creation and maintenance of healthy and vibrant communities; and

Whereas women, children, immigrant families, the unemployed, underemployed and other marginalized members of our community rely on these services in their daily lives; and

Whereas students not only depend on city services but are also workers who deliver these services to the public; and

Whereas Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has initiated a three-part Services Review Program that seeks to:

- Review all city services to designate some as “core” and others as “discretionary”;
- Compare user fees in other Ontario municipalities in order determine areas where these fees could be increased;
- Study efficiency of public services by third-party consultants; and

Whereas this review seeks to pit services and communities against each other in order to make a case for significant cuts and new user fees in the November 2011 Toronto budget; and

Whereas these cuts will have a lasting impact not only on Toronto but on other Ontario municipalities who are facing similar attempts to force the privatization or elimination of public services; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to Toronto city council emphasizing the importance of strong public services in the municipal sector; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters to their own city/town councils and to Toronto City Council, and where possible, send members to depute about the importance of affordable public services in their communities at City Council meetings.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N09 MOTION TO ADOPT ISSUES POLICY

Local 24/

Be it Resolved that the following Issues Policy on “Pride Festivals” be adopted:

Pride Festivals

Preamble

Homophobia, transphobia, and heterosexism are barriers faced by queer and trans students and members of the community. Organizations and services are crucial to challenge these forms of oppression. Among these services are community agencies, coalitions and not-for-profit organizations, including Pride festivities. Pride festivals are community-based events that celebrate queer and trans-identified people, provide spaces to take action on social issues faced by such communities and challenge the hegemonic and heteronormative views of love and sexuality. They take on many forms: a march, events and actions spread across multiple days. Pride is a time for community organizations that serve the queer and trans communities to outreach and queer and trans people and allies to take up public space and demand access and equity for all.

Pride festivals and other services serving queer and trans communities exist in many Canadian cities, but for many rural, northern, and smaller towns and regions, lack of resources have restricted their visibility and influence. Unfortunately, most Pride festivals and queer and trans service organizations (HIV/AIDS Prevention, youth shelters, suicide prevention, and health promotion organizations) are urban-centric and usually only receive support and funding in major urban centres, leaving queer and trans students in smaller communities without adequate community and public support.

The cities and communities that do have Pride festivities and LGBT services oftentimes face unpredictable public funding, censorship of political or sexual messaging, diminished support from elected officials, and threats from homophobic and transphobic members of the community.

Pride and services for the queer and trans community provide crucial spaces for celebration, political action and safe spaces for queer and trans-identified people, specifically students. As homophobia and transphobia manifests in our campuses and communities, it is important for students to take the lead in demanding public, accessible and adequately funded services for queer and trans communities and Pride festivals.

Policy

The Federation Supports:

- Pride festivals that are publically supported and funded;
- Pride festivals that are community-focused, not-for-profit, and political;
- Pride festivals that include meaningful participation and spaces for all members of the queer community, including women, trans, racialized, and people with disabilities;
- Pride festivals that include alternative programming: actions, awareness events and activities to include the diverse voices of the queer and trans community; and
- Pride festivals and queer and trans services publicly funded and supported to serve rural, northern, and smaller regions in Ontario.

The Federation Opposes:

- Censorship of community organizations that explore political, social, and global issues;

- Pride festivals that prioritize the needs of corporate sponsors over community; and
- Government bodies that cut funding for Pride festivals, and for queer and trans services and community organizations.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Policy Review and Development Committee.

2011/08:N10 MOTION

Local 94/

Whereas time and time again, governments in Ontario are elected without a majority of supporters yet still gain majority status; and

Whereas in the past, in some provinces (for example, British Columbia in 2001 and New Brunswick in 1987), one party has taken all or most of the seats in the legislature with only 60 per cent of votes; and

Whereas in these instances the rest of the public who voted for other parties were disenfranchised by being entitled to vote, but not to representation (for example, in Alberta in 2006, 27 per cent of the population voted for the Liberals or NDP but neither party received seats); and

Whereas within the “First Past the Post” electoral system, if there are four candidates, a winner can have as little as 25 per cent of the popular vote; and

Whereas the Conservative Party of Canada, because of their majority status, often claims to have a mandate from the people of Canada even though they have never received more than 39.62 per cent of the popular vote; and

Whereas the “First Past the Post” system disfavours the presence of women, racialized people and other underrepresented groups in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario; and

Whereas for far too long, on Election Day, our votes have not been properly reflected in the number of seats assigned to each party by the current, outdated system; and

Whereas systems that incorporate some form of proportional representation such as the Single Transferable Vote and Mixed Member Proportional Representation systems more often reflect the will of the voting population; and

Whereas systems that incorporate proportional representation encourage co-operation between political parties; and

