AGENDA
Opening Plenary
June 2019 National General Meeting

1. GRAND ENTRY (CIRCLE OF FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT STUDENTS)

2. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL
   The Federation’s Bylaws require that no less than one-half of the voting members of the Federation having voting rights 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 that a quorum of voting members is present.

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

4. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER
   The plenary is the formal decision-making assembly at the general meeting. The Plenary Speaker chairs general meeting plenary sessions.

5. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

6. ADOPTION OF THE PLENARY AGENDA
   The plenary will consider the plenary agenda prepared by the National Executive. Any changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

7. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
   The plenary will consider the proposed schedule for the four days of the general meeting. Any changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

8. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
   The plenary will consider the minutes of the previous national general meeting.

9. 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

10. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS
    The Nominating Committee will provide an overview of the election schedule and procedures at this time.
11. **ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS**

   As per Standing Resolution 1, Section 1, the following plenary sub-committees and forum are automatically struck:
   - Budget Committee;
   - Campaigns and Government Relations Forum;
   - Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
   - Policy Review and Development Committee.

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

12. **CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE**

   The Federation Bylaws require that all motions except those of an emergency or procedural nature be submitted no fewer than six weeks prior to the general meeting at which they are to be considered.

   **a. New Motions Served with Notice**

   The following motions were submitted by member local associations and the national executive with due notice for consideration at this meeting. They will require seconders in the opening plenary. New motions proposed by the National Executive will require a mover.

   **It is recommended that the following motions be considered by the Budget Committee.**

   **2019/06:N01** **MOTION**

   Local 103/

   Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students' aims to represent students from all across the country;

   Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students' National General Meeting provides an excellent opportunity to interact with the Canadian Federation of Students' but comes at a significant cost to the local;

   Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students’ aims to include representation for marginalized students who are often not in executive positions on member locals;

   Whereas member locals face limited funds, increasingly so with the rise of voluntary student unionism, and have to face difficult trade-offs between interacting directly with the federation and accommodating the wishes of at large students to attend National General Meetings;

   Whereas students at large can currently only attend National General Meetings if the member local covers the entire cost of the delegate;

   Be it resolved that member locals may request the Canadian Federation of Students' National and/or Provincial offices to supplement costs of delegates to the National General Meetings and that the Canadian Federation of Students’ update its governing bodies accordingly.

   **It is recommended that the following motions be considered by the Campaigns and Government Relations Forum.**

   **2019/06:N02** **MOTION**

   Local 47/

   Whereas the Students Choice Initiative announced by the Ontario Government threatens the existence of the Canadian Federation of Students and student unions across Ontario;
Whereas actively reaching out to students and communicating the value of student unions to minimize opt-outs are critical;

Whereas many student unions do not have resources to do independent research and/or hire experts in the field of communication/marketing;

Be it resolved that the Federation’s Executive investigates, with the assistance of experts, the effective communication and marketing strategies;

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Executive provides informational resources, guidelines, and fact sheets to student union leaders to educate them about different communication/marketing strategies to prevent opt-outs;

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Executive provide the aforementioned resources before the end of July to allow for the student union leaders to implement those strategies;

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Executive actively collect data from student unions on the effectiveness of the developed resources;

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Executive modify the resources based on the collected data, if needed;

Be it further resolved that the Federation’s Executive report back to the plenary with the progress at the November 2019 General Meeting.

