

MINUTES

37th Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Thursday, January 10 to Sunday, January 13, 2019

OPENING PLENARY –Thursday, January 10

19:41 the meeting was called back to order by Chairperson Armutlu.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Elder Gail Sparrow from the Musqueam Nation welcomed delegates to the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBER LOCAL UNIONS

Local 01 Okanagan College Students' Union	Present
Local 02 Selkirk College Students' Union	Present
Local 04 College of New Caledonia Students' Union	Present
Local 05 Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	Present
Local 06 Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local 10 Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 12 University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan	Present
Local 13 Vancouver Island University Students' Union	Present
Local 14 Coast Mountain Students' Union	Present
Local 15 North Island Students' Union	Present
Local 16 Students' Union of Vancouver Community College	Present
Local 17 Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 20 Northern British Columbia Graduate Student Society	Present

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

Armutlu explained that the plenary was the formal decision-making assembly at the general meeting and that a Plenary Speaker was responsible for chairing the plenary sessions. He said the Executive Committee was recommending that Ashkon Hashemi be ratified as the Plenary Speaker for the general meeting. He said that Hashemi had a long history of involvement with the Federation, and extensive experience chairing general and board meetings for students' unions and other organisations.

2019/01:01

MOTION

Local 12/Local 1

Be it resolved that Ashkon Hashemi be ratified as the plenary speaker of the 37th Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

2019/01:02

MOTION

Local 14/Local 17

Be it resolved that the plenary agenda for the 37th Annual General Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

2019/01:03

MOTION

Local 6/Local 15

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 37th Annual General Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

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6. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures

Hashemi provided a brief overview of Robert’s Rules of Order—the system of meeting rules and procedures that the Federation employs for plenary sessions, general meeting committee meetings, and caucus meetings.

b. Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting

Hashemi said that the Federation strives to create an environment at its general meetings that is free of harassment. Internal Affairs Policy F-2 (b) states that at each general meeting of the Federation a Harassment Grievances Committee is struck and that plenary ratifies its three members. It also states that two members of the Committee are selected by the Women’s Caucus, and the third is selected by delegates in Opening Plenary.

Local 6 delegate Tracy Ho provided an overview of Internal Affairs Policy F-2 (b).

Ho reported that the Women’s Caucus selected herself and Local 15 delegate Carissa Wilson to serve as members of the Harassment Grievances Committee.

Local 4 delegate Stephanie Jack nominated Local 4 delegate Harman Dandiwal. Dandiwal accepted the nomination.

2019/01:04

MOTION

Local 17/Local 12

Be it resolved that Local 4 delegate Dandiwal, Local 6 delegate Ho, and Local 15 delegate Wilson be ratified as members of the Harassment Grievances Committee.

CARRIED

c. Presentation by the Staff Relations Officer

Secretary-Treasurer Phoebe Lo Patigdas, who served as the Federation’s Staff Relations Officer, provided a brief overview on the collective agreement between the Federation and its employees as it pertains to the rights and responsibilities of Federation employees at general meetings.

7. ADOPTION OF 74th SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2019/01:05

MOTION

Local 6/Local 1

Be it resolved that the minutes of the 74th Semi-Annual General Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

8. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS

a. Introduction of Chief Electoral Officer

Hashemi said that in accordance with Internal Affairs Policy B-3, the Executive Committee had appointed Federation Executive Officer Michael Olson to act as Chief Returning Officer for all elections to be conducted at the annual general meeting.

b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

Olson provided an overview of the election schedule and procedures.

c. Striking of Electoral Committee

Hashemi said that Internal Affairs Policy B-3 states that the Electoral Committee “shall be struck at the opening plenary and shall consist of:

- i. the Chief Returning Officer; and
- ii. two delegates, not seeking election”.

Hashemi said the two other members of the Committee would be selected at this time.

Local 13 delegate Anouk Boris nominated Local 13 delegate Jessica Sandy. Sandy accepted the nomination.