Whereas the interests of the majority of voters should not be shut out, that all of our voices should count all of the time; therefore

Be it resolved that reform of the electoral process in Ontario, to include proportional representation, with the goal of increasing greater voter choice, fairer election results, and stronger representation for traditionally under-represented groups be supported.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N11 MOTION

Local 19/

Whereas the recent earthquake and ensuing tragedy affecting human lives in Japan has also caused an extremely dangerous radioactive disaster at the

Fukushima Daiichi nuclear facility prompting Japanese activists to rally against the government and Tokyo Electric Power Corporation; and

Whereas forward looking, socially conscious states like Germany who require massive amounts of energy to fuel their economy which is the fourth largest in the world, nevertheless recognize that nuclear energy is inherently dangerous and unsustainable and have therefore put in place plans to phase out all and immediately shut down eight nuclear energy plants; and

Whereas in Ontario after the privatization of Ontario Hydro consumers are paying a subsidy of \$1.8 billion every year for “debt retirement charges” that are a direct result of cost over-runs from building nuclear reactors; and

Whereas the private successor of Ontario Hydro, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), has proposed to rebuild nuclear plants at Darlington that it claims will cost \$8.5 billion to \$14 billion but history has shown that actual costs exceed estimates on average by 2.5 times; and

Whereas these cost over-runs hit low income individuals and families, including students who pay utilities on top of rent, hardest; and

Whereas OPG coal-fired power plants are dirty, polluting and unhealthy for humans and the climate; and

Whereas organizations such as the Clean Air Alliance, the Energy Action Coalition and others have campaigns that oppose nuclear and dirty power generation and rather support actions that direct the province to invest in decentralized, clean, renewable sources of energy such as solar, wind, biomass, and small-scale hydro; therefore

Be it resolved that provincial campaigns such as the Clean Air Alliance postcard campaign be endorsed, and that the Energy Action Coalition be joined; and

Be it further resolved that a letter to the Minister of Energy Brad Duguid and Premier McGuinty, copied to opposition party critics and leaders, encouraging Ontario to follow the example set by nations like Germany to shut down and phase out nuclear power be written; and

Be it further resolved that that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters and to distribute Clean Air Alliance post cards to members and to support calls to invest in clean, renewable alternatives to nuclear and coal power generation in this province.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N12 MOTION

Local 19/

Whereas last year the province of Ontario created the most wide-ranging Comprehensive Social Assistance Review (CASR) in over 20 years including investigating the interactions of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Ontario Works (OW) and the Special Diet with assistance programs at other levels of government; and

Whereas the Federation recommends the current debt-based OSAP model to be replaced with a system of upfront, needs-based grants and reallocation of back-end provincial tax credits; and

Whereas the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty (OCAP) has called for organizations to support raising welfare (OW and ODSP) rates by 55 per cent, to

lift the cap on minimum wage and to restore the Special Diet allowance to \$250; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation write letters to and meet with the co-chairs of the Comprehensive Social Assistance Review, the Honourable Frances Lankin P.C. and Dr. Munir Sheikh to voice our recommendations for social assistance reform in this province that include a system of upfront, needs-based grants with a reallocation of back-end provincial tax credits, raising OW and ODSP by 55 per cent, lifting the freeze on minimum wage and restoring the special Diet allowance to \$250; and

Be it further resolved that the OCAP Raise the Rates campaign be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to take similar actions.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N13 MOTION

Local 19/

Whereas the Federation Equity Policy states that “in every activity of the Federation, non-gender specific and non-discriminatory language shall be used”; and

Whereas the Federation’s Operational Policy states that “affirmative action speaking rights shall be employed at general meetings”; and

Whereas it is the Federation’s practice to employ Gender Parity at general meetings; and

Whereas gender parity requires a binary definition of gender; and

Whereas there is no mechanism currently in place for delegates to determine or self-identify their gender during general meetings; and

Whereas the chair of general meetings must determine delegates’ gender in order to place them on a gender-based speakers’ list; and

Whereas delegates should not be required to “out themselves” in order to speak on any and all issues at general meetings; and

Whereas it is likely that gender is not the sole characteristic limiting delegates’ ability to speak during general meetings; therefore

Be it resolved that the practice of employing gender-based affirmative action speakers’ list at general meetings cease; and

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee be directed to research more comprehensive and inclusive forms of affirmative action speaking rights and prepare a motion for the 2012 Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Service Development Committee.