2019/06:N03 MOTION
Local 98/

Whereas limiting the capacity of student-led campus publications to access information, excluding personal information, serves as a direct violation of the spirit of a free and independent press;

Whereas student-led campus publications are an essential service used to maintain the integrity of post-secondary institutions, holding both administration and student organizations accountable for their actions;

Whereas student-led campus publications streamline communication to the larger student body about decisions made by administration and student organizations which directly pertain to their respective membership;

Whereas student-led campus publications highlight the services offered by the Federation and its member locals;

Whereas there have been cases where student-led campus publications have been disallowed from covering and reporting on meetings of the Federation and its member locals;

Whereas student-led campus publications in Ontario are facing the impact of the Student Choice Initiative, which is likely to limit the capacity and effect of those publications;

Be it resolved that the Federation and its member locals commit to respect and encourage journalistic integrity;

Be it further resolved that the Federation and its member locals mandate that all ex-camera meetings and all meetings without personal information be freely covered by student-led campus publications;

Be it further resolved that the Federation and its member locals condemn student organizations and post-secondary institutions that fail to ensure full accessibility of their meetings to recognized student-led campus publications.
It is recommended that the following motions be considered by the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

2019/06:N04 MOTION

Local 97/

Whereas on January 17, 2019 the Ontario government announced the Student Choice Initiative, a policy of voluntary student unionism aimed to defund students’ unions and their national and provincial affiliates, among other campus groups;

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is likely to see budgetary compressions of between $2 and $3 million of its current $3.5 million annual operating budget;

Whereas National General Meetings (NGMs) presently cost the Federation almost $600,000 annually, a significant portion of the organization’s existing budget (~17%) and a likely untenable one for its future operations (between ~40 and 90% of likely future budgets);

Whereas most not-for-profit organizations operate on a single Annual General Meeting model;

Whereas aside from the financial burden of two NGMs, the ecological cost of carbon emissions generated from cross-country flights twice a year is substantial and should be considered as an organization claiming to take action on climate change;

Whereas a model of two smaller NGMs fails to address fixed costs associated with transportation (i.e. flights and rentals) and may serve only to have two relative ineffectual meetings rather than one more robust and effective AGM;

Whereas the indirect costs of staff and elected representatives’ time and wages being dedicated to two NGMs is substantial and comes at the expense of improved organizing and campaigns work;

Whereas a January or February meeting balances allowing for sufficient time for standalone caucus and component meetings to occur prior to the AGM and involvement of member local executives part-way through their term rather than at its end;

Whereas elections for National Executive Representatives can happen at standalone meetings prior to a January or February AGM or can take place at that AGM;

Whereas “business as usual” operations is a grossly irresponsible choice for a Federation facing this degree of threat, including its provincial components, caucuses and constituency groups;

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2. 1. a. be amended to read:

BYLAW II ‑ GENERAL MEETINGS

1. Regular General Meetings
   a. The annual general meeting of the Federation will be held between January 2 and March 1 of each year, but in any case, no later than fifteen (15) months after the last preceding annual general meeting and 6 months following the end of the previous fiscal year; and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 4. 13. a. be amended to read:

BYLAW IV ‑ NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

13. Calling of National Executive Meetings
a. The National Executive will meet at least four (4) times between each annual general meeting

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 7.4 be amended to read:

**BYLAW VII - FINANCES**

4. Public Accountant
   a. The members shall appoint the public accountant of the Federation at each annual general meeting of members, to audit the financial statements of the Federation for the subsequent financial year.
   b. In the event of a vacancy in the position of public accountant, the National Executive shall have the authority to fill the vacancy and fix the remuneration.
   c. The audited financial statements for the preceding financial year shall be presented to the members at each annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 1.1 be amended to read:

**Standing Resolution 1**

**GENERAL MEETING STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Standing Committees
   At each annual national general meeting the following committees shall be struck
   a. Budget Committee
   b. Policy Review and Development Committee
   c. Organisational and Services Development Committee

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 1.3 be amended to read:

**Standing Resolution 1**

**GENERAL MEETING STANDING COMMITTEES**

3. Committee Terms of Reference
   The terms of reference for national general meeting standing committees shall be as follows:
   a. Budget Committee
      The Budget Committee shall:
      i. develop a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year for submission to the closing plenary of the annual general meeting;
      ii. review and recommend budget adjustments for the remainder of the fiscal year to the closing plenary of the annual general meeting;
      iii. assess the availability of funds for proposed projects and/or purchases, including donations; and
      iv. undertake long-term financial planning for the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 2.1 be amended to read:

**Standing Resolution 2**

**GENERAL MEETING CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM**

1. Standing Forum
   The Campaigns and Government Relations Forum will be struck at each annual national general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 2.3 be amended to read:

**Standing Resolution 2**

**GENERAL MEETING CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FORUM**

3. Terms of Reference
   The Campaigns and Government Relations Forum shall:
   a. assess the recent and ongoing national campaigns of the Federation;
b. review the campaigns and government relations plan of the previous year; and adopt a campaigns and relations plan for the year ahead, for presentation to the closing plenary, that includes but is not limited to goals of the campaigns.

c. make general recommendations concerning the implementation of the campaigns and government relations plan, including:

- government relations strategy
- research and information compilation;
- communications strategy;
- media strategy;
- membership mobilization; and
- coalition work.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 4.1 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 4

GENERAL MEETING WORKSHOP RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Time Allotted at National General Meeting

a. At the annual general meeting of the Federation, a minimum of four hours of time shall be allotted for workshops, forums, panel discussions, and speakers that address issues of oppression and social justice.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 8 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 8

RACIALISED STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP

The following shall be the goals, membership, and general constitutional provisions of the Racialised Students Constituency Group formulated in accordance with Bylaw VIII. The Constituency Group shall be funded as determined in the annual budget of the Federation as approved by the membership at each annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 10 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 10

FRANCOPHONE STUDENTS' CONSTITUENCY GROUP

The following shall be the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the Francophone Students' Constituency Group formulated in accordance with Bylaw VIII. The Constituency Group shall be funded as determined in the annual budget of the Federation as approved by the membership at each annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 11 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 11

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP

The following shall be the goals, membership, and general constitutional provisions of the International Students Constituency Group formulated in accordance with Bylaw VIII. The Constituency Group shall be funded as determined in the annual budget of the Federation as approved by the membership at each annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 12 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 12

PART TIME AND MATURE STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP

8. Steering Committee

a. There shall be a steering committee composed of the co-commissioners and two members elected by the constituency group.
b. The steering committee shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Federation; the term of office shall expire after the next annual general meeting of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 13 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 13
QUEER STUDENTS’ CONSTITUENCY GROUP
The following shall be the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the Queer Students Constituency Group formulated in accordance with Bylaw VIII. The Constituency Group shall be funded as determined in the annual budget of the Federation as approved by the membership at each annual general meeting:

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 14 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 14
WOMEN’S CONSTITUENCY GROUP
The following shall be the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the Women’s Constituency Group formulated in accordance with Bylaw VIII. The Women’s Constituency Group shall be funded as determined in the annual budget of the Federation as approved by the membership at each annual general meeting:

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 17 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 17
THE CIRCLE OF FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT STUDENTS
4. General Meetings of the Circle
...