Local 6 delegate McKenzie Hutchison nominated Local 1 delegate Brianne Berchowitz. Berchowitz accepted the nomination.

2019/01:06**MOTION**

Local 17/Local 14

Be it resolved that Executive Officer Michael Olson, Local 13 delegate Jessica Sandy, and Local 1 delegate Brianne Berchowitz be ratified as members of the Electoral Committee.

CARRIED**9. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEES****a. Striking of General Meeting Committees**

Hashemi said that as per Internal Affairs Policy F-3 the following committees are automatically struck:

- the Campaigns Committee;
- the Finance Committee; and
- the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

b. Adoption of Committee Agendas**2019/01:07****MOTION**

Local 13/Local 5

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Campaigns Committee be adopted.

CARRIED**2019/01:08****MOTION**

Local 13/Local 5

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Finance Committee be adopted.

CARRIED**2019/01:09****MOTION**

Local 13/Local 5

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Organisational and Services Development Committee be adopted.

CARRIED**10. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS**

Hashemi said that the following motions had been submitted with due notice for consideration at the meeting.

2019/01:10**MOTION**

Local 2/Local 1

Whereas, Canada Post Corporation is a publicly-owned utility that is currently being underutilized; and

Whereas, The Canadian Union of Postal Workers have formulated an alternative business plan for Canada Post in which it would offer other services like postal banking, electronic charging stations, and mail carriers that would check on seniors; and

Whereas, this vision would assist in creating greener economies which includes electric vehicles delivery fleets, dollar power, and food security; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation support the Canadian Union of Postal Workers campaign Delivering Community Power; and

Be it further resolved that Locals be encouraged to order campaign materials and participate in local organized events.

2019/01:11**MOTION TO REFER**

Local 13/Local 15

Be it resolved that Motion-2019/01:10 be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

CARRIED

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2019/01:10 REFERRED

2019/01:12 MOTION

Local 2/Local 17

Whereas, Community Benefits Agreements (CBA) ensure that building projects in British Columbia will need to fulfill certain requirements; and

Whereas, part of those agreements include a targeted approach to maximizing apprenticeships, the prioritization of hiring Indigenous peoples and women, and wage alignments; and

Whereas, those agreements would benefit a number of young workers who are looking to getting into the trades; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation write a letter of support to the Community Building Standard organisation and their work promoting Community Benefit Agreements; and

Be it further resolved the Federation sign on as supporters to the campaign at BuildingItRight.ca.

2019/01:13 MOTION TO REFER

Local 1/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2019/01:12 be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

CARRIED

2019/01:12 REFERRED

2019/01:14 MOTION

Local 13/Local 16

Whereas the casualization of academic workers occurring in BC means many non-regular faculty and staff positions are being offered in post-secondary on a per course or limited-term basis; and

Whereas these positions are paid on a “secondary scale” wage rates and/or receive benefits that are less than the provincial salary scales despite non-regular educators having the same qualifications as their regular colleagues, and desire in maintaining an academic career; and

Whereas a 2014 Federation of Post-Secondary Educators (FPSE) survey reported that 38% of non-regular faculty earned less than \$20,000 from teaching that year; and

Whereas non-regular faculty on secondary scales are forced to seek additional work either outside of teaching or at other institutions, which can lead to these instructors being less available to students and less able to provide service to the institution; and

Whereas students throughout their post-secondary require meaningful relationships to be built with faculty to ensure letters of reference for graduate school or funding opportunities; and

Whereas, the student movement has been always advocated for equality, job security, and a fair wage within labour; therefore

Be it resolved that the FPSE’s Precarious Profs campaign be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that a letter of support be sent to the FPSE for the Precarious Profs campaign; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters of support to their FPSE-associated faculty associations about the Precarious Profs campaign.