2011/08:N14 MOTION

Local 19/

Whereas the state of Israel has illegally blocked essential goods and services including humanitarian aid from entering the occupied Palestinian territory known as the Gaza Strip; and

Whereas Greek authorities prevented a Canadian aid flotilla known as the Tahrir from delivering humanitarian aid to people in the Gaza Strip; and

Whereas the government of Canada is currently possibly the world's most outspoken supporter of Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian territories and brutal repression of Palestinian human rights including the right to education through checkpoints, bombings, assassinations, and more; therefore

Be it resolved that the Right to Education campaign of Birzeit University be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that letters to Canadian MPPs and MPs as well as Greek politicians and the Greek Prime Minister George Papandreaou be written or postcards condemning the prevention of the Tahrir and other flotillas from delivering aid to Gaza be signed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to affiliate with the Right to Education campaign of Birzeit University and take action on our campuses on the right to education, humanitarian and development assistance for Palestine and other occupied territories.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N15 MOTION TO ADOPT ISSUES POLICY

Local 41/

Be it resolved that the policy on Francophone Issues be amended to read as follows:

Francophone Issues

The Federation recognizes that education in French is a right in Ontario. The Federation also recognizes that francophone students face many barriers to education and services in French.

The Federation:

- Asks for the creation in Ontario of quality primary, secondary and post-secondary education programs and institutions in French, fully accessible and fully funded by the government.
- Encourages the Ontario government to expand the secondary school-book grant program to include French-language books for post-secondary education as well.
- Asks for a greater number of courses taught in French in all post-secondary institutions in Ontario.
- Encourages the provincial government to work towards giving the French-speaking population of Ontario full access to post-secondary institutions in the province.
- Will work in collaboration with all member locals and their coalition partners to increase the number of programs offered in French and the number of courses taught in French in all post-secondary institutions, and to ensure that other needs of Franco-Ontarians are met.
- Condemns the Ontario government for eliminating French programs in some post-secondary institutions after new French-language institutions were created.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Policy Review and Development Committee.

2011/08:N16 MOTION

Local 68/

Whereas the usage of cellular phones is prevalent within our membership; and

Whereas the use of social media and electronic forms of communication are becoming increasingly integral with campaign organizing; and

Whereas the collection of cellular phone numbers has been a tool to stay in contact with our members regarding campaigns, services and events; therefore

Be it resolved that the bulk buying of SMS credits to further communicate with our members regarding campaigns, services, and events be investigated.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Service Development Committee.

2011/08:N17 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW II

Local 68/

Whereas the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students were recently amended at the November General Meeting; and

Whereas these amendments included the creation of a Chief Returning Officer (CRO) and an Appeals Committee to replace the Referendum Oversight Committee; and

Whereas it is important that the Bylaws of the Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario be consistent with those of the Canadian Federation of Students to ensure that referenda procedures are accessible and transparent; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, Article 3.e be amended to read:

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 3.b of this Bylaw.
- iii. Approving all campaign materials in accordance with Section 3.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 3.c of this Bylaw.
- vi. Overseeing all aspects of the voting.
- vii. Counting the ballots following the vote.
- viii. Establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II, Article 3.b. be amended to read:

- 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.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II, Article 3 be amended to include:

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.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II, Article 5.e be amended to read:

e. 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.
- 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.
- viii. Establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw ii, Article 5.b be amended to include:

- 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.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw II, Article 5 be amended to include:

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.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Service Development Committee.

2011/08:N18 MOTION TO AMEND ISSUES POLICY

Local 68/

Be it resolved that the Issues Policy titled "Employment" be amended to read:

Employment

Preamble

Everyone has the right to full-time, stable, fulfilling and unionized employment with livable wages and fair benefits and pensions. Employment serves the interests of both the individual and society, and is a key part of social, political and economic development. To the individual, employment provides income and purchasing power, a higher sense of self-worth and confidence, and a chance to be a productive member of society. The social benefits of employment include a broader tax base and increase in revenue

from tax collection, which in turn provide predictable and stable funding for high-quality, affordable and accessible public services.

The post-war period of economic development in Europe and North America saw significant investment in public industries and services and a commitment towards stable, full-time employment with livable wages, benefits and pensions. Today, the labour market landscape has shifted dramatically away from the employment model of decades past towards an economic system that relies on part-time, casual and contract labour – mostly found in the low-paying service and hospitality sectors.

Students today find themselves trapped under mortgage-sized debts with little prospect for meaningful employment. Often, students find themselves working as unpaid volunteers or interns for private firms and companies simply to increase their chances of getting more stable employment in the future.