b. Scheduling of Annual General Meetings
i. the Circle will meet once a year at least eight (8) weeks prior to the CFS National Annual General Meeting;
ii. the meeting will be hosted by a member of the Circle; and
iii. proposals for the subsequent annual general meeting will be accepted at the annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 17. 8. b. i. be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 17
THE CIRCLE OF FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT STUDENTS
8. Finances
b. Budget
i. The budget of the Circle shall be adopted yearly at the Federation annual general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 18. 4. b. be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 18
THE NATIONAL GRADUATE CAUCUS
4. General Meetings of the Caucus
b. Scheduling of Regular General Meetings
Regular general meetings of the Caucus shall be held:
i. In conjunction with the CFS National Annual General Meeting; and
ii. At another time to be scheduled by the Executive of the Caucus.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 18. 6. a. be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 18
THE NATIONAL GRADUATE CAUCUS
6. Election and Removal of Executive Members
a. Election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be elected at the regular general meeting scheduled each year in conjunction with the CFS National Annual General Meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 18. 8. be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 18
THE NATIONAL GRADUATE CAUCUS
8. Finances
...
d. Budget
i. The budget of the Caucus will be adopted at the regular general meeting scheduled in conjunction with the CFS National Annual General Meeting.
...
f. Subsidies for General Meetings
i. Subsidies will only be provided for the Caucus General Meeting which is not held in conjunction with the CFS National Annual General Meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 19. B. 3. b. ii. be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 19
DUTIES OF THE AT-LARGE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
...
B. Individual Duties of the At-large National Executive Members
...
3. National Treasurer
...
b. National General Meetings
...
ii. Draft Budget
The National Treasurer shall present a draft revised budget for the current fiscal year, as well as a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year to each annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 25 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 25
CONTENT OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS
The National Executive Report shall be produced and distributed to the membership before the annual national general meetings.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 28 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 28
REMUNERATION OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
The National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and National Treasurer shall:
- receive a salary of $2,750.00 per month, and prorated for partial months, to be adjusted each June 1 by the rate of change in the Consumer Price Index, for the greater Ottawa/Hull area, during the previous calendar year; and
- have access to the extended health and dental plan available to the Federation's employees.

The salaries of all At Large members of the National Executive of the Federation will be disclosed on an annual basis, and shall be included as separate line items in the budget presented at the annual general meetings of the Federation.
Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 30.5.b. be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 30
QUEBEC COMPONENT
...
5. Steering Committee
b. Election
i. Election of the Representative on the National Executive
The Quebec Representative on the National Executive shall be elected at the annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Quebec member local associations.
ii. Election of the Secretary-Treasurer
The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected at the annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Quebec member local associations.
iii. Election of Local Representatives
The Local Representatives shall be elected by their respective local associations, in a manner consistent with the policy and bylaws of said member local association, and ratified at the Quebec Component Steering Committee Meeting at the annual national general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 30.5.c be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 30
QUEBEC COMPONENT
...
5. Steering Committee
c. Term of Office
iii. Term of Office of Local Representatives
- The term of office for a local representative shall commence upon ratification by the Steering Committee at the annual national general meeting and cease at the adjournment of the subsequent annual national general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 31.3.b. ii. be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 31
SASKATCHEWAN COMPONENT
3. Steering Committee
...
b. Election
...
ii. Election of the Chairperson
The Chairperson shall be elected at the annual national general meeting by a secret ballot vote of the Saskatchewan member locals.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 33.1. be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 33
CAMPAIGNS OF THE FEDERATION
General Description: Campaigns shall be the Federation's planned course of action on issues for the academic year beginning at each annual general meeting.
1. Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy
The National Executive shall prepare a draft Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy to be circulated four weeks prior to each annual general meeting. The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall assess the recent and ongoing
campaigns of the Federation, as well as proposing new campaigns. The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall include a section on implementation of the Strategy, which shall include:
- research and information compilation to be undertaken;
- contact with government(s);
- membership mobilisation;
- media strategy; and
- coalition work.

The Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy shall be reviewed at the annual general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 34 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 34
GENERAL MEETING DELEGATE FEES
The Federation will assume the accommodation, food and travel costs for the first delegate from each member local union for each Annual General Meeting, as described in Bylaw II.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 38 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 38
COLLEGE AND INSTITUTES CAUCUS
The following shall be the goals, membership and general constitutional provisions of the College and Institutes Caucus formulated in accordance with Bylaw VIII. The Caucus shall be funded as determined in the annual budget of the Federation as approved by the membership at each annual meeting.

Be it further resolved that Operations Policy: Federation Documents: Annual Report be amended to read:

Federation Documents
Annual Report
An annual report outlining the work and finances of the Federation will be produced following each fiscal year. This report shall be based upon the National Executive reports prepared for the annual national general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Operations Policy: National General Meetings: Workshop/Speakers be amended to read:

National General Meetings
Workshop / Speakers
The Federation shall, at every general meeting, invite a speaker who will address the delegates in French on a relevant student issue. Simultaneous translation shall be provided during these addresses. At least one hour shall be allocated for a workshop discussing systemic discrimination.