2019/01:15 MOTION TO REFER

Local 6/Local 10

Be it resolved that Motion-2019/01:14 be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

CARRIED

2019/01:14 REFERRED

2019/01:16 MOTION

Local 13/Local 16

Whereas post-secondary institutions in British Columbia were provincially mandated to hold a policy on sexualized violence or harassment as of May 2017; and

Whereas rape culture and gender-based violence persists on college and university campuses across the province, with statistics not having changed since the 1970s; and

Whereas there is great variable in policies that fall short of creating a provincial standard of care to provide satisfactory responses and support for those who experience violence in post-secondary; and

Whereas institutions are under-resourced in maintaining the policies and implementing campaigns around consent, violence, and support; and

Whereas working with fellow students who are experts in the language of sexualized violence in policy could provide meaningful recommendations at the institutional and provincial levels for more accessible and safer education environments; and

Whereas alliances of this nature also provide opportunity to discuss and explore ways to advance the conversation and education of consent culture and reducing gender-based violence on campus; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation endorse and join the network of students through the national organisation Students for Consent Culture; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to endorse and join the Students for Consent Culture organisation.

2019/01:17

MOTION TO REFER

Local 6/Local 10

Be it resolved that Motion-2019/01:16 be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

CARRIED

2019/01:16

REFERRED

2019/01:18

MOTION

Local 6/Local 16

Whereas students' unions play a leading role in creating safer spaces for students on campuses; and

Whereas there is a lack of education about transgender and/or non-binary issues on campuses;

Whereas many transgender and/or non-binary students face misgendering and discrimination on and off campus; and

Whereas the No Big Deal campaign uses a variety of materials to raise awareness about transgender and/or non-binary people and seeks to normalize the use of gender neutral pronouns; therefore

Be it resolved that the No Big Deal campaign be endorsed.

2019/01:19

MOTION TO REFER

Local 6/Local 10

Be it resolved that Motion-2019/01:18 be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

CARRIED

2019/01:18

REFERRED

2019/01:20

MOTION

Local 6/Local 16

Whereas BC students' unions departure from the Canadian Federation of Students has removed two meetings annually at which students gather to learn and share ideas; and

Whereas it is important for members to have opportunities to come together to engage in collective work and engage with each other in a space and capacity to be sharing and learning from each other in a substantive way; and

Whereas the post-CFS era provides the Federation and Federation members an opportunity to change the way we interact with non-member students' unions and students in the province; and

Whereas conferences are valuable non-decision making spaces in which students can participate, learn, and share without necessarily being members of the Federation or elected within their respective students' unions; and

Whereas the Federation has the opportunity to engage with students beyond those solely in positions as elected representatives, and building connections with other students will not only help to develop students, but also to further the Federation's goals; therefore

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Be it resolved that the feasibility of hosting a Forum, open to all BC students regardless of affiliation with the Federation, be investigated; and

Be it further resolved that such a Forum, if hosted, be no longer than 3 days, pertain to a theme as decided by the Executive Committee, and have keynote speakers and sessions relevant to that theme; and

Be it further resolved that such a Forum, if hosted, include sessions that are solicited from students through a proposal submission process; and

Be it further resolved that Federation members be charged a subsidized fee similar to the structure of general meeting delegate fees to ensure equity of access to the Forum; and

Be it further resolved that partnerships with coalition partners such as faculty associations for the purpose of co-hosting and promoting the Forum be explored.

2019/01:21 MOTION TO REFER
Local 6/Local 10

Be it resolved that Motion-2019/01:20 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2019/01:20 REFERRED

2019/01:22 MOTION TO ADOPT ISSUES POLICY
Local 6/Local 16

Whereas the Federation's campaign *Open Textbooks Now!* advocates for the use of open education resources (OER); and

Whereas the use of OERs across the province, and the world, are increasing at higher rates and best practice frameworks for implementation are continuously developed; and

Whereas to best support OER advocacy, the Federation should have policy to reference; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Issues Policy be added under Education Issues as Section N, titled Open Education Resources:

Open Education Resources
Preamble

Open Education Resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others. OERs include, but are not limited to, full courses, videos, tests, teaching materials, and textbooks. OER also falls in line with open access pedagogical design wherein information is accessible to all.