As a result of these factors, students graduate with more debt, less opportunity and lower pay than the generation before them. In the interest of fairness, equality and economic stability, significant investment must be made to stimulate growth in good, stable, full-time jobs with livable wages and fair benefits and pensions.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- The right of everyone to receive full-time employment that pays livable wages and has fair benefits and pensions;
- The right of labourers to collectively organize into trade unions for the purpose of defending and advancing their rights as workers and members of society;
- The principle of pay equity, which would ensure that women have the right to be paid the same wage for the same labour as a man in the same position;
- Equal Opportunity Employment programs that seek to advance employment opportunities for traditionally marginalized communities such as racialized, queer and trans, Aboriginal and immigrant people as well as persons with disabilities;
- Public investment into publicly-owned and operated services and industries as a method to fund and support full-time, stable employment;
- Public investment into sustainable and green energy initiatives to stimulate growth and employment in the “green economy”;
- The integration of summer student employment programs into general employment creation programs;
- Government programs that cover some or all of the costs associated with internship or employment in the public and not-for-profit sectors;
- The right of foreign trained workers and professionals to have their credentials recognized by the Canadian government and private employers; and
- The creation of a 32-hour work week as a way to stimulate full employment.

The Federation opposes:

- The shift towards part-time, casual and contract labour that has increasingly become standard practice in both the public and private sectors;

- Labour without financial compensation, both in principle and as part of any post-secondary education curriculum;
- Arbitrary summer savings requirements for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP);
- The use of unpaid student labour through competitions that ask participants to design, build, sell, or solve a problem of a private company;
- Systems of two-tiered wages that see new and younger employees paid less than more senior employees when they were hired;
- Any attack on workers' right to organize into trade unions, such as back-to-work legislation or changes to unionization processes that make it more difficult for employees to organize their workplace;
- The exploitation of international student labour;
- The outsourcing of public employment to private firms that almost always pay less and cost taxpayers more; and
- The outsourcing of employment to regions where labour and environmental laws permit lower wages and ignore the safety and security of workers.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Policy Review and Development Committee.

2011/08:N19 MOTION TO AMEND ISSUES POLICY

Local 68/

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy titled "Income Inequality" be adopted:

Income Inequality

Preamble

Since the 1970's, the gap between the highest and lowest income earners has widened dramatically. The end of the post-war period of economic investment and growth followed by the financialization of the economy brought about tremendous changes in the distribution of wealth and resources, with the highest earners owning an enormously greater share of net wealth than those in the middle- and lower-income brackets.

While the incomes of the wealthiest in North America have risen for the last forty years, the real average incomes of the majority have stagnated or fallen. In Ontario alone, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives has reported that distribution in shares of income has remained stagnant since 1998, despite a rapid growth in the number of jobs. As of 2011, the richest 20 per cent of Ontarians enjoy 44.3 per cent of after-tax incomes while the poorest 20 per cent own just 4.7 per cent that wealth.

Recently, studies by sociologists, economists and epidemiologists have shown that income inequality is either directly or indirectly linked to many of the social inequities that manifest in our contemporary lived experience: issues of crime, productivity, economic growth, mental and physical health have all been linked to an unequal distribution of economic resources. The problems of inequality are further exacerbated for marginalized communities that already face significant economic, social and political barriers.

Even the International Monetary Fund released a report that linked income inequality to shorter and more unsustainable periods of economic growth.

In light of these new insights, governments and societies must strive to close the massive gap between the highest earners and the remaining population.

Ethically and economically, there must be a commitment from all parties and political institutions to minimize the income gap and to ensure the fair distribution of our collective economic resources.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- A system of progressive taxation that ensures all members of society pay their fair share towards high quality, affordable public services and industries;
- Efforts to close loopholes in the income tax system that enable wealthy individuals and corporations to place money in overseas bank accounts to avoid paying taxes;
- The institution of a financial transaction tax – also known as the Tobin or Robin Hood Tax – that takes 0.05 per cent of speculative financial transactions to pay for efforts to fight climate change, fund public services and end global poverty;
- Caps on the incomes and bonuses of CEO's and other corporate incomes;
- The creation of a new tax bracket for individuals making \$500,000 per year or above; and
- International efforts to clamp down on corporate tax evaders.

The Federation opposes:

- Tax preferences that almost exclusively benefit the wealthiest citizens – such as the capital gains policy that sees only 50 per cent of such assets taxed;
- Tax loopholes that allow businesses and wealthy individuals to unilaterally deduct lavish “business” expenses from their tax returns – such as first-class flights, stays in five star hotels, or dinner at expensive gourmet restaurants;
- The institution of “flat taxes” to supplement the loss of corporate tax revenue; and
- Efforts to reduce corporate rates of taxation.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Policy Review and Development Committee.