2019/06:N05 MOTION
Local 97/
Whereas for reasons outlined in motion 2019/06:N04, the Federation should move to a single January/February Annual General Meeting model; and

Whereas Bylaws presently indicate a start date for new National Executives of the end of the spring National General Meeting; and

Whereas this National General Meeting would no longer exist under the new structure and National Executives members would require the establishment of a new start date for their term; and
Whereas a May 1 start date for National Executive members aligns with the start date of member local executives, in most cases; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 5. 4 be amended to read:

BYLAW V
ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
4. Term of Office for National Executive Members
The term of office of National Executive Members shall commence on May 1 and end on April 30 of the following year.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 8 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 8
RACIALISED STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP
8. Racialised Student Commissioner Election Procedure
The Racialised Students Constituency Group Commissioner will be elected from the members of the Constituency Group at a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation. The Racialised Students Commissioner, who shall also be a National Executive Representative, shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from May 1 to April 30.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 9 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 9
STUDENT DISABILITY JUSTICE CONSTITUENCY GROUP
9. Student Disability Justice Commissioner Election Procedure
The Student Disability Justice Constituency Group Commissioner will be elected from the members of the Constituency Group at a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation. The Student Disability Justice Commissioner, who shall also be a National Executive Representative, shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from May 1 to April 30.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 10 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 10
FRANCOPHONE STUDENTS’ CONSTITUENCY GROUP
7. Francophone Commissioner
At a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual meeting of the Federation, the members of the Constituency Group shall elect a Francophone Commissioner from the membership of the Constituency Group who shall also be the National Executive Representative. The Francophone Commissioner will act as a liaison for the Constituency Group and will facilitate communication between the Francophone members of the Federation. The Francophone Commissioner shall send to Francophone student organisations and member associations brief semi-annual reports which could include information about campaigns, activities, and goals pertaining to the constituency and seek information which could facilitate the work of the Constituency Group within the Federation. The Francophone Commissioner shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from May 1 to April 30.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 11 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 11
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP
7. International Students Commissioner
At a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation, the members or the Constituency Group shall elect an International Students Commissioner from the membership of the Constituency Group. The
International Students Commissioner will act as liaison between the Constituency Group and the rest of the Federation and will facilitate communication between the international student members of the Federation and non-member associations. The International Students Commissioner shall send to international student organizations and member associations brief semi-annual reports which could include information about campaigns, activities, and goals pertaining to the constituency and seek information which could facilitate the work of the Constituency Group within the Federation. The International Students Commissioner, who shall also be the National Executive Representative, shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from May 1 to April 30.

Constituency Group Election Procedure:

The International Students Commissioner on the National Executive will be elected from the members of the Constituency Group at a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation. The International Students Commissioner on the National Executive shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from May 1 to April 30.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 14 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 14
WOMEN'S CONSTITUENCY GROUP
6. Constituency Group Election Procedure
The Women’s Representative on the National Executive will be elected from the members of the Constituency Group at a meeting of the Constituency Group during the annual general meeting of the Federation. The Women’s Representative on the National Executive shall be ratified by the Federation plenary upon election. The elected Commissioner shall hold the position from May 1 to April 30.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 15 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 15
CONSTITUENCY GROUP COMMISSION
4. Terms of Office
The term of the office for the positions on the Steering Committee shall be May 1 to April 30.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 17 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 17
THE CIRCLE OF FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT STUDENTS
5. Circle Executive
...
b. Term of Office
The term of office for
i. the Circle Chairperson and National Executive Representative shall be one year from May 1 to April 30; and
ii. provincial component First Nations, Métis and Inuit Representatives shall be one year in accordance with the provincial component by-laws.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 18 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 18
THE NATIONAL GRADUATE CAUCUS
5. Executive
...
b. Term of Office
The term of office for all Executive members shall be one year from May 1 to April 30.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 30 be amended to read:
Standing Resolution 30
QUEBEC COMPONENT