Publishing companies gouge students with high textbook costs and predatory tactics, while OERs enable students to freely access and even contribute to creation of continually updated course materials. OERs allow for adjustment for accessibility needs, and the digital sources of OERs are environmentally sustainable.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- a. the use of open education resources in classrooms that are free of cost to students;
- b. the incentivization of open access materials by the creation of faculty grants, OER policy at institutions, including open pedagogical practices in tenure track requirements, and other similar incentives; and
- c. adequate funding of BCcampus so it is able to properly advocate and support OER work provincially in British Columbia, Canada, and internationally.

2019/01:23 MOTION TO REFER
Local 6/Local 10

Be it resolved that Motion-2019/01:22 be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

CARRIED

2019/01:22 REFERRED

2019/01:24 MOTION
Local 6/Local 16

Whereas British Columbia is one of the few jurisdictions remaining in North America that doesn't allow ridesharing (e.g. Uber, Lyft); and

Whereas the legalization of ridesharing would provide expanded options for students to get safe rides to and from work, school, and recreation activities, including late at night; and

Whereas the legalization of ridesharing would provide opportunities for students to make money through flexible, part-time work; and

Whereas the Government of BC recently passed high-level legislation to bring ridesharing to BC by Fall 2019 following expansive public consultations in early 2019; and

Whereas a coalition of ridesharing supporters exists, composed of more than 30 diverse organizations including the BC Chamber of Commerce, the BC Epilepsy Society, Vision Loss Rehabilitation BC, and other business, advocacy, and community groups; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation support the allowance of ridesharing in British Columbia; and

Be it further resolved that membership in the Ridesharing Now Coalition be sought; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation participate in public consultations on ridesharing in BC; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to seek membership in the Ridesharing Now Coalition and to participate in the government's public consultation process where possible.

2019/01:25 MOTION TO REFER
Local 6/Local 10

Be it resolved that Motion-2019/01:24 be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

CARRIED

2019/01:24 REFERRED

11. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members of the Executive Committee provided a presentation on work undertaken by the Executive Committee since the previous general meeting.

12. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer Patigdas made a series of logistical announcements.

13. RECESS

2019/01:26 MOTION TO RECESS
Local 2/Local 5

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 10:30 on Sunday, January 13.

CARRIED

20:22 the meeting recessed.

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CLOSING PLENARY – Sunday, January 13

10:41 the meeting was called back to order by Plenary Speaker Hashemi.

1. ROLL CALL OF MEMBER LOCAL UNIONS

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2. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2019/01:27

MOTION

Local 6/Local 13

Be it resolved that the 2017-18 audited financial statements be approved.

CARRIED

2019/01:28

MOTION

Local 1/ Local 17

Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny LLP be appointed as the auditor for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

CARRIED

2019/01:29

MOTION

Local 13/ Local 1

Be it resolved that the 2018-19 revised budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2019/01:30

MOTION

Local 1/Local 2

Be it resolved that the Finance Committee Report be adopted.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Proposal to Investigate Feasibility of Hosting a Forum

2019/01:20

MOTION

Local 6/Local 16

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CARRIED

2019/01:31

MOTION

Local 12/Local 5

Be it resolved that the Organisational and Services Development Committee Report be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Proposal to Support Canadian Union of Postal Workers Campaign

2019/01:10

MOTION

Local 2/Local 1

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CARRIED

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2019/01:12

MOTION

Local 2/Local 17

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CARRIED

c. Proposal to Endorse Precarious Profs Campaign

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The Committee recommends adoption of the following motion (2019/01:14):

2019/01:14

MOTION

Local 13/Local 16

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CARRIED

d. Proposal to Join Students for Consent Culture

2019/01:16

MOTION

Local 13/Local 16

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CARRIED

e. Proposal to Endorse Campaign on Gender Neutral Pronouns

2019/01:18

MOTION

Local 6/Local 16

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Whereas the No Big Deal campaign uses a variety of materials to raise awareness about transgender and/or non-binary people and seeks to normalize the use of gender neutral pronouns; therefore

Be it resolved that the No Big Deal campaign be endorsed.