2011/08:N20 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW III and IX

Local 68/

Whereas communicating through telegraph has become irrelevant in the twenty-first century; and

Whereas the most common ways of communicating have become telephone, fax or electronic mail

Whereas the modes of communication should reflect the reality of media used; therefore

Be it resolved that ByLaw III, Article 1 (c) be amended to replace “Notice may be in the form of a telegram, a person-to-person telephone call, a registered letter, email or by fax” with “Notice may be communicated through telephone, fax, mail or electronic mail;” and

Be it further resolved that ByLaw IX, Article 4 (c) be amended to replace “shall be delivered, emailed, telegraphed or mailed to each member” with “shall be

communicated (telephoned, faxed, mailed or electronically mailed) to each member.”

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Service Development Committee.

2011/08:N21 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW IX

Local 68/

Whereas most student unions in Ontario have their term of office outlined as starting May 1 and expiring April 30; and

Whereas it would strengthen the administrative and organizing ability of the Federation to have the term of office in sync with majority of its Local members; therefore

Be it resolved that ByLaw IX, Article 3 (c) replaced with the following:

“The term of office of a Local Representative shall commence at the May Executive Committee meeting upon ratification by the Executive Committee and expire prior to the subsequent May Executive Committee Meeting.”

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Service Development Committee.

2011/08:N22 MOTION

Local 68/

Whereas incidences of sexual assault and violence continue to be a disturbing trend at university and college campuses; and

Whereas university and college administrations have consistently failed to take proactive measures to combat sexual violence on our campuses; and

Whereas student organizations actively educate their members on the issue of sexual violence and how to combat it on their campuses and within their communities; therefore

Be it resolved that a sexual violence organizing kit be created that may include materials such as, but not limited to, fact sheets, buttons, contact information for local sexual assault survivors support organizations and research on the systemic issues of sexual violence.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N23 MOTION

Local 98/

Whereas there is a growing use of mobile devices and its mobile applications; and

Whereas mobile applications offer features and functions for mobile users making it efficient and accessible; and

Whereas mobile applications are a new and innovative way to communicate with users; and

Whereas social media have played an important and influential role in recent political decision-making; therefore

Be it resolved that the Ontario Executive investigate the feasibility for a mobile application to highlight the Federation's campaigns and services with action-oriented features.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Service Development Committee.

2011/08:N24 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) only offers assistance for part-time students taking 20 per cent to 59 per cent of a full course load; and

Whereas the maximum amount of 'Part-time Canada Student Loan' outstanding at any one time is \$10,000; and

Whereas part-time students are a diverse group of students, which besides mature students also include students who are parents as well as students who simply cannot afford full-time post-secondary studies and have to struggle to maintain a balance between work, studies, family, etc; and

Whereas part-time students continue to be marginalized and discriminated against by the provincial government and institutions in Ontario despite the above mentioned facts; therefore

Be it resolved that the provincial government be lobbied for increased assistance to part-time students whose course load is less than 20 per cent as well as to remove the \$10,000 loan cap at any given one time.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N25 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the Ontario Special Bursary Program (OSBP) for part-time students is capped at \$2,500 per academic year; and

Whereas tuition fees have increased between 20 to 36 per cent since the tuition freeze was lifted in 2006; and

Whereas the cost of transportation has increased, making it more expensive for students to travel to and from campus; and

Whereas \$2,500 does not cover the cost of child care, tuition, books, equipment, transportation and living expenses for an academic year; and

Whereas part-time students cannot receive an OSBP and student loan through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) at the same time; therefore

Be it resolved that an alternative framework for the OSBP be proposed; and

Be it further resolved that the Ontario government be lobbied to adopt said framework and that the framework include increased funding and financial aid for part-time time students and dedicated assistance for students with child care costs; and

Be it further resolved that statistical data of bursary applicants be obtained for analysis and be made available to member locals.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N26 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the government has a 'Canada Student Grant for Part-Time Studies' which offers up to \$1,200 to part-time students; and

Whereas a separate Ontario Part-Time Grant offers up to \$500 per academic term; and

Whereas both above-mentioned grants are only applicable to part-time students taking 20 per cent to 59 per cent of a full course load; therefore

Be it resolved that the provincial government be lobbied for more general grants to part-time students as well as amend the policy to offer "a minimum of \$500" instead of "up to \$500" per academic year.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N27 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the provincial government's current 'Student Grant for Part-time Students with Dependents' only offers up to \$1,920 per academic year to part-time students who either a) have at least one dependant who is less than 12 years old or b) at least one dependant who is 12 years or older with a permanent disability; and

Whereas the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities website states that the applications to the grant are only available in July 2010; and

Whereas many students' statuses' change depending on their course load; and

Whereas the definition of part-time students differs from post-secondary institution to institution; therefore

Be it resolved that the provincial government be lobbied to intake applications for the program all year long, as well as amend the policy to offer \$1,920 instead of "up to \$1,920" per academic year.