5. Steering Committee
c. Term of Office
   i. Term of Office of the National Executive Representative
      The term of office for the Quebec Representative on the National Executive shall be one (1) year from May 1 to April 30.
   ii. Election of the Secretary-Treasurer
      The term of office for the Secretary-Treasurer shall be one (1) year from May 1 to April 30.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 31. 5. c. be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 31
SASKATCHEWAN COMPONENT

3. Steering Committee

...c. Term of Office
   i. Term of Office of the National Executive Representative
      The term of office for the Saskatchewan Representative on the National Executive shall be one year from May 1 to April 30.
   ii. Term of the Chairperson
      The term of office for the Chairperson shall be one year from May 1 to April 30.

2019/06:N06 MOTION
Local 97/

Whereas for reasons outlined in motion 2019/06:N04, the Federation should move to a single January/February AGM model; and

Whereas in order to be compliant with the Not For Profit Corporations Act, the organization’s fiscal year end must occur no more than six (6) months prior to its AGM, at which the previous year’s audit can be presented; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 7.1 be amended to read:

BYLAW VII FINANCES
1. Financial Year
   The financial year of the Federation will end on August 31.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 17. 8. a. be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 17
THE CIRCLE OF FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT STUDENTS
8. Finances
   a. Fiscal Year: The Fiscal year of the Circle shall end on August 31 each year.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 18. 8. a. be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 18
THE NATIONAL GRADUATE CAUCUS
8. Finances
   a. Fiscal Year
   The fiscal year of the Caucus shall end on August 31 each year.
2019/06:N07  MOTION  
Local 97/ 

Whereas time constraints at opening plenary at national general meetings often require the report of the National Executive to be tabled to closing plenary; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 3.6 be amended to read:

Standing Resolution 3  
PLENARY RULES AND PROCEDURES  
6. Allocation of Plenary Time  
Each committee, constituency group, the Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students and the National Graduate Caucus shall be allocated a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive and uninterrupted minutes of time in all national general meeting closing plenary sessions to present a report and motions, provided that the report and motions were submitted by the deadline for translation. The plenary of each general meeting shall include thirty (30) minutes in which members may ask questions of the National Executive.

2019/06:N08  MOTION  
Local 98/ 

Whereas all member locals of the Federation have one vote at the plenary of the national general meeting;

Whereas this system allows member locals to contribute a higher proportion of fees to the Federation for the same voting power;

Whereas the Federation currently represents just three U15 university student unions and is facing financial difficulties due to the exodus of BCFS and challenges imposed by the Student Choice Initiative;

Whereas it would be in the Federation’s interest to make its membership structure more appealing to large institutions in order to be more to be competitive with other national student organizations, and fulfill its mandate to represent students across Canada;

Whereas it would also be in the Federation’s best interest to have a stable operating budget year to year;

Be it resolved that the Federation amend its membership fee structure to Cap fees collected from any member local at $100,000 indexed to the consumer price index.

2019/06:N09  MOTION  
Local 98/ 

Whereas the Student Choice Initiative now allows Ontario postsecondary students flexibility over what is defined as non-essential ancillary fees;

Whereas Federation fees are not included under the Ancillary Fee Classification Framework;

Whereas individual students will now have the ability to opt-out of the Federation fees;

Be it resolved that Bylaw 1.2.a.vi be amended to read:

A member shall be required to collect and remit to the Federation a membership fee of $3.00 per semester, per individual student member of the member local student
association who has opted to pay the Federation’s fee(s). For greater clarity, a member is only required to remit what has been collected by its individual student members for the purposes of the Federation’s membership fee. This shall supersede any pre-existing contractual agreements between the member and the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 32.e be amended to read:

Ontario Component: The membership fee for a full voting member belonging to the Ontario Component shall be $3.33 per semester, per individual member of the voting member association who has opted to pay the Federation’s fee(s). For greater clarity, a member is only required to remit what has been collected by its individual student members for the purposes of the Federation’s membership fee. This shall supersede any pre-existing contractual agreements between the member and the Federation.