CARRIED

f. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Open Education Resources

2019/01:22 MOTION TO ADOPT ISSUES POLICY

Local 6/Local 16

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CARRIED

g. Proposal to Support Rideshare in BC

2019/01:24 MOTION

Local 6/Local 16

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Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to seek membership in the Ridesharing
Now Coalition and to participate in the government's public consultation process where possible.

CARRIED

2019/01:32

MOTION

Local 15/Local 4

Be it resolved that the Campaigns Committee Report be adopted.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT

2019/01:33

MOTION

Local 6/Local 12

Be it resolved that Eleanor Vannan (Local 17) be ratified as Campaigns Coordinator for the 2019-20 term.

CARRIED

2019/01:34

MOTION

Local 17/Local 4

Be it resolved that Tanysha Klassen (Local 6) be ratified as Chairperson for the 2019-20 term.

CARRIED

2019/01:35

MOTION

Local 14/Local 4

Be it resolved that Santanna Hernandez (Local 2) be ratified as Indigenous Students' Representative for the 2019-20 term.

CARRIED

2019/01:36

MOTION

Local 17/Local 5

Be it resolved that Sheldon Falk (Local 15) be ratified as Secretary-Treasurer for the 2019-20 term.

CARRIED

2019/01:37

MOTION

Local 2/Local 1

Be it resolved that McKenzie Hutchison (Local 6) be ratified as Services Coordinator for the 2019-20 term.

CARRIED

2019/01:38

MOTION

Local 15/Local 12

Be it resolved that Chantelle Spicer (Local 13) be ratified as Women Students' Representative for the 2019-20 term and for the remainder of the 2018-19 term.

CARRIED

2019/01:39

MOTION

Local 12/Local 16

Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATION OF CAUCUS REPORTS

Caucus facilitators provided reports on the discussions of the caucuses including Women's, Indigenous Students, Racialised Students, Queer Students, Graduate Students, and Accessibility Caucus.

7. OTHER BUSINESS**2019/01:40****MOTION**

Local 2/Local 14

Whereas, On January 7 members of the Unist'ot'en clan of the Wet'suwet'en Nation were forcibly removed from the traditional territory while practicing their right to occupy the land; and

Whereas the 1997 Delgamuukw BC Supreme Court case stated that unless lands have been ceded to the Crown through treaty, the provincial government has no right to extinguish the Indigenous peoples' rights to their ancestral territories; and

Whereas the Nation and land is not bound to treaty with the Canadian government and has never ceded the land or their right to pursue self-determination; and

Whereas these actions are in direct violation of Articles 8 and 10 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), to which Canada is a signatory; and

Whereas the Union of BC Indian Chiefs has publicly spoken out against the actions of the state and militarized RCMP and calls for consent culture; and

Whereas, hereditary chiefs of all five clans of the Wet'suwet'en Nation have not given their consent for the Coastal GasLink LNG project on the territory; and

Whereas Premier John Horgan made a statement on September 13th 2018 acknowledging the provincial government's commitment to implementing the UNDRIP articles and his promise to build a true government-government relationship; and

Be it resolved that a letter be sent to the Premier, Minister of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources, and Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation expressing concerns over actions taken against the Wet'suwet'en Nation and the implications this has for their agenda of reconciliation; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be sent to the Prime Minister expressing concerns over actions taken against the Wet'suwet'en Nation and the implications this has for their agenda of reconciliation; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be sent to UBCIC in Solidarity on the work they are doing to support the Wet'suwet'en.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**8. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Patigdas made a series of logistical announcements.

9. ADJOURNMENT**2019/01:41****MOTION**

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Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

11:39 the meeting adjourned.