Be it further resolved that a new framework for the bursary be developed so that it will help increase access and support for part-time students and increase funding available to part-time students with dependents.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N28 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the 'Canada Student Grant Program for Part-time Students with Permanent Disabilities' only offers up to \$2,000 per academic year to both full and part-time students with disabilities; and

Whereas applications are only available each February; therefore

Be it resolved that the provincial government be lobbied to change the grant program to offer "a minimum of \$2,000" instead of "up to \$2,000"; and

Be it further resolved that campaign materials such as fact sheets, buttons, and posters available for distribution to member locals be created.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N29 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas there is no tuition fee framework for continuing education courses offered by post-secondary institutions in Ontario; and

Whereas continuing education courses and certificate programs are becoming a popular choice for recent high school and university graduates; and

Whereas there is no standardized continuing education tuition fee structure among post-secondary institutions; and

Whereas there is no standardized quality of education for continuing education courses; therefore

Be it resolved that a tuition framework for continuing education studies be developed; and

Be it further resolved that the Ontario government be lobbied for a tuition fee reduction for continuing education courses.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N30 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas post-secondary institutions have established departments and/or faculties for continuing education programs; and

Whereas continuing education programs are popular among recent university graduates; and

Whereas continuing education students include the unemployed, low-income and part-time employed; and

Whereas continuing education students do not have access to government grants, bursaries, loans and other government funding; therefore

Be it resolved financial assistance for continuing education studies be included as part of the Student Financial Assistance lobbying demands; and

Be it further resolved that the Ontario government be lobbied for continuing education students' access to needs-based grants and bursaries; and

Be it further resolved that the Ontario government be lobbied for (increased) funding for continuing education programs.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N31 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the Federation is planning a National Day of Action during the 2011-2012 academic year; and

Whereas part-time and continuing education students are marginalized; and

Whereas the Federation has created research documents related to tuition fees and student engagement in the past; therefore

Be it resolved comprehensive research be conducted about the specific barriers and obstacles that part-time and continuing education students face in Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that the research document(s) and campaign materials be made available for distribution to member locals to assist them with campaigns specific to the educational needs of part-time and continuing education students in Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that the research document(s) and campaign materials be utilized during the 'National Day of Action' to create awareness of the on and off campus barriers to education for part-time and continuing education students; and

Be it further resolved that the research be included in all future lobby documents to the provincial and federal governments.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N32 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the provincial elections are taking place on October 6th 2011; and

Whereas the Federation has created materials for the 'Take it Over' campaign; therefore

Be it resolved that a party report card be created to include information on grading election promises on the following, but not limited to: accessible and affordable public services such as child care, public transit, housing, health care, post-secondary education, OSAP reform for full-time and part-time students, and support for an adequate system of bursaries and grants; and

Be it further resolved that the party-report card be available for distribution to member locals to conduct outreach on and off campus leading up to October 6th; and

Be it further resolved that a campaign poster be developed for child care and other part-time student issues for the upcoming provincial elections.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N33 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the province of Ontario currently only offers a child care subsidy to parents who study or/and work on a full-time basis; and

Whereas the province does not address the struggles of parents who work and/or study on a part-time basis; and

Whereas the lack of child care subsidies make it difficult for part-time students with dependents to undertake and complete their studies in timely manner; therefore

Be it resolved that the provincial government be lobbied to include part-time students in the province-wide child care subsidy; and

Be it further resolved that materials be created specific to the needs of part-time and continuing education students as part of the provincial child care campaign.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N34 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas Local 68 submitted a motion at August 2010 Annual General meeting of the Federation calling for a campaign to advocate for affordable, accessible and barrier-free child care service on campuses; and

Whereas the motion passed at plenary and only postcards have been created for the campaign; therefore

Be it resolved that a website be created for the Federation's child care campaign; and

Be it further resolved that buttons, posters and other materials be developed to better promote the child care campaign; and

Be it further resolved that information materials and fact sheets be developed to explain the problems and barriers in access to child care; and

Be it further resolved that an action on Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day be organized to raise awareness on the chronic underfunding of child care and lack of subsidies available for students; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to lobby their administration for endorsement letters and participate in city and province wide actions.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N35 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the Federation has supported environmental causes including Stop Site 41, bottled water-free campus initiatives, and endorsed the Declaration on the Rights of Mother Earth; and

Whereas on March 3, 2011 the Highland Companies filed an application with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Township of Melancthon to create a 2,300 acre mega quarry on some of Ontario's best remaining farm land in Dufferin County, Ontario; and

Whereas the project is backed by the Baupost Group, a Boston-based billion dollar hedge fund, the Highland Companies have amassed about 7,000 acres of prime agricultural land in order to mine limestone to a depth almost 200 feet below the water table in an area recognized as a primary source of water recharge in two major Ontario watersheds; and