2019/06:N10 MOTION
Local 103

Whereas all students of Canadian Federation of Students’ member locals pay equal fees regardless of the institution they attend,

Whereas Canadian Federation of Students’ markets themselves as defining individual students rather than locals as members, through the ‘You Are a Member’ advertising campaign,

Whereas member locals receive only one vote each at National General Meetings regardless of the number of members they represent,

Whereas this leaves students from larger universities less represented in the federation proportionally when compared to students at smaller universities,

Whereas progressive activists such as Fair Vote Canada have increasingly organized towards proportional representation,

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students’ adopts a proportional voting structure at National General Meetings that allows locals to hold a proportion of votes in accordance to the proportion of students they represent.

Be it further resolved that the National Executive present a proposed voting allotment in accordance with proportionality to the membership at the November Annual General Meeting.

2019/06:N11 MOTION
Local 103

Whereas the issues facing students at a provincial level in select provinces such as international healthcare removal in Manitoba, or the student choice initiative in Ontario;

Whereas education is primarily a provincial domain in the Canadian Federal system, and the national CFS campaigns have varying degrees of relevance to the specific issues students face at a provincial level;

Whereas students have expressed interest in having the option to remain in the Canadian Federation of Students at their provincial level but not remain in the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services;

Whereas the CFS recently was compelled to expel the entire provincial component of British Columbia due to this aforementioned dissonance;

Be it resolved that a member local’s membership in the provincial component of the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services is recognized as an independent contract from its membership in the
Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services;

Be it further resolved that a member local may opt to federate with or defederate from the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students - Services independent of its membership with a provincial component of the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services;

Be it further resolved that all bylaws in the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students- Services be updated accordingly.

2019/06:N12 MOTION
National Executive

Whereas current Standing Resolutions create a rigid NGM structure incongruent with current organizational needs; and

Whereas workshops should be used to enhance the work of the Federation, not inhibit its operations; therefore

Be it resolved that *Standing Resolution 4: General Meeting Workshop Rules and Procedures* item 1 be amended to read:

1. Time Allotted at National General Meeting
   a. At all general meetings of the Federation, a minimum of 1.5 hours shall be allotted for workshops, forums, panel discussions, and/or speakers that address issues of oppression and social justice.

2019/06:N13 MOTION
National Executive

Whereas the Standing Resolution detailing the duties of the At-Large Executive provides few details with respect to the specific day-to-day duties of each of the individual members of the executive; and

Whereas the duties of the At-Large executive while naturally wide in scope, need to be further defined to provide a solution for expected deficits in the national office, that will exist for the work members deem essential: and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is entering a new organisational and financial reality which will require an adaption in procedure to best serve members across Canada; and

Whereas membership development, outreach, research, lobbying, and campaigns are deemed fundamental aspects of our organization and adding more direction to these roles will not impede the flexibility of responsibilities and national office operations; therefore

Be it resolved that *Standing Resolution 19: Duties of the At-Large Executive*, Section B be amended to include:

4. Daily Operations of the At-Large Executive
The At-Large shall assist with other duties as assigned by the National Executive, including but not limited to research, outreach, campaigns creation, government relations, advocacy, and services.
MOTION
National Executive

Whereas the biennial RISE Summit has been identified as an important space for racialised and Indigenous students across the country to gather, but presently incurs a cost of over $120,000 to operate; and

Whereas in light of the Student Choice Initiative, the National Executive has recommended an annual operating budget decrease of $2.3 million (from $3.5 to $1.2 million) and has issued layoff notices and substantially reduced operations; and

Whereas the Federation’s entire Campaigns Strategy budget has been allocated $100,000 and $10,000 has been budgeted for this year’s RISE Summit; and

Whereas RISE is still paramount to our organization as space carved for Racialized and First Nations, Metis and Inuit students and should remain as a standing resolution; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 39: Racialized & Indigenous Student Experience (“RISE”) Summit be amended to include:

7. Finances
Where sufficient funds are unavailable, the Committee shall be responsible for fundraising additional amounts required a minimum of three (3) months prior to summit. Where fundraising is required but unsuccessful or not pursued, the funds allocated to the summit from the Federation operating budget shall be allocated to anti-racism campaigning for that fiscal year in lieu of the summit.

It is recommended that the following motions be considered by the Policy Review and Development Committee.

MOTION
Local 11/

Be it resolved the Federation’s Issues policy on Climate Change be amended to read:

Climate change
Preamble

In 2007 the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) stated with very high confidence that the global atmospheric concentration of CO2, methane, and nitrous oxide (greenhouse gasses) had increased markedly as a result of human activity since 1750 and now far exceeds pre-industrial levels determined from ice core samples spanning thousands of years.

In 2018 the IPCC released a Special Report on Global Warming which concluded that it will be necessary to take “unprecedented action” to curb emissions to limit global warming 1.5 degrees in order to avoid the worst of climate disaster, and highlighted the catastrophic effects of a 2-degree global temperature increase. The IPCC report also concludes that even if all commitments to reduce greenhouse gasses in the Paris Agreement are met, it will be insufficient to keep global temperatures under 1.5 degrees of warming.

The global climate crisis of rising temperatures, extreme weather events, environmental devastation, species extinction, sea level rise, and community displacement has been caused by colonialism, capitalism, and other oppressive systems, and the people and communities who have contributed the least to global emissions are feeling the negative impacts of climate change first and worst. This includes the Global South, low income communities, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities, and communities of colour, therefore climate policies must centre justice and equity for those most impacted and work to challenge systems of oppression.
Climate change is now the most serious threat to humanity and the true impact of human activity on climate change has become obvious. Accordingly, environmental sustainability has become a top priority for Canadians and in particular Canadian youth.

Policy
The Federation supports:
- the rapid transition away from fossil fuels to cuts global greenhouse gas emissions by 50% before 2030 and net zero emissions globally by 2050 - and commitments that bring Canada to 100% fossil free by 2040 at the latest, with the aim to decarbonize by 2030.
- Planning a just transition away from a reliance on fossil fuels through investments in green and low-carbon impact jobs that prioritizes those most marginalized by climate change, and those currently working in the fossil fuel industry.
- Articulating the role of free and accessible post-secondary education in a transition to a green economy with a focus on retraining workers.
- Investments in building retrofit, large scale infrastructure and transportation projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- the regulation of industry in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- the use of public policy to spur innovation, investment, and behavioral change that supports environmental sustainability; and
- the inclusion of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples in these activities for the purpose of researching and implementing traditional First Nations, Métis and Inuit methods of environmentally sustainable living.
- The full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), including free, prior, and informed consent for natural resource projects on Indigenous lands.
- Policies that centre migrant justice by recognizing that climate change and environmental devastation are among the leading drivers of human migration
The Federation opposes:
- any government policies and/or initiatives that seek to undermine its commitments, present or past, towards environmental sustainability
- subsidies, expansion, and further investments in fossil fuel extraction.
- the corporatization of public post-secondary institution curricula and research by the fossil fuel industry, and post-secondary institutions investing in or otherwise providing social licence for the fossil fuel industry.

13. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
As per Bylaw V, Section 2-f., the National Executive will present a report to the plenary detailing the work of the Federation undertaken since the previous National General Meeting. As per Standing Resolution 3.6, the presentation of the report will be followed by a 30-minute period during which members may ask questions of the National Executive.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. RECESS