Whereas the escarpment is home to more than 350 bird species, 53 mammals, 36 reptiles and amphibians, 90 fish and 400 varieties of plants, including over 109 threatened or endangered species; and

Whereas the proposed mine site will destroy one of only 15 UNESCO World Biosphere Reserves in Canada; and

Whereas the water source is a major aquifer of fresh clean water that feeds the Nottawasaga, Grand, Saugeen, and Beaver Rivers which supply Georgian Bay, Lake Huron and Lake Erie; and

Whereas the approval of the site will create the largest open gravel pit in Canada, over 2,300 acres, with eyes on 5,000 acres for future development, roughly 1/3 the size of Toronto and deeper than Niagara Falls; and

Whereas the mine will be 200 feet below the water table, use 20 tons of explosives daily and pump 600,000,000 litres of water daily, which is equivalent to 25 per cent of daily fresh water use in all of Ontario; and

Whereas it will add 7,200 trucks on the roads, destroying the existing road network and creating a nightmare for local and regional traffic; and

Whereas ground water will be exposed to silt, explosive residue and heavy metals, as well as exposing the area to dust, noise, water pollution and greatly increase greenhouse gases; and

Whereas the plan calls for 24/7 operation of the mine with no blasting on statutory holidays; and

Whereas there is no economic impact statement on loss of farming jobs; and

Whereas there is no analysis on the impact of the loss of 2,400 acres of prime agricultural land or impact on food prices; and

Whereas a community based citizen's alliance for a sustainable environment, CAUSE, has been established to help fight this project; therefore

Be it resolved that the citizen's campaign to stop the quarry be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that a donation of \$500 or equivalent cost of materials be donated in-kind to help the citizen's organization mobilize and raise awareness on this issue; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Township of Melancthon condemning the development of the limestone mine; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to endorse the campaign and help raise awareness of the campaign on their campuses.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N36 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the Federation holds an annual Skills Symposium for the training of student representatives and organizing students' unions in Ontario; and

Whereas the Skills Symposium is an opportunity for student representatives to develop new skills and get better informed on rights and procedures in running a students' union; and

Whereas participant attendance is mandatory for the training to be at no-charge; therefore

Be it resolved that participants be provided with a certificate upon the successful completion of the annual Skills Symposium training.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Service Development Committee.

2011/08:N37 MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the Federation attended a convention to build international solidarity during the 2010-2011 academic year in South Africa; and

Whereas public services around the world continue to erode with the increasing corporatization of the public sector; and

Whereas there have been protests against government oppression and privatization around the world in the following countries but not limited to: Iran, Bahrain, Egypt, Syria, Sri Lanka, etc; therefore

Be it resolved that an active stance on building solidarity with the international student and labour movements be pursued by exchanging information and resources where possible; and

Be it resolved that the Federation's website have live Internet chat and web-cam feature to share videos in real time with students and labour movements around the world; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to post their videos, audio, images for sharing purposes with all authorized parties.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Organizational and Service Development Committee.

2011/08:N38 MOTION

Local 92/

Whereas Pierre Fortin, an economics professor at the University of Quebec at Montreal, recently released a report that disproves arguments made by provincial governments that they cannot afford to pay for public childcare; and

Whereas the report further states that for every dollar Quebec invests, it recoups \$1.05 through income taxes and sales taxes; and

Whereas the report further states that Ottawa receives \$1.44 return through income taxes and lower provincial transfers; therefore

Be it resolved that the provincial government be lobbied to implement a province-wide universal child care system; and

Be it further resolved that the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care be collaborated with to assist in material messaging and development; and

Be it further resolved that the Student's for Better Campus Child Care campaign be modified to include these new facts.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N39 MOTION

Local 92/

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has carried out equity campaigns regarding barriers to post-secondary education for students with disabilities; and

Whereas many students with disabilities face a multitude of barriers on their campuses, both attitudinal and physical (or structural) in nature; and

Whereas greater awareness on our campuses of disability as a social construct is required to foster greater participation and inclusion of students with disabilities; therefore

Be it resolved that a “We are all Able, Challenge the Barriers” campaign be implemented to assist member locals in combating ableist actions on campuses and beyond, with member locals provided the following materials, developed in consultation with the national Students with Disabilities Constituency Group:

- A survey template of “best practices” for combating ableism on campuses, to be administered by member locals. The data of these surveys is to be compiled into a manual of best practices at a later date;
- A survey template of local disability advocacy groups to be administered by member locals, the data to be used to aid lobbying efforts as they relate to issues that impact students with disabilities; and
- A template to outline how to run student centred focus groups on ableism.

Be it further resolved that the findings of discussions and focus groups be used for overall evaluation of campaign steps taken thus far, and consideration of next steps in the development of the campaign over time.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N40 MOTION

Local 92/

Whereas college funding continues to lag behind university funding by approximately 47 percent; and

Whereas colleges are required to maintain lower class sizes in order to administer the practical component of programs within colleges; and

Whereas George Brown College continually rents theater space as classrooms; and

Whereas these students attending the “theater school” do not have the most basic fundamental tools for classroom success like a desk; and

Whereas George Brown College has in recent history opened new “campus space” across the city of Toronto and Markham in office buildings; and

Whereas these “new campuses” are built quickly and without college supports like libraries, student services, bookstores etc; and

Whereas Blackboard/WebCT remains an unstable and unreliable yet essential resource for students; and

Whereas Blackboard/WebCT crashed for a period of 6.5 weeks last semester alone due to higher than expected enrollment; therefore

Be it resolved that a campaign be developed calling for increased college funding, not increased enrollment; and

Be it further resolved that the provincial government be lobbied for commitments to increase college funding.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N41 MOTION

Local 92/

Whereas support staff in all 24 community colleges across Ontario are currently nearing the end of their contract negotiations; and

Whereas the Ontario Public Service Employee Union (OPSEU) have set a strike vote for July 14; and

Whereas college and university students often find employment as support staff during or immediately after graduation; and

Whereas this labour action has the potential to close the nine child care lab schools operated by George Brown College, leaving hundreds of students and families without access to child care; therefore

Be it resolved that labour actions in Ontario Community Colleges be supported; and

Be it further resolved that OPSEU be collaborated with to develop a series of materials outlining students as future workers and how these two-tier systems will affect the future labour market; and

Be it further resolved that OPSEU be collaborated with to develop campaign materials condemning two-tier wages and benefits.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N42 MOTION TO AMEND ISSUES POLICY

Local 92/

Be it resolved that the "College Issues" Issues Policy be amended to include the following:

- The Federation supports the establishment of a funding formula for Colleges that ensures the quality of education received and the ability of the institution to continue to operate while providing students with the technology and equipment required for learning.
- The Federation supports the efforts of college students and student unions to gain full voting membership on the board of governors.
- The Federation lobbies the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to provide capital funding for Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology to build residences and additional campuses.
- The Federation supports and where requested will actively assist in the achievement of absolute autonomy of college student associations from their institutions administration.
- The Federation opposes the implementation of differential fees accordingly to status or program.
- The Federation opposes the use of sessional and contract faculty to address budget shortfalls.
- The Federation opposes the creation of new classroom space separate from the institution without the necessary supports in place for student success.
- The Federation opposes members of the administration with voting seats on the student union board or committees.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Policy Review and Development Committee.

2011/08:N43 MOTION

Local 109/

Whereas gay-straight alliances play an important role in supporting students in their quest for learning and encourage inclusion, diversity, acceptance, and self-esteem; and

Whereas the Halton Catholic School Board does not support nor allow gay-straight alliances in its schools; and

Whereas the policy directs students to form groups called SIDE (safety, inclusivity, diversity, equity) spaces, “to assist students of same-sex orientation;” and

Whereas the board has moved from banning gay-straight alliances to banning the word gay; and

Whereas SIDE spaces groups are being used as a way of “side-stepping” the issue by limiting what student groups can call themselves; and

Whereas the inclusion policy of the Catholic School Board requests that staff enforces anti-discrimination policies, but still includes the church’s prohibition against sexual activity between two people of the same sex and asks that teachers lead “the homosexual student” toward “better sexual morality;” therefore

Be it resolved that the decision of Catholic schools to ban gay-straight alliances in their schools and to ban the use of rainbows as “symbols” of queer and trans support be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that the actions of boards of discouraging same-sex relationships in their schools be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that the implementation and creation of gay-straight alliances in Catholic schools around Ontario be supported; and

Be it further resolved that the creation of an inclusion policy in the Catholic School Board that would openly allow and support queer and trans students in Ontario Catholic schools be supported.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

2011/08:N44 MOTION

Local 109/

Whereas food service providers at university/college campuses are supposed to provide high quality food to students; and

Whereas global food service corporations such as the Compass Group and Aramark are monopolies on campuses; and

Whereas there is little if any student consultation in the selection of food service operators that administer meal plans on campuses; and

Whereas meal plan structures force students to pay exorbitant amounts of fees for poor quality food and for overpriced products; therefore

Be it resolved that member local be encouraged to run educational campaigns on the state of food services in Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to seek student consultation through town halls on food service operations on campuses; and

Be it further resolved that food service provider monopolies on campuses be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to run/support student-run food service operations that promote healthy and affordable food options.

The Executive Committee recommends that this motion be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Committee.

12. PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

13. OTHER BUSINESS

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. RECESS

